

## DIARIES OF SARAH E. E. MITCHELL 1866 - 1945

From the age of 13 Sarah Mitchell daily noted in her journal the state of the weather, her routine activities about the house and property, visits of friends, an occasional trip to Hobart, as in August 1872, and her visit to Europe in 1900-1. The first three diaries are written in home made notebooks, the remainder in printed 'Letts' diaries. Some entries are 'cross written'. There is no diary for 1936.

Some of the journals include monthly cash accounts, mostly of small payments for such items as petticoats and gloves; also, for example in 1880, 'butter account' (including receipts, payments for carriage, etc.) and 'Kennedia' account (rent received, sheep bought from father, taxes, rates etc.).

74 vols. (mainly 13 cm. x 20 cm. x 1 cm, exc. 1866-73 & 1889-90 quarto; 1898 folio (old 1896 vol.)

RS.32/1-74

RS.32/1	1866-1870	38	1908
2	June 1870 - 19 Jan. 1872	39	1909
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34	1904	71	1942
35	1905	72	1943
36	1906	73	1944
37	1907	74	1945

## APPOINTMENT DIARY 1881

Daily appointments and accounts due, few entries.  
1 vol. (folio, printed 'rough diary')

RS.32/75

## MISCELLANEOUS

Dance programme - C. P. Mitchell 26 May 1868

Catherine P. Mitchell's dance programme for a Government House ball, names of partners entered in pencil, but traced over in ink (? by S.E.E.M.)

1 paper

RS.32/76

Hydropathic prospectus [1901]

St. Ann's Hill Hydropathic Establishment, County Cork, Ireland, prospectus with photograph.

1 pamphlet

RS.32/77

Dance invitation 1910

1 card

RS.32/78

Notes on a mechanical clock with figures of Christ, the twelve disciples and the devil ND.

1 paper

RS.32/79

Lists of visitors to Lisdillon 1866 - 16 Nov. 1899

4 booklets

RS.32/80

Lists of visitors to Tirrjah 1902 - 1919

RS.32/81

Lists of letters written and visitors for S.E.E. Mitchell, at Westminster Rest Home, 1937 - 1941

1 envelope of loose papers

RS.32/82

## SCRAPBOOKS c 1930

Scrapbooks made up by Miss S. Mitchell in her old age, in the 1930's, containing an interesting but haphazard collection of news clippings, photographs, family letters and souvenirs, including earlier papers of her parents. The books consist of old copies of The Engineer, or Government reports and the material has not been gathered in any order.

vol. (RS.32/83) <sup>includes</sup> ~~contains~~: clipping about St. John's Hospital extension, 1936, invitations, letters from nephews in the armed forces, 1917-18,

Mabel Giblin's memorial of confirmation at All Saints Church, Hobart, 1883; letter to Mrs Meredith 1833; drawing of consecration of Bishop Nixon at Westminster Abbey 1842; school reports of Frank Mitchell, 1858; photograph of floods at Moonah, 1901; invitations, etc.

vol. 2 (RS.32/84) includes: Irish hospitals sweepstake tickets, letters from nephews, poster for film 'For the term of his natural life', 1927; John Mitchell's diary of his voyage to Tasmania in 1837 and his draft letter concerning the health of boy convicts at Port Puer, 1846; SS.Oroya passenger list, 1901.

vol. 3 (RS.32/85) includes: Memoranda of family history; snips' menus, 1900-1; postcards; letters and papers of Fred and Frank Mitchell, 1858-1863; letters and papers of Mr and Mrs John Mitchell c 1856-1880; note about coloured lights for signals at Port Arthur.


vol. 4 (RS.32/86) includes: Photographs of Miss Mitchell, Burnett family (nephews) and others; news clippings of opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge, 1932; photo of flower packing shed, Scilly Isles (U.K.) Feb. 1901.

vol. 5 (RS.32/87) includes: Various news clippings, including Miss Mitchell's air trip, 1934, loss of plane, Miss Hobart, 1934; letters from brother Frank, 1933; plan of Tasmania 1887 and of Hobart, 1899; Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, centenary programme.

Main items in the scrapbooks have been indexed.

5 volumes

RS.32/83-87

 PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM c 1895 - 1923


Photographs of family and friends of Miss S.E.E. Mitchell, mounted into an album made from an old volume of The Engineer and including photographs of the Mitchell family and their friends and relatives, for example, Ball children, Canon Fulford, Giblin family, Lyne family, E H. Luttrell, Bishop Montgomery, Shaw family.

1 volume

RS.32/88

DRAWINGS BY CATHERINE P. MITCHELL 1864 - 1876

Pencil sketches made by Catherine Penwarne (Kate) eldest daughter of John Mitchell. The drawings were made between 1860 and 1876 and portray ~~family scenes, scenes~~ the family riding (in one a guest is shown falling off), fishing, enjoying pic-nics with their Newfoundland dog, Caleb, boating, camping on Schouten Island. A series shows some of the family with friends at and on their way to and from a Governor's Ball. There is a gay scene of dancing at a 'hop feast', and another of more formal dancing at a social evening at Red Banks. A few early drawings are scenes of Melbourne, where Kate went to school. One sketch shows the opening of Swanport Bridge.

 2 Photos attributed to King Solomon's Caves but are of Newdegate Caves, Hastings. They are Beattie photographs of Feb 1912, published in Tasmanian Mail, March 1918

These sketches were gathered together by Sarah E. E. Mitchell, from her own collection and those of friends and relations and from John Ball, Kate's husband, sometime between 1928 and 1933. She mounted them in an album, together with locks of Kate's hair on red silk, a pressed fern arrangement, a coloured photograph of John and Catherine Ball, and coloured views of Buckland Churchyard in 1850, showing the grave of Paul Thomas Mitchell, aged 3 days, and in 1879 showing the grave of Catherine Penwarne Ball.

1 volume

RS.32/89

1843

Report on Fort Puer made by Benjamin Horne to Sir John Franklin, copied by John Mitchell (51 pp)

RS.32/90

1849

Lease for 7 years of Villeneuve, Frossers Plains, from Francis Smith to John Mitchell  
(parchment doc.)

RS.32/91

Band of Hope Review 1858/9

Numbers 97 - 105, Jan. - Sept. 1859, bound in cover dated 1858. London, Partridge & Co., Bennett & Tweedie. This was probably originally in one of S. Mitchell's scrapbooks as it is partly attached to a page of House of Assembly Papers 1894.

RS.32/92