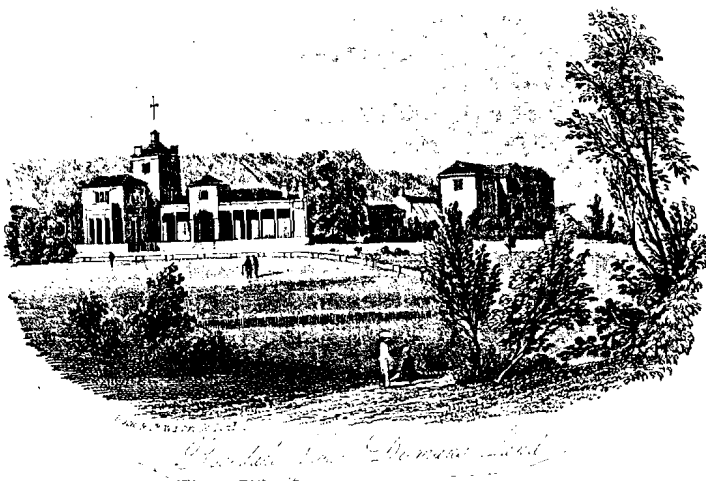


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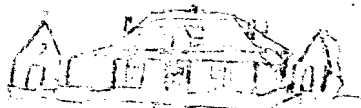
## LEAKE FAMILY PAPERS

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Rosedale c 1850 Sketch by Arthur Leake  
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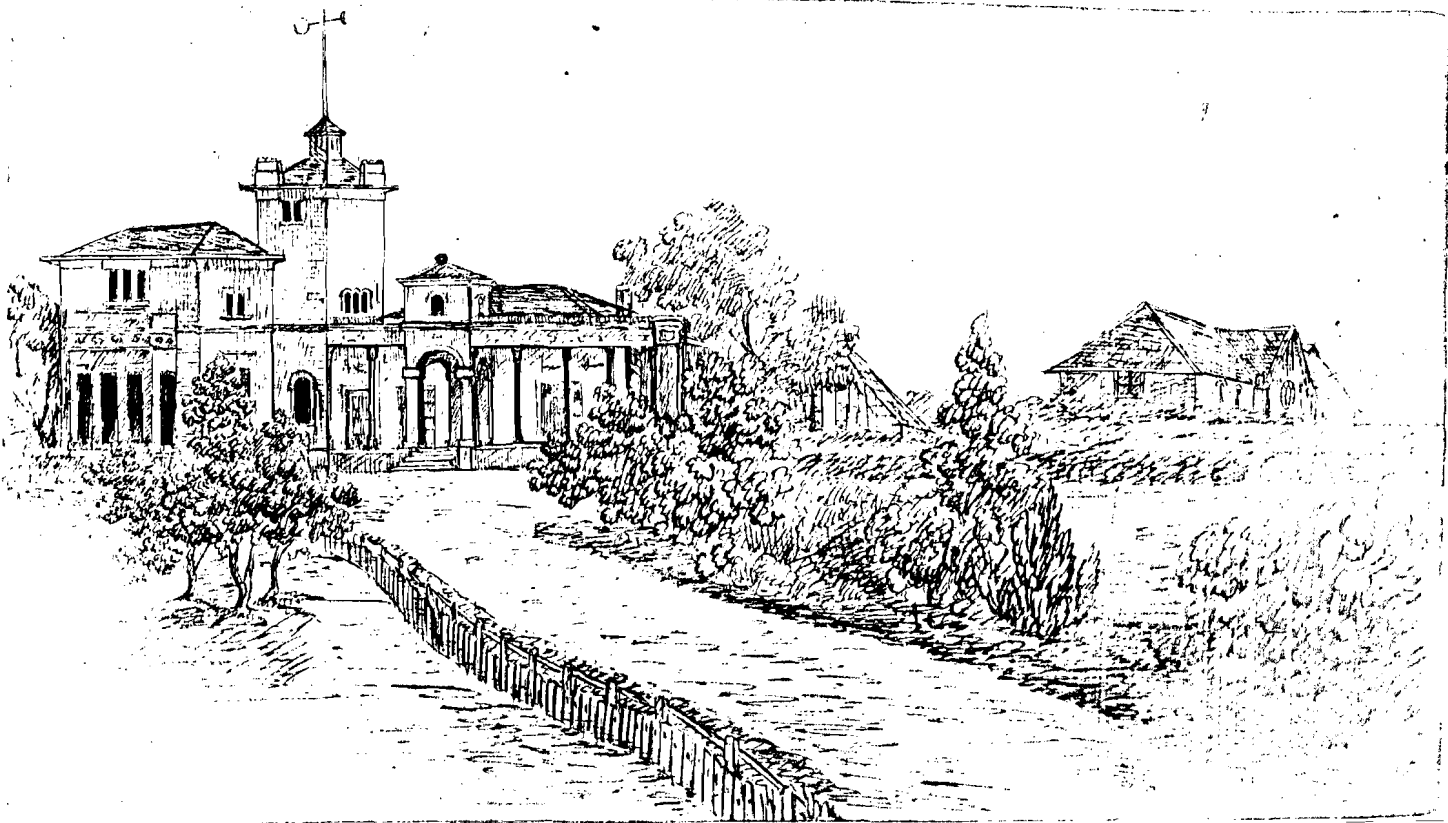
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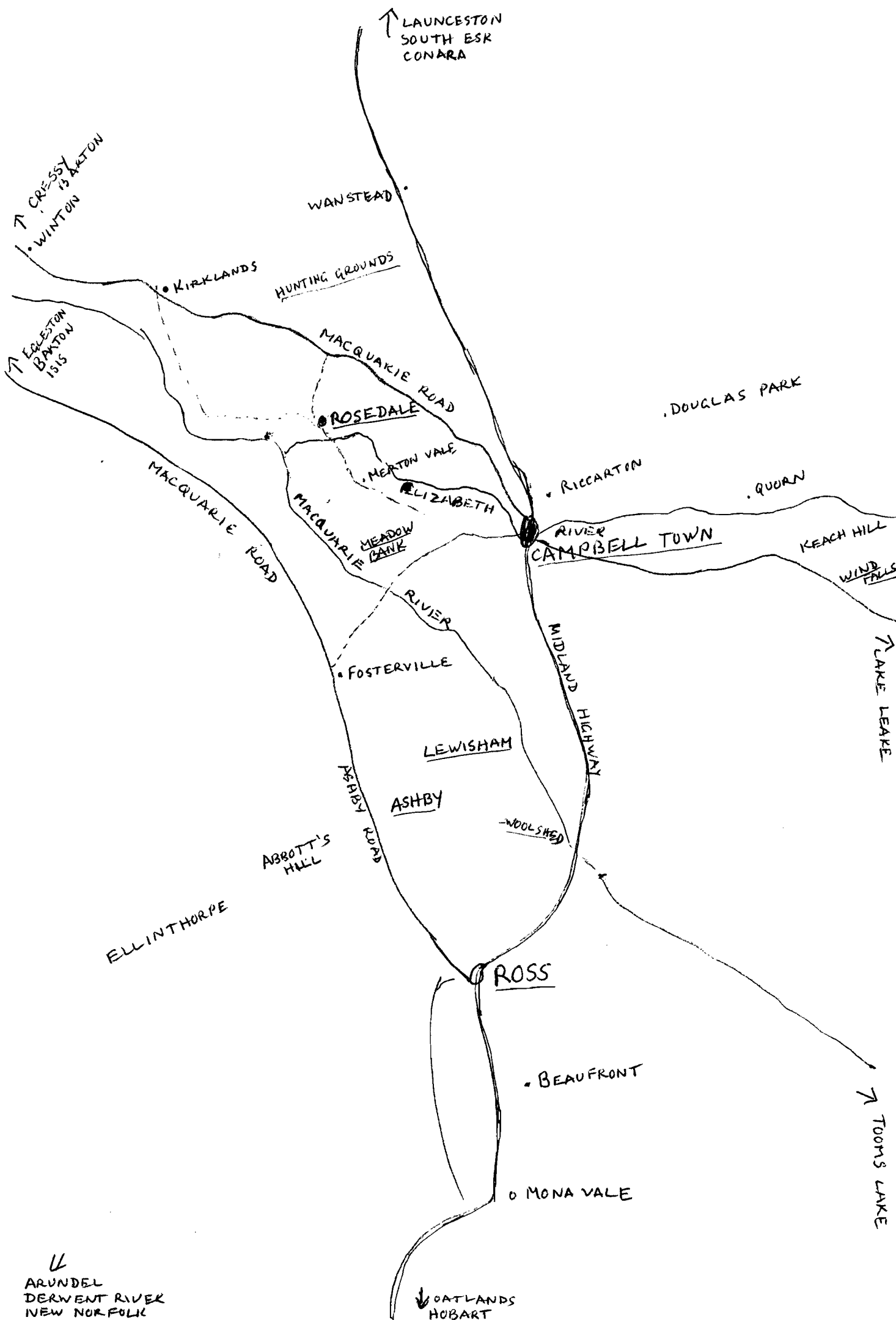
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*The Farm*

Rosedale c 1849-50



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↑ EGLESTON  
BANTON  
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• KIRKLANDS

MACQUARIE ROAD

• ROSEDALE

• MERTON VALE

• ELIZABETH

MEADOW  
BANK

MACQUARIE ROAD

• RICCARTON

• DOUGLAS PARK

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• BEAUFONT

• MONA VALE

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## JOHN LEAKE

(1780-1865)

John Leake was born in Kent, U.K., in 1780, son of Robert and Sarah Leake. The family were merchants connected with the firm of Travis and Leake of Hull and John worked as a shipping and cargo agent, trading in various commodities between Hamburg, Hull, and North Sea and Mediterranean ports. In Hull in 1805 he married Elizabeth the daughter of a Hull merchant, William Bell, and between 1806 and 1819 they had six sons and two daughters, but one daughter died in childhood. After the Napoleonic Wars Leake and his family settled in Hamburg, an important trading centre and home for many British merchants, where he acted as agent for a number of East Yorkshire and German business companies, especially in agricultural produce, linseed oil, whale oil, cotton, etc. In the 1820s and 1830s, however, business began to decline and many of the Anglo-German merchant community emigrated. Leake was encouraged by William Wilberforce and the British consul in Hamburg to emigrate to Van Diemen's Land and he and his family sailed from Leith in 1822 and arrived in Hobart in 1823. The family settled near Campbell Town in the Midlands where many other former merchants of Hamburg and Altona (Holstein) settled, including Lewis Gilles and the Oakden and Milliken families etc. Others, later settled in South Australia, including Osmond Gilles and two of Leake's sons, Robert and Edward. Leake still kept in touch with friends and relatives in Hamburg and Hull. Former business associates acted as Leake's agents for the sale of wool and other business, especially Leake's father-in-law William Bell of Hull and his son, William Bell jr. Leake's father-in-law left property in Hull, in the street called "Land of Green Ginger", in trust for the education of Leake's son John Travis Leake as a surgeon, the residue for Bell's daughter Elizabeth Leake and then for Elizabeth's other children (*see* L.1/D.277-99). John T. Leake studied medicine in Kiel and Dublin and later received an MD. from Kiel University. William Bell the younger offered to educate a younger son, Arthur, and teach him the merchant business, so he was sent back to Hull and spent some years there and also in Hamburg with his other uncle Edward John Bell. One of Edward Bell's daughters, Clara, came to live with the Leakes in 1857 and in 1869 married the youngest son, Charles. Bell's son Ernst joined Robert Leake at Glencoe for a few years and then settled at Mt. Drummond near Port Lincoln, South Australia. Another son, Edward Geiss settled in Queensland, and after their father's death the youngest sister, Helen, came out to join the Leake family at Campbell Town in 1878.

The Leake family arrived with merchandise worth £3000, including Leake's special pride a small flock of merino sheep from Saxony, and necessities such as farm implements, horse and ox harness, ploughs, carpentry tools, millstones, seeds of grass, clover, rye for pasture, garden vegetable and flower seeds, pots and pans, tea boiler, camp oven, candle moulds, furniture and 12 boxes of crown glass. He was granted 2000 acres and immediately travelled inland to select suitable land, choosing a location on the Elizabeth River near its confluence with the Macquarie River west of Campbell Town naming it Rosedale. Having improved his initial grant, in 1828 he received a further 1000 acres adjacent and another 1000 acres at the "Hunting Ground". A mistake in measuring the original grant, in fact, made the adjacent grant less when measured from the correct boundary and this led to a dispute with Leake's neighbour, Richard Willis, over the location of their dividing fence. In 1833 Leake purchased Lewis Gilles' property, Lewisham, and later the property adjacent to it, Ashby, which together formed a second large property managed by one of Leake's sons. With further smaller purchases and leases of Crown grazing land Leake accumulated a substantial holding.

The early days were hard work, however, for, as Mrs Leake said, settling in a new country required "unremitting labour and perseverance" and to the younger children it seemed a dismal land after their German home. As soon as he had established his property, built a rough turf cottage for his family near the river and begun to work and improve the land, Leake took a job as an accountant in the Derwent Bank in Hobart for a few years until 1830, leaving most of the management of the farm to his wife and eldest son. Mrs Leake kept a rough diary for a couple of weeks during this period, perhaps as memoranda for letters to her husband, and noted the work being done, such as: "2 men binding barley", "Emsley threshing", "Thomas and John skin oak for lime", "Robert and Cox branded the sheep", "Cox and John ploughed". Some bullocks strayed on to a neighbour's property and when claimed were found to have been worked (L.1/B.634). Mrs Leake still found time for lessons for the younger children and family prayers and made a note to get a sermon book, spelling book, prayer books and Bibles. She sometimes complained, however that the two teenage boys, Robert and Edward were naughty and insolent.

As the family prospered, a good stone house with nine rooms was built in 1828. Edward and Sarah were sent to boarding schools, Edward at 17 a little resentful and "unmanageable" after so many years comparative freedom as shepherd boy. Robert, too old to go back to school, continued to supervise the sheep, but in later years regretted that he did not complete his education. John Leake was able to leave his bank job and return to

his property in 1830, although he later managed a local bank, opened in 1838, for a short time. The eldest son William, in his turn went to work in the bank for a few years before returning to help manage the property.

After ten years in Van Diemen's Land Mrs Leake wrote to a friend:

We now live in a very comfortable house containing eleven good sized rooms beside gig house, stables, dairy etc. standing upon an area of 10,000 square feet. It is an exact square each side being one hundred feet. The first five years passed here was in a neat sod hut nicely white-washed with only three rooms in it. We have about 9000 acres of land and upwards of 4000 sheep, 9 horses and about 50 head of cattle. We have a good garden and a well stocked orchard. Last year I made about 80 gallons of gooseberry wine and plenty of gooseberry and currant jams to serve for winter use. As settlers in a new country we have plenty of the necessities of life but in a new country it requires unremitting labour and perseverance - in Hobart Town they live as expensively as in London and are most extravagant in their dress. One of our greatest drawbacks is the want of Respectable female servants. It is almost impossible to endure the Female Convicts and it makes many people only employ men about their household work.

... I am not infrequently up at five in the summer - we have about ten men upon the farm who live separate from the house and have weekly rations weighed out to them. During the last year Mr Leake has been appointed Police Magistrate to the district. At present it is worth about two hundred a year and gives him a good deal of influence.

William superintends the farm. John who has studied surgery in Ireland arrived a few months ago, Robert superintends the sheep, Arthur is in England with his Uncle, Mr W. Bell, but owing to his dislike of England & some other unpleasant circumstances it is most likely we shall send for him home again. . . I should take it very kind if you would speak to him as a parent. He was a very fine boy when he left us about six years ago. Sarah, my only little girl, is about fifteen - unfortunately is lame. About 4 years ago she was attacked by a hip complaint & since that period altho' quite restored to health is lame for life, one leg being considerably shorter than the other. She is a good disposition and bears it with great fortitude. In the summer she is much occupied in the garden and at other times reads a good deal. She had been at a boarding school two years when her illness began. . . Female society would be a great comfort to her. I wish your daughters were within the distance of a visit. Few of our neighbours have any young children in their families. Our youngest son, Charles, now thirteen, goes on a Pony three miles every day to school to a Scotch clergyman. (L.1/B.524)

Their first home, a white-washed cottage of three rooms on the river bank, was in fact only a "sod hut" until 1828 when a stone and brick house was built on a site back from the river, a little distance from the farm. This house had a stuccoed front and contained 9 rooms, extended later to eleven. A sketch of it by young Arthur for his uncle when he arrived in England in 1829 shows a typical single storied, square, colonial house with a steeply pitched roof overhanging a verandah and an attic under the roof with a single dormer window. On either side of the house are tall, narrow, gothic looking out-buildings, presumably the gig house, stables and dairy etc. mentioned by Mrs Leake. The house is shown to be some distance from the farm, separated by the gardens and orchards. In 1846 the house was extended to a design by John Blackburn and turned into a stately Italianate mansion, with a turret, pillars, etc. Paving tiles by Minton in buff, red, black and white and Copeland statuettes were purchased from Britain, a bath, shower bath and water closet and also an octagonal ironwork orangery made in London. There was a marble chimney piece and a fine chandelier for the drawing room and pictures for the walls, including "The Millman" by John Waterston which Robert Leake won as an "Art Union" prize in South Australia and sent to his sister. Fine furniture, a piano, carpets, glassware etc. were purchased. Outside on the lawn were peacocks and a sundial.

The kitchen garden and orchard was planted with a good variety of vegetables and fruit trees, including almond trees and grapes, some from the seeds Leake brought out with him and some from gifts of seeds and roots from neighbours, including a friend who moved to Sydney and sent orange and lemon trees from Capt. Moffatt's orangery at Kissing Point. A former gardener of Leake's sent him seeds of new varieties and others were purchased from the Botanic Gardens in Hobart. Leake sent grapes to a sick friend and cider, ale and ginger beer were made. (See especially L.1/B.981-997, C.374)

All the family were well-educated and enjoyed reading books from their own library and borrowed from neighbours and later from Turnbull's Library in Campbell Town and there was some social life even in the early days. The Archers, Gilles and Jellicoes called to drink tea with Mrs Leake. William Archer and his father she described as "gentlemen" and old Mr Archer, although about 70, was particularly agreeable and full of good humour especially with the young children. Mrs Leake was distressed to be obliged to put them to sleep overnight in the unfinished house where they were not so well accommodated as she would have wished. There were invitations to dine with other settlers in the district. Henry Keach found that his family dinner hour was the Leake "lunching time", but in the 1850s the dinner hour was varied to suit visitors. F. L. von Stieglitz

warmly invited Sarah Leake to recuperate after illness at Killymoon in the 1840s as he had coal fires. Several of Leake's old acquaintances stayed a few days when passing through the Colony. After the extensions to Rosedale there was more room for house guests. Mrs Oakden, who visited with her children, described the Leake's spare bed as "so capacious". Governor Denison played charades with other guests and was puzzled by F.H. Henslowe's "riddle" in 1850 (L.1/F.495, L.1/B.414) and on a visit in 1854 Sarah noted in her diary that Denison's party and the Leake family went to the steeplechase at Campbell Town which was won by a Port Philip horse called "Lottery". The household accounts for this period include delicacies such as Crosse and Blackwell's pickled salmon, souchong and orange pekoe tea, coffee, cheroots, wines and spirits and "Sydney Ale" (the latter brewed in London). Leake dined at Government House and he and his daughter were invited to Government House balls although as Robert wrote to Sarah they were "not a dancing family".

Sarah's hip complaint (?T.B.) left her lame. She and her brother, Charles, had whooping cough badly as adults in 1840 and Sarah was ill again in 1848 with "fits of desponding" and hysteria. William, the eldest, also gave his family cause for concern when he left home for Launceston in a fit of pique in 1836 owing to differences of opinion with his father, but his brothers told him to stop disgracing himself, a family friend, Lewis Gilles, helped to smooth things over and the father of a girl William had met, "very respectable in her class", realised that William was not in command of himself - a foretaste possibly of the illness which attacked William in his old age. William also had a "halt" in his leg. On the whole, however, the family were healthy, tall, strong and well built. As young men they were handsome. John, the father, in his very young days in the local Yorkshire militia wore long ringlets, sometimes powdered and son, William, had auburn curls which his mother loved to comb. Mrs Leake died in 1852 aged 66 after an arduous life and John Leake continued working until he was 80 and died at 85 in 1865. Elizabeth and John Leake were both buried together on the property, but in 1880 their remains were transferred to the Church of England cemetery in Campbell Town.

The property was almost entirely sheep for wool, although some sheep were fattened for sale as meat after shearing (some butchers paid more if they were not washed before shearing as the washing left the sheep out of condition). Leake improved his flocks with the introduction of the Saxon merino strain. Wheat was grown for flour for rations for the men and household use. Thomas Ritchie of Scone Mill in 1838 explained the different qualities of flour: 12% or "ration flour" had the broad bran removed 12 lbs per 100 lbs of wheat, 20% or "military flour" 20 lbs of bran and pollard per 100 lbs of wheat and "seconds" had all the bran and pollard taken away. Fine flour cost 21s for 100 lbs compared with 19s for "seconds" and 17/6d for "ration" flour (L.1/C.289). Some surplus wheat was shipped for sale in Britain. Other crops were grown, including barley, rape and turnips for feed and tobacco for sheep dip. Leake imported ploughs and other machinery from Britain and Capt. Wood referred in 1855 to a reaping machine which cut the stubble close and so saved the dangerous task of burning it off (L.1/B.575). Letters from neighbours refer to drought or sometimes floods by the river. Charles Leake noted some of the effects of the drought of 1839, sheep dead in the mud and the river too low to work the mill to grind flour. That year the Leake's had a new water tank built and watched the level when the rains eventually came to fill it. The Hortons had a wind pump in 1842 to irrigate their garden (L.1/B.434). A grass fire was started on Wood's property by "vagabond fiddlers" dining at the roadside. Denison referred to a "grasshopper plague" in 1854 (L.1/F.527).

Most farm servants were convicts assigned to service for short terms, under strict regulations. When John Nokes was sent to the neighbour's property to fetch some strayed bullocks, a government "pass" had to be obtained to allow him to leave the Leake land. Leake appears to have been a good master, strict but benevolent. He considered it a duty to instil habits of industry and he assembled his servants for prayers with his family on Sundays "being far from a place of worship", but he also helped them to apply for pardons or tickets of leave or to have their families brought out to V.D.L. to join them. A special application was made for a remission of sentence for a good worker, William Plant, so that he could accompany Robert Leake to South Australia. A maidservant, Eliza Williams received a pardon a year before her sentence was completed in 1857 at Leake's request to "proceed to New York". Later as Mrs Hanley she wrote to the Leake family from Detroit, U.S.A. with happy memories of her life at Rosedale. In the 1870s in Detroit she had five children, the boys at college and the girls at a convent boarding school learning French and music and the family took a winter holiday in Florida (L.1/C.90-95, K.69-70, M.74-77, N.66). Leake admitted, however, that assigned servants often spent their leisure time smoking or roaming abroad without permission. It was difficult to find good skilled farm workers or respectable household servants and some experienced men or couples were recruited in England by agents. In 1853 when the last convict ship was expected Leake was advised to apply for assisted emigrants and his son, Charles, engaged some servants on his visit to Hull, U.K. in 1854. See especially L.1/C1-102, L.1/B.2b p.43, B.554-6). There no references to aborigines on the Leake property but J. H. Wedge in 1833 wrote to Leake of his "three native boys" and the death of Mrs Leake's "old acquaintance Whetee Coolera alias May Day" whose loss was much felt (L.1/B.546) and in 1840 Charles noted that John Wedge visited with a little Port Philip native



dressed in top boots.

Leake was a churchwarden of St. Luke's Church of England, Campbell Town, and also connected with the Bible Society and the Temperance Society and subscribed to the building of a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. His friend, Philip Oakden, referred to his "love of God" and a visitor, P. Massingbird, remembered scripture lessons at Rosedale. A bundle of manuscript sermons dating from the eighteenth century with Leake's papers were probably bought by Leake to read on Sundays to his assembled family and servants. Naturally Leake was involved in other Campbell Town affairs, notably the disputes over the building of roads and rights of way across residents' land and the provision of a water supply for the district, as well as the usual charitable and patriotic funds, agricultural shows etc.

