

### **RICHARDSON, A. R. (Alexander Robert), 1847-1931**

Alexander Robert Richardson (Bob) was born in London in 1847. The family lived in Tasmania but soon after his birth migrated to Victoria. In 1864 he and his brother, together with 5 other shareholders, formed the Portland Squatting Company. In 1865 the seven shareholders left Victoria on the Maria Ross with 1600 sheep to exploit the liberal land regulations in Western Australia.

They established the Pyramid Station on the George River in Northern Western Australia. Between 1869 and 1872 he and his brother bought out the other partners and also acquired runs on the Fortesque River. He married Ellen Bates Wellard, daughter of John and Anne Wellard of Serpentine, on 19 September 1874.

In 1876 he put a manager on Pyramid Station and moved to Lowlands at Serpentine which was a farming and grazing property.

He continued to amass North Western leases and by 1879 held choice runs around the Yule, De Grey and Oakover Rivers.

After severing his connection with his brother in 1880 he formed the Murray Squatting Company and ran stock illegally in the Kimberley.

By 1887 when he became Member of the Legislative Council for the North of Western Australia he had investments in Oakabella, Yarra, Tallering and Boodarrie stations. He was a Member of the Legislative Council until 1890 when he became Member of the Legislative Assembly for De Gray area, a position he held until 1897. He was expected to become Premier of Western Australia in 1897, succeeding his friend, Sir John Forrest, but deploring Sir John's land policy, he resigned instead.

He retired to South Perth in 1922 and died on 2 May 1931.

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REQUEST THIS NUMBER	DATE RANGE	DESCRIPTION
		ACCOUNTS
ACC 310A/95 MICROFILM	7 September 1878	Bill of lading for 16 packages of merchandise sent on the ship, Nautilus, to A R Richardson & Co, to Cossack
ACC 310A/96 MICROFILM	18 May 1867	Bill of lading for tea, sugar and rice sent on the ship 'Stanley' to John Wellard, to Fremantle
ACC 310A/97 MICROFILM	8 April 1865	Account sales and charges and net proceeds of 4 horses received on ship 'Syren' from Singapore and sold by John Wellard
ACC 310A/98 MICROFILM	18 March 1863	Receipt for purchase of Location 96 Cockburn Sound, 10 acres of land by John Wellard from John Davis
		ACCOUNT BOOKS
ACC 310A/2 MICROFILM	1850 – 1865	Accounts of John Wellard. Rest of book appears to have been used as a bookkeeping exercise book by D. L. Richardson when a student at Scotch College in Form 6B
		AGREEMENTS
ACC 310A/79 MICROFILM	11 October 1864	Agreement between John Wellard and William Bossinth for him to be employed for 6 months as a general servant by Mr Wellard on his Serpentine farm
ACC 310A/80 MICROFILM	15 June 1865	Documents relating to a dispute between the owners of the 'Clarence Packet', Daniel Chapman, and C Garrard relating to the loading of the ship in Sharks Bay
ACC 310A/81 MICROFILM	n.d.	Letter relating to the dispute discussed in item /80 above
ACC 310A/82 MICROFILM	11 April 1872	Agreement between Mary Fitzgerald and A R Richardson relating to the purchase by A R R of the portion of the late Portland Squatting Company owned by Mary
ACC 310A/83 MICROFILM	11 April 1872	Agreement between David Edgar and A R Richardson relating to the purchase by A R R of the portion of the late Portland Squatting Company owned by David
ACC 310A/84 MICROFILM	16 March 1858	Agreement between John Wellard and Hamersley & Co relating to the delivery of 150 head of cattle to John
ACC 310A/85 MICROFILM	13 January 1854	Agreement between John Wellard and Walter Padbury relating to the supply of fresh meat
ACC 310A/86 MICROFILM	n.d.	Agreement between several parties including A R R relating to the formation of the Murray Squatting Company
		BILLS OF SALE
ACC 310A/93 MICROFILM	12 February 1881 – 1 March 1881	Bill of sale, details of measurements, receipt and pedigree relating to A R Richardson's purchase of a bay colt by the name of Young Forrester
		DIARIES
ACC 310A/3 MICROFILM	December 1864 – 10 April 1965	Diary relating to the chartering of the 'Maria Ross' and its journey to Western Australia. Chronicled by A R Richardson.
	21 April 1865 – 29 January 1866	Relates incidents as from arrival of group in NW of Western Australia and anchoring in Tien Tsin Bay. Arrived at George River on 25 May 1865 after running sheep on the land of John Withnell to wait for rains. Chronicled by A R Richardson

