

MUIR FAMILY PAPERS

The first Muir family members arrived in Western Australia in 1842 after a request from George Cheyne for some of his wife's relatives to come to Western Australia to help him farm. Between 1842 and 1859 several family groups arrived here. In 1851 the family took up land at "Forrest Hill", west of Mount Barker, and followed it by land leases in several other locations.

Source:

"Muir Family" (copy at the State Library of WA. B/MUI
Records of Thomas and Charlotte Muir (State Library of WA. MN 597)

MN	ACC	meterage / boxes	Date donated	CIU file	Notes
1999	1803A, 5652A, 6030A, 8189A 10293A	20 cm	4 December 2019 (10293A)	BA/OM/19/0232	

SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
DIARIES FILES	LETTERS

REQUEST THIS NUMBER	DATE RANGE	DESCRIPTION
ACC		DIARIES
ACC 1803A/1 Microfilm	1861 – 1862	Copy of diary, also includes newspaper extracts, notes on Muir family history, summary of jobs and incidents.
ACC 1803A/2	1861 – 1862	Copy of diary, also includes newspaper extracts, notes on Muir family history, summary of jobs and incidents. Photocopy
ACC 5652A/1	1871 – 1874	Handwritten copy of "Forrest Hill" diaries, relating to work on the property
		FILES, numbered 8189A/1-8189A/9, contain research papers relating to the publication, "The Muir Family" by John Thomson
ACC 8189A/1	No date	"Deeside" Muir family. Various papers'. Includes chronological history of the Muir family, anecdotes
ACC 8189A/2	1968-1971	'Timber hewing. Odds and ends collected by J Thomson'. Newspaper clippings, notes, letters
ACC 8189A/3	1946-1956	'Denmark Branch Parents and Citizens Association', Mainly newspaper clippings and circulars, includes some letters and minutes of meetings
ACC 8189A/4	1937-1954	"Early history of Denmark'. Jack Thomson. Includes notes, references, newspaper cuttings etc., collected by Jack Thomson during his term as District Forester, stationed at Denmark
ACC 8189A/5	1967	Roebourne School - Port Hedland Old School – Onslow Primary School

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		- ? Creek, near Yarrie Station. Programmes, notes, newspaper clippings
ACC 8189A/6	No date	Date range: Mostly not dated Various miscellaneous papers: Early forestry days - The Higgins saga – Wonder trees of the Red Centre – A brief history of Rudgyard from 1913-1974 – Elsie Cemetery and national reserve – Vital statistics (distances etc.) – East Kirup Mill, 1910-1928 – the King of Kalgoorlie (poem) – Victoria Park School 75 th Anniversary celebrations – Muir reunion programme 1979 (circular)
ACC 8189A/7	No date	Copy of map showing approximate route of Tom Muir’s expedition, presumably about 1851, from Albany to Wagin, Lake Grace and Lake King
ACC 8189A/8	1844-	Manuscript of the publication, The Muir Family: settlers in the Albany-Mt Barker-Manjimup Districts of South West of W.A. from 1844. Draft, handwritten, alterations.
ACC 8189A/9	19 July 1970-	Notebook, entitled ‘Muir file no. 9’. Small (approx A5 size) notebook. First page dated 19 July 1970. Some pages missing. Index lists: detailing pocket money – natural names of place – pregnancies –women working – Dot Medway – horse shoeing – natives nurse Sophie – amusement and entertainment – home hospitality – religious services – superstitions – seed collection – women’s work – shearing times – meal time ? Forest Hill – Forest Hill Post Office – Shepherds ticket of leave men – Articles made on farm – land clearing – entertainment – men folk - stories
		LETTERS
ACC 6030A/1	24 May 1852 – 14 January 1903	Muir Family letters Copy of transcripts
ACC 10297A/1 (CHART SHELVES)	1 April 1841	Correspondence from John Russell? to James Muir
ACC 10297A/2 (CHART SHELVES)	10 April 1841	Correspondence from John Russell? to James Muir
ACC 10297A/3 (CHART SHELVES)	31 August 1841	Correspondence from James Muir to Andrew Muir

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