NEWLAND FAMILY

The Newland family's association with South Australia began in 1839 when Ridgway William Newland (1790-1864) arrived on the "Sir Charles Forbes", with his wife and their eight children. They immediately travelled on to Encounter Bay where R.W. Newland set up the first Chapel in Encounter Bay in 1846. An ordained cleric, Ridgway Newland not only directed the spiritual life of people in the area, but was important as a farmer (the family held a large area of land), in establishing the township of Yelki, and in promoting secular education. He also acted as a district councilor for some years.

Simpson Newland (1835-1925), one of R.W. Newland's sons, grew up in Encounter Bay, working on the family farm for some years before setting out on his own droving sheep and cattle across country, and later buying his own property on the Upper Darling. He also was part owner in the Marra, Warlo and Talyealye Stations. These were sold in the 1880's and he returned to Adelaide permanently. Simpson Newland was a public figure, holding a seat in the South Australian parliament for six years (1881-1886) and the portfolio of Treasurer, for the period 1885-1886. In 1896 Simpson Newland had his first book "Paving the Way" published in England. This was the first of several publications, others including "Blood Tracks of the Bush", "The Land Grant Railway Across Central Australia", short stories, political pamphlets, and "letters to the editor". He was a member of the South Australian Branch of the Royal Geographical Society, The Adelaide Zoological Society, The River Murray League and the Northern Territory Railway League.

Simpson Newland's eldest son, Henry Simpson Newland (1873-1969) established himself as a leading surgeon, and like his father and grandfather was active in public life. He served as a surgeon in the First World War throughout Europe, returning to Australia some years later. He was knighted in 1928 for his services to medicine. He was noted for his role in opposing the Chifley government's attempts to nationalize medicine in 1946. He was a member of the British Medical Association and the South Australian Mutual Hospital Association.

Photographs including portraits of the Reverend R.W. Newland, Mrs. R.W. Newland, the Higgins family, "California Taylor", and a series on Mt. Gambier. c.1865-1870. 15 items.

Correspondence to and from R.W. Newland, consisting of a letter from R.W. Newland to his mother 20/6/1847; a letter to R.W. Newland from his congregation 2/10/1862 and a letter to R.W. Newland from Buxton F. Laurie, 18/10/1874. 1847-1874. 3 Items.
Notebooks (2) kept by R.W. Newland. One appears to be a diary kept on a visit to England (from June 7 to September 23, the year not given), with statistics on South Australia at the end of the book. The other is a largely incomplete notebook, including notes on colts, and the beginning of an account of the arrival of the Newland family at Encounter Bay. not dated 2 volumes.

Invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Newland to attend a reception held by the Executive Council of the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India. 17/05/1893. 1 folio.

Newspaper clippings reporting on the "Jubilee Celebrations" held at Encounter Bay to celebrate R.W. Newland's 50 years as a cleric. 6/10/1893 and not dated. 2 folios. [Note: the clippings have been mounted for preservation purposes].

Document nominating Ridgway William Newland the sole heir to his father's estate. Signed by the Acting Judge, Thos. Mann. 26/05/1849. 1 folio

Letters written by Simpson Newland to his wife Jane ("Jennie") 1869-1880. 1.5cm.


Letters to Simpson Newland from Sir Arthur Blyth during Newland's time as Treasurer in the John Downer Ministry. Also includes the letters patent appointing R.W. Newland as treasurer. 1885-1886. 2cm.

Writings of Simpson Newland on various topics, including both manuscript and typescript form. See special list for Series 10 for details. not dated. 1.5cm.

Letters to Simpson Newland from his brother Watts. March-July, 1894. 12 folios.

Papers relating to the development of the Murray River, including correspondence, pamphlets, leaflets, reports, statistics, articles and photographs. Many of the items were created as a result of the activities of the "Murray Port League". See Special List for Series 12 for details of items. 1902-1925. 2cm.
Newspaper clippings relating to the Murray River. NB. They have been left in the original order. 1903-1924. 3cm.

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Scrapbooks (2) of cuttings relating to the Murray River. 1902-1918. 1.5cm.

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Report by Major Johnston on "Harbour for the River Murray Valley; together with plates and plans", Produced by the government printer at the order of the House of Assembly. 1917. 2cm.

15

Correspondence relating to the North South railway and/or the Northern Territory Railway League. 1909-1924. 2cm.

16

Articles written by Simpson Newland on topics relating to the North South Railway. The majority are 'letters to the editor'. See Special List for Series 17 for details. 1906-1923. 1.5cm.

