

DAW FAMILY

Francis James Daw 1845-1940, opened the first general store in Esperance in 1894. His family had lived in the Yorke Peninsula, South Australia, operating a farm and general store. Hard times and the discovery of gold in Western Australia motivated the family to move to Esperance, which they hoped would develop as a port and gateway to the WA Goldfields. The family also purchased a farm at Dalyup to grow vegetables and fruit. A planned rail link from Esperance to the Goldfields was not built and Esperance was almost deserted by 1899.

The Phillips River goldfield, later known as Ravensthorpe, opened in 1894 and his son Frances Edgar Daw 1875-1957 (known as Edgar), opened a store there in 1900. In 1907 a branch store was opened at Kundip and 1911 one at Elverdton/Desmond. Ravensthorpe experienced periods of boom and stagnation. The business became FE Daw Supply Store and supplied household, building and mining materials. The family delivered supplies and also ran the Ravensthorpe Bakery, picture theatre, supplied the town's electricity and opened a store in Hopetoun.

The store survived the early years of the Depression. The Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act allowed farmers to apply for assistance, however shopkeepers received as little as 2 shillings in the pound for what they were owed. Accountant Roger Goode in Fremantle assisted the business to survive. Francis Edgar Daw, married Ethel May Grant, daughter of mine manager and assayer Charles Grant, in 1905.

The collection represents the business activities of four generations of the Daw family which contributed to the successful founding of small WA communities.

Name abbreviations used:

CC Daw – Charles Clarence (Tommy) Daw

FE Daw – Francis Edgar Daw

FJ Daw – Francis James Daw

RB Goode – Roger Goode

MN	ACC	meterage / boxes	Date donated	CIU file	Notes
1970	706A	1 cm	June 1958		
1970	5586A	1 cm (1 envelope)	28 February 1998	BA/OM/12/0210	Letter describing the Kalgoorlie Riots (1934)
1970	9107A	1 cm (1 envelope)	12 June 2012	BA/OM/12/0210	Letters from Australian soldiers serving overseas during WW1
1970	9154A	1 cm (1 envelope)	2013	BA/OM/12/0210	
1970	9862A	2.14 m (14 boxes)	22 February 2018	BA/OM/12/0210	
1970	10196A	42 cm (3 boxes)	13 March 2019	BA/OM/12/0210	

SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
CERTIFICATES CORRESPONDENCE DIARIES FILES FINANCIAL RECORDS GREETINGS CARDS HISTORIES LETTERBOOKS LETTERS MEMBERSHIPS	MINER'S RIGHTS MINUTES NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS PHOTOGRAPHS POSTCARDS RECEIPTS REGISTERS REMEMBRANCES

REQUEST THIS NUMBER	DATE RANGE	DESCRIPTION
		CERTIFICATES
ACC 10196A/1	1907	10 May 1907. Flag Gold & Copper Mining Company, share certificate
		CORRESPONDENCE
ACC 10196A/2	1900s - 1909	Letters from Edgar (FE) Daw about the Ravensthorpe business
ACC 9862A/1	1909 - 1961	Letters from and to Len Daw
ACC 10196A/3	1910s - 1919	Letters from Edgar (FE) Daw about the Ravensthorpe business
ACC 10196A/4	1920s - 1929	Letters from Edgar (FE) Daw about the Ravensthorpe business
ACC 9862A/2	[?1920s]	Frank Lansell giving his Kundip store to FE Daw
ACC 10196A/5	1923 - 1953	Letters between Edgar (FE) Daw, Ravensthorpe, and brother Len in Esperance. Occasionally Ethel Daw, wife of Edgar involved
ACC 10196A/6	1924 - 1959	Letters from Ethel Daw
ACC 10196A/7	1926 - 1953	1926. Letter from James Cornell MLC re polling irregularities and difficulties of campaigning 1926 - 1953. Letters to and from Sydney Stubbs [MLC 1908-1911, MLA 1911-1947]; Sir Charles Latham [MLA 1921-1942. MLC 1946-1960]
ACC 9862A/3	1926-1967	Letters from Ethel Daw regarding newspaper articles mainly to Virgilian of the 'Western Mail' who had a regular column 'Virgilians Friendly Corner'. Ethel Daw used the nom de plume 'Qualup Bell', a wildflower from Ravensthorpe
ACC 9862A/4	1926 - 1957	Letters re debt from others through RB Goode, some undated
ACC 9862A/5	1927; 1929	1927. To Court from George Chambers 1929. Formation of a lifesaving club, author unknown
ACC 10196A/8	1930s - 1939	Letters from Edgar (FE) Daw about the Ravensthorpe business
ACC 9862A/6	1935 - 1937	Letters and documents re debt of Denis Thorne
ACC 9862A/7	1936; undated	To Mrs Daw re lemon scented gum trees, country side, flowers

