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FACEY, Albert Barnett 1894-1982

Albert Facey was born in 1894 in Maidstone, Victoria, the youngest of seven children. The family was poor and his father and two of his young brothers went to Western Australia in 1894 seeking gold. His father died of typhoid in 1896. His mother went to join her two sons in WA leaving Albert and the rest of the family with his grandmothers. In 1899 they all came to Fremantle on the *SS Coolgardie*

Albert lived a very hard life in his early days. He was ill treated by employers and moved from job to job. He fought and was wounded twice at Gallipoli

In 1916 he met and married Evelyn Gibson and in 1922 they settled on a farm in Narrogin under the Soldiers Settlement Board where they prospered at first but drought, fire and the rabbit plague drove them off their farm. They moved to Perth and Albert worked for the Tramways. In 1947 they set up in a small poultry farm at Tuart Hill and prospered. They then moved to Wanneroo, then Mt Helena and finally to Midland. Albert always associated with local government.

In 1976 his beloved Evelyn died. At the age of 87 he completed the story of his life - *A Fortunate Life*. It was published by the Fremantle Arts Centre Press and won the Premier's Literary Award for non fiction and the National Council Award for Australian Literature.

Albert Facey died in 1982 and these papers are concerned with his will and the royalties on his book

The Papers

These papers were given to the Australian Archives by Mrs Enid Ralston, and transferred to the State Archives in 1997

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Summary of Classes

CORRESPONDENCE
FAMILY TREES
WILLS

- CORRESPONDENCE
All pertaining to the Will of Albert Facey who died
11 February 1982.
- 4990A/1 7 December 1979
An agreement between Albert Facey and the
Fremantle Arts Centre Press re the publishing of
his book *The Facey Memoirs* (provisional title). 4
fols.
- /2 13 March 1981
Memorandum of the above agreement. Book now
to be entitled '*A Fortunate Life*'. 2 fols.
- /3 16 February 1982
The Estate of A B Facey in account with
Fremantle Arts Centre Press. 1 fol.
- /4 7 April 1982
John Rose to Fremantle Arts Centre Press re
royalties etc on *A Fortunate Life*. 1 fol.
- 4990A/5 28 July 1982
State of assets and liabilities re A B Facey's
estate. 5 fols.
- /6 17 August 1983
Notes - John Rose - estate of A Facey. 2 fols.
- /7 18 August 1983
Record of telephone attendance - re estate. 1 fol.
- /8 UNASSIGNED
- /9 19 August 1983
Muir Williams Nicholson, solicitors to L Seabrook,
Duesburys, Chartered Accountants. Estate of
Albert Facey, re royalties. 1 fol.
- /10 22 August 1983
More notes from John Rose re estate. 2 fols.
- 4990A/11 1 September 1983
Fremantle Arts Centre Press to Seabrook re
statement of earnings from *A Fortunate Life*. 2
fols.
- /12 14 September 1983
Assignment of future income. John Rose notes. 2
fols.
- /13 FAMILY TREES
[1983]
Details of various beneficiaries of Albert Facey's
estate. 4 fols.

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4990A/14 WILLS
 10 June 1982
 Last Will and Testament of Albert Barnett Facey -
 deceased 11 February 1983. 1 fol.
 Total 28 fols.

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