John Leake was appointed to the Commission of the Peace in August 1832. As well as serving as local justice of the peace he sometimes deputised for the resident Police Magistrate and was appointed Acting Police Magistrate 1833 - 1834. The Lieutenant-Governor praised his "zeal and integrity". In 1835 a circular sent to existing justices of the peace, including Leake, pointed out that as the number of paid magistrates was being reduced many of the duties performed by them would devolve on the unpaid magistracy "particularly the taking of informations, the issue of Summonses and Warrants, and the disposal of cases in Petty Sessions". In fact Leake had never treated his duties as "merely nominal". Many informations, etc. were taken before him and he appears to have taken his place on the bench regularly and also deputised during absences of the Police Magistrate.

Leake received a salary of £200 a year for the year he was Acting Police Magistrate. He was surprised that at that time the Colonial Office normally used Spanish dollars not British silver coin for magistrates' fees (L.1/E.332).

John Leake served on the Legislative Council from 1846, after the resignation of the so called "Patriotic Six". The "Six" led by Richard Dry had resigned after the third reading of the Appropriation Bill on 31 October 1845 on the question of the expenses of the convict system, claiming that the economic depression was caused by the expense of the convicts and the loss of free labour from the Colony. Leake and others, reluctantly accepted the vacant seats "to relieve the Government of embarrassment" (as W.R. Allison wrote in a letter of 23 July 1847) from March 1846 until Governor Eardley-Wilmot was dismissed in September 1846, unjustly in Leake's opinion. The new Governor, Sir William Denison, in 1847 reinstated the "ex six", to the affront of Leake and his colleagues. In August 1848, however, Leake accepted the seat vacated by Capt. Swanston and served on the Legislative Council until 1855. During this period there were two vital issues: transportation of convicts and the introduction of representative government, and the two were inseparably linked by the question of expense and funding. Leake, himself, favoured continuing a modified form of transportation, reducing the number of convicts and putting them on arrival into private service to learn "habits of industry" and be absorbed into society. He did, however, protest at the expense of the police and judicial establishment being borne by the Colonial Government. The first elections for representatives were, therefore, fought largely on the anti-transportation question. Leake also doubted whether the Colony was ripe for representative government. Were there, he asked, enough "men properly qualified and willing to devote their time to public matters . . . at their own expense?" Nevertheless he seems always to have been willing to do his own duty conscientiously, bringing his experience of the local magistracy, servants, roads and stock fencing etc. to the Council. When he retired in 1855 his friend William Race Allison wrote that he had seen the sacrifice Leake had made "to discharge a most onerous duty, faithfully, to your country and the friends who had trusted in you, in which you never failed" (L1/F.566).

As an upright christian gentleman, Leake was always kind and charitable to friends and neighbours, especially old friends of his Hamburg days, and acted as executor of wills, trustee of settlements and charitable donor and advisor. In particular he acted as executor of the estate of Henry Jellicoe of Campbellford Cottage near Campbell Town, who died in 1841 (L.1/G.78-280).

## JOHN LEAKE'S CHILDREN

After their father's death, John Leake's sons and his daughter Sarah remained closely united with Rosedale as their family home. After legacies to John Travis Leake, Sarah and others the land was left in common to three sons, William, Arthur and Charles, but owing to William's bouts of insanity, which began in 1863, the estate could not be sold or divided but had to be run as a whole and William's share of the profits kept in trust for him, until William died in 1886. The bulk of the papers of the younger Leakes relate, therefore, to the execution of John Leake's will and settlement of his estate and later the estates of his children.

Charles Henry Leake, the youngest son remained at Rosedale and in 1869 married his young German cousin, Clara Bell who had been living with them since 1857 - his pocket cash book records 13/4d spent on "stamps for bride cake". They had three daughters, Sarah Elizabeth Clara (Bessie), Mary Rose Alice and Helen Letitia

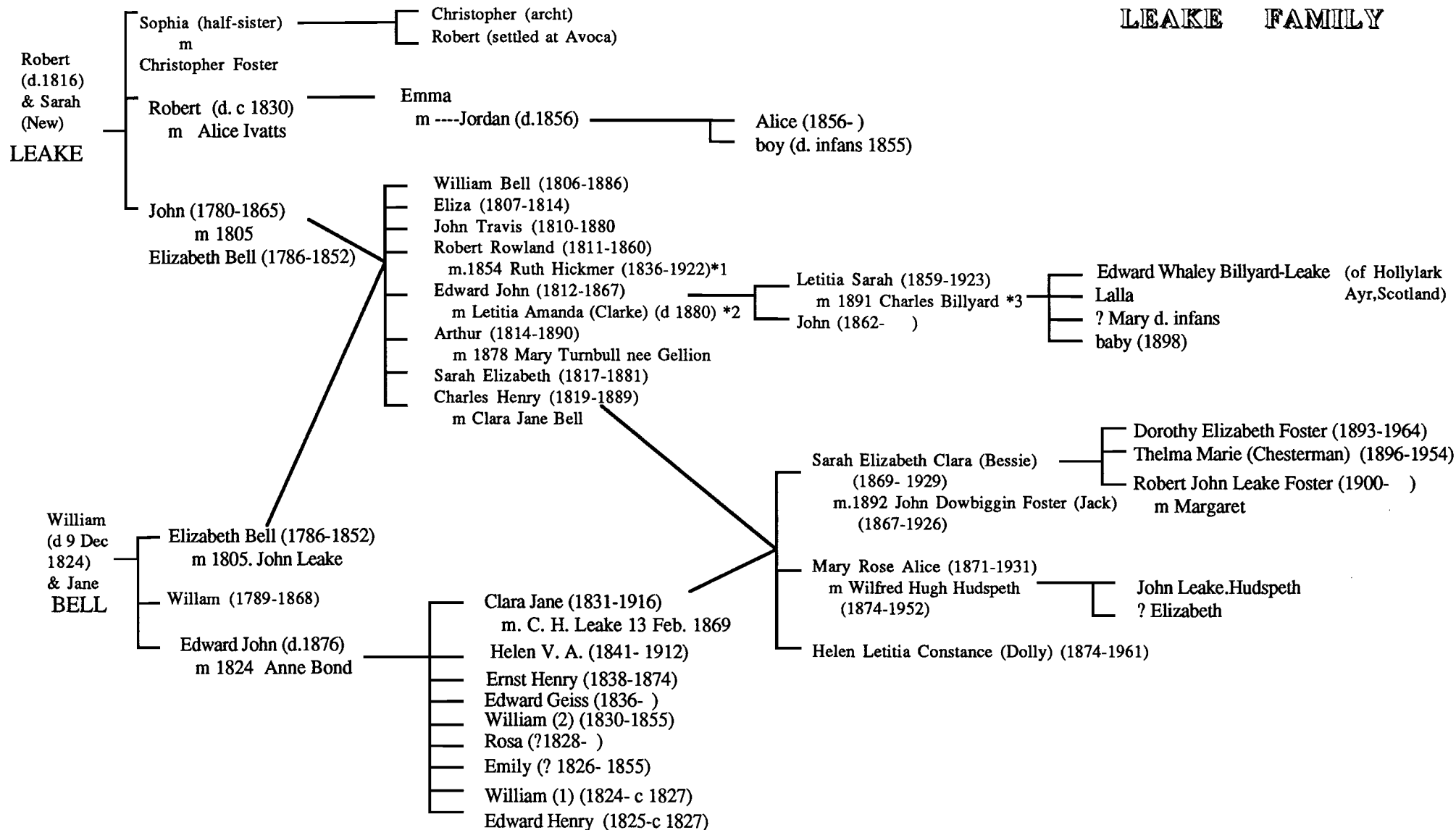
Constance (Dolly). Charles' sister, Sarah continued to live with them at Rosedale until she died in 1881 and helped to teach her little nieces, who were later sent to boarding school in Melbourne. Sarah's occasional diaries show that life was much easier and more leisurely for the second generation than it had been for her mother. She had time for music, wool-work, reading and work for the poor [ie. sewing] and the church and took a trip to Sydney and the Blue Mountains with her brother, William, when he was well enough. The brothers also spent much of their time at Rosedale, although William lived most of the time at New Norfolk, either at the Asylum or with Dr. Huston, the Superintendent and his family where he was happy and enjoyed gardening, fishing and reminiscing about Hull and Hamburg. His letters show he was usually quite rational, apart from occasional fantasies and extravagances, and his nieces all loved their "old Uncle Billy".

To some extent Charles attempted to follow in his father's footsteps, especially in local Campbell Town affairs. He was churchwarden and treasurer of St Luke's Church of England and established an endowment fund for the maintenance of the church and the clergyman and so became involved in Dr. Valentine's disputes with the incumbents, Rev. Kirkland and Rev. Craig on questions of doctrine and ritual (L.1/M.130-214). The Leake family were themselves in disagreement with Rev. Craig over their niece Lettie's confirmation in 1875. Rev. Basil Craig's wife was in fact, Dr. Valentine's daughter, Rose, an old friend of the Leake family. Charles Leake continued the proposals for a water supply, which his father had been involved with and he was instrumental in establishing the Campbell Town Water Works Co. and persuaded his brother William to donate the £1000 bequeathed by Sarah Leake to complete the work of damming Kearney's Bogs to form a reservoir, which was named Lake Leake in his honour. He was one of the trustees of the Campbell Town Hospital. L.1/M239-272). He also served on the local Council, the Midland Agricultural Association and the Rabbit Trust (L.1/M.280-312) and was a member of the Legislative Council for South Esk for a few years, 1882-5. Charles Leake had a penchant for satirical writing on local events and politics and wrote letters to newspapers under the pseudonym Johnny Wideawake and also entertained his family and friends with a mock newspaper in manuscript, "The Midlanton Puffer", often illustrated with his own pen and ink sketches. His political satires tended, however to be "over the heads of the general" [reader] as a correspondent, J. Swan, commented (L.1/M.406). After Charles Leake's death in 1889, his property was left in trust for his three daughters and Bessie (Leake) and John Foster made their home there in 1896.

Arthur Leake remained at Ashby, and was still responsible for Lewisham which was leased to a tenant. Arthur liked Ashby House better than the grand Rosedale but he would have preferred to sell his share of the property and travel. Much of his time was also occupied with the settlement of the estate of his dead brothers, Robert Rowland, who died in 1860, and Edward John who died in 1867, at Glencoe, South Australia, as Charles and Arthur were executors. Arthur found the task wearisome - sheep farming was a holiday by comparison - partly owing to Edward's debts (L.1/J). Edward's will left his property in trust for his seven year old daughter, Letitia Sarah, and no provision was made for his son, John, born after the will was made. The girl was sent to boarding school in Melbourne, in spite of her mother's protest against sending her daughter, who had been baptised a Catholic, to a protestant institution. The Leake family did not altogether approve of Edward's wife, Letitia Amanda (Clarke) whom he married in 1854, because of a history of drink and the mental illness mentioned in Sarah Leake's diary, and after her remarriage in 1871 the girl, Lettie, came to live with her guardian, Uncle Arthur, and a governess at Ashby. In 1876 Arthur took Lettie to Britain, where she spent some time at school in Brighton and then toured Europe with her uncle. While in Europe he married a widow, Mary Turnbull nee Gellion, who he described to his sister and brother as "a lady in heart and bearing" who would be good for Lettie and for his own comfort, although his young cousin Helen Bell apparently exhibited some jealousy. While in Britain Arthur met many old Tasmanian friends, including Mrs Galloway and her daughter and bought from them their property Meadowbank which was adjacent to Rosedale. R.R. and E.J.L.'s property, Glencoe, had been leased to Capt. Lindsay but after Lettie came of age in 1880 the property was sold to the Riddocks of Yallam Park. From 1882 to 1884 Lettie and her uncle and aunt made another tour of Europe, spending some time in Italy and in Algiers where Arthur visited the slopes of the Atlas Mountains where the merino sheep originated. Arthur died in 1890. In 1891 Lettie married Charles Billyard who took the name of Billyard-Leake and they made their home at Ashby, as Lettie had purchased her uncle's property, but in 1895 they left and settled in England and later sold Ashby and Meadowbank.

Charles Leake's second daughter, Mary, married W.H. Hudspeth who drafted a history "The Story of Rosedale". The first part was subtitled "courtship one hundred years ago" and consisted of transcripts or extracts of letters between William Bell and his daughter Elizabeth or Betsey at school about her education, which appears to have been very extensive, including chemistry, natural philosophy, Roman history, Greek tragedies etc., and also correspondence between John Leake and Betsey (or Eliza). Unfortunately the original Elizabeth Bell letters were not with the Leake papers bequeathed to the University of Tasmania by Dorothy Foster and their whereabouts is unknown (see typescript L.1/P.73).

# LEAKE FAMILY



1 Mrs R.R.Leake married Henry W. Thirkell, storekeeper of Port Lincoln Jan. 1867

2 Mrs E.J. Leake married --- McCarthy 1871

3 Charles Billyard took the name Billyard-Leake

## JOHN LEAKE AND FAMILY

### HULL AND HAMBURG TRADE

- L.1/A.1 Memoranda Book 1801 - 1802  
 "Book of observations" or memoranda of shipping commission accounts from 1798, including olive oil, iron, lead, tinned plate, caviar from Russia, earthenware, flax, cotton, Italian marble etc. Also notes of current prices, freight charges, currency, goods wanted and available, port dues and captains' "privileges" at various ports, including Naples, Barcelona, Leghorn, Gallipoli. Journal notes of loading and transactions on voyage carrying tar and pitch from Hull to Gibraltar or Naples for Messrs. Knox and Hay Feb.-July 1802. (see also below) (octavo vol.)
- A.2 Journal of Mediterranean Voyage 1802  
 John Leake's account of a voyage to Gibraltar and Gallipoli as super cargo for Messrs. Knox and Hay of Hull, shipping pitch and tar to sell in Gibraltar or Naples, returning with [olive] oil from Gallipoli. (octavo vol.)
- A.3 Cash Book 1813 - 1817  
 Expenses of travelling in Sweden, Prussia and Hull, including carriage, inn, servants, etc.; also accounts with various firms and receipts. (pocket notebook)
- B.1 Letter Book 1818 - 1822  
 Copies of business letters written from Hamburg between 1818 and 1820 to English business firms such as Thomas Richardson & Son of Hull; John Beadle & Co. of London; Swallow & Laycock of Wakefield; Ledgerd & Hopkinson of Mirfield; Thomas Bell of Hull; Henry Coates of Hull; and a few German firms (usually written in English but some in German) about purchases, sales and shipping of agricultural produce such as barley, rapeseed, wheat, onions, hides.  
 In 1822 some letters were written from Leith, Scotland, apparently concluding some business before departure for Australia.  
*Note:* the volume was later used in V.D.L. (Tasmania) for letters 1837-47.
- A.4 Memoranda Book 1818  
 Notes of orders, shipments, prices, names etc. (pocket notebook, leather covered, very poor condition)
- A.5 Account Book 1820  
 Cash received and expenses, including duty, postage, carriage, wages, brokerage, warehouse rents, "drink money" on commodities such as oil, candles, whitelead, rapeseed, oats, turmeric. Also "subscription: Freemason".  
 Rough draft of letter, 1838, partly illegible, at front. (folio vol., calf bound, some pages torn out, most of volume unused)
- B.552 Account Book - household & general 1814 - 1822  
 Includes:-  
 a) Mrs Leake's household expenses 1814 - 1820  
 Household & incidental family expenses such as: servants' wages, food, cakes 2d, washing, oranges, bath brick, child's knife, coals, cloak dying 3/6d, "wearing apparel for myself and children £3", "pewage at St. John's £1 . 3s", "by Harrison's coach for Arthur's christening"

3 Nov. 1814, tape, thread and needles 1/6d, by missionary collections 3s 6d, sacramental collection 6d.

b) John Leake's business and general expenses 1820 - July 1822

Includes business expenses such as import of oil, "drink money" for carriers etc., and some family expenses such as Edward's schooling, Mrs Leake for housekeeping, papering a room. (quarto vol. vellum bound, re-used in 1837 for building workers' rations)

#### A.6 Account Book 1819 - 1823

Includes:-

a) Hamburg trade 1819 - Sept. 1821

Accounts of oil consigned to John Leake of Hamburg (ie. whale oil, black, brown and linseed oil). Also a few other commodities such as sewing cotton from Dacca Twist Co., Manchester, red lead, 201 bags Bengal turmeric, Indian tobacco, rum.

b) Stores for V.D.L. Sept. 1822

Purchases made by Leake before departure for V.D.L., including: clothing, cloth, farm implements, harness, ox harness, ploughs, carts, carpentry and joinery tools, millstones, smith's anvil, seeds of grass, clover, rye, parsley etc. for pasture, assorted garden vegetable seeds, flowers, hawthorn berries, stove, pots and pans including cast iron girdle, "tea boiler" and camp oven, candle moulds, 12 boxes of crown glass, drawers and book case, sea grass mattress, medicines, stationery, a patent brewing machine, a pair of brass barrelled pistols and bullet moulds. (folio vol.)

#### ~~B.6.34~~ Account with Schröder & Grössmann Nov. 1821 - Aug. 1822

Small notebook: "Contra buch fur Sr. J. Leake mit Schröder & Grössmann A. 1821", containing chronological entries of fairly large sums and personal names or figures.

The notebook was later used as a diary by Mrs E. Leake and some draft letters by W.B. Leake are noted in the back. (small booklet)

#### A.7 Hamburg Militia 18 Aug. 1821

Notice signed "Fürst" Captain 3rd Company Citizens' Militia, reminding John Leake of his obligation to serve and requesting him to supply himself with uniform and arms. (in German) (1 paper)

#### A.8 Journal of William Bell Leake Nov. 1820

Accounts for shipments handled by William Bell Leake in Hull, U.K. for various firms, carrying flax, whale oil, tallow, linseed cakes, etc. W. B. Leake was John Leake's eldest son, born 1806. (octavo vol.)

## JOHN LEAKE AND FAMILY IN TASMANIA

## B. FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD : CORRESPONDENCE

## LETTER BOOKS

## L.1/B.1 Letter Book 1837 - 1847

Copies of letters, including "dispute with Mr Harrison about the road to Lewisham and Campbell Town", letters relating to land claims and notes of letters about wool sales and other business.

Entered at end of Hamburg business letter book 1818-20  
(large folio vol., bound buckram covered boards)

## B.2 Letter Book Dec 1840- 22 Jan. 1849

Copies of letters, extracts and notes on letters sent, mainly relating to business affairs. Subjects and correspondents include: business interests in Hull, U.K. ( William Bell and Avison Terry: Land of Green Ginger property etc.) transactions over wool, produce and stock (Henry Reed, Launceston); banking, insurance; property (P. Oakden, James Aikenhead, John Dunn) and Ashby property) ; politics and Legislative Council (Sir J. Eardley Wilmot, Joseph Archer, F. L. von Stieglitz); proposed college near Campbell Town (Archdeacon R. R. Davies); taxes (P. Fraser, Collector of Internal Revenue); debenture bills (J. E. Bicheno, Colonial Secretary); applicant for official post (Edward Nicholas). Also copies of Government regulations on land grants , quit rent, petitions against quit rent etc. probably made earlier (vol.b).

- a) Dec. 1840 - Oct. 1843 (damaged, partly illegible)
- b 13 May 1844 - 29 Sept. 1845
- c) 20 Oct. 1845 - 23 Apr. 1846 (from p. 22. pages 1 - 21: copies of land regulations, quit rent etc. c 1824 - 1836)
- d) 30 Apr. 1846 - 18 Mar. 1847
- e) 21 Feb. 1848 - 22 Jan. 1849

## B.3 Letter Book 1850 - 1868, 1871

Copies or extracts of business letters, including also letters as Churchwarden of St. Luke's Church, Campbell Town (1858). Entries continued, probably by C.H. Leake, after John Leake's death.  
(folio vol. half bound calf, part unused)

## LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

## B.4-6 Introductions for V.D.L. 1822

Letters given to John Leake before sailing, including a recommendation from the Colonial Secretary for a grant of land in V.D.L., from: George Burder (addressed to Rev. Samuel Marsden), Alex McLaren, Colonial Secretary.  
(3 letters)

## FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE : JOHN &amp; ELIZABETH LEAKE

## B.7-32 John and Elizabeth Leake 1822, 1829, 1849-1852

Correspondence between John Leake and his wife, Elizabeth, mainly about the farm, business, servants, family, neighbours, church. John Leake also refers to the Legislative Council, state of the roads, news of friends etc. Notes were added to Mrs Leake's letters by sons William Bell and Charles and daughter, Sarah.  
(26 letters, some in poor condition)

## B.33-75 William Bell Leake 1830 - 1848

H.1-3 Letters from the eldest son to his father and one to his mother: Derwent Bank, where he worked until 16 July 1832); impressions of Hobart, gossip, sabbatarianism, land purchase, wool sales, horses, bullocks; foundation of new bank begun, corderoy suit etc. for Father - "sorry I cannot make good bargains for you as I try to do my best", Miss Birch's proposed marriage with Simeon Lord, (29 apr. 1831); servants - men servants undesirable as house servants (19 Oct. 1831), family. Letters from J. and Mrs L. to son: saddle arrived, guests including Gilles, Charlotte Robertson and 4 of Mr Mackersey's pupils (Archer and Dry), fruit trees (ND. c 1830/1 H.1, mould damaged); Sarah improving but has fits of desponding distressing to witness - at Brown's River "about 2 o'clock she awoke and kept us all awake all night" (11 Aug. 1848, H.2); cattle, note for Sarah about drawing rooms at Govt. House and Dunn's house and pictures (3 aug. 1849 H.3). *See also* L.1/E.319-20 letters from Stephen Adey, 1830, including W.B.L.'s letters.  
(43 letters)

## B.76-86 John Travis Leake 1828, 1831, 1833 - 1835, 1836, 1841, 1847-48, 1855

B.1023 From Hull and Dublin: medical and pharmacy studies, weather, the poor, sending grass seeds, Uncle Edward lost another boy by croup (1828), Irish Catholics intolerant, doing water colour views and portraits (1831); Launceston druggist shop, supplies etc. (1833-5), rival chemist Evan's mistake (1835); South Australia: visit to brothers at Glencoe, South Australia, proposed to practise in more populated area (1848); gold digging at Bendigo (1855).  
(11 letters plus 1 mould damaged (photocopied))

## B.87-208 Robert Rowland Leake 1829 1836-1860

B.1024-6 Letters to his father and one to his mother (25 May 1841) on farm matters written from Rosedale (1829) from Launceston: about to sail with a land exploratory party to Portland (Jan. 1836); from South Australia: journeys with sheep and cattle from his various properties; from Glencoe, South Australia: farm management, wool shearing and prices, stock, land purchases, capital borrowing and interest rates, economic conditions, family matters including news of brother Edward associated with him, privations of bush life (1838-1860). Other letters were written on business visits to Portland (1849-1856), from Adelaide on business, politics and his parliamentary duties (3 May 1850, 28 June 1851, 1857). His last letter was written from Glencoe about his health and his will before his death on 14 Sept. 1860 (4 Sept. 1860); also copy of reply 15 Dec. 1843.  
(122 docs, plus 3 mould damaged and partly illegible (photocopied) 1024-6))  
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## B.209-215 Edward John Leake 1839 - 1858

Letters written to his father: from George Light House (George Town) about sheep being shipped to Portland [Vic. near S.A. border]; from Portland about transport of wool (1846-47), South Australian politics, influx of squatters (1856-58)  
(7 docs)

## B.216-252 Arthur Leake 1829 - 1855

Letters written to his father and mother from Hull and Hamburg, describing his school (18 July 1829); wanting to return home (30 Dec. 1833); from Launceston about quarrel with his uncle in Hull (2 June 1835); brother John's druggist shop; estate management, servants' wages, from "Ashby" (1841-1855); Sarah's health, fruit trees (9 Aug. 1848); laying foundation stone of Horton College (19 Jan. 1852); from Hobart about hiring servants from immigrant vessels (21 Feb. 1855)  
(37 letters, 2 notes)

## B.253-260 Sarah Elizabeth Leake 1846 - 1852

H.4,5

Letters written to her father and mother about proposed visits to Hobart, visits to friends, death of Mrs Woolrabe; meeting at Campbell Town about dog tax and proposed library (? 1851). From father: furniture, Arthur's sketch of house, reference to the enemy and "carry the bridge" (21 Jan. 1849); patterns from Mather's, Bedfords, price of horses (2 Aug. 1852). Also medical report from Dr. A. Turnbull. (10 letters)

## B.261-287 Charles Henry Leake 1828 - 1854

H.6-10

Letters to his father and mother: from Launceston: brother John's druggist shop (1834-5), inquest on Dr Eavens' [Evans] patient poisoned by being given corrosive sublimate instead of sulphur (29 Dec. 1834), brother John's druggist shop (12 Jan. 1835); from Adelaide (26 July 1839); from South Australia describing Portland, settlers' land (15 Sept., 30 Nov. 1845); from Cleveland about a sale (9 Mar. 1852); overseas visit 1854: visits to relatives and friends, Crimean War, sight seeing, letter written on sample of recently purchased paper with engraving of sketch of Rosedale by Arthur Leake (9 Aug.), engaging servants (25 Aug. 2 Sept. 16 Oct. 1854), politics, meeting with Sir Robert Peel Colonial Secretary (16 July), purchase of agricultural machinery (2 Sept.), from Koln about German relatives (2 Aug.), from Paris (7 Sept. 1854). From father: Horton's Dutch barn, wool screw from Scotland, Sarah at Smiths (31 Dec. 1847); Sarah's illness: better, "quiet at night but still troublesome and unquiet at times", Governor again offered Leake seat in Council (Aug. 1848); servants: method of balloting for prisoners who arrive, fund for Sir John Franklin's expedition, death of Mrs Hull, horses, carts, etc., wooden houses being shipped to Melbourne (ND.); wool, apprehension of war, regatta (June 1853); accounts, C.H.'s cabin on "Antipodes", wethers, Mrs Lempriere's paintings good (2 Mar. 1854). (27 letters)

## B.288-90 Edward J. Bell 1828, 1837, 1850, Feb. 1858-June 1859

Of Hamburg, to sister Elizabeth Leake: fine wool sheep available, Mr and Mrs Birch, Silvester, Hamburg friends including Millington, Wright, Gilles, misfortunes especially loss of his children - the eldest "a child of the greatest promise", letter finished by brother William as Edward ill (5 June 1828); business bad, thinking of settling in South Australia, still feels the loss of his 2 eldest boys (11 Aug. 1837); thanks for £50, brother William's doctorate of philosophy from University of Konigsburg, wife very ill, shop for sale of earthenware - son William and daughter Emily assist - son Edward in Birch's company, would emigrate if wife well enough (passage £140 for his family of 9), Aunt Watson of Beverley left £30 to each of children on coming of age (26 Mar. 1850); to J. Leake: Clara's long passage and attachment to a doctor, death of surgeon Smith tragic but he was not suitable for Clara, son Edward, son Ernest with his cousin, Helen ill, daughter's school and his garden, commercial crisis in Hamburg, Arthur L. requested consent to union with Clara - given, thanks for kindness to Clara, brother William bankrupt (1858), Holstein sheep being sent to Sydney on account of long wool (Feb. 1858), Christmas made much of in Germany - always had tree when wife alive (Dec. 1858). (8 docs.)

