

John Jacob (1816-1910) arrived in South Australia from England aboard the barque Juliet in January 1838 (1). His elder brother William (1814-1902) was already living in the province, having arrived in 1836 as assistant surveyor to Colonel Light, later taking up land at Moorooroo (near Jacob's Creek) where he engaged in various forms of pastoralism, agriculture and viticulture (2). In 1842 William married Mary Bagot, daughter of Charles Bagot of Ireland.

In 1839 John Jacob brought stock overland from Sydney to McLaren Vale where he established a station. Later, he joined his brother at Moorooroo before establishing himself on a fine estate at 'Woodlands' on the Hutt River near Sevenhills.

In 1848 John Jacob married Mary Cowles, daughter of Nathaniel Cowles of London.

In subsequent years John and William Jacob expanded their pastoral interests throughout the Clare district and beyond, finally settling at Paralana in the Far North where they took out a lease for 528 square miles of country which they proceeded to stock with cattle (3).

However, misfortune struck in the form of a disastrous drought during the mid-1860s virtually wiping out their herds. While William returned to Moorooroo, John opened a business as a land agent in Mintaro. In 1868 John entered the government service and was appointed Clerk of the Local Court at Mount Gambier where for the next twenty years he proved to be 'a most valuable official' (4). His wife Mary opened a girls school in Mount Gambier at this time. She died in 1894.

After his retirement John Jacob lived in Childers St., North Adelaide, until his death in 1910. He was survived by seven children. Of the descendants of the Jacob family the following are noteworthy:

- **William Jacob** (eldest son of John Jacob) married Rosa Phelps of Queensland [see Series 4].
- **John Jacob** (second son of John Jacob) became secretary of Bagot, Shaker and Lewis Ltd.
- **Caroline Jacob** (youngest daughter of John Jacob) enrolled at the University of Adelaide in 1879 as one of its first women students, later becoming a prominent educator and headmistress of Tormore House Private School at North Adelaide. She died in 1941 (5).
- **Henry Jacob** (youngest son of John Jacob) was appointed as a surveyor in the Survey Department, becoming Chief draughtsman in that department before his death in 1916 (6).
- **Ian Jacob** (son of William Jacob) managed the Mintaro Slate Quarry during the 1920's.
- **Ross Blyth Jacob** (son of William Jacob) served with distinction in the A.I.F. during the 1914-18 War, later becoming a director of Mount Eba Ltd. (pastoral holdings) (7).

References

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2. P.R.S.A. p.92.
3. Accession 839/40.
4. Adelaide Stock and Station Journal, Feb. 1924, p.4.
5. 'Personalities Remembered' D5390 [Misc.]
6. Public Service Review, June 1916, p.66.
7. Who's Who in S.A. 1936, p.201.

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- Family correspondence including a letter written to William Jacob by Chamberlain, 1838; a letter from William Jacob of Winchester to his nephew John Jacob, 1839; a letter written by John Jacob to his daughter Ann, 1866 [formerly D2782 (L)];
1838 – 1866 3 items 1
- Diaries kept by Mary Jacob (wife of John Jacobs): 2
1862 – 1881. 4 cm.
Volume 1: March 1862 – April 1863 'Woodlands' Sevenhill
Volume 2: July 1863 – July 1864 'Woodlands'
Volume 3: July 1865 – May 1866 North Adelaide
Volume 4: May 1866 – March 1867 North Adelaide.
Includes transcript.
Volume 5: June 1870 – December 1873 Mount Gambier (written in French)
Volume 6: February 1880 – August 1881 Mount Gambier
- Diaries kept by John Jacob. All but one just record briefly daily events, one is more detailed. 3
1860, 1865 – 1869, 1874, 1877, 1899 12cm
(9 volumes)
- Pocket ledger kept by John Jacob. It appears to have been started 1832, but South Australian references suggest its use continued beyond this date. 4
c. 1832 – 1840 1.5cm (1 volume)
- Cashbook containing details of the estate of Henry and William King, and showing the share of William, Ann and John Jacob in this estate. 5
1839 1cm (1 volume)

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| Cashbooks containing details of stock and transactions at John Jacob's Paralana Station in the Flinders Ranges. Also includes 2 loose sheets. 1854 – 1866 1 cm (2 volumes + s sheets) | <u>6</u> |
| Testimonial to John Jacob from the men of Sevenhills and district on his departure from the district (21 signatories) 1864 1 folio | <u>7</u> |
| Statement of accounts for Paralana Station. 1866 – 1867 1 folio | <u>8</u> |
| Wax impression of the Jacob seal, together with a note on it taken from Milner. n.d. 1 cm | <u>9</u> |
| Photographs of members of the Jacob family and Winnold House (their home at Mount Gambier). c. 1880 – 1900 9 items | <u>10</u> |
| Account book, presumably with customers of John Jacob (incomplete). 1849 – 1861 1.5cm (1 volume) | <u>11</u> |
| Ledger (kept by John Jacob?) 1856 – 1866 3cm (1 volume) | <u>12</u> |
| Historical note compiled by W H Jacob on the family in Hampshire, and a covering letter and handwritten note. 1892 0.5cm | <u>13</u> |
| Autograph book of Anne Jacob (started 1874). Includes drawings and verse. [Loose items have been attached throughout the volume.] 1874 2cm | <u>14</u> |
| Scrapbook of Anne Jacob. Mostly empty, but includes some cards and quite a few dried plants. [Loose items have been housed separately.] c.1874 4cm | <u>15</u> |
| Illuminated address presented to John Jacob on his departure from Mt Gambier from the Congregation of Christ Church. 1888 1 folio | <u>16</u> |
| An 'In memoriam' verse, and a pencil drawing relating to the wreck of the 'Gothenburg'. 1875 1 folio + drawing | <u>17</u> |

