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### **RISELEY, Victor George Counsel**

Victor Riseley was a son of Thomas Riseley who, with Mick Toomey, discovered the first gold at Southern Cross on 14 January 1888. Victor was a well-known journalist in Western Australia, first as a reporter and later as a contributor. He was associated with the *Sunday Times* for about 30 years. Victor used the pseudonym *Rip van Winkle* in many columns. Before World War 1 he was the proprietor of the *Swan Express* and later he edited the *Primary Producer*. He was a chairman of the Melville Road Board and a member of the Rockingham Road Board and in his later years the proprietor of the Naval Base Hotel. He died in March 1953 at the age of 65.

### **The Papers**

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6682A1	<p>ADVERTISEMENTS 1901</p> <p>Folder containing advertisements for businesses in Perth. Possibly compiled from Cremorne Theatre programmes. Includes some Cremorne Theatre handbills.</p>	<p>TRANSFERRED TO EPHEMERA</p>
6682A/2	<p>AGREEMENTS 16 June 1919</p> <p>Agreement between Augustus William Vincent Terry and Lily Maud Schlaikier re purchase of land, Lot 76, Swan Location 671.</p>	
6682A/3	<p>6 September 1923</p> <p>Agreement signed by Lily Riseley to purchase property owned by Mr G A Pead, 130 Brisbane Street (Perth).</p>	
6682A/4	<p>17 December 1928</p> <p>Agreement by Lily Maud Riseley to purchase land (Lots 69 and 72 Clarence Street) at Highgate Hill</p>	
6682A/5	<p>24 February 1933</p> <p>Agreement between Annie Robinson of Canning Bridge and Edgar Robinson of Geraldton, and Lily Maud Riseley to purchase real estate and building at Canning Bridge.</p>	
6682A/6	<p>Agreement between Charles Richard Laming and Victor George Council Riseley to purchase land at Cockburn Sound, Part of lots 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37, Cockburn Location 342.</p>	
	<p>ARTICLES</p> <p>Articles are believed to be by Victor Riseley unless noted.</p>	
6682A/7	<p>n.d.</p> <p>Some old time Westralian Hotels. Two parts, from <i>The Hotel review of WA</i>.</p>	
6682A/8	<p>Robbery in a Norseman Mine</p>	<p>MSS article</p>
6682A/9	<p>[1943]. Late Wallace Nelson</p>	<p>Typescript</p>
6682A/10	<p>Verse and Worse</p>	<p>Typescript of newspaper column</p>
6682A/11	<p>Railway Construction Reminiscences, Southern Cross – Coolgardie railway.</p>	<p>Typescript</p>
6682A/12	<p>The Silent Revolution: How irresponsible government ended in the State of Worstfailure</p>	<p>Typescript</p>
6682A/13	<p>1935. The W.A. Wheelman. Six pages of typescript history of the magazine by co-founder "RSS".</p>	

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6682A/15	25 January 1916 The Australian Journalist. See page 83 <i>Pressmen in print</i> re Victor Riseley taking over the <i>Northam Courier</i> newspaper.	
6682A/16	n.d. Extreme Precautions with the Community Bull. Anti-Jew notice from the Mayor of Koenigsdorf, Germany.	
6682A/17	24 April 1935 Names of Places etc. by Abo[rigin]s of Pilbarra (sic) N.W. W.A.	MSS text
6682A/18	Abo[riginal] Smoke Signals.	MSS text
6682A/19	22 May 1836 Ink Splashes, a souvenir of the Press Ball at Government House, Perth. See page 21 <i>The grin-and-bear-it Club welcomes the Wise Guys from the East</i> by Rip Van Winkle (V Riseley).	
	<b>CARDS</b>	
6682A/20	3 Christmas cards to Riseley (including one from 8 <sup>th</sup> Battery FA, Australian Commonwealth Military Force), one 1914 card printed for Mrs E and Victor Riseley to send. Four business cards.	
	<b>CERTIFICATES</b>	In Church Registers
6682A/21	21 July 1920 Marriage Certificate for David Eugene Hackett & Elizabeth Riseley	
	<b>CIRCULARS</b>	
6682A/22	28 November 19?? Perth City Council Elections- Victor G.C. Riseley. "The Town Hall must be built in the North Ward!!"	
6682A/23	30 June 1944 Circular to Bond Holders. Commonwealth Homes & Investment Co. Limited In Liquidation. (Adelaide). With two renewal notices to Mrs L M Riseley of East Guildford and Perth.	
	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
6682A/24	n.d. Letter to Victor ("Northam Courier") from Dryblower introducing the bearer, re "Dandies" entertainment company. With envelope.	ORIGINAL AND PHOTOCOPY
6682A/25	Letter to Mrs Riseley from E.G. Murphy (Dryblower) re staying at Naval Base Hotel. Murphy was in St Anne's Hospital, Maylands.	ORIGINAL AND PHOTOCOPY