## B.289-312 William Bell, Hull, U.K. 1822 - 1851

Letters from W. Bell brother of Elizabeth Leake to John and Elizabeth (Betsey) Leake: family news: death of father (Feb. 1824), brother Edward Bell, Leake's son John T., offer to bring up younger son, Arthur (1825) and Arthur's education (including letter from tutor, F.J. Burmester of Bahrenfeld near Hamburg to Edward Leake in Hamburg (1829-30), Bell's doctorate of philosophy and philology from University of Konigsburg, British Archaeological Society (6 Dec. 1851).

Also business in Hull and Hamburg, news of Gilles and other English residents in Hamburg, effect of drought in England (1826), Leake's business and sale of wool, etc. (including some accounts), servants to be sent to V.D.L. including copy of letter from J.L. to W.B. at Belle Vue Pottery Hull, asking for servants on Government bounty after end of assignment system (10 Dec. 1840 *See also* L.1/E.1-4); Also comments on politics, trade and economic conditions in Europe, description of improvements in Hull (1826). Also 2 letters from The Misses Travis of Cottingham to William Bell about a claim against their brother (1836 *see also* B525).

*Note* : a letter dated 20 Aug. 1826 is torn and fragile (made worse by old attempts to repair with sticky tape). A photo copy and transcript is included for use instead of the original manuscript. (24 docs.)



## B.313-316 Robert and Alice Leake 1824, 1836, 1855

John Leake's brother: waggoning business (1824), wool selling well, from Alice his widow in lodgings near her brother Robert Ivatts (including letter from him 1836), thanks for money. Also letter from their daughter, Emma Jordan, asking for help for her mother and referring to Charles Leake, hopes Mrs Jolson will suit as servant (ND c 1854).

(4 docs.)

## B.317-22 Christopher and Sophia Foster 26 apr. 1833, 1856-1859

John Leake's half-sister and her husband: letter from Hull, U.K. brought by new settler Mr Grant, estate of J.L.'s brother Robert, has seen Arthur Leake (1833); Sophia F: her health, thanks for money (1856-59)

(6 docs.)

## B.323-36 Christopher Foster, jun. 1855 - 1864

Son of Christopher and Sophia Foster: thanks for money for his mother; enquiries about his brother Robert in Tasmania; working under Gilbert Scott "the greatest man of his age as a Gothic Architect, he has the Hamburg Cathedral at present under way" (1 Nov. 1855), superintended church at Stoke Newington, workhouse (12 Oct. 1858), appointed Clerk of Works to Westminster Abbey (19 June, 19 Aug. 1863); some letters addressed to Charles Leake.

(14 docs)

## B.337-40 Robert C. Foster, Avoca, 1842, 1857

Son of Christopher and Sophia Foster: his health and medical attendance by J.T. Leake (29 Aug. 1842). forwarding money to his mother in Hull.

(4 docs)

## B.341 George Wilson 30 Apr. 1858

From Burton-on-Trent U.K. to "Uncle": family, Aunt Susan of Beverley, worked with Messrs. Towle, Nottingham lace manufacturer and then at Allsopp's Brewery, Burton-on-Trent, brewing industry growing, casks to be sent to J.L., retiring through ill health to live with son in Nottingham; Wesleyan Society; the missing son of E. Bell; keeps a copy of "The Captain of The Day" by him in remembrance of old times *see* B.998. Note added by son, John, and daughters Sarah and Susannah, 10 May 1858.

## CORRESPONDENCE : FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Letters to John Leake, and some addressed to Mrs (Elizabeth) Leake, relating to family, social and general matters, including letters from Hull friends and former Hamburg business friends and associates, many of whom followed Leake to settle in V.D.L. or South Australia or established business connections with him, including wool shipping and sale.

*See also* business and finance correspondence (L.1/C, L.1/E, L.1/F)

- B. 342 L. L. Aden ND  
To Mrs Leake about procuring linen, cambric and lawn and family news.  
(1 letter)
- B.343 Susan Allison ND [c. 1853-65]  
Incident involving little Charley and school teacher, Mr Buckland
- B.344 William Anderson (Major) 26 Oct. 1835  
From Helenburgh (Scotland), giving news of his movements since leaving Hanover four years previously.  
(1 letter)
- F559-76 William Race Allison 1851 - 1863  
From Streanshalh to his "oldest and finest friend": death of Mrs Leake (1852); sudden death of sister's "Charlie" (Nov. 1853); death of father (June 1857); his marriage - quietly because of "sad state of my poor brother", only consulted his mother, bride young, of respectable family though poor (June 1858).
- B.345-8 Thomas Archer of Woolmers 1832 - 1843  
Offering 100 assorted apple trees and hawthorn and gooseberry bushes from his nursery for J.L.'s orchard, could not find "Memorable Days in America" but Leake could have another book in lieu, drop "Honble" in address, pound keeper Wolsey Johnson, introduction to John Phillips indentured to Archer for 18 months. *See also* L.1/C.147  
(4 letters, partly damaged by mould)
- C.148 William Archer of Brickendon 17 Nov. 1845  
One wing of his house destroyed by fire; new land regulations in N.S.W.
- B349-51 S.H. and M.A. Atkins 1851  
Plans for "young ladies" to visit the Leakes, request for assistance in taking butter and bacon to Campbell Town.  
(3 letters)
- B.352 Mary Bedford (wife of Dr. E.S.P. Bedford) 4 Nov. 1857  
Promise to entertain J.L.'s "German niece"
- B353-59 Rev. William Bedford 1855 - 1858  
Letters from Rev. William Bedford, formerly incumbent of Campbell Town church (Anglican), written from Doddington or Bury St. Edmunds, U.K., mainly about his new living, family and mutual friends, wool prices, finding farm servants for Leake, thanks for J.L.'s kindness to his son. Also visiting card. *See also* L.1/F.69-70,392
- B.360 Edward Bisdee 16 Mar. 1853  
Offer to bring Leake and Miss L. from Green Ponds Church on Sunday. *See also* Legislative Council correspondence: busy sheep shearing and at his outstations (1854, 1855) L.1/F.437, L.1/F.490-1
- B361 Charlotte Butterworth 20 July c 1855  
Dinner invitation

- B362 Alexander Clerke 9 Nov. 1858  
From Mountford, Longford, about Leake and party visiting.
- B363-5 James Crear 1841 - 1852  
From Clynevale: death of his daughter, Isabella (22 Nov. 1841), condolences (1852), missionary preacher Williamson at Campbell Town for the Presbytery of V.D.L.  
*See also* L.1/F.132-41, 240-9, 306  
(3 letters)
- B.366 John Davidson 18 Mar 1856  
Funeral of his father Walter Davidson of Riccarton.
- B.367 Marion Davidson ND  
Requesting flowers from Mrs Leake, Miss Leake's visit to Hobart.
- B.368 Mrs Despard, Hobart, 1852  
Invitation to musical evening.
- F492-531 Sir William Thomas Denison, Lt.-Gov. 1848 - c 1855  
His brother's 20,000 sheep in N.S.W., asks for Leake's estimate of costs, rye grass, visits to Rosedale, game of charades (1850), invitations to dine and stay at Government House, plant cuttings, paper on agriculture. *See* Legislative Council correspondence L1/F.431, L.1/F.492-531.
- B.369 Jeanie Dunn 9 Aug. 1848  
Miss Leake's health
- B.370-1 Capt. Frederick Forth 19 Aug. 1844, 29 Oct. 1847  
Mr. Rowlands proving unsatisfactory; Sir Eardley Wilmot would like a few of Leake's superior white hens; family had all had influenza, 2 of his children, Edith and the baby, especially badly; shortly to leave Colony as his services summarily dispensed with, but wanted to settle Mrs Jellicoe's affairs before embarking. also Mrs Caroline F. to Mrs L: thanks for dinner invitation.
- B.372-3 John Foster 1851, 1854  
Asking advice about settling as J.L. was acquainted with his mother and aunt Mrs Webster.  
(2 letters)
- B.374 John L. Foster 26 Feb. 1855  
Journey to Oatlands.
- B375-92 Lewis William Gilles 1830 - 1853  
Family, Sarah Leake's illness, birth of his daughter (1830); John T. Leake: druggist business available in Launceston (5 Dec. 1833), John to explain shop accounts - the pictures sold by auction for £27 (18 July, 8 Sept. 1836); Eddie's affairs including E's letter (1833); William Leake's affairs: Pitcher a respectable man - had concluded William "was not altogether collected" - and the girl "a free girl and very respectable in her class" (18 July, 8 Sept., 1836); Mrs Underwood on her way to meet daughter, Oakden's passage home - ship struck iceberg but not damaged, O. not likely to return (12 Dec. 1836); Osmond Gilles in good health and spirits and one of the wealthiest and most powerful emigrants, L.G. thinks favourably of the Colony [South Australia] and is empowered to offer Robert a "situation of trust" (8 Mar. 1837); Robert's gun, Sarah's trunks, "our little fellow is tolerably restored but continues somewhat fractious" (1 May 1837); sheep, moving to South Australia (Feb. 1844); death of Mrs G. including copy of Leake's letter of condolence (Oct. 1844) and L.G.'s reply (Nov. 1844); J.L.'s request for advice on his loan of £2500 to son Robert, congratulations on daughter's marriage, and replies (1849); his sons; Melbourne (1853).  
*See also* L.1/D.68-135 for references to Goodwood property and Lewisham House, L.G.'s health (3 Sept. 1832); Sarah Leake "in good health although somewhat taciturn (13 Feb. 1833) and L.1/E.270-1, 525-7 for correspondence relating to Gilles" work as cashier of V.D.L. Bank "Branch Bank", Launceston, (1832-35) and managing Director of Tamar Bank (1836-8) and references to William Leake - job in Bank (1832-3), Osmond Gilles, sister Hannah, Mrs G's health and confinement and L.G. being lost in Epping Forest (22 June 1833)  
(18 letters)

- B393-7 Osmond Gilles 1829, 1831-1833  
 To Mrs Leake: musical soiree with her brother William, met Arthur, Hamburg news: she has two charming nieces, Mrs Birch (May 1829); lengthy letters to Leake on Gilles' affairs in Hamburg and Altona, wool, butter, "Osmond" schooner's trade - made almost £300 on trip from Kiel to Thames - Milliken's land, Oakden, Birch family, Hector, Thomas Henty, Henry Reed, James Leake, Mary Leake married a Mr Marsh, E.J. Bell lost two fine boys (June 1829, Oct. Nov. 1831); Henry Reed, Hentys, cholera in Hamburg and Kiel, Leake's friends and relatives in Hamburg well, John Jackson, trade, trip to Brighton by Red Rover, transport in Britain, Isle of Wight will be "a cockney's Richmond and Windsor excursion", his sisters to live at Southampton, he will probably live in London and abandon Hamburg unless Leake encourages him "to become a Land Proprietor and Banker in your island", Oakden had dissolved partnership between O. Gilles of Hamburg and Edward Birch of Kiel - enclosed statement of accounts (1833). *See also* L.1/E.258 (8 docs mould damaged, partly illegible. Also fragment of letter B.1027))
- B398-402 John Hector 1851 - 1855  
 From Adelaide: friends, investment possibilities in South Australia, mine shares and land, visits to V.D.L. by George Tinline, George Morphet, S.A. and E.A. Wright, opinion of Sir Henry F. Young - too honest to be popular, opened navigation of Murray against opposition - Robert Leake in Adelaide (1855), son Ned planting vineyard near Lake Alexandrina.  
 (5 docs.)
- B403-14 Francis Hartwell Henslowe 1851 - 1855  
 From Hobart: family and house; tariff evidence (1851); Hobart street improvements, epidemic (1853); Legislative Council: law reform bill, accommodation for Leake at Flegg's "Bowling Green", glad Miss L. to accompany him (Feb., Apr. 1854); Council meetings, members, Sir H. and Lady Young; family's health, Patriotic Fund at Campbell Town, view of Rosedale on Leake's letter head (12 Apr. 1855 on paper with view of Battery Point including St. George's Church and Windmill). Also letter from son Boyle describing High School, his mother's "chair on wheels" (Nov. 1851). Also poem by Leake on guessing the word in Henslowe's "riddle" ND - *see* Denison's reference to charades at Rosedale 1850 L.1/F.495. *See also* L.1/F.72, 324-8.  
 (12 docs.)
- B415-28 Benjamin Horne 1831, 1841-1852  
 From Chiswick: death of wife (3 apr. 1841), neighbours, helping Mrs Graham's family; seeking office for nephew Capt. Robert Horne, distress of Mr Johnson, no bullocks (1842); visiting J.L. and Mrs L. with wife (1852). Also letter from Frances Horne returning letters left by Leake (N.D.). *See also* L.1/C.141, 271, 276-7, L.1/D.152-163, 231-5  
 (14 docs. some mould damaged and illegible)
- B429-31 Francis Sharpe Horne 1844 - 1847  
 Offertory for new cathedral, Robert Leake, sending some trees. Written from Hobart.  
 (3 docs.)
- B432-3 Thomas Horne 1850, 1851  
 Sending strawberry plants, asks L. to recommend his cousin Frank as manager to Mr Talbot of Malahide.  
 (2 docs.)
- B.434 Elizabeth Pridden Horton 12 July 1842  
 Wife of Capt. Horton: emigrants at Jericho, servants, good rains that winter, windmill water pump to irrigate their garden, possibility of a vineyard, addressed to Mrs Leake. *See also* L.1/B.482-4
- B.435 Hugh Munro Hull [Jan. 1854]  
 To marry his cousin Miss Tremlett, Leake and Sarah L. invited.
- B.436-7 John Jackson 1833, 1836  
 Hamburg and London: Oakden, investment, Oakden involved with new bank for India and director of new railways, Oakden's mortgage in Tasmania, thanks for looking after August [Augustus Oakden] and copy of trust account.  
 (2 docs.)

- B438-52 Samuel Jackson 1853, 1841-3, 1848-1856  
 London: retired from Antwerp, translating German "edifying works", bills of exchange for J.T.Leake, J.T.L.'s MD.degree diploma from Kiel (Ed. Birch got friend to rewrite dissertation - grammatical mistakes), wool sales, cheques, Edward Bell to emigrate, Mrs Leake's legacy, Charles Leake, business affairs. (15 docs.)
- B453-6 Joseph Henry Kay 1851, 1852  
 Letters from James Grant: Capt and Mrs Kay charming people, would not have time to visit Rosedale but hoped for later visit (June 1851); J.H. Kay: unable to visit, Leake's barometer, condolences on Leake's bereavement, fund for search for Sir John Franklin. (3 docs.)
- B457-9 Henry Keach 1855 & ND  
 From Weobley: social engagements with Leake family, Keach dinner hour 1 pm. is Leake lunching time. *See also* L.1/F. 46, 584-5 (3 docs)
- B.460 William Kermode, Mona Vale, 7 Jan. ?1841  
 Invitation for daughter.
- B.461 John Dunmore Lang 18 Nov. 1835  
 His visit to V.D.L., established 8 churches and a college in N.S.W., bringing out respectable colonists, his brother a landholder at Hunter's River. (1 letter mould damaged)
- B.463 G. Liddell 9 Aug. 1843  
 From Hull, U.K.: too old to undertake business matter.
- B.464 Edward Lord 14 Jan. 1835  
 Sending books, could not visit Mr Anstey as thrown from pony.
- B465-6 Anthony MacCann 10 Aug. 1828  
 Altona [Germany]: His mill not profitable, Edward Bell, Arthur Leake, Gilles. Also part of letter dated 16 Nov. 1833 from a "native of Altona" looking for situation in V.D.L.
- B.467 John McIntyre 1846  
 Glencoe [SouthAustralia]: refers to Robert and Edward and their cattle - partly illegible.
- B.468 Rev. John Mackersey 7 Nov. 1832  
 B.1028 Inviting Master Charles to spend day with his companions at Kirklands for a "Guy Faux" bonfire and fireworks (1832). Leake to Mackersey (draft): Walker's offer of a quarters board fair as Mackersey had advertised that a qualified assistaant would be provided (1838) *See also* L.1/B.485, L.1/F. 152, 215, L.1/G.77.
- B469-70 P. Massingberd 8 Apr. 1833, 29 Nov. 1833  
 "Dr. John's stewing pan", Jellicoe asking £4000 for Uplands, sets of sermons borrowed from Jellicoe, reward for wristband buttons, leaving for U.K., Gunby Park, Spilsby, Lincs. U.K.; Letter from Lynn, Norfolk, U.K. recalling a typical day with Leake family and scripture lessons. (2 letters, mould damaged)
- B471-2 George Morphett 18 Nov. 1854, 23 Dec. 1854  
 Visit to V.D.L. and Melbourne from Adelaide. (2 docs.)
- B.473 R.M. Nutt 11 June 1857  
 Illustrations of Tasmania to include view of Rosedale, the Crystal Palace Exhibition London.

## B474-86 Philip Oakden &amp; family 1828 - 1852

Oakden's letters to Leake: Samuel Jackson, Leake's love of God, remembrances to "Sally", his business and partnership with Gilles (1 Aug. 1828 letter incomplete); left Hamburg and is general commission merchant, Daniel and Frederick Falconer (from Liverpool, U.K. 16 Feb. 1833); from Launceston: druggist business available for John T. Leake (20 Dec. 1833); orange and lemon trees sent by Mr Small received and forwarded, not seen anything of "John the doctor" but his name in paper amongst arrivals, introduction of brother in law [Philip] Wigan, Oakden family had holiday at George Town and enjoyed the sea bathing (14 Feb. 1846); letters from Georgiana, wife of Oakden: P.O.'s visit to Melbourne (22 Oct. 1846); visits from Sarah Leake and Mrs Wigan, Oakden had severe attack "with violent pain", Philip Wigan's death (8 Feb. 1851); Philip poorly and to recruit his strength before his return to school Mrs O. would accept Mrs Leake's offer of hospitality, and Georgiana too as Leake's spare bed "so capacious" (1852). Also letters concerning board and education of August Oakden from Samuel and Elizabeth Horton and Rev. J. Mackersey (31 May - 2 Sept. 1836, 3 Jan. 1837). Letter from J.W. Gleadow: Oakden's death, request for information on him and his business for a memorial (31 July 1851).

*See also* financial correspondence: Sarah Leake's holiday, Mrs Jennings (7 Dec. 1836); John T. Leake's business disposed of (1 Mar. 1837); has a farm (28 May 1838); carriage to be painted, bedsteads (16, 22, 27 Dec. 1841); Leake's robbery (18 July 1845); unwell, tried John T. L.'s medicine but it did him no good, brother in law (13 Nov. 1845); wife will furnish preserves (currant, raspberry and gooseberry) for Mrs Lewis Gilles, opening at Deloraine for a doctor if John T. Leake interested (1 Feb. 1847); Robert L. dined, Mrs O. and their four little ones at their farm at Bentley (25 Mar. 1847); grass growing, country green, Jackson's letters in *Examiner* (18 Sept. 1847) L.1/E. 22, 23, 45, 59, 63. (13 docs.)

## B487-91 Roderic O'Connor 1834 - 1853

Sheep and horses, stud stallion "Besborough", looking after Mrs von Bibra's affairs, Legislative Council, fire at Ship Inn (1853), Joseph Archer (1853). (6 letters)

## B492-8 William Pike 1830 - 1844

Park Farm, Jericho [Colebrook]: neighbours, Horton gored by Kearney's bull (1841), wife on annual visit to Sorell Parsonage and eight grandchildren (8 Mar. 1841), financial troubles (1841), sold property to Mr Norman (10 Apr. 1844). (7 docs.)

## B499-505 Robert Power 1851 - 1856

To stay at Rosedale with youngest child, ill from studying too hard, travelling via Mona Vale (1851), books for Rev. W. Bedford, recommends coachman, road plan (6 Mar. 1856), going to Fingal diggings with Col. Perceval. Also Mrs Power's visiting card. (7 docs.)

## B506 William Stanley Sharland 8 Oct. 1851

He and wife to stay at Rosedale on way home to Oatlands.