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		INDENTURES
ACC 310A/87 MICROFILM	30 April 1859	Indenture between Joshua Josiah Harwood, Henry Carter and John Wellard
ACC 310A/89 MICROFILM	25 September 1880	Indenture between William Paterson, George Pryde Paterson, Hamlet Cornish, and Alexander Robert Richardson, all of the Murray District of WA, all having subscribed to a common fund to become partners as farmers and graziers
		INVITATIONS
ACC 310A/100 MICROFILM	29 September 1896	From the Director of Public Works. Invitation to A R Richardson, as Commissioner of Crown Lands, Mrs Richardson, and Miss Richardson, to the laying fo the foundation stone for the Perth Observatory by the Premier
ACC 310A/101 MICROFILM	22 December ?	From the Superintendent of the Sailors Rest Bazaar in Fremantle at its opening. Invitation to A R Richardson, Mrs Richardson, and Miss Richardson
		LETTERS
		<i>From A R Richardson to the Sir John Forrest</i>
ACC 310A/4 MICROFILM	12 June 1896	Re tariff question
ACC 310A/5 MICROFILM	23 June 1896	Re land in the Blackwood area
ACC 310A/6 MICROFILM	July 1896	Re land settlement in WA
ACC 310A/8 MICROFILM	29 July 1896	Re pension of a Mr Brooking
ACC 310A/7 MICROFILM	13 August 1896	Re application of John Steere
ACC 310A/9 MICROFILM	November 1896	Re resignation from position in Parliament
ACC 310A/10 MICROFILM	22 December 1896	Re Land Homestead Act etc
ACC 310A/11 MICROFILM	23 July 1900	Re jetty at Cossack
		<i>From A R Richardson to various people</i>
ACC 310A/12 MICROFILM	3 April 1901	To Mr Throssel regarding the Rabbit Commission report
ACC 310A/13 MICROFILM	23 February 1925	To W C Higgs, Chairman of Commission of Enquiry into Federal Relationship with WA
		<i>To A R Richardson from Sir John Forrest</i>
ACC 310A/14 MICROFILM	20 February 1896	Re land at Eucla
ACC 310A/15 MICROFILM	21 June 1896	Re difference of opinion on the Blackwood
ACC 310A/16 MICROFILM	23 June 1896	Re Blackwood Valley land
ACC 310A/17 MICROFILM	25 June 1896	Re Homestead Lease system and Blackwood land
ACC 310A/18 MICROFILM	27 June 1896	Re Homestead Lease system and Blackwood land
ACC 310A/19 MICROFILM	5 July 1896	Re differences of political opinion and its effect on their friendship

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ACC 310A/20 MICROFILM	2 August 1896	Re reading of Homestead Act
ACC 310A/21 MICROFILM	16 August 1896	Re their disagreement relating to the Homestead Act
ACC 310A/22 MICROFILM	26 November 1896	Re Homestead Act procedures
ACC 310A/23 MICROFILM	26 November 1896	Re previous letter requesting Richardson comply with the Act
ACC 310A/24 MICROFILM	8 December 1896	Note stating Richardson is in charge during his absence
ACC 310A/25 MICROFILM	7 April 1897	Thank you letter for gift of a book
ACC 310A/26 MICROFILM	20 September 1898	Re Forrest's reasons for not putting railway through from Norseman to Esperance
ACC 310A/27 MICROFILM	17 March 1897	Telegram regretting the resignation of A R Richardson
ACC 310A/28 MICROFILM		Two envelopes addressed in John Forrest's hand to A R Richardson
		<i>To A R Richardson from various people (includes several envelopes)</i>
ACC 310A/29 MICROFILM	15 May 1873	<i>(signature undecipherable)</i>
ACC 310A/30 MICROFILM	10 March 1874	From Fred Barlee of the colonial Secretary's Office enclosing marriage licence
ACC 310A/31 MICROFILM	3 November 1875	<i>(signature undecipherable)</i>
ACC 310A/32 MICROFILM	28 January 1876	<i>(signature undecipherable)</i>
ACC 310A/33 MICROFILM	24 January 1876	From Julius Brockman (includes envelope)
ACC 310A/34 MICROFILM	26 September 1876	From J Edgar
ACC 310A/35 MICROFILM	29 June 1877	<i>(no signature – letter incomplete)</i>
ACC 310A/36 MICROFILM	24 October 1877	From James Manning, Attorney for the Corporation
ACC 310A/37 MICROFILM	18 March 1879	<i>(signature undecipherable)</i>
ACC 310A/38 MICROFILM	15 March 1880	<i>(no signature – letter incomplete)</i>
ACC 310A/39 MICROFILM	31 March 1880	From W Easton, Chairman (includes envelope)
ACC 310A/40 MICROFILM	25 September 1883	From G J Brockman
ACC 310A/41 MICROFILM	7 February 1889	From P de Burgh
ACC 310A/42 MICROFILM	23 July 1896	From J M Brooking
ACC 310A/78 MICROFILM	28 July 1882	From Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth to A R R at Lowlands, Serpentine regarding the transport of 700 sheep from Roebuck Bay to the Fitzroy
		<i>Family Letters</i>