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- 6682A/26 12 May 1922  
Letter to Mrs Riseley from Westralian Farmers Ltd re sale of block of land, Lucky Bay Estate.
- 6682A/27 28 May 1929  
Letter to Mrs Riseley from Commonwealth Homes & Investment Company Ltd re payments. With request form for alteration of bond.
- 6682A/28 18 July 1930  
Letter to Mr. Riseley from E.E. Edwards, East Grinstead, England, re various publications.
- 6682A/29 2 November 1931  
Letter to Mrs. Riseley from A.W. Brown, Greenmount, re payment of a debt.
- 6682A/30 28 June 1932  
Letter from Huxtable's Post Office, Henderson Naval Base, to Commonwealth Homes and Investment Co., re Mrs. Riseley's payments.
- 6682A/31 23 June 1932  
Letter to Mrs. Riseley from Commonwealth Homes & Investment Company Ltd re Bonds .
- 6682A/32 31 March 1934  
Letter to Mr Riseley from Dr. C O G Larcombe, The Kalgoorlie Club, re his resignation as a Government employee and his private practice. Together with a sheet listing Dr. Larcombe's qualifications.
- 6682A/33 8 September 1934  
Letter to Victor from J W Bunning (Bunning Bros.) re Noble Falls – Lot 151 Swan Location 1317- once being known as Mayhew Falls after Mrs Mayhew's hotel one mile further on.
- 6682A/34 29 December 1934  
Letter to Mr Riseley from The Trade Protection Association of W.A. giving lease history of the Naval Base Hotel. With newspaper notice of application to transfer lease from Arthur Nicholas Wakeham to Victor George Counsel Riseley.
- 6682A/35 4 January 1935  
Letter to Mr R L MacKay, Old Men's Home, Nedlands, from Victor re return of notes on Aboriginal customs. On *Sunday Times* letterhead with "Western Australia To-day, 1935" text on verso.
- 6682A/36 6 March 1935  
Letter from Smiths Weekly re "Inky Way reminiscences".
- 6682A/37 21 May 1935  
Letter to Victor from Morris Edwards, York, re flattery

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6682A/38	4 December 1935 Letter to S.B. Devenish, House Land & Estate Agents, Guildford, from W E B Solomon, lawyer, re Mrs Oakley and Mrs Riseley.	
6682A/39	8 May 1936 Letter to Victor from Smith's newspaper re introduction of Ian Hamilton	
6682A/40	July 1937 Letter to the Editor Sunday Times re "Ye Olde English Fayre"	
6682A/41	19 August 1937 Letter of resignation to Mr J.J. Simons, <i>The Sunday Times</i> . Unsigned but from Riseley.	
6682A/41a	5 July 1935. Character reference for Victor Riseley to the Chairman of the Licensing Bench, Fremantle.	
6682A/42	January 1937 Letter to Victor from Jack Secombe, Leederville, re old memories – Wilkie's Railway Hotel (Kalgoorlie?).	7 fol.
6682A/43	15 January 1938 Letter to Mr Dillonsmith from J.M. Drew re Victor Riseley testimonial presentation.	
6682A/44	27 June 1943 Letter to Victor from Walter Murdoch re articles	
6682A/45	28 August 1944 Letter from Victor to legal firm in Adelaide re bonds.	
6682A/46	10 October 1947 Letter to Victor from Victor Courtney asking him for 10 minutes reminiscences at a dinner.	
6682A/47	INVITATIONS 1909 – 1939 Invitations to Weddings, re-unions and social functions including: welcomes to the Men of the "Renown" and "Sydney", 1927; West Australian Trotting Association inaugural dinner; Third Imperial Press Conference, 1925; and a farewell musical evening to Mrs Ashton Hunter, Northam, 1913.	11 ITEMS
6682A/48	LEGAL DOCUMENTS n.d. Contract of Sale between Charles Richard Laming and Victor George Counsel Riseley for land in Cockburn Sound Location 342, lots 33-37.	1 <sup>ST</sup> PAGE ONLY, OTHERS MISSING
6682A/49	Not used	
6682A/50	Not used	