## B507-11 Francis Walsh Small [1835], 1836, 1842, 1843

B1029 About to leave Campbell Town [formerly chief district constable, see L.1/F.259-6], thanks Leake and Mrs Leake for kindness to himself and family and asks Leake to tell Mrs Small "those days are gone past, even in Ireland, when [commencing the march on a Saturday] was supposed to be forboding of evil"; copy of notice of Small's insolvency, expected better prospects when he arrived in 1833 with his wife and 4 young daughters; thanks for money, clerk in Sydney Dock Yard (1836); sending orange and lemon trees from Capt. Moffatt's orangery at Kissing Point, does not recommend Sydney for Leake's son as a doctor but Dr. Macdonald giving up practice in Boronia (1842). (6 docs plus 1 mould damaged and illegible (B.1029) 1843)

B512-18 Alexander John Smith R.N. 1840, 1847, 1849-~~c~~ 1850

H.M.S. Erebus sailing to islands south of New Zealand (1840), returning to Campbell Town by night mail after visiting the Bretons and the Gunns (1847), observatory, sending fruit trees, etc from Botanic Gardens (1849), obtained a barometer for Leake. Also visiting card. (6 letters, 1 visiting card)

- B519 John Leake to John Smith 10 Dec., 14 Dec. 1857  
a,b,c,d Would not support proposal to his niece, ship's doctor should not "take advantage", addressed to "Derwentwater", and reply. Also 2 letters addressed to "Esteemed Lady" signed "J.S".
- B520-2 H.C.C. Somerset ND  
Illness, thanks for grapes, help with timber etc., from Campbell Town.  
(3 letters mould damaged)
- F533-68 Frederick Lewis [von] Stieglitz 1848-1857  
Invitations to stay at Killymoon, especially for Sarah Leake to recuperate as he has coal fires (7 Aug. 1848, 18 Feb., 28 Mar. 1855); Bishop Nixon opened Cullenswood Church, sending foxglove seeds or root (7 Mar. 1849); sheep, weather, servants, roads, Talbots at Malahide but Gregson not giving up possession owing to flaw in documents, Mrs. S. does not go to balls although S. was fond of dancing (30 Aug. 1850); fires at Port Philip (16 Apr. 1851); dairy farms let at £1 per acre, adjacent property valued at £6 per acre (28 Apr. 1855); sold Killymoon to Thomas Ransom for £30,000, £5 per acre, sailing for England (26 Dec. 1857, 23 Mar. 1858). Letters are signed Fredk. L. Stieglitz and include greetings to Mrs Leake and from Mrs Stieglitz.
- B.523 Capt. B. Stoney 10 Aug. 1855  
Thanks for sketch of Rosedale.
- B.1030. William Talbot to Mrs Leake 7 Dec. 1828  
From Malahide: to forward trunk to Hobart, rams.  
(mould damaged)
- B.524 Mrs Taylor, U.K. 8 June 1833  
Drafts of part of a letter by Mrs E. Leake to "Mrs Taylor" to be completed by John Leake: description of Rosedale: "a very comfortable house containing eleven good sized rooms . . .", the family: Arthur in England with his uncle but unhappy there: asks Mrs T. to speak to him "as a parent", Sarah "about fifteen" lame after a hip complaint, Charles "now thirteen" goes on a pony to school with a "Scotch clergyman", references to Mrs T. and family, servants - female convicts unsuitable so men preferred for household work.
- B.525 Frances Travis 9 May 1844  
From Cottingham [near Hull, U.K.] introducing a young immigrant, Alexander Smith, news of "we three sisters" and their cottage, asks after Leake's sons and daughter.
- B.526 George Washington Walker 30 July 1847  
"Our mutual friend" James Backhouse. *See also* accounts - drapery L.1/B.898-9
- B.527 Thomas Walker 1 June 1837  
"Rhodes", South Esk: could not visit because of damage to chaise and wife's nearing confinement.
- B528-44 Sarah Webster 1830 - 1858  
Old family friend writing about her unhappy marriage, husband's desertion, discovery he had died two years previously (1836), her family and mutual friends, sending case of goods. Letters mostly from the London area. *See also* John Foster, her nephew, L.1/B.372-3  
(17 docs)
- B545-7 John Helder Wedge 1833, 1844  
Leake's grant at Hunting Ground: Wedge of opinion that Mr McLeod as the first to locate on the Hunting Ground would have first selection (1833); death of Mrs Leake's "old acquaintance Whetee Coolera, alias May Day" whose loss much felt, now has three native boys with him (1833); he and wife to stay at Rosedale (1844).  
(3 docs.)
- B548-53 Charlotte Wells 1833 - 1835  
Widow of Thomas Wells (1782-1833): mother-in-law in Hull; needed money to send eldest daughter, Emma, to V.D.L., subscription list to help her; employment for daughters as governess and needlewoman, visit of daughter, Louisa, to Rosedale; Louisa and her sister at school with Mrs Nichols, Macquarie Street.  
(6 docs)

- B554-9 John Whitefoord 22 Oct. 1835, 1841 - 1846  
Police Magistrate at Campbell Town: Leake's son William summonsed on complaint by Willis to be heard next day (22 Oct. 1835); Police Magistrate at Oatlands: assigned servants, few good men available, unlikely to be a ploughman; endowment fund for education of sons and grandsons of police magistrates; college at Bishopsbourne. *See also* L.1/F.270-280, 602-7.  
(6 docs)
- B560-1 Richard Wigmore, secretary for Art Exhibition 6, 18 Feb. 1851  
Asked Leake to lend painting he won as Art Union prize.  
(2 letters)
- B.562-3 Charles Willis 1844, ND  
Visit, left behind his spectacle case, about to sail.  
(2 letters)
- B.564-5 Richard & Ann Willis 1834, N.D  
Richard Willis of Wanstead, Nr. Campbell Town, recommending his brother Arthur's commercial business in Hobart (1834); Mrs Willis sending children's books for Miss Leake, asked Mrs Leake to lend her Montgomery's "Pelican Island".  
(2 letters)
- B.566 Augustus Hillier Eardley Wilmot 19 Mar. 1855  
Health, Charles Leake's journey, engraving at head of Leake's letter, much money spent at elections, brother Chester expects to get office in Sydney.
- B.567 Chester Eardley Wilmot 14 Dec. 1853  
Wellington memorial subscriptions about £600; sea voyage and medical advice in London might help his wife, drought, Mrs Wilmot's regards to Miss Leake.
- B.568 Eulalie Wood to Mrs Leake 2 May 1841  
Begging "Madam" for assistance for her children as had put all money into business.
- B569-79 Capt. William Wood [1840s], 1852-1857  
From Hawkrigge: wife needed a visit from Mrs Leake' for a few days in their distress (ND. ?1840s); Mrs Leake's illness (12 May 1852); dismissal of Palmerston, suggests "memorial" in favour of transportation, "false Lord Grey", Mrs Leake's illness (10 June 1852) Mrs Leake's death: "she was one of the very few who shewed me the same kind attentions in adversity that I received from many others in prosperity only", Leake to return to Legislative Council, Archer's impertinent speech to Allison (4 July 1852); invitation to visit, wife's death, persuaded Mr Stackhouse to bury her on the property near their young children; sending Clarke's *Travels* and tulip roots, harvest good but expense of horses, carts etc. great, scarcely tried the reaping machine but "it would have cut the stubble close and saved the trouble and danger of burning it", vagabond fiddlers who dined on the road set fire to the grass, criticism of legislation, Governor had affronted wife by not visiting (13 Feb. 1855); books; thanks for strawberry plants and mulberry tree, House of Assembly a "company of comedians", Governor's "enormous salary" (7 May 1857); attended Allison's funeral, had painful operation; John T. Leake's painting, criticised reduction of constables, approved wool tax (1 Aug. 1857). *See also* correspondence on Magistracy L.1/F.300-305, transportation L.1/F.438-53, and Leake's trusteeship of Wood's property while in debt 1833-44 L.1/G.1-65  
(11 docs.)
- B.580-1 S. A. Wright 8 June 1851, 17 Dec. 1851  
Lockleys, South Australia: voyage home, Dr. Kelly best winemaker, gold "diggings".  
(2 docs.)



## JOHN LEAKE'S MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

- B.582 Alfred Asbeck 4 Feb. 1855  
Seeking employment as teacher of German, English, French, Italian.
- B.583 William Barnes 27 Sept. 1831  
Launceston: given the management of his brewery to his nephew who does not require any assistance at present.
- B.584 Michael Bates (Bates & Shaw) 5 Nov. 1832  
Thanks Leake for patience over their case and asks support in claim against Watson over sheep on the wool, could have purchased 1200 dry sheep at 6/- per head and had them fattened; presentation of plate to Simpson (See L.1/F.178-87)
- B.585 Edmund Bowden 25 Sept. 1846  
From "Anson" prison hulk: thanks for cask of cider.
- B.586-7. H. Burkitt 17 Jan. 1853, 21 Feb. 1853  
Asking advice about employment in V.D.L.
- B.588-9 Charles de Behr 17 & 20 Oct. 1844  
From Hobart: asks means to complete journey to Campbell Town. First letter in German
- B.590 W. A. Gardner, Newnham 9 Mar. 1846  
Apology for sending circular, offer of accommodation for Leake.
- B.591 John Ward Gleadow 9 Mar. 1846  
Requests Leake to send the subscription list to the "Provisional Committee for securing the services of Mr J. A. Jackson in England" as Jackson waiting to hear the result before visiting V.D.L.
- B.592 John Green 11 Jan. 1837  
Son of Joseph Green of Hull, U.K., asking opinion of Port Philip. Also letter of introduction from John Richardson of Hull 4 Aug. 1836.
- B.593-4 John Frederick Haller 1845, 1847  
Wine merchant, introducing friend, quit rent, Irish relief subscription.
- B.595-6 Philip Henry Haymes 2 July 1851, 8 Aug. 1851  
Seeking official employment, wants Leake to introduce him to Governor
- B.597 Gavin Hogg 1850  
Funeral of late Gavin Hogg of Campbell Town 9 Sept. 1850
- B.598 Capt. Robert Horne 6 Sept. 1851  
Hoping for Leake's influence with Governor in seeking office
- B.599 George Hull 22 June 1829  
Apology concerning Robertson and a cheque
- B1035 George Lind 18 Feb. 1834  
Hobart: almost free of his pecuniary liabilities but asks for £5
- B.600 G. Little 13 July 1843  
Illegible, mould damaged
- B.601 F. Maning ND.  
Partly illegible: references to weather and gardens  
(1 doc. mould damaged)

- B602-6 Andrew L. Pasche 1831, 1835, 1841  
From London: asks Leake's support in Bankruptcy Court, testimonials, free to emigrate as wife and family had returned to Norway (1835); commission agent and accountant in Sydney (1841). (5 docs.)
- B.607-8 Hugh Robertson 23 June 1828, 16 June 1829  
Leake at Derwent Bank to oblige by sending some printed forms for rent of Government land, payment to Internal Revenue, Mr Hill's letter, sheep being impounded.
- B609-11 Anna Maria Ross Nov. 1842, 1843  
Begging favour as about to sail to join husband; delayed as daughter, Mary, not yet married to Mr Oldham, thanks for "good character" Leake had given her. (3 docs. one mould damaged and illegible)
- B.616 T. Saunderson 10 June 1833  
From Hull, U.K., introducing John Oldfield.
- B.613 Malcolm Laing Smith 16 Oct. 1850  
Asking Leake to back a loan to enable him to plant and stock Flinders Island.
- B.614-5 Henry Wilkinson 26 Sept. 1851, 22 Jan. 1852  
Applying for a Government appointment, requests and thanks Leake for certificate of character during last 28 years.

#### SOCIETIES, CHARITIES ETC.

*See also* L.1/F

- B.616-7 Royal Society of V.D.L. 1853  
Circulars concerning membership and subscriptions
- B.618 Tasmanian Public Library 1854  
Leake a member.
- B619-32 Church, Charitable and Missionary Societies 1841 - 1854  
Requests for or acknowledgement of subscriptions or donations for: Archdeacon Hutchins Memorial from J.D. Loch (30 June 1841); S.P.C.K. from William Holdship (1845), William Dry (1847-9), A. Barrett (1854); Brown's River Parsonage from Rev. Edward Freeman (1844, 1849); £5 to relief of Irish potato poor (1847); proposed church of St. John Baptist "Goulbourn" St. (printed circular 1850); E.S.P. Bedford: acknowledging £5 donation to St. Mary's Hospital, Hobart (ND c 1850); Reform Missionary Society from R.R. Davies (1852, 1853); Association of Members of Church of England for maintaining in V.D.L. the principles of the Protestant Reformation: circular from J. Barnard, Thomas Dobson (1851); A Barrett: fund for increasing salaries of ministers and catechists (1854); Pitcairn memorial: Samuel Westbrook (1863). (14 docs.)

#### INVITATIONS

- B.633 Government House 1834, c 1845-1855  
Invitations to Mr Leake to dinner and to Mr, Mrs and Miss Leake to the Queen's Birthday Balls. (cards)

## FAMILY MEMORANDA

## B.634 Elizabeth Leake's Diary Jan. c 1826-28

Rough diary kept for about 2 weeks of January. Refers to farm work done by the three sons, William, Edward and Robert (although she complains of Robert and Edward being insolent, naughty boys) and the farm servants, visits from neighbours the Archers, Jellicoes and Gilles, mention of the younger children. No year date but Robert and Edward appear to be teenagers and there is a reference to visitors having to sleep in the unfinished house.

Written in a notebook formerly Leake's account with Schroder and Grossmann 1821-2. Also at back drafts of letters of W.B. Leake about stray bullocks, chit for John Nokes to fetch them (9 Jan. 1826) and order for iron wheels.

(small notebook)

## B.635 Memoranda Book c 1800 - 1840

Book containing notes on European history written in a neat copy-book hand, notes from Johnson's *Lives of English poets*, German sovereigns and electorates, lists of books including children's, small wood-cut prints of English houses and views pasted in, "inventory of John and Eliza Leake taken in the spring of 1811", recipes for wines, ginger beer, pickles, marmalade, "Mrs Dutchman's gingerbread" salad dressing, yeast, tomato sauce, vegetable soup.

The paper is watermarked "Buttanshaw 1795" and the book appears to have been used from about 1800 to the 1840s by various members of the family.  
(folio vol., half bound morocco)

## HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS : BUILDINGS &amp; FURNISHINGS

## B.636 Building Materials 1828 - 1835

Cedar, pine, deal planks, joists, ridgeboards from W. Orr, John Eddie, James Barnett, John Seymour; panes of glass, H. Chapman; guttering and iron chimneys etc., C. Wood; boiler etc, F. Wickham; shingles, R. Foster; stone, J. Colbeck at Ross Bridge; plastering by James Lewis of ceilings and walls in each room and stucco in front of house (1828); skirting, shelves and panel moulded doors, William Good; stone mason William Speed.  
(bundle)

## B637-50 Building 1837 - 1846

Including chits for numbers of planks received from J. Barnett's sawpit and detailed accounts for wood; accounts for deal and pine from R. de Little; agreement with John Widdup, stone mason, ticket of leave, to build back farm yard (1839); accounts and expenses for rations for Colbeck and Widdup (1837, in small cash book formerly used for police accounts); timber and lime, 1838, T. Coppins etc.; carpentry of doors, joists etc., Robert Ashford 1838-41; glass panes etc., W. Campbell 1838; flagstones, 1842-3, Daniel Herbert of Ross; statement on workmanship by Robert Bell, 1844; railings, brick and stone work, 1843-4, from J. Brinkley, Thomas Chance, E. Haines, W. Clayton, Hugh McGill, J.W. Woolley, D. McKay, James Hamilton; pump ;and fittings, 1846, T. Tilley; water tank and filter: plans etc. (ND).  
(14 bundles or items)

## B.651 Account Book 1837 - 1838

Accounts for rations for building workers 1837-8, including: Padfield well-sinker (noted that well unfinished), Willis, Colbeck builder, Stephen Tunks joiner, Robert Ashford joiner.

Entered in volume formerly used for Mrs Leake's household accounts 1814-20 and business accounts including Hamburg trade and general expenses 1820-22.  
(quarto vol. vellum bound)

## B652-736 Extensions to Rosedale 1846 - 1850

B1031 Letters, estimates and accounts from James Blackburn, architect, about plans for extensions, type of bricks, window-shutters, turret and staircase, native timber, suggestion of stringy bark for floorboards (1846-9); notebook detailing work done on new buildings Nov.-Dec. 1848; accounts for timber and shingles, glass etc. from Alfred Wrinkmore, W. Sewell, John Chandler, G. Williams, James Inglis, James Porterfield, P. Kearney, Robert Bell (1848 - some marked "general account"); letters about windows, plastering, water closets and pump, marble chimney piece and slabs, wall papers, papier mache capitals, stairs, locks, back porch, bath; bills for deal, pine and cedar boards, pine floor boards, iron pipes; paving tiles in buff, red, black, white, from Minton & Co., Blackfriars, London via William Jackson, with printed design drawing, probably from a catalogue, "designed and published by I. M. Blashfield, June 1843", of "No 90, tessalated pavement by Wyatt, Parker & Co." (name deleted and "Minton & Co." written above ms.) noted in pencil "This is the design for which the Hexagon Tiles are sent, July 1848" (1848-9); W. Bligh: stone window heads and sills (1849); stonework and flagging verandah, W. Thomas; plastering and painting, J. Denney, J. Greenwood, R. Patten; Thomas Corbett: ironmongery and weather vane (1849-50); Thomas Harbottle: plumbing, water closet (1849); R. de Little: staircase (1849); D. Taylor: shower bath.  
(31 docs. or bundles of bills plus 1 doc. mould damaged (B.1031) photocopied)

## B.737 Furniture etc. 1827 - 1832

Including pier glass in gilt frame, bedstead, chest of drawers, bell, crockery, rugs, cruet stand, looking glass, carpet and drugget.  
(bundle)

## B738-9 Furnishing and fitting 1833 - 1846

Bills for looking glass, glassware, furniture (J.W. Wooley), copper with tap, hinges, basins, crockery, candel mould, wardrobes, chests of drawers, wash tubs, "canvas for oil-painting", mahogany bedstead and hangings (1846), bureau (R. Bell 1846), window sash line, weights and pole, repair of clock, clocks, blind rollers; ironmongery estimate from William Samuel Burton of London (William Odell) 10 June 1846 including: octagonal orangery - iron framework and dome and glass £150 or £190, range, steam boiler etc., and hot air stove for church.  
(bundle)

## B740-84Furnishing and fitting 1847 - 1852

Wallpapers, silk: J. Woolley, C. Wilkinson (1848-9); repair of clocks, furniture including American rocking chairs, Isaac Richardson, H. Smith (1847-8); crockery and cutlery; bell hanging: John Andrew (1849); carriage of paintings (1849); carpet, bedroom and stair carpets, walnut sofa table, linen "Gothic window holland", wall papers from J.W. Woolley (1849-50); glass, window furniture and wall papers, L. Pearson (1850-53); ironmongery, Henry Davidson, T. Corbett, R. Harcourt (1851-53); cedar chest of drawers, corner rosewood whatnot (1856); flower pots, crockery, candlesticks and desert knives and forks.  
(bundle)

## B.785-805 Furnishing and fittings 1853 - 1864

P.H. Gell: inquiring about piano Leake wished to sell (1853); cooking stove, W. Johnson (1855); chairs, mats, Pearson (1855); Francis Abbott, clock (1857, 1860); decanters and glasses from Belmont Glass Works, Birmingham (1863); miscellaneous furniture, crockery and drapery (1862-64); memos about glass in gilt frame for end of drawing room, above piano, and two statuettes from England (Hebe and Purity of Parrian or Copelands) for corners of room on papier mache brackets.  
(bundle)

## B806-10 Miscellaneous timber and fittings 1862 - 1864

Timber, closet crank, 9 inch copper pan for water closet, window heads and sills, hearths, garden roller, flagstones, 1 tank.  
(bundle)

## B811-43Insurance 1841 - 1864

Renewal of insurance policies on Rosedale and Ashby with V.D.L. Fire and Marine Insurance and the Cornwall Fire and Marine Insurance Co. Also loan and mortgage (1845, 1847)  
(2 bundles)

## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

## B.844-56 Schooling 1829 - 1837

B1032 Correspondence and accounts relating to school and instruction for Edward, Charles and Sarah Leake, including: James Thomson, Hobart Town Academy for Edward, letter answering Leake's complaint about the "trifling improvement" by reminding him that his son was beyond his management (1829); Mrs G.C. Clark of Ellinthorpe Hall for board, tuition, equipment and "Mr Reichenberg" [music teacher] for Sarah Leake (1829); John Mackersey for tuition and books for Charles Leake (1831); Mrs Charles Abbott for board of Miss Leake (1835) and Miss Le Neve: Mrs Abbott died but school would still re-open as no danger of infection (1836); Henry Mundy of Ellinthorpe for music for Miss Leake to practice (1837); T.E. Chapman about hiring his drawings for Miss Leake to copy contrary to his custom as a teacher (1837); Lieut. John Atkinson: offering his drawings for purchase for Miss Leake as practice specimens (1837); F. Kowarzik for teaching piano-forte to Miss Leake (1841). Also acknowledgment of application for Leake's 2 sons to be admitted into the Kings Grammar School (1828, mould damaged partly illegible).  
(14 docs)

## MEDICAL EXPENSES

## B.857-73 Medical treatment 1829 - 1864

Bills for treatment and drugs from Alex McNab, Dr. Temple Pearson, George Eldridge, Dr. William Crowther, Michael Bates, Dr. W. Valentine, William Roberts, Dr. Edward Bedford, Dr. J. Agnew.  
(17 docs.)

## B874-5 Mrs Leake's funeral and memorial 1852

Bills from undertaker R. Wallis for Best cedar coffin, and stone mason D. Herbert.  
(2 docs.)

## GENERAL HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS

## B.876-81 Portrait Photographs 1849 - 1862

Letters from Thomas Brown: portraits (1849); J. Sharp & Co.: photograph for enlarged portrait, and additional smaller copies sent to Sir William Denison and to England although the negative was "suited only for enlarging" (1857); Frederick Frith: bill for chromatype portrait life size, frame, coloured photograph of son and ambrotype in case of son (1858); George Cherry: bill for photographic album portraits and ambrotype portrait for locket (1862). (5 docs.)

## B.882-5 Books, newspapers, stationery 1828 - 1865

Accounts and some letters relating to the purchase of books, magazines, newspapers, stationery, binding and some fancy goods. Books and periodicals range from Clarke's *Commentary on the Scriptures*, Byron's works and the *London Encyclopedia* to medical books for J. T. Leake, the latest novels such as *Little Dorrit*, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and *Mrs Gaugan's Knitting Book*. Newspapers etc. include the *Courier*, *Government Gazette*, *Examiner*, *Pictorial Times*, *Edinburgh Review*, *Punch* etc. Other items include Walch's Map, 1859, visiting cards, engraved letter paper, box of water colours, "Juvenile scrapbook", bronze inkstand and J. S. Prout's set of lithographs, 1847. Suppliers include: G.H. Peck (1836), Henry Dowling (c. 1836-480, S. A. Tegg (1844-5), Hawley & Co. (1840s), J. Walch (1849-1864).

Arranged in bundles:

1828 - 1838  
1840 - 1849  
1850 - 1859  
1860 - 1865

(4 bundles)

## B886-95 Jewellery 1838 - 1864

Watches and chains, eye glasses, rings, silver pencil case, shawl pin, "doll" (1848), silver (F. Abbott). (10 docs)

## B.896-900 Drapery and clothing 1827 -1865

Bills for clothes, boots and shoes, hats and accessories, cloth and sewing materials and repair and washing for Mr and Mrs Leake, their sons and daughter, and a few items of slop clothing for servants. Suppliers include: W. Rogers, T. & D. Robertson, R. Mather, J. Lee, R. Lewis, S. Williams, J. MacGregor, John Cameron, M. Bolger, G. W. Walker (from 1843), Henry Cook, Bennett & Co., R. Goldspink (boots, 1860s), Fitzgerald (1860s). Some headed bills from the 1840s.

Arranged chronologically in bundles:

1827 - 1830  
1831 - 1839  
1840 - 1849  
1850 - 1859  
1860 - 1865

(5 bundles)

## B901-5 Grocery and general household supplies 1827 - 1865

Bills mainly for food, including occasional special items such as Souchong or Orange Pekoe tea and cheroots (1832), Crosse & Blackwell, London: pickled salmon, mustard etc. (1858). Also bills for general supplies such as kitchen crockery, knives, scissors, brushes, soap, blankets, slop clothing, boots, ribbons, ink, sheep shears, tobacco, razors, lamp glasses, looking glasses; and bills for shipping general supplies.

Arranged chronologically in bundles:

1827 - 1830  
1831 - 1839  
1840 - 1849  
1850 - 1859  
1860 - 1865

B.906 Wine, ale and spirits 1828 - 1864

Bills and shipping documents for wine, including claret, marsala, sherry, port, rum, brandy, Sydney ale (from London), etc.  
(bundle of 32 docs.)