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ACC 310A/43 MICROFILM	11 March 1862	From J W Richardson to 'Lucy'
ACC 310A/44 MICROFILM	20 March 1865	To Elliot and Bob from their father, T E Richardson
ACC 310A/45 MICROFILM	26 May 1866	To Lucy from S Simson
ACC 310A/46 MICROFILM	April 1866	To 'Dear Mary' from S Simson (Lucy's mother?)
ACC 310A/47 MICROFILM	22 August 1866	To Lucy from S Simson
ACC 310A/48 MICROFILM	23 January 1867	To Lucy from (a sibling living in Geelong) ( <i>no signature – letter incomplete</i> )
ACC 310A/49 MICROFILM	6 September 1874	To 'Dearest Papa' (probably A.R.R) from Nellie
ACC 310A/50 MICROFILM	19 September 1874	To Lynne from Nelly
ACC 310A/51 MICROFILM		To Lena from Nellie
ACC 310A/52 MICROFILM		To 'Bob' (A.R.R.) from someone at Beaumont Cottage in Geelong ( <i>no signature – letter incomplete</i> )
ACC 310A/53 MICROFILM	12 February 1883	To Bob (A.R.R.) from Aunt Lucy
ACC 310A/54 MICROFILM	n.d.	Various incomplete letters + 1 envelope
ACC 310A/94 MICROFILM	23 April 1937	Letter from Dalgety & Co Ltd to Len Richardson of Lowlands, Mardella sending him a copy of an agreement signed by A R Richardson in 1879 which Dalgety's were going to reproduce in their publication 'Review'
		<i>Letters to and from John Wellard</i>
ACC 310A/55 MICROFILM	2 December 1862	To Mr Wellard from Mary [Yelverton?]
ACC 310A/56 MICROFILM	17 April 1863	To Mr Wellard from W S Hall
ACC 310A/57 MICROFILM	10 October 1863	To J Wellard Esq. From John Taylor
ACC 310A/58 MICROFILM	1 November 1863	To Mr Wellard from W S Hall
ACC 310A/59 MICROFILM	4 November 1863	To John Wellard from cashier at WA Bank
ACC 310A/60 MICROFILM	11 November 1863	To John Wellard from W S Hall
ACC 310A/61 MICROFILM	12 March 1864	To John Wellard from W S Hall
ACC 310A/62 MICROFILM	17 May 1864	To John Wellard from G & S Hancock
ACC 310A/63 MICROFILM	15 October 1864	To Mr Wellard from W S Hall
ACC 310A/64 MICROFILM	15 October 1864	To Mr Wellard from W S Hall
ACC 310A/65 MICROFILM	28 October 1864	To John Wellard from Henry Green at Camp 49 on the Harding River
ACC 310A/66 MICROFILM	5 December 1864	To John Wellard from W Padbury

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ACC 310A/67 MICROFILM	11 December 1864	To John Wellard from John Withnell
ACC 310A/68 MICROFILM	17 December 1864	To John Wellard from W S Hall
ACC 310A/69 MICROFILM	29 December 1864	To John Wellard from James Orkney
ACC 310A/70 MICROFILM	7 April 1865	To John Wellard from W S Hall
ACC 310A/71 MICROFILM	2 September 1865	To Mssrs Bickley & Co from John Wellard
ACC 310A/72 MICROFILM	25 July 1866	To John Wellard from H Yelverton
ACC 310A/73 MICROFILM	18 May 1867	To John Wellard from [W?] Spottiswoodes with copy of a previous letter written to him on 6 June 1867
ACC 310A/74 MICROFILM	11 February 1878	Tender by John Wellard to supply fresh meat to the Jarrahdale Timber Company
ACC 310A/75 MICROFILM	2 April 1879	To John Wellard from his son at Pyramid Station
ACC 310A/76 MICROFILM	23 September 1882	To John Wellard from the attorney fro A R Richardson
ACC 310A/77 MICROFILM	n.d.	1 incomplete letter and 5 envelopes
		LICENCES
ACC 310A/91 MICROFILM	1 January 1873	Licence to occupy Pastoral Lands. Issued to Henry Mead for 2600 acres of land at Serpentine. Transferred to A R Richardson 21 April 1876
ACC 310A/92 MICROFILM	29 April 1879	Certificate signed by A R Richardson authorizing Charles Smith of the Upper Murchison to collect lost cattle and brand them
		LOGBOOKS
ACC 310A/1 MICROFILM	15 March 1856 – 3 July 1856	Logbook of the bark Osmanli relating to the journey from Matta to Boston. Also includes poetry written by John Henry Affelhay written between 1958 – 1861. Last record is of the ship 'Cochituate' in Melbourne in April 1861 which is thought to have been bought as a hulk by John Wellard in August 1861 after being wrecked in the Abrolhos Islands on 14 June 1861. John Withnell, who was a settler in the North West of Western Australia when A. R. Richardson arrived there, sent the logbook to John Wellard.
		NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS
ACC 310A/88 MICROFILM	20 December 1898	Sent to A R R by a friend relating to Land Settlement
		SERMONS
ACC 310A/90 MICROFILM		2 draft sermons [written by A R R?]
		TESTIMONIALS

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ACC 310A/99 MICROFILM		Testimonial for Miss L Richardson signed by H M Moore, Annie Gay, William Learmonth, and W H F Mitchell
		WILLS
ACC 310A/86 MICROFILM	n.d.	Probate of the will of Thomas Richardson

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