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ACC 9862A/8	16 March 1936 - 30 June 1936	Letters between FE and CC Daw and RB Goode, accountant in Perth. [Donors note: The exceptional hard work and advice provided by Goode was the reason the Daws avoided bankruptcy. His negotiations with creditors were particularly outstanding]
ACC 9862A/9	2 July 1936 - 30 December 1937.	Letters between FE and CC Daw and RB Goode, accountant in Perth.
ACC 9862A/10	1937 - 1953.	Running picture shows
ACC 9862A/11	7 January 1938 - 29 March 1940.	Letters between FE and CC Daw and RB Goode, accountant in Perth.
ACC 10196A/9	1940 - 1941	Letters from Edgar (FE) Daw about the Ravensthorpe business
ACC 9862A/12	4 April 1940 - 2 July 1956.	Letters between FE and CC Daw and RB Goode, accountant in Perth.
ACC 9862A/13	1940	Death of Francis James Daw, 17 August 1940, aged 95
ACC 9862A/14	1940 - 1944.	Letters and documents re debt of A. Reeves
ACC 9862A/15	15 April 1940 - 8 March 1956.	Letters to and from Trade Protection Association
ACC 10196A/10	1942 - 1943	Letters from Edgar (FE) Daw about the Ravensthorpe business
ACC 9862A/16	June 1942 - May 1952	Debt repayments
ACC 10196A/11	1945 - 1948	Letters from Edgar (FE) Daw about the Ravensthorpe business
ACC 9862A/17	1946	Letter to Edgar. Esperance salt, costs of renovating Ravensthorpe
ACC 10196A/12	1949	Letters from Edgar (FE) Daw about the Ravensthorpe business
		DIARIES
ACC 9862A/18	1868	Diary, no cover
ACC 9862A/19	1867-1869	December 1867-January 1869. Typed entries
ACC 9862A/20	1869	Diary
ACC 9862A/21	1869	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/22	1870	Diary
ACC 9862A/23	1870	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/24	1871	Diary, no cover
ACC 9862A/25	1871	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/26	1892	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/27	1893	Diary
ACC 9862A/28	1893	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/29	1894	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/30	1896	Diary
ACC 9862A/31	1896	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/32	1898	Diary
ACC 9862A/33	1898	Typed entries
ACC 706A	1898	Typed extract from diary. Esperance's gloomy outlook, visit by Premier. (Not exact text). 1 page
ACC 9862A/34	1899	Goldfields separation movement, Federation, Boer War
ACC 9862A/35	1899	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/36	1900	Diary
ACC 9862A/37	1900	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/38	1902	Diary
ACC 9862A/39	1902	Typed entries

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ACC 9862A/40	1903	Diary
ACC 9862A/41	1903	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/42	1904	Diary
ACC 9862A/43	1905	Diary
ACC 9862A/44	1905	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/45	1906	Diary
ACC 9862A/46	1906	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/47	1907	Diary has 1904 on cover, crossed out and 1907 written
ACC 9862A/48	1908	Diary
ACC 9862A/49	1908	Diary
ACC 9862A/50	1908	Hand written loose sheets
ACC 9862A/51	1909	Diary
ACC 9862A/52	1909	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/53	1910	Diary
ACC 9862A/54	1910	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/55	1911	Diary
ACC 9862A/56	1911	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/57	1912	Diary
ACC 9862A/58	1912	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/59	1913	Diary
ACC 9862A/60	1913	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/61	1914	Diary
ACC 9862A/62	1914	Hand written notes
ACC 9862A/63	1915	Diary
ACC 9862A/64	1915	Hand written notes
ACC 9862A/65	1916	Diary
ACC 9862A/66	1917	Diary
ACC 9862A/67	1917	Hand written notes
ACC 9862A/68	1918	Diary
ACC 9862A/69	1918	Hand written notes
ACC 9862A/70	1920	Diary
ACC 9862A/71	1920	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/72	1921	Diary
ACC 9862A/73	1921	Typed entries
ACC 9862A/74	1922	Diary
ACC 9862A/75	1924	Diary
ACC 9862A/76	1924	Typed entries
		EPHEMERA
ACC 9154A/1		Advertisements – dinner menus - tickets
		FILES