B907-11 Coach, hotel and carriage expenses 1827 - 1864

Bills for coach fares, hotels and carriage of parcels and goods, including Cox Coach fares, Ship Hotel Hobart (R. Anson 1851-2), Royal Oak Inn Cross Marsh with bill head depicting interior of bar behind counter showing pump handles (1857).

Arranged in bundles:

1827 - 1830

1831 - 1839

1840 - 1849

1851/2, 1857

1861 - 1864

B912-24 Carriages 1840-1843, 1851-52, 1862

Letters and bills from Robert Stewart, Launceston, and Henry Crocker, Launceston, about making and repairing Leake's carriage or "cab phaeton" - the wheels would be painted by next week "if the men keep sober" (31 Dec. 1852).  
(14 docs.)

B.925 Gig and harnesss 1829 - 1864

Bills for repairs to gig and repair of harness, saddlery, dog collars, riding whips, horse brushes, from Tevelein & Stubbs, Alexander Fraser, Richard Palliser, P. & J. Hume, etc.  
(bundle)

B.926 Tax and licence dues 1847, 1857, 1862-65

Receipts for police and road rates, dog licences.  
(bundle)

B.927 Day Book Jan. 1849 - 1859

Bank transactions, amounts received or cheques drawn, entered in chronological order, including minor household and personal expenses as well as proceeds of London wool sales. Ends with valuation of sheep, cattle, horses, pigs and fowls at Rosedale 30 Jan. 1859.

Also includes at back of volume:

Servants' wages, rations and stores 1850 - 1859. Includes general and farm servants such as washer women, gardener, carpenter, thrasher, groom. Sometimes notes dates when started work or name of convict transport ship.  
(folio vol., bound vellum)

B.928 Cash Box 1837

Receipted bill for.

B.929-80 Requests for payment c. 1832 - 1858

Miscellaneous letters asking for payment of outstanding accounts.  
(52 letters in alphabetical order)

## GARDEN

*See also* L.1/B.345 Thomas Archer of Woolmers sending 100 assorted "worked" [i.e. grafted] apple trees for Leake's orchard and hawthorn and gooseberry bushes 1833; L.1/C.374 "Journal" notes planting of garden plants; L.1/B.578 Capt. Wood's estate correspondence 7 May 1857: thanks for strawberry plants and mulberry tree.

- B.1033 Seed Society ND [? 1830s or 1840s]  
 "Proposals for the institution of a Seed Society" to procure and disseminate among its members seeds of the best culinary vegetables".  
 (mould damaged, partly illegible)
- B981-5 Launceston Horticultural Society 1842  
 Letters from William Henty, secretary of the Launceston Horticultural Society: sending vine cuttings of various types, listed, and hoped to send "Italian marrow seeds"; "the committee" might engage Leake's gardener, Heritage, as Leake was willing to give up his indenture but they had "an applicant from Port Phillip who has a respectable wife"; request for subscription.  
 (5 docs.)
- B1034 W.K. Hawkes: melons 16 Jan. 1845  
 Extract from Mause & Abercrombie's work on gardening about cucumber or melon fruit, copied by W. K. Hawkes of Franklin Village for Leake.  
 (1 paper, mould damaged)
- B986-9 Garden and orchard 1854 - 1857  
 William Cox of Cambock: had sent fruit as a gift and seeds of sorts Leake had not got when Cox left, he had purchased the stock of the gardener he succeeded, a man of the same name as himself, from the same place in England, but no relation, asked for parsnip and cucumber seed, requested Leake to send London order for the enclosed £5 to Elizabeth Cox of Hawston near Cambridge [U.K.] (1854, 1857); M. Tankard: purchase of apples (1856)  
 (4 letters)
- B990-7 Bills 1843-1851, 1862-63  
 Bills for fruit trees, seed vegetables from F. Lipscombe of Sandy Bay, Edward Harris, Handasyde, M'Millan & Co. Melbourne (1863)  
 (8 docs.)

## JOHN LEAKE MISCELLANEOUS

- B.998 Epic Poem by T. Onion 1809  
 "The Captain of the Day, an epic poem by Timothy Onion Esquire Captain in the 4th East York Laughable Militia" (*see* letter from G. Wilson L.1/B.341)  
 (ms. 32 pages sewn into booklet)
- B.999 Poems by "H.K" c. 1855  
 "The rejected address", "Ambition, war, home and anticipation"
- B.1000 Sermons preached at Rosedale in 1830s  
 -1021 Copies of sermons, author or authors unknown but several noted as preached at Ashbrittle, Wincanton and other places from 1770 to 1827. The earliest is noted as preached at St. Bride's or St. Sepulchre's London on 14 occasions between 1730 and 1761. On one was also noted Rosedale Aug. 12 1832, July 27 1834, May 20 1838 and another Rosedale 3 June 1836 (cf. P. Massingberd 1833 L.1/B.469)  
 (ms. bundle of 22 quarto gatherings)
- B.1022 Visiting card of Mrs H. Bilton ND



## FARM MANAGEMENT

## SERVANTS

Although this section relates mainly to farm and outdoor workers there are also some references to household servants. *See also* letter book L.1/B.2 (b) page 43 list of convict men employed by Leake; William Bell's correspondence L.1/B.289-312; Whiteford L.1/B.554-6; account book 1850-59 (servants' wages and expenses) L.1/B.927

## C.1-96 Correspondence 1824 - 1857

Correspondence with the Board of Assignment, Comptroller of Convicts, etc. about assigned servants, loan of carpenters, bricklayers, etc.; replacement of those granted tickets of leave; conditions and wages, including application to bring out family of Charles Cox; pardon for Eliza Williams to proceed to New York 1857 and her letter of thanks from Melbourne, where she had obtained a post as parlour maid; help for George Trinder's wife; remission of sentence to William Plant to allow him to accompany Leake to South Australia. Also correspondence with agents and servants' registries: R. Drury, Henry Dowling agent in London (1841) including contract with Edward Bacon for 3 years service (from date contract signed in London) as "rough carpenter, wheelwright and farm servant", John Walker: ordering a miller through Mr Childs, wages and conditions for servants, passage for families and female servants etc. (2 May 1853). Also correspondence with individual servants or applicants, including Joseph Roebuck: ticket of leave, thanks for help, cure for fits; George Trinder: thanks for £2 for his sick wife; Eliza Coleman for wages owed; list (1836). Some letters from neighbours, circular from the Tasmanian Female Immigration Association (1850); immigration regulations 1853.

Names of servants referred to include (in chronological order): Joseph Millen, James Kerr, William Ogden, Charles Cox, G. Court (brick layer), William Fitzgerald (carpenter), J. Elder (plasterer), G. Brown (labourer), C. Openshaw (gardener) John Maher, J. Holman (brick layer), William Plant, Philip Congom (ticket of leave 1839), John Nokes, Edward Bacon, Henry Ruff, Robert Burnett, Noble and wife, William Barker, William Janes (formerly gardener to W. Kermod), Thomas Bentimore, James Reaman, Charles Gray (coachman), Robert Grist, John Venn (request for pardon refused 1849), James Newland (bookbinder), William McDonald, Eliza Coleman, John Brough (gardener), George Haynes, Benjamin and Margaret Sculthorpe, Samuel Elliott (gardener), Joseph Hughes (groom), John Hickey, William Beale (paper hanger), Mary Mannon, George Trinder (1853), Jeremiah Tibbets, John Martin (ticket of leave 1853), Joseph Roebuck, Patrick Conroy (free 1853), William Short (1854), Stephen Gillard (absconder 1855), John Hagin (1855), Eliza Williams (1857).

*See also* contract with shepherd 1831 L.1/C.102-3; wage receipts, agreement for stump clearing (L.1/C.97,370); W. Bell L.1/B.2 a (p.43); Thomas Archer's reference to John Philips indentured to him for 18 months in 1842 L.1/B.348; F. Stieglitz: Joseph Hughes served him five months, transported from Melbourne for second offence, good stableman but not especially good character 28 Oct. 1849 L.1/F.537. (102 docs.)

## C.97 Receipts for wages 1823 - 1850

Receipts for wages paid for servants, also some contract and casual workmen, including payments on account of rations, clothing etc. Many of those named above are included and others (eg. George Aitchison, John Seymour, George Williams, James Riley, William Thomas, John Grigg, John Johnson, James Bishop, Patrick Flynn, Richard Keating etc.). Also vouchers for work done by casual workers at harvest, carpentry, "stumping" etc. (bundle)

## C.98-101 Medical treatment for staff 1836 - 1863

Bills for hospital for James Lonsdale 1836, medicine for Mrs Burt from William Roberts 1843, extracting tooth from James Collins, shepherd, 1846, Cornwall and Launceston General Hospital fees for William Dormer and accommodation at Ship Hotel with wife until "vessel" sailed 1863. (6 docs.)

## STOCK - SHEEP

*See also* Finance: wool shipment and sales L.1/E.1-317

- C102-3 George Birch, shepherd 1831-2  
 Hiring agreement, 12 April 1831, for George Birch as shepherd to John Leake, at Leake's run at the Hunting Ground or to serve on his farm for 12 months at £30 p.a. and a conditional present of £5 if the sheep are kept in good order. Endorsed with receipts for payments. Enclosed: tally of sheep Nov. 1831 to 25 April 1832 signed by Robert Leake. Also 2 letters from Birch reporting that dogs were killing sheep and that the "sheep are giting a greater better of the scab" (5, 9 May 1832).  
 (3 docs.)
- C.104-182 Sheep : general correspondence 1823-4, 1830-1859  
 Correspondence relating to sheep, including purchases and sales, strays, branding, sheep dip (tobacco and corrosive sublimate), dogs killing sheep (1833), shearing, sheep sent to Port Philip, 400 to South Australia (31 Dec. 1838), Thomas Archer of Woolmers had no wethers for sale as he was fattening his on turnips and Cape Barley and getting 9/6d a head but allowed 2/6d for skins returned with fleece (29 July 1844), J.E. Bicheno (19 May 1848) in reply to Leake and Harrison's letter on danger of sheep catarrh infection spreading from Port Philip: the inspectors of stock instructed to prevent entry of diseased sheep, losses though severe weather (T. Bartley, 1849).  
 Writers include (in chronological order): Samuel Hill, John Morris, James Cox of Clarendon, John Sinclair, Horace Rowcroft, B.W.J. Thomas, Walter Davidson, W.J.T. Clarke, John Thomson, Thomas Henty, Henry Keach, J. Gardiner, Henry Arthur, John Green, John C. Underwood, George Sparrow, G. Mackillop, Wilson & Tonkin of Hobart, John Burke, William Fletcher, James Raven, Dr. Alexander Clerke of Ravensworth, Benjamin Horne, Thomas Stump, E. Willis of Wanstead, J. Morris, Joseph Cahill, T. Archer, William Archer, T.B. Bartley, C. Viveash, Thomas Rogers for Brown and Son, Charles V. Robinson, Henry N. Harrison, J. E. Bicheno, D. Taylor, Joseph Kirkby, James Mercer, R. Willis.  
 Also letter from R. Willis (17 Jan. 1835) asking Leake to allow Dr. Brock's man to collect 2 strayed rams marked "B"; he had found "a quantity of gooseberries" at his shepherd's hut said to have been given by one of Leake's men and hoped it was with Leake's authority.  
*See also* F. L. Stieglitz: wet weather killed his lambs (22 Aug. 1849); dry season, sheep dying, needs supply of grain from Leake (30 Aug. 1850); shearing (16 Nov. 1850); business correspondence L.1/E.; L.1/F.536,538-9.  
 (83 docs.)
- C.183 "Drawing of a mill for sheep salve" ND [1825-35]
- C.184-253 Sheep : fatstock sales 1831 - 1851  
 Correspondence about sales of sheep for meat, chiefly with William Ladds, butcher of Hobart, who usually purchased 100-400 or so sheep after shearing but offered extra for sheep shorn unwashed as washing caused loss of condition and rejected any "broken mouthed animals" [i.e. poor condition or old]. The flocks were driven to Hobart by Ladd's drover and pastured until ready for slaughter. Also Samuel Loring, butcher of Hobart who supplied meat to Government establishments. Other correspondents include: Huxley, butcher of Launceston; MacLannachan; George Bell, Hobart; T. Y. Lowes, Hobart: good 2 and 4 tooth wethers fetch 5 s., 4 and 6 tooth more in demand for turnip feeding (1844); P. Kearney, butcher of Campbell Town.  
 (76 docs.)
- C.254 Sales delivery receipts c 1827-1861  
 Receipts for delivery of sheep by drovers.  
 (bundle of 29 papers, hole in centre from spike file)
- C.255-68 Miscellaneous accounts for sheep sold and purchased c 1821, 1833-1864  
 (14 docs)
- C.269 Miscellaneous notes of sheep numbers, deficiencies etc. c 1829-1847  
 (5 docs.)
- C.270 Shearing c 1830-1846  
 Signed chits for wages stating how many sheep a man had shorn. Probably filed on a spike as presented.  
 (bundle)

## MISCELLANEOUS FARM ACCOUNTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- C.271-79 Correspondence 1830 - 1853  
Letters concerning wheat, barley, rape and tobacco seed, hides and tallow and other supplies from: James Fenner (1835); Benjamin Horne: wheat smutty (1830), wheat and barley (1846-7); Farrell and Wallis: tallow (1842); G.C. Clark of Ellinthorpe Hall: tobacco seed (1842); J. Pearson of Douglas Park: rape seed (1844); R. C. Gunn: tobacco (1853). *See also* Capt. Forth requesting some of Leake's superior white hens L.1/B.370, also garden and orchard L.1/B.981-997.  
(9 docs.)
- C.280 Account Book: farm and general 1823 - 1827  
Includes general supplies; rations for farm servants and for carpenter, builders, miller, brick-maker, blacksmith, sawyers; timber etc. Also account of sheep, description of bullocks (brands and colour). At front of volume: "remarks on hides or skins".  
(quarto vol.)
- C281-305 Millers' Accounts etc. 1828 - 1862  
Andrew Gatenby: accounts for smith's work and grinding wheat (1828-30); bills for corn milling and supplies of corn and flour from: Meadow Bank Mills (R. Taylor, Robert Long, Walter & John Davidson) including letter 1842 from W. Davidson that water almost stopped; letter from Thomas Ritchie of Scone Mill about flour, 6 Dec. 1838: 12% or "ration flour" had broad bran removed 12 lbs per 100 lbs of wheat, 20% or "military flour" 20 lbs of bran and pollard from 100 lbs wheat, seconds all bran and pollard taken away, prices fine flour 21/- per 100 lbs, seconds 19/- ration 17/6d (C.289). Also G. Gatenby of Barton Mills; Launceston Steam Mill (Edward Harper 1849); Campbell Town Mill (J. Coombe 1862).
- C.306 Miscellaneous bills c 1830-1845  
Seeds, wheat, oats, dressing, guano etc.  
(bundle)
- C.307 Miscellaneous bills c 1830 - 1845  
Miscellaneous supplies and equipment including woolbagging, woolscrews, woolpress, bullock chains, spades, scythes, repairs.  
(bundle)
- C.308-20 Lime 1832, 1838, 1848-49, 1863  
Bills for supplies of lime from: Walter Davidson, including also service of horse for 3 mares (1838); George East (1832), including note about a wheelbarrow left at Lewisham when Leake took possession of the place (paper later used as wrapper for wool correspondence); Robert de Little (1848-9); W.H. Godwin (Thomas's Tamar Lime 1863).  
(13 docs.)
- C.321-42 Farm carts and implements: correspondence c 1827 - 1859  
Correspondence and accounts for carts, ploughs etc. from: Robert Brumby (wheels 1827); Samuel Horton (dray 1832); James Fenner (leather boots etc. 1835); John S. Uther (bellows 1837); A. I. Denholm of Green Ponds (plough 1841); David Parry (dray 1842, 1849); Henry Gurr (wheel repairs); Beveridge & Sons, Launceston (horse plough 1847); Cleburn, Edward & Cleburn (coil of wire 1857); Ransomes & Sims, Ipswich [U.K.] (plough, shares, horse rake etc. 1859). *See also* W. Wood 13 Feb. 1855, reaping machine L.1/B.576  
(22 docs.)
- C.343-50 Cart and harness repairs 1832 - 1847, 1864  
*See also* accounts for carriages and saddlery L.1/B.  
(8 docs.)
- C.351-2 Miscellaneous machinery 1838  
Mr Harrison requested loan of a pair of steelyards, note brought "by a dark eyed man"; Frederick Forth asked for: "the crab whince" [a portable pulley winch for lifting weights with claw grab] to be given to Mr Foster's man.  
(2 docs., both with spike file hole in centre)
- C.353-64 Horses and bullocks 1830 - 1858  
Correspondence and bills relating to the purchase of working horses and bullocks, strays, breeding etc. from: William Talbot of Malahide (1830-1); James Cox (1833); Underwood and Eddie (1846); Isaac

Bomford: "Besborough" serving two mares, escape of grey mare (1 Jan. 1847 *see also* letter from Roderic O'Connor 15 Jan 1847 L.1/B.487); Thomas Diprose; William Barker; Samuel Page (1853); Philip T. Smith. *See also* Capt. Wood's estate 22 Nov. 1841, stallion for Leake's mares L.1/G.21, also T. Ritchie (1838) Leake's horses for sale L.1/C.289.  
(12 docs.)

- C.365 Sale of horses and cattle ND.  
Notebook containing lists of lots, prices and ?names of purchasers, eg.: "Lot 1 Turpin and Snowball, Gill £11, Lot 2 Captain and Dickey, J. Bryant £10 . 5s, Lot 16 Lovely, Mitchell £8 . 5s, Lot 27 Sally and calf, Buckley £6 . 2s . 6d, Lot 55 Black Boy, quiet in harness, Dawson, £33, Lot 56 Little Prince, fit for a side saddle, Shepard £22, 12 heifers £33".  
(small pocket notebook, unbound)
- C.366 Horses: miscellaneous bills c 1828 - 1847  
Sales, purchases, services of stallions.  
(15 docs.)
- C.367 Cattle and working bullocks 1829 - 1847  
Miscellaneous bills for sale and purchase.  
(bundle of 9 papers)
- C.368 Blacksmiths' bills 1832 - 1864  
Mainly from James Thompson, for shoeing horses and making and repairing tools and equipment.  
(bundle)
- C.369 Fencing and stock yard 1831, 1840 - 1844  
Supplies of posts and timber, workmen's rations and wages (Newman, Cox and Williams)
- C.370 Clearing stumps 1838, 1841  
Agreement and wage chits for grubbing tree stumps ("stumping") etc. to clear paddocks for ploughing: John Copsey 1838; Isaac Sandford, William Taylor, John Wood, Thomas Chandler 1841.  
(4 papers)
- C.371 Miscellaneous bills: rations for men c 1830 - 1840  
(bundle)
- C.372 Miscellaneous receipts for accounts rendered c 1828 - 1848  
(bundle)
- C373 Estimates and notes c 1841 - 1844  
Rough notes of estimated profits from sheep, expenses, wages, repairs etc. Also estimate for tannery, notes on value of gold specie.  
(bundle)

#### FARM AND GARDEN c 1862

- C.374 Journal Feb. - Dec. [no year date given ?1862]  
Daily rough notes of work done: eg. sheep washed, killed, branded, "began to Cross Plough in front on fallow with bullocks" (31 March), gathered apples, began to crush apples, filled 1 cask cyder, 52 galls. (19 March), bought 635 4-tooth wethers at Cleveland (26 March), finished sowing oats in front paddock (31 May), planted multiplying onions, Cape Barley (5, 7 June), came back from Launceston, began candle making (4 July), sowed grass plot by greenhouse (19 July), planted kidney potatoes, planted cabbage, spinach, parsnips, strawberry plants, carrots (1 August), "planted Aloe in front Drawing Room window" (4 August), planted potatoes by asparagus (27 August), transplanted tomatoes (28 Oct.).  
(small blue notebook, newspaper cuttings of the almanac for the month stuck in)

## PROPERTY

Correspondence relating to land grants, purchases, leases, etc. Papers have been sorted into property groups, but many were not identified with certainty.

A list of deeds in the hands of Leake's solicitor, Robert Pitcairn, in 1843 and Pitcairn's detailed accounts for payment (L.1/D.258-65) give a useful indication of the various land transactions.

The first grant was 2000 acres near Campbell Town in 1823, which Leake called Rosedale. A second grant included 1000 acres at the Hunting Ground and 1000 acres adjoining the original grant. However a mistake was made in the original boundary, making the new adjacent grant less when measured from the new boundary. This led to a dispute with Leake's neighbour Richard Willis. Leake also rented Crown grazing land and bought and sold other land so that he eventually owned a substantial holding mainly around Campbell Town. *See also* letter books L.1/B.1, 2.

- D.1            Leake to T. Scott 1 Oct. 1823  
               Leake would be absent in Hobart when Scott was likely to measure his land but his son was acquainted with his wishes in regard to "the point to measure from". Leake also wanted a town allotment in Campbell Town as he might join a shop there.
- D.2-8        Adjacent property 1826 - 1828, 1832  
 300-1        Note from E. Dumaresq, Surveyor General, that the land west of Leake's grant was granted to R. Willis; Crown Land to the N.W. might be sold (14 Dec. 1826); note from Capt. Forth: the conditions for "reserves" not to be prejudicial to new settlers but to give adjacent holders equal opportunity (3 Sep. 1827); dispute with Willis about sheep found over the disputed boundary brought before the police magistrate (March 1828). Also notes from E. Dumaresq about adjoining land (1826, 1832 illegible)
- D.9 a.b.c.    Order for additional grant 25 June, 10, 11 July 1828,  
               Approval of an order for an additional grant of 1000 acres at the Hunting Ground and 1000 acres adjoining the original grant, from the Colonial Secretary's Office.  
               (3 docs)
- D.10        Crown Land 28 Aug 1828  
               Draft of letter regarding choice of Crown Land on the east or west "of your grant".
- D.11        G. Frankland, surveyor 2 1829  
               Brief notes referring to the "970" acres and settlement of the location of grants.
- D.12,13     W. Parramore 21 Nov. 1828, 30 Sep. 1829  
               Leake's intention to call on the Lieut-Governor respecting his dispute with Willis; Parramore had laid letter before Lieut-Governor.
- D.14-16     Richard Willis 28 Oct 1830 - 3 Oct 1831  
               Trouble with Leake's cattle over the disputed boundary, suggests fencing.  
               (3 letters)

- D.17-50      Leake /Willis dispute 1834 - 1838  
302-7      Papers relating to a dispute between Richard Willis of Wanstead and Leake over the boundary between Willis' land and Leake's additional grant of 1000 acres which had been measured not from the original line surveyed by T. Scott in 1823 but from a new line, surveyed in 1828 by Surveyor Wedge, cutting off 10 chains. Willis attempted to fence along the disputed boundary and Leake proposed arbitration to determine the boundary. His arbitrators, James Crear and Andrew Gatenby gave a declaration in favour of the 1823 T.Scott line on 29 December 1835 and (although in the opinion of Leake's solicitor, R. Pitcairn this was insufficient in law) Leake issued a *caveat* against Willis in 1836 for a decision by the Commissioners for Investigating Titles.  
Papers include letters of Leake, Willis, R.Pitcairn (Leake's solicitor) the Surveyor General and Colonial Secretary and a copy of the decision by J. Crear with plan.  
(32 docs plus 6 mould damaged & partly illegible)
- D. 50-52      Registration of land 6 Sep. - 12 Sep.1836  
Letters from R. Pitcairn about grant deeds for Leake's original grant of 2000 acres from Sir T. Brisbane, he had received the Gilles conveyance and had sent in applications for the original grant and Murray's, Milliken's and Rankin's (see D.66).
- D. 53      Campbell Town lot 2 18 May 1837  
Request from Internal Revenue Office for payment of balance due.
- D. 54      Quit rent due on land grants 5 Aug. 1842, 1845  
308-9      Request from Internal Revenue for arrears of quit rent on the grant of 2240 acres from 1835-1841, £ 6 . 16s.

