

**BATTYE, James Sykes**

James Sykes Battye was born in Geelong, Victoria 20 November 1871, and died in Perth on 15 July 1954. Educated at Geelong College and the University of Melbourne, he became Chief Librarian of the Perth Public Library. He was instrumental in obtaining historical records from the Colonial Secretary's Department and the Treasury. His concern about the destruction of valuable records led to the establishment of the Public Records Committee and ultimately the Battye Library of West Australian History.

Awarded a D.Litt by both the Universities of Melbourne and Western Australia and these were followed by the award of a CBE by King George VI in 1950. Secretary of the Wesley Church Trust for most of his life, he was also member of the Wesley College Board, chairman of the board of governors of Hale School, President of the Children's Hospital Board and many other positions throughout his life, culminating in the post of Chancellor of the University of Western Australia.

A short biography of the Doctor is contained in Volume 7 of the "Australian Dictionary of Biography", shelved in Battye under B/994

- ACC 5191A Donated by Greg and James Battye, 24 January 2000
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Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	ADDRESSES
5191A/1	n.d. Address by Dr Battye to the Freemasons.
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5198A/1	n.d. Annotations by Dr Battye, in his own handwriting, in the 1924 edition of "Western Australia - a history..." Photocopy
	CORRESPONDENCE
5191A/2	n.d. From the Governor General, notifying Dr Battye of his appointment to C.B.E.

5191A/3	16 February 1955 From J.E.D Battye to P. Durston regarding J.S. Battye's will.
5191A/4	17 February 1955 Additional to the previous letter.
5191A/5	1 March 1955 From P. Durston to J.E.D. Battye regarding Probate Duty.
5191A/60	April 1955 - January 1956 Attempts to dispose of Dr Battye's books by O.K. Battye
5191A/64	July 1954 From the University of Western Australia expressing regrets at the death of Dr Battye.
5191A/65	August 1954 From the Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery expressing regrets at the death of Dr Battye.
5191A66	September 1954 From the Convocation of the University of Western Australia expressing regrets at the death of Dr Battye.
5191A/67	October 1954 From the Australian Broadcasting Commission expressing regrets at the death of Dr Battye.
	DEGREES AND HONOURS
5191A/6 PA 164 (OSM)	6 November 1891 Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Melbourne
5191A/7 PA 164 (OSM)	13 November 1893 Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of Melbourne
5191A/8 PA 164 (OSM)	11 May 1917 Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Western Australia
5191A/9 PA 164 (OSM)	29 April 1922 Doctor of Letters Degree from the University of Melbourne
5191A/10 PA 164 (OSM)	27 April 1923 Doctor of Letters Degree from the University of Western Australia
5191A/11 PA 164 (OSM)	29 April 1943 Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Western Australia.
5191A/12 PA 164 (OSM)	8 June 1950 Commander of the British Empire grant
9774A/1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Rare	1948 Order of the British Empire award
9774A/2	1948 Statutes of the Order of the British Empire. Includes a copy of a letter dated 13 December 1954 addressed to the Secretary, Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood London notifying the death of JS Battye together with original letter concerning a Warrant of Appointment. Also includes instructions as to wearing insignia.
	LISTS
5191A/61	n.d. Floral tributes at Dr Battye's funeral.
5191A/62	n.d. Pallbearers at Dr Battye's funeral.
5191A/63	n.d. List of persons present at the crematorium for Dr Battye.

	NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
5191A/13	n.d. Articles written by Dr Battye for the "Truth" newspaper, and various clippings regarding him.
	NOTEBOOKS
9774A/3	n.d. Handwritten notes used for radio broadcasts in leather bound volume
	REALIA
6854A SECURITY STACK	Doctor Battye's gown, mortar board and coat-hanger
	RECORD BOOKS
5191A/58	1940 - 1955 Bursary Fund receipts and payments. Listing of Estates of J.S. and S.E. Battye.
	TALKS
	Dr Battye gave a series of talks on Radio 6WF in the 1930s and 1940s relating to Western Australian history. They are nearly all undated.
5191A/14	23 February 1937 Pioneering the Gold Trail In Western Australia
5191A/15	7 December 1941 Australia Day
5191A/16	30 October 1945 Sir Winthrop Hackett
5191A/17	n.d. Bush Ranging in Australia
5191A/18	n.d. John McDonall Stuart
5191A/19	n.d. Edward John Eyre
5191A/20	n.d. Frederick Chidley Irwin
5191A/21	n.d. Australian Explorations - Burke and Wills
5191A/22	n.d. Governor Weld
5191A/23	n.d. John Stephen Hampton
5191A/24	n.d. Sir Arthur Edward Kennedy
5191A/25	n.d. John Hutt
5191A/26	n.d. Arthur Phillip
5191A/27	n.d. Dame Nelly Melba
5191A/28	n.d. The North West
5191A/29	n.d. The Tower House and Old Fremantle.
5191A/30	n.d. Our First Printing Press

5191A/31	n.d. Gregory Brothers
5191A/32	n.d. Exploration In Western Australia
5191A/33	n.d. Some Forgotten Pastoral Ventures
5191A34	n.d. Leichhardt
5191A/35	n.d. Explorers and Exploration
5191A/36	n.d. Grey's Exploration
5191A/37	n.d. Sturt
5191A/38	n.d. Mitchell
5191A/39	n.d. William Dampier
5191A/40	n.d. Australian Exploration
5191A/41	n.d. Dutch and French Navigators In Australian Waters
5191A/42	n.d. Panter, Harding and Goldwyer
5191A/43	n.d. Toodyay
5191A/44	n.d. The Old Courthouse and Early Perth
5191A/45	n.d. Pioneering the Gold Trail
5191A/46	n.d. English Navigators in Australian Waters - Cook
5191A/47	n.d. English Navigators - Vancouver
5191A/48	n.d. Sidelights On Perth
5191A/49	8 November 1936 - 18 July 1937 Series of talks on archaeology.
5191A50	7 November 1937 - 31 August 1941 Series of talks on archaeology.
5191A/51	n.d. The Bible and Archaeology - talks I - XVI
5191A/52	n.d. The Bible and Archaeology - talks XVII - XXXIII
5191A/53	1942 Series of talks on archaeological excavation
5191A/54	n.d. Shakespeare
5191A/55	n.d. Lost Continents
5191A/56	n.d. Atlantis
5191A/57	n.d. Who Said That?

	WRITINGS
5191A/59	n.d. Science of Heraldry

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