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ACC 9862A/77	1900-1977	Archival records of area 1900. Map, Ravensthorpe streets and blocks 1901. Letter re blocks surveyed useless for business 1907-1914. Turf club wages 1925. Ravensthorpe school senior class list 1933. FE Daw to be installed at Phillips River masonic lodge. 1950. Dept of Agriculture, letter re lung worm in sheep 1950. Elder, Smith & Co. letter re sheep drenches 1950. Letter re clay tests at Jerdacuttup River 1950. Cancellation of Land title. Francis Knapp. Sold to pay for rates 1957. Installation of H Roberts at Phillips River masonic lodge 1962. Ravensthorpe Methodist church. Invitation to opening of new church. Ethel Daw sang a solo [see rear of card]
ACC 10196A/13	1901 - 1902	Copper ores, their export and treatment. Correspondence, delivery receipts, sales invoices with Wallaroo Smelting works (South Australia). Francis H Snow
ACC 9862A/78	1902 - 1956	Mining. Invoices and correspondence re copper, gold, cobalt
ACC 9862A/79	1905 - 1911	'Phillips River Times'. Notes taken from microfilm
ACC 9862A/80	June 1903 - July 1941	FJ Daw, FE Daw, FE Daw & Sons, Ravensthorpe. Correspondence, circulars, invoices and receipts, Ravensthorpe history, farming [date order]
ACC 10196A/14	1907 - 1918	Flag Gold and Copper Co. Ltd. Mine assay book <i>[Item has been treated for mould – wear gloves and/or mask]</i>
ACC 10196A/15	April 1920	Contents of home of Mary and Charles Grant, Ravensthorpe, Myrtle Lodge, Morgans Street. Charles Grant was a mine manager from Victoria
ACC 10196A/16	1936	Hatters Hill. Subsidy scheme. Notes, docket book, correspondence
ACC 9862A/81	August 1941 - December 1949	FJ Daw, FE Daw, FE Daw & Sons, Ravensthorpe. Correspondence, circulars, invoices and receipts, Ravensthorpe history, farming [date order]
ACC 10196A/17	1948; 1953	31 August 1948. Airlines (W.A.) Limited. Circular to shareholders 1953. Retail Grocers' and Storekeepers' Association WA. Supplementary price list alterations and new lines
ACC 9862A/82	March 1950 - September 1953	FE Daw & Sons, Ravensthorpe. Correspondence, circulars, invoices and receipts, Ravensthorpe history, farming [date order]
ACC 9862A/83	October 1953 - July 1957	FE Daw & Sons, Ravensthorpe. Correspondence, circulars, invoices and receipts, Ravensthorpe history, farming [date order]
ACC 9862A/84	1922-1980	Letters and documents re mining. 1922. Smelters 1933. Anglo-Aust Mines 1939. Plant for refractory ore 1940-1942. Agreement re cyanide from UK 1945. Visit of Minister for Mines 1980. Details from Dept. of Mines re mineral leases from 1900 and smelting works
ACC 9862A/85	1932 - 1955	Mining at Kundip Correspondence, notes, financial notes