#### LAND PURCHASED OR SOLD

- D. 55-60      Purchase of Campbell Town property 1831 -1832  
310      Papers relating to Leake's purchase from Francis Dawe Wickham of 1000 acres in Campbell Town for £250, including the lease, solicitor's account.  
(6 docs. plus 1 mould damaged, photocopied)
- D.61      Draft of letter *in re* application for additional grant and exchange with Hill 25 June 1831
- D.62-67      Sale of 2027 acres to Davidson May - July 1832  
311      Letters from G. Butler, solicitor, concerning Leake's conveyance of 1027 acres and assignment of lease for 1000 years in 1000 acres to Davidson, including instructions on how to date and sign the lease and release and to "deliver" the deed by placing a finger or seal on the wax and memorandum of agreement.  
(6 docs. plus 1 mould damaged)
- D.68-135      Purchase from Gilles (1833) 1831 - 1844  
312-24      Letters, mainly from R. Pitcairn, solicitor, and John Ward Gleadow and also from G. Butler, L.W. Gilles, O. Gilles (including account of his property "Meglin", a third part of L.W. Gilles' Eppendorf, and exchange of property with L.W.G. through J.L. 1831-2), James Grant (acting for Milliken's son), David Murray, F.D.Wickham, relating to land purchased by Leake

from L.W.Gilles in 1833. Gilles' land included 1000 acres originally granted to Rankin and sold to Gilles in 1829, 1400 acres sold by David Murray to Gilles and 1500 acres sold by Milliken to Gilles. Gilles mortgaged 3200 acres in Morven and Richmond to Parkyns in 1831 and sold part of the land, on the Macquarie River, to Leake in 1833. Registration of the grants to Leake was delayed because of a disputed boundary on Murray's grant and a claim for improvements made before his sale to Gilles, including dwelling house and outbuildings, but grant deeds were issued to Leake in 1843, after payment of fees and quitrents, for 1403 acres (originally Milliken), 952 acres (originally Rankin) and 1333 acres (originally Murray). A letter from L.W.Gilles of 31 October 1839 about the boundary pointed out that Milliken's grant was taken long before Murray's. Gilles' letters refer also to Abbott's sheep remaining until after lambing (3 Aug. 1832), Lewisham House (3 Sept. 1832), Milliken's demands on pasturing of sheep (13 Feb. 1833), Parkyn's claim over Goodwood property (21 July 1833), Murray's "hostilities over Lewisham property (21 July 1834). The letters from L.W. and O. Gilles are also personal and include references to Miss Henty (1831, 1832); Jellicoe cutting a "pretty figure in the papers" (3 Sept. 1832); Sarah Leake "in good health although somewhat taciturn" (13 Feb. 1833), "Scarlet's" wedding (Oct. 1839). Also copies of Scott's and Wedge's surveys of boundaries of grants to Murray, Milliken & Rankin and extract of registration of grant to William Milliken by Sir T. Brisbane 30 June 1823 (Reg. 2 p. 138). (80 docs. some mould damaged)

D.136-139 Sale to R.P. Stuart 1834 - 1839

Correspondence concerning offer to buy W. B. Leake's land for £500 to be paid in 4 years and difficulties in making interest payments.

D.140-141 Deloraine 183 acres 25 May 1841, 1847

J. Scott, surveyor, could measure and mark Leake's 183 acres on 30 May 1841; solicitor, R. Pitcairn sent grant to Oakden (July 1847)

D.142-147 Purchase from Davidson 10 May 1842, Feb.-Apr. 1844, 1846

Letters from R. Pitcairn, solicitor, relating to Leake's purchase from Davidson of land which was an original "Brisbane grant" but also part of property mortgaged to Hamilton for whom Capt. Swanston was agent, Young acting for Davidson. (see also L.1/B.2B p.27) (6 docs.)

D.148-151 Greenbank to Leake 22 June - 14 Dec. 1841

Conveyance: Edward Greenbank to Leake of property originally granted to Fenner (2 acres 1 rood) and Fenner to Perry. [Harrison Street, Campbell Town, see D.299] (4 docs.)

D.152-163 Capt. Forth's property 21 Mar. 1841 - 18 May 1841, 1846

Letter from Benjamin Horne of "Chiswick" on dispute over land to be sold by Capt. Forth and letter from Adam Jackson *in re* alteration of survey of 686 1/2 acres in the Eastern Tiers. Also acknowledgements from Derwent Bank of Leake's payments of interest on mortgage (1841, 1844) and of £520 in settlement of the balance of Captain Swanston's mortgage on land bought by Leake from Capt. Forth (1846). (12 docs.)

D.164-199 Ashby Estate 1841 - 1845

Correspondence relating to the purchase of "Ashby" estate from R. Pitcairn, Gleadow and Henty and others, including W. Learmonth of adjacent property who had purchased crops "high" from Mr Penny and was determined to retain the straw; dispute about the removal of mantelpieces (taken to Norfolk Plains and replaced by cedar), copper and other fixtures and shrubs; deeds ready for settlement July 1841, and correspondence relating to payments of interest on mortgage (Abbott and others to Parkyns) from W.T. Parramore and R. Pitcairn and Derwent Bank. See also L.1/B.1 pp 318, 320: purchase of Ashby from Mrs Abbott desirable owing to contiguity to Lewisham, but price too much, 31 Oct. 1840, 9 Dec. 1840. (36 docs)

## D.200-214 Deloraine Property 200 acres 1842 - 1844, 1847

Sale of Leake's 200 acres on the Meander at Deloraine, including: letters from Philip Oakden acting as Leake's agent; inquiries from John Bonney, Henry John Emmett, John Archer, Isaac Diprose; letters from Henry Edgecumbe owner of the adjacent property about fencing (1843-4); *See also* Oakden's letter of 10 Aug. 1842: nothing further from Mr McArthur L.1/B.477, and 1 Feb. 1847 Edgecumbe would like the land, opening for doctor at Deloraine L.1/E. 59, offer of 1330 acres 2 miles from township by P. Foote of Calstock 24 Oct. 1841 L.1/F.33

(15 docs.)

## CROWN LAND

## D.216-235 Crown land grazing leases 1830 - 1862

324-7 Letters from Survey Office relating to leases of Crown lands for grazing: let for grazing  
335-6 purposes only not to the exclusion of "sawyers" and "splitters" (except for "bad conduct"); lot 86 on Windfall Marshes between property of Leake and of B. Horne; receipts for rent paid to Internal Revenue Office; plan of lots for sale (1862). Also letters from Benjamin Horne over disputed boundaries of leases (1851-2).  
(20 docs plus 6 mould damaged)

## D.328 Timber Licence 15 Nov. 1836

Licence for timber on crown land to be cut by servants of E. Leake (named).  
(1 doc. mould damaged)

## D.236 Campbell Town district 24 Sept. 1846

"Copy of return showing the number of acres in the district of Campbell Town and how disposed of" by Robert Power Surveyor General.

## PROPERTY MISCELLANEOUS

## D.329 Abercrombie Plan ND. [c 1826-46]

Parish of Abercrombie plan of boundaries [3 miles from Campbell Town between Macquarie and Isis Rivers] scale 2 miles : 1 ins, size 8 ins x 6 ins.  
(1 paper, mould damaged)

## D.330 Grants and leases: form of application ND

Pro forma of queries to be answered.  
(1 paper, mould damaged)

## D.237 Abraham Cavite 13 Apr. 1832

Will sell to another purchaser unless Leake's price suits.

## D.238-9 F. Wickham 11 Oct. 1832, 2 Apr. 1834

Land grant for sale; McDonald offers £40 to settle action.  
(2 letters)

## D.240 Bell's Property 11 Jan 1833

Advertisement of auction sale of Bell's 1200 acres (Holme and Newton grant) by Collicott & Macmichael.

## D.241-3 G.C. Clark of Ellinthorpe Hall 30 Nov 1834, 6 May 1836, 1842

Fencing, quitrents and land regulations.  
(3 letters)



- D.244 Gaddesden Estate 17 May 1837  
Letter from F. Bryant: had declined purchase of Gaddesden and cautioned Leake about risk.
- D.245 Collicott 9 Feb. 1844  
Letter from Eliza Milne sister of J. T. Collicott asking about mortgage payment on Macquarie River property now owned by Leake.
- D.246 Colonial Secretary 27 Feb. 1844  
Leake's letter blank cover only.
- D.247 William Kermode 9 Oct 1845  
Quit rent regulations. (see also L.1/B.2A p.44, 2B pp 1-21)
- D.248 D. Murray, junior, Launceston 6 Jan 1846  
His father started farming about 1824 and kept 6 men for about 14 years.
- D.249-50 Notices of intention to purchase 1846, 1847  
John Ward Gleadow and James Robertson had applied for grants of property near Ross (2 docs.)
- D.251-255 Boundary with Wanstead 15 Nov. 1858 - 23 Nov. 1859  
337 Correspondence with solicitor Robert Pitcairn over question of boundary with Willis' property, "Wanstead", sold to purchaser David Taylor, including note of history of original dispute (see L.1/D.17-50) Notice that Nutt and Pitcairn had applied for grant of adjoining property. Also James Scott: certificate of land left out (1854) (5 docs.)
- D.256 Conveyance to Brickhill 29 Nov. 1859  
Letter from R. Pitcairn, solicitor: before preparing mortgage wished "to know whether he is married and if so, how long, because if his marriage took place before 1837 his wife must be a party . . ."
- D.257 Notice of adjacent grant 7 Dec. 1862  
Notice that James Mackersey, John Nicholson and John Mackersey younger, had applied for grants of land totalling 4217 acres, addressed to John Leake and 10 other landowners.

#### PROPERTY : SOLICITOR

- D.258 List of deeds 4 Aug. 1843  
"List of deeds in the hands of Robert Pitcairn, solicitor, Hobart Town"
- D.259-65 Accounts & receipts - R.Pitcairn 1843 - 1855  
Including detailed account of transactions July 1843 - Jan. 1846 and receipts and acknowledgements 1843 - 1855, and 2 illegible letters (Jan. 1843). (7 docs. plus 2 mould damaged & illegible)
- D.266-70 Gleadow & Henty 1845 - 1849  
Accounts etc. (5 docs)
- D.271 Butler, Nutt & Butler, Hobart 8 Mar. 1850  
Discharge of mortgage (£310 to John Walker) ready for execution.

## LEASES

- D.272 R. Young, Restdown Creek 26 Sept 1847  
Murdoch gave him the ground for £6 a year and it would not repay his fencing if he did not retain it for 2 years.  
(1 letter)
- D.273 Lease to Buxton Aug. 1851  
James James, licensed carrier of Campbell Town inquiring about Leake's premises let to Robert Buxton.
- D.274-5 Campbell Town Allotment 1856, 1857  
Memorandum of agreement for annual lease at £10 p.a. (1856) and lease for ten years (1857) of 10 acres in the township of Campbell Town from John Leake to John Allcock.
- D.276 Lease, not executed, Apr. 1830  
Draft of lease of small plot, not carried out (parts illegible - mould damaged).

## WILL AND TRUST

- D.277-80 Hull (U.K.) Property Provisions 1842  
Correspondence from J.W. Gleadow concerning William Bell's trustees.  
(4 docs.)
- D.281-8 William Bell's Estate, Hull, U.K. 1846 - 1858  
333-4 Correspondence from trustee, Avison Terry and solicitors Dryden & Sons on the two properties bequeathed by William Bell, the "Land of Green Ginger" and the Excise Office Buildings: repairs, tenants, difficulty in selling, effect of railways "bubble" and steam boats on Hull and of the Russian War, Hull Dock Co. row; sale of properties; winding up of estate. Also reference to visits of Charles Leake (1854) and Bishop of Melbourne (1855). *See also* letter book L.1/B.2  
(8 docs. plus 2 mould damaged and partly illegible)
- D.289-99 John Leake's Will 1852 - 1858  
Correspondence from solicitor, R. Pitcairn, on alterations to will, copy of codicil to will relating to property of Leake's father-in-law in Hull, U.K. (Land of Green Ginger) left in trust for children of John and Elizabeth Leake and sold in 1857 for £1500 which was invested in Government Debentures for the children at majority, with their consent. Also correspondence relating to the 15 £100 debentures. Also copy of Leake's will: Rosedale, Lewisham and other lands to the use of three sons, William Bell, Arthur and Charles Henry, in common, and their heirs, and all personal estate (except legacies) in equal shares to the same three sons; Campbell Town property (2 acres in Harrison Street and 10 acres in Grant Street) to son John Travis; legacies of £5000 to daughter Sarah Elizabeth, £2000 each to sons John Travis, Edward John and Robert Rowland and annuity of £25 to half sister Sophia Foster; codicil 1858 additional £500 to John Travis Leake and £250 to niece Clara Bell, and codicil relating to the W. Bell trust for the children.  
(11 docs.)

## FINANCE

## WOOL SHIPMENT AND SALES

- E.1-4 Wool sales through W. Bell 1822 - 1831, 1843  
Accounts from William Bell of Hull, U.K. (Leake's father-in-law): proceeds of sales at Leeds and other markets and of expenses, including insurance, advertising, postage, and also sums paid out of wool proceeds for goods purchased for Leake such as cloth, clothing, ladies' clothing, thread, yarn, etc. Accounts completed by the executors' of the estate of W. Bell, died 1832 and W. Bell junior. *See also* correspondence L.1/B.289-313.  
(5 accts)
- E.5-19 Wool sale & shipping 1833 - 1842  
Correspondence with Hewitt Gore & Co. or Connolly & Co. through Michael Connolly & Charles J. Weedon about shipping and sale of Leake's wool; accounts of prices and proceeds. Also reference to goods for J.T. Leake and money sent to Philip Oakden  
(15 docs)
- E20-88 Philip Oakden 1834 - 1850  
653-6 Correspondence and accounts mainly relating to wool shipment and sales, and general freight and shipping; also to banking: Union Bank, Leake's accounts, taken over Archer Gilles bank business with Henry Reed, Gilles in Hobart offering 5/- in £1, Leake should transfer his account to Union Bank (25 Jan. 1845). Miscellaneous references to purchase of carriage, bedsteads for Leake (1841); valuation of Hull property by Thomas Morley only £1000-£1600 because of depressed state of business and situation ( 24 Apr. 1839); price for wethers, Governor's visit to Launceston (7 Dec. 1848); from Liverpool, U.K.: undecided whether to return to V.D.L. (1 Mar. 1837).  
(73 docs. some mould damaged, fragile & partly illegible)
- E89-120 Henry Reed, Launceston, shipment 1844-1847  
Correspondence on shipment and sale of Leake's wool and wheat - could sell at 64s in London (1844); accounts of proceeds and of goods purchased for Leake and shipped from London, including wool-bagging, sugar, coffee, guns (carbines), Leake's "tins" being sent to his brother. References to wool from R.R. Leake and carbines sent to him. Some letters signed John Crookes for Reed or for Reed & Jennings. Henry Reed returning to England, 18 Oct 1847, - offer to act for Leake in England.  
(32 docs)
- E121-53 Crookes & Hudson, wool & general agents, Launceston 1848 - 1867  
Successors of Henry Reed: correspondence, accounts etc. from John Crookes, George P. Hudson, etc., including bills of lading, wool prices etc. Also shipping of supplies to Leake, including tea, candles, Leake's "tins", tobacco, beer, coffee, wine, general supplies. ( *See also* household accounts)  
(33 docs.)
- E154-228 Brown, Dunn, Salmon & Co. 1850 - 1861  
Correspondence from Hobart & London concerning shipment and sale of Leake's wool in London, prices, proceeds paid to bank, wool shipped by Leake's son, R. Leake. Also references to goods shipped out for Leake (eg. table 25 Mar. 1851, goods 1853, 23 Mar. 1854, passage for son on "Antipodes" new ship of E. India Co. (25 Jan. 1856), passage for niece, Miss Bell on "Derwentwater" to Hobart 1857 (16 July, 17 Aug. 15 Dec.) and payments to Mrs Sophia Foster.  
(75 docs)
- E229-56 Walter Powell & Co. London 1863 - 1866  
Of Reed & Powell, partner of Henry Reed, who retired 1864: sale of wool shipped by John Crookes to him, wool prices. Also general supplies sent to Leake, including woolpacks from G.H. Boxtton & Son of Dundee, wire, field gates from Thomas Perry & Son of Highfield Foundry near Bilston, boiler and pipes from John Fraser & Co. of London.  
(28 docs)

- E257-95 Wool shipping & sale, miscellaneous correspondence 1826 - 1864  
657 Correspondence about shipping and sales, printed circulars from agents, including: Cockerell, Trail & Co. (1826); copy of letter to O. Gilles (writer unknown) describing N.S.W. woolsales (1 Nov. 1833); S. Smith: offer to wash & prepare wool, cancellation of contract for shipping on "Resource" (1833); John McLeod of Meadowbank offering to arrange freight (1832); Brodie & Cutts: missing bale from Messrs Robertson (1836); John S. Hill, Launceston, apology for non-delivery of wool bagging (1837); Henry Dowling, Launceston: could not purchase more wool at price (ND ?1840s); Alexander Kerr & Co. Launceston: Leake's son's transaction not passed through firm (1842); L.Gilles: purchase of Leake's lambs' wool (1842); F. A. Du Croz (1847); William Jackson, Launceston: wool sales at Liverpool, import of wine (marsala, sherry £6 & £ 8), patent tiles (1848-52); Hughes & Ronald, wool brokers, Liverpool: printed circular giving wool prices 10 Aug. 1848; Boyes & Poynter, Hobart: purchase and shipping of wool (7 letters partly illegible 1849); McPherson & Francis, Hobart (1851); J. Simes & Co. London: price lists 1830, 1831, circulars 1857-8; Henry Ross Valentine: terms, account, drafts, dispute with Robertson (1857-8); F.A DuCroz: some wool too heavy as sheep left too long unshorn so worth less (1864) (40 docs)
- E.296 Wool shipping receipts c 1829 - 1851  
Receipts for bales of wool delivered for shipment noting weights.  
(bundle)
- E297-312 Accounts 1828 - 1858  
James Robertson: accounts and receipts for shipment; Bartholomew W. J. L. Thomas: £13. 15s for wool bagging (1832); Williams Campbell & Co. Launceston accounts for wool bagging 1841-2.  
(16 docs)
- E313-7 Wool accounts c 1829-1854  
Invoices, accounts, bill of lading for bales of wool shipped to London.

## BANK CORRESPONDENCE

- E318-51 Stephen Adey, Derwent Bank 1830 - 1836, 1837-8  
658-9 Letters from Stephen Adey, both personal and as manager of the Derwent Bank: Leake's bank balance, sheep, labourers Robinson and Oxley ("a sad scoundrel") on their way to Leake, man trap, transport of wool, slop clothing from Adey's brother, Leake's purchase of Gilles property (1832), Mrs Hill interested in renting Lewisham house from Leake (1832), use of British silver coin - Colonial Office normally used dollars, silver not usual for magistrates' fees (14 June 1833), Leake to purchase rams for Adey at V.D.L. Co's sale at Ross (20 Oct. 1835), transport of sheep by Ladd, Adey returning to England to set up as wool broker with brother George in office of I.T. Sims, London (20 Oct. 1836). Some letters include notes to Leake from son William B. Leake working in bank. Also: list of Derwent Bank shareholders Dec. 1829; note about directors' meeting on back of bill for shoes bought by W.B.L. for J.L. (1830). Also 2 receipts for cheques, signed by Joseph Dixon.  
(37 docs. some mould damaged)
- E352-469 Commercial Bank of V.D.L., Hobart, 1829, 1838 - 1864  
660-1 John Dunn (sen.) and sons John (jun.) and James A. (manager): transfer of bank shares  
664 (1829); advice for Leake on furnishing and security of new branch at Campbell Town (iron chest fastened to floor joists, name painted in gold, Leake's shares, Gilles proposal, 1838) and notice of closing (1842); Leake's bank balance, business transactions, debentures; wool; various bills; Jellicoe estate; references to Legislative Council; personal references to visits, garden, plants, etc. Also note from Neil Lewis, 27 Apr. 1852, that Leake's Pass Book had not been found at the Ship Hotel nor at the Bank. (Papers 1838-9 damaged by damp and illegible.)  
(120 docs).

- E470-522    Commercial Bank, Launceston Branch 1838 - 1864  
 Routine correspondence: balance; receipt of payments, including: Capt. Woods (£300, 1841, 1842), Gleadow & Henty (£485 1841), Oakden (£273 1842), White (£110 1842); Reed (£100 1844), G. Collins, Morrison, Nathan (1853); £2000 paid to Colonial Treasurer (1856); Stewart's mortgage (18 Oct. 1841). Signed by Isaac Sherwin, manager (1838-42), V.W. Giblin, cashier (1842-52), W.H. Westbrook, cashier (1853-7), George Dean, manager (1863-4) (53 docs)
- E523-4        Commercial Bank, Campbell Town Branch 1838, 1842  
 Receipt of deposit, closure (2)
- E525-57      L. W. Gilles 1832 - 1838, 1841, 1843  
 Correspondence relating to bank transactions through Gilles as cashier of the Bank of V.D.L.'s "Branch Bank", Launceston, later known as the "Tamar Bank" (1835) of which Gilles became Managing Director until the Bank of V.D.L. merged with the Union Bank in 1838:- bank drafts, Leake's account and investments, Gilles' election as cashier and house provided for him (1832), Highett as teller while Gilles in Hobart but G. would have preferred William Leake (1834), first meeting of the Tamar Banking Co. (1835), bank meeting on "junction" with Union Bank - Leake to send proxy if he could not attend (11 Apr. 1838). Some letters (1835) signed by William Highett, cashier, in Gilles' absence. Also letter signed E. Wilkinson [cashier in V.D.L. Bk. Hobart] that Oakden had transferred 8 bank shares to Leake (1835) and offer of bank shares (1836) from Thomas Giblin [Accountant V.D.L. Bk. Hobart].  
 Gilles letters are also personal and include references to:- William Leake - was he thinking of joining "our bank" (26 May 1832); his sister, Hannah, Birch's letter, brother Osmond's business (14 Apr. 1833); lost in Epping Forest until he "fell in with some splitters", Mrs G. better - former disease quitted her on confinement - the boy doing well (22 June 1832); his brother Osmond Gilles, Oakden arriving on board "Forth" in connection with O. Gilles' business, Eddie to be his agent (17 Oct. 1833 etc); Arthur Leake. Also letters about debt owed to Leake by John Lyall, in distress and awaiting case against "Cocky" Hill, Gilles willing to accept his draft for Leake (1841, including 2 letters Lyall to Leake). See also L.1/B.375-92, L.1/D.68-135,375-92 (33 docs)
- E558-76      Union Bank of Australia, Launceston 1838 - 1853  
 Receipt of cheques, balance, draft drawn by J.T. Leake (1842), Jellicoe estate (27 June 1844, 23 Sept 1847), Leake's summary of transactions 1847-1850 (3 Dec. 1853). Letters signed by William Fletcher, manager (1841-44) or Mervyn Mann, manager (1847-49). *See also* Oakden correspondence on wool and banking L.1/E.20-88 (19 docs)
- E577-8        Union Bank of Australia, Hobart 22 Oct. 1844, 12 June 1857  
 Receipt of drafts of £220 and £1450 (1857 from London).
- E579          Union Bank of Australia, London 14 Apr. 1852  
 Richard Terry of Hull, U.K. paid £79 . 11s . 9d to Leake's credit

#### FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- E580-90      James Henty 1833, 1836, 1844  
 Correspondence on drawing and transferring of treasury bills and drafts for shipping, wool, etc. including letters from J.W. Gleadow, solicitor (Nov. Dec. 1836) on dishonoured bill. (11 docs)
- E591          Travis & Leake 1836  
 Recovery of old debt of 1070 Hamburg marcs owed by Messrs Vandersmissans of Altona, through the Office of Danish Claims, London, on W. Bell's affidavit - in English money £83.18.7 less 2% expenses.

