
Leworthy, Betty

PRG 3
Series list

Commander Henry Leworthy, R.N.

Served as a Midshipman during the Napoleonic Wars, being for some time a prisoner of war in France. (See PRG 3/3/3 & PRG 3/3/4, reminiscences of his wife). Served in 'Home Stations' until being made a Commander in December, 1848, and appointed Collector of Customs in South Australia. Left aboard the "John Munn" with his wife, seven daughters, and only son, arriving in Adelaide on 16th September, 1849. Commander Leworthy died at Barnett's Hotel, Port Adelaide, four days later, on 20th September, aged 58. (He had previously been living at Salcombe, near Knightsbridge, Devon).

His widow, Mrs Betty Leworthy, was in 1852 living at Yankalilla, and in 1859, apparently had a home at Hindmarsh Valley (See PRG 3/1/3, letter from her dated 15/10/1859). In 1865 she was living at Goolwa (PRG 3/1/5, letter from A.F. Lindsay). She is known finally to have been living in "Alexandra", Torrens Street, Victor Harbour. Died 25th February, 1891. Leworthy and Lindsay Streets, Victor Harbour, are named for the family.

Miss Betty Leworthy was a grand-daughter (?) of Commander Henry Leworthy. Through the Sutherland family she was also related to Sir Josiah Symon's family. She also appears to have been connected with the family of Arthur Fydell Lindsay. The Leworthy and Lindsay families were established at or near Hindmarsh Valley. The papers listed below are related to all these connections.

Children of Henry Leworthy and Betty Cooper

1. Charlotte Henrietta (1824-1915) m. Arthur Fydell Lindsay (1817-1895) 5 daughters, 2 sons. Lived at Glen Lindsay, Hindmarsh Valley, and Edzell House, Victor Harbor. (See B27896 and B27897, portraits of A.F. Lindsay and his wife).
 2. Theresa (1825-) m. William Smith Evans (1827-) No issue known. W.S. Evans was also a passenger on the "John Munn". He began in 1874 Victor Harbour's first public school, in "Alexandra".
 3. Matilda Drew m. (1) William John Absalom, another passenger on "John Munn". One daughter born. In later years m. (2) John Hindmarsh, son of our first Governor, and went with him to New Zealand in 1872. No further issue.
 4. Isabella m. Richard Fydell Lindsay (1819-1861). One son known, thought not to have survived infancy. Lindsay was a brother to A.F. Lindsay.
 5. Blanche }
 6. Frances } One became Mrs Hargreaves?
 7. Laura m. George Anstey (1837-1869). 2 daughters and a son known. Descendants could still be living in Adelaide.
 8. Malcolm Henry m. Ellen Sutherland. 2 daughters, no descendants. The Lindsay - Leworthy connection comes from Arthur Fydell Lindsay who married Charlotte Leworthy, daughter of Commander Henry Leworthy.
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Letters received by, and from, various persons 1852-1924. 10 items. Includes letter from Josiah Sutherland during his visit to Victorian goldfields in 1852.	<u>1</u>
Documents. 1864-1892. 7 items. Appointments of A.F. Lindsay as surveyor (2), Probate copy of will, baptismal certificate. Memorandum of Lease, Agreement, Sericulture certificate.	<u>2</u>
Journals. 4 items. Copy of B.T. Finniss's 1836 diary, A trip to Victorian diggings (reminiscences), unidentified volume of reminiscences (probably about Cdr. Leworthy) unidentified journal (by Mrs Leworthy?)	<u>3</u>
Copy of Governor Hindmarsh's despatch of 21 June 1838 (no.96). With carbon typescript copy.	<u>4</u>
Copy of letter from Col. Commission to Colonial Office. 1 December 1838. Observations on voyage of <u>Pelorus</u> on Victor Harbour.	<u>5</u>
Miscellaneous items Note on Sir George Black 1796-1878, notes on de Zouche family, verses, subscription list for church (Anglican?) at Victor Harbor.	<u>6</u>
Newspaper cuttings. 7 items. Relate to Sutherland, Leworthy and Lindsay families.	<u>7</u>
Printed material. Copies of <u>New Australia</u> periodical and other material on New Australia movement, <u>Federal Single Tax of Australia</u> (c.1903), <u>C.H. Spence, an autobiography, New Colony of South Australia, Prospectus of S.A. Company.</u> 15 items.	<u>8</u>
Plans. 3 items. Residue estate Mrs C.H. Lindsay, 1916, pt. section 15, Hd. of Encounter Bay; map of Victor Harbour. n.d.; Lithograph of proposed Victor Harbour breakwater.	<u>9</u>
Pictorial items. 13 items.	<u>10</u>
Appointment of Henry Leworthy as Commander 1 January 1848.	<u>11</u>
Paper of Arthur Fydell presented by A. K. Sweetman in 1966 6 items.	<u>12</u>