17

Newspaper clippings relating to the North South railway, particularly about the Commonwealth's responsibility for its construction. 1902-1925. 3cm.

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"Report together with minutes of evidence relating to the following proposed railways:-
(A) Northern Territory Railway - Extension from Mataranka to Daly Waters;
(B) Extension of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway from Oodnadatta to Alice Springs". Compiled by the (Commonwealth) Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. Also includes covering letter. 5/10/1922. 2cm.

[See also PRG 288/16/9 + 13].

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Report on "The Land Grant Railway Across Central Australia - Adelaide to Port Darwin". Authorised by the S.A. Government. (2 copies). 1902. 1cm. (1 bound volume, 1 soft cover volume).

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Annual Report for the South Australian Department of Lands and Surveys. 1917-1918. 1cm. (bound volume).

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Printed articles and papers relating to the North South Railway. See Special List for Series 22 for details. 1883-1925. 3cm.

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Articles, papers and correspondence relating to the North South Railway. See Special List for Series 23 for details. 1886-1920. 2cm.

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General correspondence of Simpson Newland.  
1902-1924. 4cm.  

Letters written to Simpson Newland by his son Henry, while the latter was travelling around Europe.  
1901. 4 folios.  

Miscellaneous papers of Simpson Newland. Includes 3 notebooks, printed material, newspaper cuttings, letters, maps and plans. See Special List for Series 26 for details.  
1913-1923. 2cm.  

Letters to Simpson Newland from children other than Henry Simpson Newland. Also included are letters written by Simpson Newland to his sons, 'Hal' and 'Phil'.  
1903-1919. 1cm.  

Letters from Henry Simpson Newland to his father written while the latter was on active service during World War I.  
1914-1919. 8cm.  

Letters from Henry Simpson Newland to his mother, written while the latter was on active service during World War I.  
1914-1919. 9cm.  

Manuscript of the novel "First Footsteps" which was published under the title "Paving the Way" in 1896.  
c.1894-95. 5cm.  

Revised manuscript of "Paving the Way" in two parts.  
not dated. 2 bound volumes. (manuscript).  

Letters written to Simpson Newland on the subject of his book "Paving the Way", and newspaper clippings on the same subject.  
1894-1920. 2.5cm. (22 items).  

Pen and ink drawings by Miss K. Lumley for "Paving the Way". Notation on original wrapping read "Miss. K. Lumley's K.L. Illustrations (Mrs. Moore) for "Paving the Way". Each one is identified as to which part of the text it illustrates.  
not dated. 10 drawings on 9 cards.  

Photographs (2) of paintings - river scenes. Mounted with no identification.  
Photographs by Ernest Gall.  
not dated. 2 photographs, 14 x 8.5cm.; mounted.  

Photographs of the "Wallaroo Works". Found in an envelope addressed to Simpson Newland and identified only as above.  
not dated. 5 photographs. 15 x 11 cm., mounted.
Photographs collected from various sources for inclusion in the 1913 deluxe edition of "Paving the Way". These are identified as being included and show where they were to appear. See Special List for Series 36 for details. Not dated.

Photographs collected from various sources with a view to including them in the 1913 edition of "Paving the Way". These were apparently rejected. See Special List for Series 37 for details. Not dated.

Illustrations by H.B.T. Cole for "Paving the Way" printed from the original pen and ink sketches. 1898, 26 prints. (One an annotated duplicate of item 4)

Pamphlet advertising the deluxe edition of "Paving the Way" released on 6 September, 1913. 1913. 4 folios. 4 copies.

Photographic proofs of illustrations for "Paving the Way". Consists of single sheets, with one or two photographs on each. c.1913. 30 folios.

Book covers (2) samples for the deluxe edition of "Paving the Way". 1913. 2 items.

Printed engravings of various famous personalities: Benjamin Franklin, Kosciusko, Copernico, Joseph Banks, Schiller, Humphrey Davy, Black, Linnaeus, Des Cartes, Priestly, Curier, Larosier and Locke. Published by Charles Knight. [Note: These illustrations were found with other photographs and proofs for the deluxe edition of "Paving the Way" and have been assumed to be related in some way]. Not dated. 14 folios.

Photographic portrait of Simpson Newland. Not dated. 13.5 x 9cm. (oral) mounted.