- E.592 G. Butler, solicitor 2 July 1833  
Acknowledging receipt of note of £71 . 2s . 1d for "Mr Foster's Estate" - handed to trustees
- E593-7 John Foster 1834, 1857  
Settlement of account, London [bank] bills, debentures (5)
- E598-604 Capt. James Dixon, Skelton Castle 1835 - 1844  
Letters about loans, bills, debts and letter from Gleadow & Henty, solicitors, about Dixon's insolvency case (26 Sept. 1844)
- E605-17 Miscellaneous debts due etc. 1833 - 1849  
Letters from Robert Pitcairn, solicitor: suing Wilson for debt for sheep, settled with W. D. Campbell (Mar.-May 1833); C. Grant (1834); Henry Jennings, solicitor, Launceston: Major McLeod's mortgage to William Jackson for whom Leake had power of attorney, Mr Foote, Colin Campbell's mortgage, Oakden's money (1836-7); Gleadow & Henty: cheque for J. & D. Robertson £20 on Tamar Bank dishonoured (1837), particulars of Manley's mortgage (1841); W.A. MacLeod, Campbell Town: burnt cheque (17 Feb. 1849) (13 docs)
- E618-9 Bank of Australasia 1843, 1844  
London Office: evidence for claim (1843); Launceston office: dishonoured cheque from J. Cameron (1844).
- E620-8 Leake's sons' expenses 1834 - 1864  
Miscellaneous correspondence and accounts relating to expenses of John T., Robert, Edward, Charles and William B. Leake, including offer of W. Mills chemist stock for J.T.L. (1834), Roberts' and Arrowsmith's claims against J.T.L. (1836-7), J.T.L.'s draft and sailing date (1842); dray shipped to Robert Leake by S. Feutrell (1838); Pitt & Watchorn's account (1861); Hardy & Cooper, Adelaide, E.J. Leake (1864) (9 docs)

## BANK PASS BOOKS ETC.

- E629-32 Bank Pass Books 1828-1834, 1852-1865  
Derwent Bank, Hobart (1828-31); V.D.L. Bank, Launceston (1833-4); Commercial Bank, Hobart (1852-64); Commercial Bank, Launceston (1863-5) (4 pocket books)
- E633-4 Bills receivable & payable 1828-9, 1840-1845  
(2 booklets, one with printed columns)
- E.635 Cheques drawn 1828-1864  
a) Derwent Bank, 1828-41; b) Commercial Bank, Campbell Town, 1839-49; c) Commercial Bank, Hobart (also deposit slips) 1838-1864; d) Commercial Bank, Launceston 1840-1864; e), f) order & bearer cheques, 1829-1846; g) cheque butts 1859-60. (7 bundles).
- E.636 Bills of Exchange & Promissory Notes 1829-1858  
(2 bundles)
- E637-652 Miscellaneous bank papers 1832-1846  
Notes of transfers, receipts, bills on other banks, list of bills taken to Hobart, to inquire into or to receive £ 1833, notes of acceptance. (15 papers)
- E.662-3 Miscellaneous bills and correspondence £ 1824 - 1850  
Unidentified bills, bank papers, correspondence etc. mould damaged and mostly illegible. (2 bundles of fragile papers, some amateurishly repaired with laminating tissue, unfit for use)

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## JOHN LEAKE : LOCAL ACTIVITIES &amp; OTHER OFFICES

## ROADS

- F.1-3 Meeting of residents 1832  
 Letter from Major James England about meeting of local residents to discuss road needs; copy of Colonial Secretary's acknowledgement of resolutions of "meeting of landholders".  
 (3 docs)
- F.4-27 Kirklands-Campbell Town-Ross Bridge Road 1837 - 1838  
 Correspondence relating to a right of way formerly used by the inhabitants and the need for a public road from Ross Bridge through the grants to Horne, Gilles, Rankin, Milliken, Murray, Abbott & Leake to Kirklands, including: drafts of letters from Leake to the Deputy Surveyor General and replies; correspondence with neighbours Benjamin Horne, David Murray; petition from 17 inhabitants including John Leake and Arthur Leake of Lewisham (5 May 1837); letters from Hezekiah Harrison of Merton Vale withdrawing permission to pass from Rosedale to Lewisham across his land but willing to leave question to arbitrators (11 May 1837) and about fencing (ND); further letters from Leake complaining that he was inconvenienced in drawing ironstone from his quarry at Lewisham to Rosedale, commenting: "to use a cart and 8 bullocks in yoke 12 hours to draw a small load of stone which four bullocks could perform with ease by the right road in six hours, is a waste of strength and even a cruelty to farm animals"; Leake's notes for his address to a public meeting explaining the need for road (ND. c. Mar. 1838); resolution of a meeting of proprietors referred to the Director-General of Roads, Capt. Alex. Cheyne (11 Apr. 1838). See *Also* letter book L.1/B.1 pp. 281-91, 194-302 for further correspondence between Leake, Hezekiah Harrison, Benjamin Horne and the Deputy Surveyor General.  
 (24 docs)
- F.28-32 Road works 1841-2  
 Correspondence concerning Leake's complaints about the Road Party under Lt. Somerset damaging adjacent land by taking soil and leaving holes, with Alex. Cheyne, Public works Office and Capt. Forth.  
 (5 docs)
- F.33-36 Deloraine Roads 1841, 1844  
 Letters from P. Foote of Calstock about establishing a probation road party at Deloraine, subscriptions for building barracks.  
 (4 docs.)
- F.37-39 Walter Davidson 1844  
 Would allow no roads through his land except those fixed at a meeting "about 1832" at Campbell Town.  
 (3 docs)
- F.40,41 Charcoal, lime etc. for roads 31 July 1846, 8 Oct. 1847  
 Wood from Leake's land for charcoal for repairing tools used on road; would Leake lease his lime kilns near Ross to the Government. See *also* F. Stieglitz 7 Aug. 1848: road gangs, repair of road from Avoca to Campbell Town to cost £60 L.1/F.533
- F.42 Hezekiah Harrison ND.  
 Only putting a few [loads] of gravel [on road] but too wet so had sent Leake's man back.  
 (1 letter, mould damaged)
- F.43 Proposed Road Bills 1838; ND  
 (a) Leake's letter to Colonial Secretary claiming that the proposed Road Bill would not sufficiently protect existing interests with regard to the definitions of main, cross or bye roads.  
 (b) James Blackburn's "remarks on the proposed Road Act" [? 10 Vict. c 12 Main Roads Act 1846] including criticism of proposed administration of tolls.

- F.44-5      Bothwell Roads Committee Aug. 1849  
               R. Barr, Bothwell, solicits Leake's vote for the Bothwell Road Bill and assessment.  
               (2 docs.)
- F.46        Henry Keach, Weobley 21 Sept. 1849  
               The £20 of dog licence fees appropriated for a road from Keach's farm at Campbell Town  
               would go further if Leake provided a man and a cart for gravel.
- F.47        Perth Bridge 11 Sept. 1853  
               Capt. W. Wood heard a committee to decide whether to repair or rebuild Perth Bridge and  
               was interested, having been "almost the cause of its being built", agreed with Gleadow that it  
               should be repaired owing to length of time and heavy expense needed for new bridge.
- F.48-57    North Macquarie Road District 1853 - 1857  
               Letter from P.H. Gell of Baskerville asking Leake to have the Macquarie Road District  
               proclaimed (14 Mar. 1853); letters from R. Pitcairn advising J.L. not to oppose new main road  
               through his property (1855); J.L.'s statement on dispute with Gell over the award of £718  
               compensation for damage caused by the new line of road through his paddocks, cutting off the  
               best feeding ground from water and making it unfit for a shearing paddock (ND. c 1855); J.H.  
               Wedge: Campbell Town to Kirklands road (1856); J.L.'s offer to forgo the award if the trustees  
               would fence the road etc. (1857-8).  
               (10 docs.)
- F.58-60    Swan Port Roads Office 11 Sept. 1854, Feb., Mar. 1855  
               Grant for necessary repair of roads in Leake's part of the Road District; request for  
               payment of assessment of Leake's property at Windfall Marshes.  
               (3 docs.)
- F.61-66    G.C. Clark 27 June 1855 - 21 Jan. 1856  
               Great Lake Road dispute with Smith, Kermode and others; Cross & Bye Roads Act.  
               (6 docs.)
- F.67        James Mercer, Wanstead, 7 Sept. 1858  
               "Leave to open gate on Meadowbank"

#### CAMPBELL TOWN CHURCH

St. Luke's Church, Campbell town: John Leake churchwarden (with W. Valentine, F. H. Henslowe).

*See also* letter book L.1/B.3

- F.68        School 18 Mar. 1833  
               R. R. Davies (Archdeacon) would not be able to visit Campbell Town School that quarter,  
               asks Leake to certify number of children; Mr. Hines to send list of names, must be 20 before  
               Hines could be paid; Capt. England had praised Hines' work.
- F.69-70    Rev. William Bedford, jun. 14 June 1833, 12 July 1833  
               Appointed to Campbell town parish, would like to meet members of committee for building a  
               church; Governor had assured him a house would be built on Glebe but until completion would  
               accept house offered by Leake.  
               (2 docs)



- F.71-2 James England [c. 1832-3], 10 May 1836  
Meeting with Leake, Willis and Jellicoe on church matters; from N.S.W. owed Campbell Town too much to forget promised £5 towards erection of church.
- F.73-83 Churchwardens'Accounts 1839-1853, 1858-1864  
Offertory and expenses including: balance sheet 1839; account for cleaning and washing 1842; account book 1844-53, Mr Valentine treasurer, recording date, total offertory and signature of witness, expenses, such as burial, making a coffin, bread, bedding and clothing given to sick and poor, and "a poor old man named Notley who was robbed 5/-" (paper booklet); receipt for John and C. Leake's seats 1861-64; receipts for sexton's salary 1858. (booklet & 10 papers)
- F.84-89 Repairs to church 1844  
Estimate for guttering, joists and floor on tower and removing old floor, plastering 2 ceilings, glass; letters from T. Harvey, plasterer, Robert de Little: could supply ton of sheet lead for £26 (not including cutting to size). (6 docs.)
- F.90-92 Minutes of Churchwardens' Meetings 14 sept. 1844 - 25 Jan. 1845  
Rent of paddocks, sexton's salary, relief to Mary Patrick, £10 from offertory towards erection of school. (3 docs)
- F93-103 Churchwardens' Correspondence & Papers c. 1847-1862  
F. H. Henslowe: receipt for Leake to sign, burial ground fence needing repair (1 Mar. 1847); against allowing decisions by meetings of seatholders instead of election of trustees, duties of churchwardens, organ (22 Mar. 1848; Presbyterian schoolmaster, Adams, had taken possession of St. Luke's School House (23 Mar. 1851; Leake to Rev. W. Bedford: relief for daughter of Styne (1850); W. Valentine: support from offertory for "the man who was shot at Wanstead" (ND); Thomas Mason: address to Mr Bedford to be modified to meet views of "Evangelical" party (15 Feb. 1854), donations better than loans when offered (1 July 1854); Henry Keach: little support for funds for payment of clergy (ND); "List of subscribers for stipend of clergyman for Campbell Town (without Ross)"; "directions for unpacking and erecting organ" from Joseph William Walker, organ builder, Tottenham Court Road, London (1862) see also L.1/B.739 estimate for "hot air stove for church and ascending flue £23.10s"; draft letter to Bishop from churchwardens suggesting Basil Craig from Adelaide as successor to Rev. Wilson who had resigned (ND.). (11 Docs)
- F.104-13 Parsonage House 10 Nov. 1857 - 26 Feb. 1859  
Correspondence concerning a proposal to build a parsonage house from Thomas Mason: raising money (1857); Rev. William Brickwood: committee (1857), the Bishop; E.B. Stevenson: finances, plans; H. Harrison; statement by Leake addressed to seat holders regretting Harrison's decision to rent a house for Rev. Brickwood and use funds to repair it and notes on funds endorsed: "J. Leake resigned the office of Church Warden on a motion to pay Mr Harrison £68 for repairs of the house in the occupation of the Chaplain, J. Leake". (10 docs.)

## OTHER CHURCH RELATED MATTERS

- F.114-22 Wesleyan Chapel 1836 - 1848  
Correspondence relating to Campbell Town Wesleyans, including notice of visits from minister, Rev. J.A. Manton, invitation to meeting of Wesleyan Missionary society, thanks for subscriptions for building chapel (Capt. S. Horton 1842-1846), invitation from Rev. H.H. Gand to the opening of the Wesleyan Chapel by Rev. W.B. Boyce on 18 Nov. 1846.  
(9 docs.)
- F.123-30 Bible Society 1832-33, 1852  
V.D.L. Auxiliary Bible Society: notices of meeting, resolutions (1832-3); request for report of canvass at Macquarie River (1852)  
(8 papers)
- F.131 Temperance Society 10 Apr. 1834  
Request to Secretary of Campbell Town & Ross Temperance Society for names of officers from T.J. Crouch, Asst. Secretary Hobart Town Temperance Society.

## WATER SUPPLY

- F.132-41 Water supply 1841 - 1864  
Letter from Colonial Secretary to Leake, in response to a request from Capt. Forth and other inhabitants of Campbell Town of 24 Aug. 1841, that Asst. Surveyor Sprent considered it possible to furnish the Elizabeth River district with a continual water supply "sufficient for every agricultural and domestic purpose as well as for the irrigation of the land by the process of damming up the water in the lagoons above Kearney's Bogs", it would not injure but only benefit properties, keeping them free from floods; convict labour would be allowed but the proprietors would bear expenses of barracks, cartage, rations and 10 acres of land for accommodation. Also estimate of £700 for the barracks (3 Sept. 1841); letters from James Crear, Capt. Forth, George Meredith referring to public meetings, subscriptions, probationary labour could be used for roads after dam completed; draft of letter about the delay, with calculations on back; also letter from George Scott, 16 Apr. 1842, calling meeting of Tooms Lake Committee (Macquarie River) to consider a report that Mr Horne and Capt. Horton had irrigated a portion of their land contrary to the resolutions passed at the meeting at Ross on 25 Jan.; meeting on repair of Tooms Lake dams 1864. Also request from Edward Nicholas, civil engineer, who surveyed the "projected irrigation scheme" to be appointed District surveyor for the Cross and Bye Roads (1846).  
(11 docs., 1 mould damaged & incomplete)

## CAMPBELL TOWN AFFAIRS : MISCELLANEOUS

- F.142 Medical Practitioner 10 July 1829  
Letter from Alexander McNab, Mount Alstons: Dr. Turnbull had accepted Governor's offer of an appointment in town "because of wife's situation", settlers had collected £150 for a doctor but limited him to too low a charge. See also F. Stieglitz 7 Aug. 1848: need doctor in district; 30 Aug. 1850 doctor gone to Port Philip L.1/F.533
- F.143-48 Agricultural Societies 1823, 1841-42  
Agricultural Society's request for 3 gns. subscription (1823); Midland Agricultural Association: notices of meeting, subscription, Leake asked to judge fine wool at Campbell Town Show.  
(6 docs.)

- F.149-51    Postmaster 1836 - g 1853/63  
               Leake to J.T. Collicott, Postmaster, Hobart, about dispute over postage; receipt from J. S Chambers for money from J.L. as postmaster to send to Hobart; list of names with note of stamps.  
               (3 docs.)
- F.152        James Mackersey 3 Jan 1842  
               Requesting promised £5 for the benefit of Mrs McLeod.
- F.153        Campbell Town Assembly Room 15 Jan. 1844  
               James Aitken about Leake family shares in Assembly Room.
- F.154        Wakefield Family subscription 14 Dec. 1846  
               Request from W.G. Sams of Quorn for subscription for returning Mr Wakefield and 9 children to England and list of subscribers.
- F.155-6      Public Meetings 1847  
               Notices of meetings in Campbell Town Assembly Rooms to arrange a ball, etc.
- F.157        Reading Society 12 June 1847  
               Circular letter from George Wrentmore suggesting a reading society be established to circulate periodical and other works.
- F.158-61    Petition against transfer of Sydney convicts 22 Nov. 1847  
               Minutes of a public meeting of the inhabitants of Campbell Town, chaired by Leake, recording their opinion that the introduction of the remnant of the Sydney convicts into this colony would "inflict a great and lasting injury to this community"; draft petition to the Lieut-Governor and the Governor's reply that it had been averted.  
               (4 docs)
- F.162        Lady Franklin - sympathy 3 Dec. [1850]  
               Letter from R.R. Davies asking Leake to join committee to send letter of sympathy to Lady Franklin.
- F.163-7      British Patriotic Fund Mar.-May 1855  
               Notice of public meeting, correspondence from R.Q. Kermode (including reference to Tooms Lake meeting), Henry Valentine (Sec.), account of 608 subscriptions (no names), Governor's acknowledgement of £1722 . 8 . 3. *See also* F. H. Henslowe 12 Apr. 1855 L.1/B.412
- F.168-9      South Esk Rifle Club July-Aug. 1858  
               Notice of formation, rules and Governor's approval from W. Wood, secretary, and personal letter suggesting Campbell Town should also form one, useful in case of invasion, Wood had also collected £28 . 15s for victims of the Indian Massacre, at 80 his mental faculties failing.  
               (2 docs.)

#### JURY SERVICE

- F.170        Jury service 21 Nov. 1842  
               Summons to Leake to serve on a jury at Coroner's Inquest into the death of Theophilus Swift.

## MAGISTRACY

John Leake was appointed to the Commission of the Peace in August 1832. As well as serving as local justice of the peace he sometimes deputised for the resident Police Magistrate. He was appointed Acting Police Magistrate April 1833 - November 1834 and the Lieutenant-Governor praised his "zeal and integrity". In 1835 a circular sent to existing justices of the peace, including Leake, asking whether they were willing to serve on a new commission, pointed out that as the number of paid police magistrates was being reduced many of the duties performed by them would devolve on the unpaid magistracy "particularly the taking of Informations, the issue of Summonses and Warrants, and the disposal of cases in Petty Sessions". In fact Leake had never treated his duties as "merely nominal". Many informations, etc. were taken before him and he appears to have taken his place on the bench regularly and also deputised during absences of the Police Magistrate. He remained on the Commission until his death. Leake's papers do not, of course, include official court or police office papers but only his personal correspondence, drafts and memoranda relating to magistracy matters. See *also* Leake's Legislative Council Correspondence for letters from W. Whiteford on pensions for police magistrates L.1/F.602-7

- F.171-87 James Simpson, Police Magistrate, 1829, 1832 - 1834  
 Letter about Leake's £2 fine "for driving a cart without name or number" (1829).  
 Correspondence concerning: magistrate's clerk, David Skirving's death, his affairs, Leake to take charge of his papers; presentation of plate to Simpson on his departure by local residents, letter from David Barclay of Hobart: unable to supply cup and salver ordered as his workman had been sent to a road party (19 Mar. 1833), copy of presentation letter from Thomas Bannister [sheriff] and letter of thanks from Simpson and letters from residents (1832-1834)  
 (18 docs)
- F189-210 James England c.1832-1834  
 Letters from Captain England [4th King's Own Regt.]: to concentrate a force at Campbell Town of military and constabulary to oppose the bush rangers", mainly about constabulary business, Harrison's depositions, robbery, address to Lt. Governor. Most letters undated, some incomplete.  
 (23 papers)
- F211-69 Acting Police Magistrate 1833 - 1834  
 609-12 Correspondence and papers relating to magistracy matters while Leake was acting P.M.: T. Bannister, sheriff: Hughes & Dr. Cotter dispute (1 Feb. 1833); runaways (M. Forster 23 Apr. 1833, F. Allison Jan.-Feb. 1834); Wilson (8 June 1833); Fraser and Nicholson absconders from J. Mackersey's service (14 June 1833); Capt. S. Horton: dog licences, ticket of leave application (25 June 1833); J.C. Sutherland's complaint: Lt.-Governor satisfied with Leake's conduct of "that matter" (22 Mar. 1834); David Murray's complaint: Lt. Governor satisfied Leake had "acted throughout with calmness and self-possession" (24 May 1834); rewards for apprehension of bushrangers: James Jones for helping Leake (5 May 1834), reward to Constable Buxton for apprehending John Blackman and William Sullivan, reward for other two given by Headlam to the church (C. Viveash 28 May 1834, J. Simpson

28 July 1834); James Crear: case of Mary Shannon (Aug.-Oct. 1834); case against Samuel Hill of Gaddesden for attempted rape of Isabella Kerr wife of James Kerr shepherd to H. Jellicoe on 15 Aug. 1834: information, examinations of witnesses and letters from Hill on the falsity of the statement (27 Aug.-25 Sept. 1834); investigation of colonial surgeon Cotter (4 Oct. 1834); F.W. Small, chief district constable: annoyances from Cotter and Hughes (17 Aug), Wilkins papers (ND), request for testimonial - after 10 months was leaving an office "ill suited" to his feelings and habits (28 Jan. 1835); notes of the impounding of cattle of William Collis by Henry Jellicoe and assessment for damages (ND); police court memoranda: cases of servants disobedient or absent from duty (ND); misc. notes on case of Champneys v. his gamekeeper Crozier 1814.

Also constabulary matters: applications for posts as constables; constable C.W. Johnson: leave and runaways, dispute with Hughes: testimony of Patrick Fitzgerald orderly, his resignation and complaint against Leake, refusal to deliver keys to his successor, B. Howard, fees due to him as informer (29 Sept. 1833 - May 1834); letters of J.B. Howard: Court of Requests business, lodgings etc., mainly illegible; prisoners' money and goods, questioning of prisoners; cells at Ross, damp and cold because flagged, to be floored (8 Nov. 1834); wages due to Richard Balderson (6 Dec. 1834).

Also notice of Whitefoord's appointment as Police Magistrate from 14 Nov. 1834 and of "the high sense His Excellency entertains of the zeal and integrity you have ever evinced in protecting the public interests and of the very satisfactory manner in which you have discharged the duties of your office (11, 14 Nov. 1834). (60 docs. in chronological order plus 4 mould damaged)

F270-80

John Whitefoord appointed Police Magistrate 21 Oct. 1834 - 28 Nov. 1834

Correspondence with Leake about transfer from Oatlands to Campbell Town: has to be in township so cannot take Lewisham although more commodious and pleasant, renting house from Hume and will live in office while alterations made to house, sending furniture; move postponed; his baby girl ill with influenza; paltry pay of £150 pa. at Campbell Town - "a common bank clerk's salary"; William Robinson arrested at Murderers Plains, robbed Capt. Bunster's Hut; received official notification of transfer, would commence duty Friday 21 Nov., Peter Murdoch to take over at Oatlands (15 Nov. 1884); would Leake attend in weekly rotation with other gentlemen of commission to form magisterial Bench at the Police Office? (28 Nov). See also L.1/B.554-9, L.1/F.602-7 (11 docs)

F281-306

Frederick Forth, Police Magistrate 1835 - 1841

Introduction of Capt. Forth, appointed Acting Police Magistrate (11 Dec. 1835); correspondence on magistracy affairs: capture of Hunt, scouring Ben Lomond for prisoners, licensing application from Thomas Foster, contempt of court sentence, subscribers to "address" [to Governor], Leake's complaint and servants in possession of illegal money or goods; Willis trying to injure Forth (1836-7); information against Thomas Edge, lime burner, for receiving and harbouring a black kangaroo dog belonging to Frederick Forth (1837); dispute between Forth and W.G. Chiene (Oct.-Nov. 1838); Capt. Wood's complaint about the constabulary and the escape of Woolley: Attorney General's opinion that Leake could assist in hearing and adjudicating Wood's charge (28 Apr. 1840) and Leake to Wood (25 Sept. 1840; dinner and farewell to Forth, Wood unwilling to join (May 1841) 26 docs.)

F307-51  
613-4

Magistracy correspondence miscellaneous 10 Dec. 1834 - 21 Apr. 1863

C.B. Viveash: impounding of cattle (10 Dec. 1834); fencing dispute between S. Horton and G.C. Clark (1835-6); Capt. Turner: Constable Jorgensen (1836); George Cock: quarrel with Henry Jellicoe at Ross Hotel (1836); W. Johnson case notes (1838, 614); need for Constable House: petition to Governor (1838, mould damaged & illegible, 614); F.H. Henslowe, police magistrate: Leake to act in his absence, court duties etc. (1844-1851); T. Mason: farewell lunch, thanks for address (1855, 1863); draft of letter to Colonial Secretary on liability of justices to insults and menaces (14 Feb. 1844); circular letter asking if Leake was willing to serve on the new commission, pointing out that duties would cease to be "merely nominal" as the number of police magistrates was being reduced (Apr. 1855); F. L. Stieglitz: public house licence at Falmouth already granted to Wilson therefore George Pines had been refused - appealed, Leake one of justices deciding the appeal (15 Apr. 1856); notices of sessions and licensing sessions; affidavits; constables; petitions etc from prisoners: John Jones (1835), David McIntosh (1841), Henry Ruff (1842), Robert Blair (1842), property of John Parsons convicted of theft (1855); escape of Charles Campbell (1850); William Dawson's services dispensed with.  
(45 docs. plus 2 mould damaged & illegible)

F352-70  
615

Police Magistrate's accounts 1833 - 1836, 1837

Receipts for sums collected by Leake as acting police magistrate from 1 Apr. 1833 - 1834; correspondence and queries relating to Leake's accounts for the period he was acting P.M., including notice that Mr Whitefoord had been appointed by the Gazette to act from 14 November 1834 and he had been paid from that date and it appeared that 2 magistrates were drawing pay from 13th - 20th November (1834-36); constables' rations and expenses (1834), stationery (1837).  
(20 docs.)