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ACC 9862A/86	1934 - 1957	Electricity supply for town of Ravensthorpe by FE Daw. Correspondence, statistics forms, notes
ACC 9862A/87	1932 - 1950	Hatters Hall Battery Syndicate: 1934-1937. Ledger 1936-1950. Cash book 29 September 1932-7 August 1943. Carbon copy letter books (x4) 1933-1942. Loose letters, invoices, reports, receipts
		FINANCIAL RECORDS
ACC 9862A/88	No date	Orders book. Details of debts owed and possible repayments
ACC 9862A/89	1906 - 1921	West Australian Bank. Bank book of Grant & Anderson, mining agents Ravensthorpe
ACC 9862A/90	1907 - 1920	1907-1910. Kundip purchases 1910-1920. Ravensthorpe
ACC 9154A/2	1908.	The Western Australian Bank, Ravensthorpe, bank order for £15, payable to FJ Daw
ACC 10196A/18	1908 - 1920	1908 – 1909. Desmond journal 1912 – 1920. Kundip journal <i>[Item has been treated for mould – wear gloves and/or mask]</i>
ACC 10196A/19	1911 - 1917	Elverdton accounts ledger <i>[Item has been treated for mould – wear gloves and/or mask]</i>
ACC 9862A/91	1913 - 1917	Cash book. Desmond
ACC 9862A/92	July 1918 - March 1923	Esperance ledger for trading and stock accounts
ACC 9862A/93	1918 - 1940	Accounts.
ACC 10196A/20	1921 - 1928	Accounts ledger. Daw Brothers Kundip <i>[Item has been treated for mould – wear gloves and/or mask]</i>
ACC 9862A/94	1928 - 1932	Accounts ledger
ACC 9862A/95	1930 - 1935	Property accounts. Ravensthorpe, Hopetoun, Kundip, Cordingup Farm. Includes Ravensthorpe properties and investments
ACC 9862A/96	1932 - 1937	Accounts ledger
ACC 9862A/97	1932-1952	1932-1952. Bad debts written off 1937. Conference of creditors
ACC 9862A/98	1934 - 1936	Departmental sundries, including wages
ACC 9862A/99	1935 - 1942	1935-1940. Loose copies from account journals (A3, photocopy) 1935-1942. Loose copies from account journals (A4, photocopy)
ACC 10196A/21	1935 - 1940	Ravensthorpe Pictures. Movie picture accounts ledger, bank statements
ACC 9862A/100	194 1- 1957	Accounts.
ACC 9154A/3		1949. Postal notes, issued by the postmaster at Victoria Park, for 1/6d (one shilling and sixpence) and 3/6d, payable to Naomi Anderson. 2 postal notes
ACC 9862A/101	1949-1950	Rents and lighting journal
ACC 9154A/4	1950.	Airlines (WA) Ltd., Chairman's address to directors. Handwritten note states £100 worth of shares bought by Mother at the commencement of the airline
ACC 9154A/5	1954.	Scrip for shares in Consolidated Gold Mining Areas. Purchased for FE Daw and Sons by TA James & Co.
ACC 9862A/102	1957	Sundry debtors as at 30 th June 1957. Name, amount owed

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		GREETINGS CARDS
ACC 9154A/6	1910-1965	Formal Christmas greeting cards from Hon. J. Kirwan (1929); Sir John and Lady Kirwan (1935); Sir Charles and Lady Gairdner (1959; 1965) Christmas greetings cards from Ethel Daw (2); Porteus family (1); Two unsigned greetings; Two postcards, one Mr and Mrs Edgar Daw from Harold (via) Albany, December 1910; one to "Dear Ethel", not dated
		HISTORIES
ACC 9862A/103	1977-1978	1977. A short and complete history of Kundip. Tommy Daw 1978. History of Hatters Hill and anecdotes. CC (Tommy) Daw
		LETTERBOOKS
ACC 9862A/104	1899-1903	Francis James Daw, Esperance
ACC 9862A/105	1903-1908	Francis James Daw, Esperance
ACC 9862A/106	1908-1914	Francis James Daw, Esperance
ACC 9862A/106	1932-1933	29 September 1932-21 August 1933. Hatters Hill Battery Syndicate
ACC 9862A/107	1938-1943	22 December 1938-7 August 1943. Hatters Hill Battery Syndicate
ACC 9862A/108	1941-1942	19 March 1941 – 12 July 1942. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/109	1941	16 June 1941 – 20 September 1941. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/110	1941	11 August 1941 – 25 September 1941. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/111	1941	21 September 1941 – 6 December 1941. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/112	1941	27 October 1941 - 1 December 1941. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/113	1941-1942	6 December 1941 – 14 March 1942. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/114	1942	2 February 1942 – 23 April 1942. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/115	1942	27 April 1942 – 14 July 1942. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/116	1942-1943	4 May 1942 – 1 February 1943. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/117	1942-1944	15 June 1942 – 24 June 1944. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/118	1942-1943	13 July 1942 – 6 February 1943. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/119	1942	20 July 1942 – 2 November 1942. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/120	1943	19 May 1943 – 3 July 1943. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/121	1944-1945	11 October 1944 – 14 May 1945. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/122	1945-1946	12 January 1945 – 15 April 1946. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/123	1945	21 March 1945-13 October 1945. F.E. Daw
ACC 9862A/124	1951-1952	24 November 1951 – 17 January 1952. F.E. Daw
		LETTERS
ACC 5586A	1934.	To Ethel from her sister Naomi describing the Kalgoorlie riots (1934). There is mention of fresh lettuce and tomatoes grown in Kalgoorlie and sending some to Perth for Ethel
ACC 9107A		<i>This donation consists of letters and postcards sent to Mr and Mrs Francis Edgar Daw of Ravensthorpe, by soldiers stationed overseas during World War 1. One of the correspondents worked in the Daw's general store at Ravensthorpe</i>