Papers relating to the opening of the Newland Memorial Church and subsequent activities 1918-1919. Includes printed material in the form of an invitation, a pamphlet and newspaper and magazine clippings. Additional material consists of manuscripts of Simpson Newland's speech at the opening of the church.
Manuscript of an unpublished novel by Simpson Newland entitled "Arnold Wroithley's Track" (almost identical with his published novel "Blood Tracks of the Bush"). Chapter 12 was published as a short story in *The Chronicle* of December 21, 1895. The manuscript for this chapter is missing and is replaced by a cutting from The Chronicle. Chapter 22 is missing.
c.1895. 2cm.

Manuscript (typed) of the "Memoirs of Simpson Newland", published by Preece in 1926. The manuscript varies from the published version. 1925. 2cm.

Illustrations collected for possible inclusion in "Paving the Way". Includes a water colour painting of the Bluff at Victor Harbour, signed and dated S.B.H. 6/3/1894; two ink drawn maps of Australia and South Australia; and 8 printed copies of lithographs by J.R. Nivon, 1895. c.1895-1900. 9 items

Photographs (4) from Lake Victoria, Cal Lal, N.S.W. All are identified. not dated. 4 items.

Broadsheet with 9 printed drawings depicting Aborigines at various traditional activities. Drawn by various aboriginals, many of them children, they are all identified and the location of the original given. not dated. 1 folio.

Photograph of Frank G. Murdock inscribed "To Mr. Simpson Newland with regards from Frank G. Murdock". Photograph by Van Dyke of Adelaide. not dated. 1 item.

Letter to "My dear nephews" (the Newland children) from Aunt Nell 3/11/1888. 2 folios and envelope.

Photographs (4) of Gallipoli. Not identified beyond the general caption on the envelope they were placed in, they presumably belonged to Henry Newland. 1915. 4 items. 3 prints 15 x 9cm.; 1 print 11 x 8 cm.

Correspondence of Henry Simpson Newland. The majority of the letters are written to Sir Henry, but also included are some written by him, including some written to his brother Phil from Aden during World War I. 1914-1962. 7cm.

Letters written by Henry Simpson Newland to his mother while he was visiting Britain. 1932. 1.5cm.
Papers relating to the investigation of the Northern Territory medical services in 1950. These papers also include introductions for H.S. Newland to people in England during a trip prior to undertaking the investigation. 1950. lcm.  

Writings of Henry S. Newland. These range from autobiographical notes to speeches and articles. See Special List for Series 96 for details.  

Printed material collected and held by Sir Henry Newland. See Special for Series 57 for details. 1918-1964. 5cm.  

Draft for the film script for "Paving the Way", written by Miss Marjorie Livening (?). Also includes 2 letters written by Miss Livening to Sir Henry Newland about the proposed film. 1950. lcm.  

Miscellaneous papers, from newspapers and magazines, as well as postcards (2). "Principal Lakes of South Australia", and "The Reverie of A.J. Hurran." 1919-1964. 0.5cm.  

Papers of Henry Newland's relating to the Murray River. Includes notes on his father's role on the locking of the Murray, a report from The Riverlander entitled "A Valley State would Hold an Ace Hand" and a newspaper clipping entitled "Goolwa and its Bird Life".  

Magazine entitled "The Freedom We Defend" – apparently a propaganda publication. early 1940's. 31 folios.  

Map of "Part of Victor Harbor West" showing Dr H. Simpson Newland's property. Ink on linen, drawn by Wilkinson, Sando and Wyles. 1922. 1 item.  

Diary belonging to Simpson Newland relating the experiences of a sea voyage from Australia to Suez. 1889. 0.5cm.  

Plan of the ship Sir Charles Forbes showing accommodation for passengers. 1839. 1 page [Received in 1926 from Mrs Simpson Newland. PLSA accession number 3778. D3062.]  

Document appointing Richard Francis Newland as a Justice of the Peace. 21/2/89. 1 folio. [Formerly D2830 (Misc)]
Letter written to Sir Henry Newland by Alfred E. Stephen with notes on the  
Newland family.  
4/7/1946. 1 folio.  
[Formerly D2830 (Misc)]  

Sermons written by Ridgway Newland in his capacity as a Congregational  
minister.  
c.1840-1850. 5cm.  

Maps of various parts of South Australia.  
1840-1916. 9 items.  
See Special List for Series 68 for details.  

Family Bible of Jane Sophia Benning, wife of Reverend R.W. Newland.  
1783-1825. 1 volume. Printed, with manuscript additions.  

Newland family tree 1600-1971.  
c.1971. 5 folios. Photocopy of manuscript.  

Land Grant.  
1839. 0.5cm. Printed, with manuscript additions.  
[Grant to Rev. Ridgeway William Newland of Section 10, Encounter Bay, with 80 acres of land, 23 September 1839].