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- 6682A/60 13 April 1922  
Melville Park Estate, sale of land by The London and Australian Investment Company Ltd to Lily Maud Riseley, Lots 924, 926, Applecross.
- 6682A/61 1 July 1924  
Melville Park Estate, sale of land by The London and Australian Investment Company Ltd to Lily Maud Riseley. Lot 172, Applecross.
- 6682A/51 1930  
Mortgage of land between Lily Maud Riseley and Selina Oakley, portion of Swan Location 7.
- 6682A/52 Confession of Debt between R.M. Riseley and J.W. Davies
- 6682A/53 MENUS  
1923-1935  
Menus for re-unions and social functions including: Empire Parliamentary Delegation, Government House, 1926; Palace Hotel, 15 February 1925 (with 5 Japanese business cards attached); South African Soldiers' Association (WA Branch) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Re-Union, 1913. 6 ITEMS
- 6682A/54 NEWSLETTERS  
30 January 1934  
Newsletter "A Call For Unity" issued by the Kalgoorlie Unit of the Communist Party of Australia. With "Our answer to Collier" issued on 1 February 1934.
- 6682A/55 NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS  
Photocopies of undated newspaper cuttings. Most are believed to be columns written by Riseley and include his pseudonym "Rip van Winkle", and the "Verse and Worse" column.  
There is a list of newspaper articles at the end of this listing.
- 6682A/56 NOTES  
Notes on articles to be written
- 6682A/57 NOTICES  
2 September 1929  
Notice of Alteration of Bond, Commonwealth Homes and Investment Co. Ltd.
- 6682A/58 25 June 1931  
Notice of Dividend, Stowe Saw & Co

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6682A/59	11 August 1932 Renewal Notice, Commonwealth Homes and Investment Company Ltd. and accompanying letters.	
6682A/62	PHOTOGRAPHS Newcastle Herald Printing Office	TRANSFERRED TO BA 1561 PICTORIAL COLLECTION
6682A/63	Unidentified photographs (18)	
6682A/64	POEMS n.d.	
6682A/65	'Nothing to Say' by O. Henry. 'On The Square'. A poem about Clive (Cliffy) Reilly.	Typescript
6682A/66	'Illawarra' a Lament by M Quilty. Appears to be about Illawarra district, NSW. Typescript.	
6682A/67	Naval Base Selections. Printed page of 10 poems.	
6682A/70	POSTCARDS 1909- 1915, and undated. Postcards scenic and humorous, some Christmas post cards, mostly sent to Victor Riseley.	22 ITEMS
6682A/71	PRESCRIPTIONS 1928-1929 Two prescriptions for the Riseley family from Alex. Trouchet's pharmacy, with Trouchet's prescription envelope.	
6682A/68	PROGRAMMES Undated program for C Company, 85 <sup>th</sup> Batt. Senior Cadets Ball; Stotts Business College annual speech night, St. George's Hall, 7.12.1916; Melba, His Majesty's Theatre, Perth, 18 July 19xx, with two Dress Circle tickets attached.	
6682A/72	RECEIPTS 28 June 1910 The Western Australian Bank, Newcastle, to V G C Riseley.	



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**NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS**  
THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES MAY BE FOUND IN  
NEWSPAPERS HELD IN THE BATTYE LIBRARY

HEADING/KEYWORDS	NEWSPAPER TITLE	DATE/PAGE NUMBER
The Romance of Whaling in Western Australia.	Sunday Times	10 May 1914
The Influenza Hospital	The Westonian	10 October 1919
Mr. Riseley to Resign	Fremantle Herald	27 September 1928
Gold in the Ranges	West Australian	23 May 1931
Gold in the Ranges, North Dandalup	West Australian	19 May 1931
Municipal Trading	West Australian	5 July 1931
Memories of Bull Ant McIntyre	West Australian	5 September 1931
Riots in Kalgoorlie	Sunday Times	4 February 1934
The Far Eastern Menace	John O'London's Weekly	8 September 1934
The Gilt Dragon and the Circle of stones	Sunday Times	16 December 1934
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	23 December 1934
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	6 January 1935
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	13 January 1935
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	20 January 1935
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	27 January 1935
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	3 February 1935
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	10 February 1935
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	17 February 1935
Memories of the Press	Sunday Times	24 February 1935
Campbell again Succeeds	Sunday Times	10 March 1935
Valley of Namban, Phosphate	Daily News	13 April 1935
Sir James Mitchell	Sunday Times	21 April 1935
Where are the Tramps	Sunday Times	21 April 1935
Lord Forrest	Sunday Times	5 May 1935
Kingsley Fairbridge	Sunday Times	26 May 1935
A Wedding in New Norcia	West Australian	8 June 1935
Sir James turned a switch	Sunday Times	24 November 1935
1829 and all that	Sunday Times	22 December 1935
Guildford's Past	West Australian	18 June 1937
Kimberley Gold	West Australian	21 June 1938
The boys of Old Dandaragan	The Churchman	26 July 1939
Hotels of Western Australia	Sunday Times	1 December 1940
Beach Rides	West Australian	19 April 1941
The Kelly Gang	West Australian	19 April 1941
The late J.A. Wroth	Northam Advertiser	21 August 1943
Other Peoples Lives	West Australian	1 July 1944
Ernest Giles	West Australian	2 November 1946

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