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ACC 9107A/1	24 April 1916	(Good Friday). Postcard, picture on card is of Le Caire (Cairo, Egypt). Verso: "Dear Mrs Daw" from 2067? Gunner J. Blake. Postmark 'Field post office'
ACC 9107A/2	2 March 1917.	Letter, to "Dear Mrs Daw" from 15039, Sgt. EC Chapman , stationed in England. (2 folios / 3 pages)
ACC 9107A/3	29 September 1917.	Letter to "Dear Mrs Daw" from Arthur Newton, 16 th Field Hospital, France. 2 page, letter appears incomplete
ACC 9107A/4	9 September 1918.	Letter to "Dear Mrs Daw" , incomplete, no signature, written from Newquay, Cornwall. (2 folios / 4 pages), numbered 1,2,4,5, perhaps mis-numbered as text appears to reads smoothly.
ACC 9107A/5	n.d.	Letter, no salutation, begins: "I am writing this in hospital...", from Ern Newton
ACC 9107A/6	n.d.	Postcard, "Guerre 1914-1918", pictures of Brebieres (France). Verso: has letter, headed '3'; no salutation, signed, Jack
ACC 9107A/7	n.d.	Postcard, Photograph of soldiers and officers, Y4A Battery M TMB "Somewhere in France". Addressed to Mrs E Daw, Ravensthorpe, Western Australia"
		MEMBERSHIPS
ACC 9154A/7	June 1915.	Methodist Church of Australasia. Centenary ticket of membership
		MINER'S RIGHTS
ACC 9154A/8	21 November 1945	Issued to William Hanlon Tollman, at Ravensthorpe
		MINUTES
ACC 10196A/22	1902 - 1929	1902. Tennis club formation. Rough minutes 1928 – 1929. Ravensthorpe Boys' Meccano club
ACC 10196A/23	1911 - 1913	Elverdton mine workers club committee <i>[Item has been treated for mould – wear gloves and/or mask]</i>
ACC 10196A/24	1912 - 1926	Phillips River A.H. & F. Society [Agriculture, Horticulture & Floriculture Society) <i>[Item has been treated for mould – wear gloves and/or mask]</i>
		NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
ACC 10196A/25	1910; 1930	Gold, mining, railways, Bullfinch. On cover: Flag. Inside: Charles Grant, Ravensthorpe, West Australia
ACC 9862A/90	1924-1926.	Ravensthorpe Rumbings, a few cuttings pasted in pages
ACC 9862A/125	1929-1940.	Copies of articles from 'Western Trader' and 'Retailers Budget' relating to debt [collected for research for book re Daw family]
		PHOTOGRAPHS
ACC 10196A/26	1902; 1908	1902. Occupants of Morgans Street house: Grace Grant (daughter of Mary Grant b her first marriage), Charles, Naomi, Ethel, Mary and Ruby Grant. Photocopy 1908. Photograph of home. 'Dad's office next door' referred to Charles Grant's office. Photocopy
		PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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ACC 9862A/126 (CHART SHELVES)	1895; 1909	1895. Plans of store (x2) – 1909. Specification and tender Mr Daws store
		RECEIPTS
ACC 9154A/9	14 November 1914.	Patriotic fund, donation of £5 by Mrs C Daw
	August 1932.	Receipt for payment of professional services to Mrs Daw by Dr Theodore Ambrose, Perth
		REGISTERS
ACC 9862A/127	1937-1954	Record of firearms sold
		REMEMBRANCES
ACC 9154A/10	1896	Card of Remembrance for Doris Jane Owen, died July 12, 1896

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