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| Sample of stitching by Mary Jacob (nee Cowles), used to mark the items in her Glory Box. c.1870 1 item | <u>18</u> |
| Letters of John Jacob received by his wife Mary ('Polly') and daughters Judy and Annie. 1856-78 4cm | <u>19</u> |
| Letters received by Annie Jacob from her aunt (Anne Horrocks), cousin (Frederick Evelyn Cowles), and friend (Emily Gifford). 1864 3 items | <u>20</u> |
| Pocket diary [of John Jacob?] 1865, 1867, 1877 3 items | <u>21</u> |
| Family photograph album 1 volume. [Includes portraits of members of the Jacob family and the Phelps family, together with views of St Andrew's Church, Walkerville, c.1870, St Anne's Church, Ryde, and the Terowie Institute.] Donor: Dr John Yeatman (a descendant of the family). December 1973. <u>See</u> Special List for details <u>n.d.</u> (c.1865-1885) 1 volume | <u>22</u> |
| Diary kept by William Jacob 1837-1838 1 volume. Photocopied manuscript [formerly V1513] | <u>23</u> |
| Baptismal certificate for Caroline Jacob 1861. 21 cm x 11 cm. Baptismal certificate for Caroline Jacob, issued by William Wood, Minister at St Mark's, Penwortham, on 23 February 1861. | <u>24</u> |
| Autograph album 1877. 2 cm. Autograph album given to Caroline Jacob on her 16th birthday, 18 January 1877. | <u>25</u> |
| Greeting cards ca.1878-1891 & not dated. 0.5 cm. Greeting cards received by Caroline (Carrie) Jacob from family and friends. | <u>26</u> |

- Notebook kept by Mary Jacob (nee Cowles) 27
1873-1883. 0.5 cm.
Small notebook kept by Mary Jacob (wife of John Jacob) with the notation inside the front cover 'Names of our pupils at Mount Gambier'. The entries give the date of entry, the name of the pupil, age, and the date they left. [Mary Jacob kept a dame school at Mount Gambier for several years.] The notebook was issued by Laurie and Watson, booksellers & stationers at Mount Gambier.
- Certificates and related papers 28
1877-1884. 0.5 cm.
Certificates and papers relating to Caroline Jacob's educational qualifications. They comprise:
1. 'First class certificate' issued by the South Australian Institute with details of examination results sat for in May 1877;
2. letter from Inspector General John A. Hartley from the Education Office advising Caroline Jacob she has permission to enter the training school 'conditionally on your passing the usual entrance examination', December 1878; and
3. Teacher's Certificate issued by the Education Department, South Australia, January 1884.
- Letters from Caroline Jacob to her mother 29
1887-1895. 1.5 cm.
Letters written by Caroline Jacob to her mother from North Adelaide, Kapunda, Brown's River (Tasmania), and Moorak (near Mount Gambier).
- Letters between sisters 30
1891, 1894, 1914. 0.5 cm.
Letters written by the Jacob sisters, Caroline (Carrie), Sarah (Williams), Mary and Nellie (Poole) to one another. Included is a letter from Caroline to Sarah after the birth of Sarah's daughter (Mollie) 1891, another from Caroline to Sarah about their mother's illness 1894, and a letter from Caroline to Nellie re Sarah's illness 1914.
- Letters from Caroline Jacob 31
1912, 1927. 1 cm.
Letters written by Caroline Jacob whilst travelling abroad, mainly to family but including one to 'my dear girls' at Tormore House School.

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| Photographs of Caroline Jacob ca. 1866-1925. 0.5 cm (6 items). Photographs of Caroline Jacob: one as a child with her brother Henry, others as both a young woman and a mature woman. One is a portrait by Standish & Preece. | <u>32</u> |
| Letter from Le Hunte 1907. 0.5 cm. Letter to Caroline Jacob from Governor George R. Le Hunte about an appointment. 5 August 1907. | <u>33</u> |
| Examinations in general education 1877. 0.5 cm. 'Examinations in general education : subjects, regulations, &c., for pass and honor examinations, 1878 with appendix containing the papers set for May 1877'. Issued by the South Australian Institute. Caroline Jacob sat for her examinations in 1878. | <u>34</u> |
| Catalogue and index to Jacob papers 2004. 0.5 cm. Catalogue and index of letters, papers and memorabilia held and indexed by Mary Hart-Davies. | <u>35</u> |