F.371

Police and magistrates' accounts 1833 - 1834

Vouchers and receipts for payments of wages, expenses, rewards, fees, etc. including accounts of D.Skirving and Jonathon Reed.  
(bundle)

F.616-20

Miscellaneous Correspondence c 1840, 1848

Letters, mould damaged and illegible, possibly relating to magistracy matters.  
(5 docs. mould damaged, unfit for use)

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

John Leake sat on Sir John Eardley-Wilmot's Legislative Council from March to September 1846 after the resignation of the so called "Patriotic Six" the previous year. The "Six" led by Richard Dry had resigned after the third reading of the Appropriation Bill on 31 October 1845 on the question of the expenses of the convict system, claiming that the economic depression was caused by the expense of the convicts and the loss of free labour from the Colony. Leake, and others, reluctantly, accepted the vacant seats "to relieve the Government of embarrassment" (as W. R. Allison wrote in a letter of 23 July 1847) until Eardley-Wilmot was dismissed in September 1846, unjustly in Leake's opinion. The new Governor, Sir William Denison in 1847 reinstated the "ex six", to the affront of Leake and his colleagues.

In August 1848, however, Leake accepted the seat vacated by Capt. Swanston and served on the Legislative Council until 1855. During this period there were two vital issues: transportation and the introduction of representative government, and the two were inseparably linked by the question of expense and funding. Leake, himself, favoured continuing a modified form of transportation, reducing the numbers and putting convicts, on arrival, into private service as apprentices to learn "habits of industry" and be absorbed into Society. He did, however, protest at the expenses of the police and judicial establishment being borne by the Colonial Government. The first elections for representatives were, therefore, fought largely on the anti-transportation question. Leake also doubted whether the Colony was ripe for representative government. Were there, he asked, enough "men properly qualified and willing to devote their time to public matters . . . at their own expense?" Nevertheless he seems always to have been willing to do his own duty conscientiously, bringing his experience of the local magistracy, roads and stock fencing etc. to the Council. When he retired early in 1855 his friend William Race Allison wrote that he had seen the sacrifice Leake had made "to discharge a most onerous duty, faithfully, to your country and the friends who had trusted in you, in which you never failed" (23 Apr. 1855).

Leake's papers relating to Legislative Council business include letters from Sir William Denison and from Leake's neighbours, especially F. L. Stieglitz and William Race Allison, and Leake's drafts.

F372-430  
622-3

Legislative Council & dismissal of Lt-Gov. Eardley Wilmot 1846 - 1848

Correspondence relating to meetings of the Legislative Council when Leake and others, "to relieve the Government of embarrassment", replaced the six who had resigned (see Allison 23 July 1847) including letters from Sir John Eardley Wilmot asking Leake to accept a seat as "a duty . . . to benefit the Colony" (11 Nov., 9 Dec. [1845]); the dismissal of Lieut.-Governor Sir John Eardley-Wilmot; Lieut-Governor Denison's re-instatement of the "ex six"; protest; Leake's letter to the Bishop of Oxford, Samuel Wilberforce (13 Apr. 1847) describing what had happened, and to Lord Grey, Colonial Secretary (30 June 1847) refuting imputations against Eardley-Wilmot; extract from Lord Grey's despatch that no slight had been intended on those members who had had to retire (Aug. 1848); Denison's proposed visit to Campbell Town district (1847-8). Correspondents: Sir John Eardley-Wilmot, John Dunn jr.; F. L. Stieglitz, Cornelius Driscoll, W. R. Allison, Thomas McDowell, Alexander Orr, Rev. William Bedford, Charles Denison, Andrew Clarke (Governor's Private Secretary).

Also 3 letters from William Carter on committee for erecting a monument to Eardley-Wilmot (1849-50).  
(62 docs.)

## F.431-7 Appointment to Legislative Council 1848

Sir William Denison's offer of a seat in the Legislative Council on Capt. Swanston's retirement and Leake's acceptance (8 Aug.), letters from F.L. Stieglitz: declined to take Kermode's seat (26 Aug.), Edward Bisdee: congratulations to Leake, refused seat owing to lack of time.  
(7 docs.)

## F438-53 Transportation 1846, 1847, 1851

Leake's draft reply to a circular of 3 September 1846 on the convict population: good health, private service instilled a spirit of industry, Leake assembled his servants and family for a service on Sunday being far from a place of worship, men worked 10 hours a day, leisure hours spent smoking, occasionally reading, or roaming abroad without permission. Leake thought punishment should take place in the country where the offence was committed and only after atonement should offenders be exiled to a new country to lead a new life and on arrival they should be apprenticed for a fixed term to employment of their choice, so they might be absorbed into Society (31 Sept. 1846). Also draft answers to circular from Lieut.-Governor Denison: transportation should not cease altogether but numbers should be reduced, convicts should go into private service as soon as possible after the military discipline on the transport ship, especially mechanics or farm servants - the Colony had a duty to reform and teach habits of industry (1 Apr. 1847); letter from Robert Hepburn: agreed with Leake and Allison transportation should continue; extract from despatch Grey to Denison 5 Feb. 1847: unlikely that transportation would be resumed - not definite promise of cessation - and draft of Leake's letter to *Courier* about misleading statements (Sept. 1850); R. Q. Kermode's electoral circular as Anti-Transportation candidate with names of 88 Campbell Town district electors (not including Leake); letters from Capt. William Wood: transportation, Allison, Kermode, elections (Sept. 1850- Oct. 1851).  
(16 docs.)

## F454-91 Constitution and Representative Government 1847 - 1854

Copies of despatches between Lieut.-Governor Denison and Lord Grey, Secretary of State for the Colonies, including estimates of expenses and what should be paid from colonial funds and what by the Home Government and possible repayment by the Colony of convict expenses (1847-1851 printed copies, some annotated by Leake).

Also: protests by Leake and W. R. Allison at the expense to the Colonial Government of the judicial and police establishment in the estimates for 1849 and 1850 and Lt-Governor's comment (1849-50); drafts of speeches or articles by Leake: representative government might be "the natural Birth Right of Britons" but was the Colony yet ripe for it, were there enough "men properly qualified and willing to devote their time to public matters . . . at their own charges?", money bills, etc.; letters from Edward Abbott: Dry's statement for the Council (6 Sept. 1849); J. Barnard: Appropriation Act; Lieut-Governor's introduction of the Australian Colonies Government Act to the Legislative Council (Apr. 1851); petition of householders of Morven to return their own member, including list of names (May 1851); report of Committee on adapting the "Long Room" of the Customs Building for the Council Chamber and for providing rooms for the Speaker, committees etc. (May 1851)

Letters from J. E. Bicheno: little faith in political institutions that do not "grow out of the wants and circumstances of Society" (2 Apr. 1850), second chamber, transportation (2 Dec. 1850); Adam Turnbull: criminal returns and protest at



estimates (4 Oct. 1850), agrees with Leake's letter to the *Examiner* on new Council Act (10 Feb. 1851); Edward McDowell: Morven petition (16 May 1851); J. Dunn jr.: elections (4 Oct. 1851); R. C. Gunn: comments in *Examiner* and *chronicle*, Dry's influence on the wane, elections would be in favour of anti-transportation (6 Oct. 1851); Valentine Fleming: Dry's remarks in the *Cornwall Chronicle* misrepresented amendment to clause 59 of Constitution Act which was not intended to disenfranchise emancipists (3 Oct. 1851); note of protest by Leake, R. G. Talbot, Bisdee and Allison against a condemnatory resolution of Sharland and others (15 Jan. 1852); Josiah Hand: against a movement in Hobart to support the "arbitrary act of the Victorian Government" (4 Nov. 1852); Capt. William Langdon: constitution bill, Denison leaving (1853, 1854); W.T.N. Champ: constitution, Clerke's bill, Allison's amendment, Smith O'Brien (20 July 1854); Edward Bisdee: constitution, letter to Denison (1854, 1855).

(41 docs)

F492-532 Lieut-Governor Sir William Denison 1849 - 1855

Letters from Sir. William Denison or his A.D.C. or Private Secretaries, Andrew Clarke, C. C. Eardley-Wilmot, Lt.-Col. Edward Last: visit to Rosedale; comparison of sheep costs between N.S.W. and V.D.L (1849); Legislative Council meetings, candidates for election, Dry's speech (1851), Kermode, League Party; nomination of Leake, Allison, Bisdee and Talbot as a "minority" (16 Dec. 1851); furnishing of Legislative Council Chamber (3 Apr. 1852); paper on old customs by "Mr Bell" (21 Jan. 1853); Turnbull and Chapman lost seats, last convict ship - advises Leake to apply for assisted emigrants (June 1853); banquet and fire, grasshopper plague (23 Jan. 1854); new constitution bill (21 Nov., 2 Dec. 1854); invitations; testimonial to "good Sir William" and his arrival in Sydney (Jan. 1855); his paper on amount of food needed for N.S.W. and Victoria to be published in Agricultural Society's Journal (ND c. 1855)

(41 docs)

F533-58 Correspondence: Frederick L. Stieglitz 1848 - 1858

Letters from "Killymoon" mainly relating to political affairs: Eardley-Wilmot monument (7 Mar. 1849); Denison's plans for new Assembly, Dry, Gregson and Archer trying to "kick up a row", Kangaroo Act, new Council not expected to be much improvement (22 Aug., 28 Oct. 1849, 30 Aug. 16 Nov. 1850); no representation for Fingal in new bill (21 Apr., 2 May 1851, 23 Sept 1854); election: given up idea of standing, Talbot, Lord and Grant candidates, Kermode and Smith canvassing, supporting Kermode on anti-transportation (1851: 10 Feb., 16 Apr., 28 Apr., 7 May, 19 May, 30 June, 1 Sept.); Denison's visit (25 Aug. 1851). Stieglitz's letters are also personal including invitations to the Leakes to visit Killymoon, references to sheep, property, neighbours, also to the sale of Killymoon (1857).

(26 docs.)

F559-76 Correspondence: William Race Allison 1851 - 1863

Letters relating to the Legislative Council, the constitution: agreed with Leake that a "nominee was as useful and as independent as a representative"; testimonial to Sir William Denison (8 Jan. 1855); sorry Leake to resign from Council but saw the sacrifice he made to "discharge a most onerous duty faithfully to your country and the friends who had trusted in you, in which you never failed" (23 Apr. 1855); politicians, elections, sorry Leake's name not to be included on list of "those who called

me forward" (7 Jan. 1856). The letters are also personal as Leake was his "oldest and finest friend" and include family references: death of Mrs Leake (1852); Nat's marriage, happy in his "little cottage" (Oct. 1853); death of sister's "Charlie" (1853); death of father (June 1857); his marriage - quietly because of "sad state of my poor brother", only consulted his mother - bride young "family respectable though poor" (June 1858).  
(18 docs.)

F577-96 Correspondence: miscellaneous 1846 - 1858

Miscellaneous correspondence referring to the Legislative Council, politics or politicians: J.E. Bicheno: invitation to dinner (1846), monument for his vault (1852); Michael Fenton: seeking speakership on Dry's retirement (20 Feb. 1855); Valentine Fleming: Main Roads Amendment Bill (24 Aug. 1852); Mathew Curling Friend: losing office owing to blindness so applying for government pension (31 Jan. 1852); William Henty: Leake's "request", Executive Council, Standage's claim (Feb., Nov. 1858); Henry Keach: views on law on slaughterers, gates on "cross" roads, dog licences, debt cases and distraint on goods (1846); P. Pitcairn: new Customs Act (26 Feb. 1852); Thomas Richards: reports of Council proceedings in newspapers, Roads Act, appeal for charity for his family (1852); John Sinclair: candidates for election (1851); P.T. Smith: nomination for election (Dec. 1850), Master & Servant Act (1855); Richard Gilbert Talbot: nominations for election, support for Nutt as Speaker of Legislative Council (16 Dec. 1851); C. H. Young: seeking position of Asst. Clerk and Librarian to Legislative Council (10 Sept. 1851). *See also* F. H. Henslowe, 1851-1855, L.1/B.403-13  
(20 docs.)

F597-601 Education 1852-1853, 1855

Charles Standage: Education Bill and need for committee to inquire into new education system (4 June 1852); Lt.-Gov. Denison: Education Bill for second reading "next Thursday" (13 July 1852); Frederick H. Cox: grievances expressed in *Church Chronicle* (4 Nov. 1853); notices of meetings of Central Board of Education (1853, 1855). (5 docs.)

F.602-7 Police Magistrates' Pensions 11 Dec. 1855 - 1 Feb. 1856

Letters from John Whitefoord on the Pensions Bill, especially police magistrates' pensions: Council should treat public servants as well as banks do their retired servants, resents proposal to abolish police magistrates.

F.608 Acts and Bills 1850 - 1858

Leake's copies of Acts and Bills 13 & 14 Vic. - 22 Vic.  
(bundle)

## G TRUSTEESHIP : MISCELLANEOUS

Leake acting for friends and neighbours as executor of wills, trustee of settlements, or as charitable donor and adviser to friends or old neighbours from his Hamburg days fallen on bad times, as with the Graham family formerly of Hamburg.

- G.1-65      Capt. William Wood 1833 - 1846  
Correspondence from Capt. Wood of Hawkridge, Snakebanks, concerning his financial distress, debts, loans from Leake, mortgages on his property, attempts to sell "Windfalls" etc.; Leake to take his property and assets in trust (1844), meetings of creditors; some letters from Louis Wood when Wood was ill. Also promissory notes, accounts, letters from John Swan (1844, 1846, 1850) and Henry Prialux (1844). Wood's letters frequently mention his wife's poor health and his own illness and also include general references: servants (c 1834-6); sun dial (10 Sept. 1836); ball (14 May 1842); river flooded 350 acres of corn (14 Sept. 1842); rebuilding river banks (Oct. 1842); fire damage in Hamburg (2 Oct. 1842). *See also* L.1/B.569-79, L.1/F.300-305, 438-53.  
(65 docs. some mould damaged)
- G.66-72      Mrs J. F. Graham 1841 - 1844  
Letters from Mrs J. F. Graham, Hobart, formerly of Hamburg, thanking Leake for gifts of money and asking for help and advice about situations for herself and daughters, Mary, Sarah and Isabella (widow of Mostyn with 2 infant sons) as governesses, failed to get job as Matron of Orphan School, Mary ill with scarlet fever, Mrs Mostyn's youngest died. Also Derwent Bank cheque for £24 .7 . 3d to Mrs Graham signed by W. B. Leake 23 July 1831.  
(8 docs)
- G.73          Crossley Marriage Settlement 10 June 1836  
Leake as trustee under the marriage settlement requested by Watson Stickney of Hull, U.K. to sign some certificates.
- G.74          Elizabeth Von Bibra ND 1838  
Statement about property of her late husband Francis Lewis Von Bibra of Coburg Farm, Macquarie River, written from London.  
(1 doc. of 3 papers)
- G.75          C. J. Bayley 22 Nov. 1848  
Meeting of executors of late Mr Robertson to prove will.
- G.76-7        Robert Oliver's Estate 2 Jan. 1849  
Receipt from William Sorell Registrar of Supreme Court, of administration papers of Oliver's estate and instructions to Rev. John Mackersey on taking the oath.

## JELlicoe ESTATE

John Leake was executor under the will of Henry Jellicoe of Campbellford Cottage near Campbell town. The papers include Leake's correspondence and accounts concerning the settlement of the complicated estate and and some earlier correspondence and bills of Henry Jellicoe.

## HENRY JELlicoe : PERSONAL PAPERS

- G.78-115    Property 1826 - 1833  
Correspondence, mainly from the Surveyor General relating to Jellicoe's grant of 2000 acres and additional grants; lease of 2000 acres at Brumby's Creek to William Brumby (1827); letter from B. Horne about fencing (1831); offer from Henry Keach of Gaddesden of £300 p.a. for "the farm and homestead on this side of the river" (3 June 1833).  
(38 docs.)
- G.116       Letter from W. T. Parramore 17 Jan. 1832  
              Invitation to "a cold dinner" at 4.30 pm
- G117-49    Farm 1828 - 1836  
              Miscellaneous correspondence and papers: leasing of sheep to William Roberts and J. Williams (1828-9); assigned servants: W. Lucas and brickmakers; cattle impounded and suit for damages against Jellicoe (1830, 1831, 1834); licence to slaughter at Hollow Tree near Hobart (1832); cart and oxen, plough team (1832); crops, employment of William Stafford as farm servant at Uplands (1834); carpentry and plastering in house at Ross (1835); cost of farm labour; bail of Barnard Mc'Intyre carpenter employed by Jellicoe (1835-6).  
(34 docs)
- G.150-1    Roads 1 Aug. 1832, 26 Oct. 1832  
              Clarence Plains Roads Committee draft minutes, Henry Jellicoe in the Chair; letter about marking path through "Williamswood".
- G.152-71   Financial Correspondence 1823 - 1839  
              Correspondence relating to unpaid bills, debts, bank business from John P. Deane, T.H. Rowland, R. Pitcairn, William Gray, J.W. Gleadow, F. Bryant etc.  
(20 docs)
- G.172       Bills and receipts c 1823 - 1837  
              Bills for household goods, building work, farm work, men's rations, etc.  
(bundle)
- G.173       Bank cheques c 1823 - 1832  
              Cheques, orders for payment and bills on the Derwent Bank by H. Jellicoe  
(bundle)
- G174-82    Mrs H, Jellicoe (Mary Tucker Jellicoe) Correspondence 1837  
              Miscellaneous correspondence from William Barnes, servants, bank etc. mainly about farm and goods.  
(11 docs.)

- G.183 Mrs Jellicoe Bills and Receipts 1825 - 1844  
Miscellaneous bills household and farm  
(bundle)

#### JOHN LEAKE EXECUTOR

- G184-92 Henry Jellicoe to John Leake Correspondence 1832 - 1836  
Letters relating to: Leake's gig; builders; Sarah Leake looking well, her dancing improved, talked to Mrs Nicholas about Leake disapproving of her taking Sarah to the theatre; offers property for sale; dispute with Gregson.  
(9 docs.)
- G193-274 281 Jellicoe Estate settlement correspondence 1841 - 1854  
Letters relating to the execution of Jellicoe's will and settlement of his Tasmanian property, from: James Simpson: unable to act as executor (1841); John Dunn: Jellicoe's will, New Zealand property not included, sale of Tiers land to pay annuities (1841), payment for Caroline Green "living with Henry Jellicoe in adultery" (Mar. 1842, Nov. Dec. 1845), King's and McLeod's mortgages (1842, 1845), Blackburn tenant, Esh Lovell's mortgage (1845-6); Thomas Rowlands, solicitor (1841-46); John Atkinson assignee of McLeod: mortgage, Barclay & Green (1841-2); Capt. Forth: Mrs Jellicoe, news of her death, etc. (1844-7); Thomas Curry, Jellicoe's brother in law (1844); Teesdale, Symes, Weston & Teesdale, London: estate of Julia Jellicoe (1844); J.A. Eddie: no purchaser for Jellicoe's carriage (1844); Mrs (Mary Tucker) Jellicoe (c. 1843-4); Allport & Roberts: Stephen's mortgage, Miss Green will accept £350 (1845, 1846); Charles Butler: trust payments etc. (1846-7); Charles Chilcott: interest on mortgage (1846, 1849); Richard Jellicoe (1846); Gleadow & Henty: King trust (1846); J. G. Radford, executor of Mrs H. Jellicoe (1845); Samuel Jellicoe (ND. & 1854); Nutt & Butler (1854).  
(82 docs. plus 1 mould damaged, partly illegible)
- G.275 Accounts and report of executor 24 Dec. 1853  
Accounts 1842 - 1854 with list of correspondence and explanatory statement by J. L. for son, C. H. Leake on visit to England in connection with the settlement, describing disputes and other problems which made it difficult for executors to carry out Henry Jellicoe's intentions: separation between Jellicoe and his wife and her annuity on mortgage of Capt. King's estate but King in difficulties and sold his land, difficulties with other legatees, most executors refused to act, difficulties with Jellicoe's attorney Rowlands.  
(quarto notebook)
- G276-80 Settlement 1853 - 1854  
Releases from annuitants and residuary legatees: Mary Tucker Jellicoe widow deceased and John George Galloway Radford her executor, Mary Ann widow of Samuel Jellicoe, Richard Jellicoe, Margaret Jellicoe, Julia and Catherine Jellicoe and executors (24 Dec. 1853, 14 July, 28 Aug. 1854); declaration of trust for Samuel, Richard and Charles Jellicoe for £3608 consols (28 Aug. 1854); bill of costs of executors.  
(5 docs.)

## CHILDREN OF JOHN LEAKE 1823 - 1865

## ARTHUR LEAKE AT SCHOOL

- H12,13 Arthur Leake to Uncles Edward & William Bell Apr., June 1829  
Arrival at Hull from V.D.L., description and sketch of Rosedale, school at Bahrenfield near Hamburg.  
(2 docs.)
- H.14 Arthur Leake to brother Edward John 10 Oct 1829  
From school in Hamburg: school hours 8 am. to 8 pm., drawing master. Endorsed with lettering, addressed to E.J. L. at Mr. Thomson's School, Hobart.
- H.15 Arthur Leake to brother William 24 Oct. 1830  
Hull, UK: back from school and Uncle Edward's counting house in Hamburg, now attends to accounts of the Pottery, description of the pottery, much sent to Germany and Denmark, new buildings in Hull: St. James Church "where Mrs Rust used to keep her cows" and Cent per Cent Street" now St. James Street.
- H.16 Arthur Leake to brother Charles 21 Mar. 1834  
From Hull, U.K: about to return to V.D.L., now 5ft. 11 ins but thin and sickly from working in Uncle's pottery - at kiln from 6 am., Uncle could not get workmen as he ill-treated last ones and Union would not allow men to work for him.

## CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SONS &amp; DAUGHTERS

- H.17-19 William B. Leake to brothers Oct. 1836  
W.B.L. found it impossible "ever again to be an inmate at Rosedale . . . my opinions are so different from my father's . . ." written from Launceston to brothers Robert, Arthur and Edward, and Robert's reply advising him to stop acting the way he was before he disgraced himself, he could live at Lewisham with Robert.  
(3 docs)
- H.20-26 John Travis Leake to sister Sarah 1849-1851  
From Portland: glad she has recovered from illness, recommends camphorated spirit of wine and friction for influenza; sending picture Robert won in Art Union for new drawing room at Rosedale, asks for daguerreotype preferably coloured - would try to copy it in oils, one of his sketches engraved in Melbourne magazine; his practice and prospects; clairvoyant discredited by J. Franklin's non appearance, Mr Meredith to be married.  
(7 docs)
- H.27 Sarah Elizabeth Leake to brother Charles Monday N.D c 1849-54  
From Government House: hoped Charles had not painted "the beautiful pine boards" of the drawing room floor, Pearson getting on with furniture, "devotional chair", Papa got paper for the hall, going to see about iron railing, Eliza to sew covers for the sofa and chairs, dinner at Government House, Butterworths, Col. Last, Bedfords, Polly's wedding.
- H28-9 Charles H. Leake to sister Sarah July, Aug. 1854  
From London: wool, selecting emigrant servants, relatives: Mrs Webster in London, Emma Leake now Mrs Jordan in Hull - like Sarah - given patterns of her wedding dress; London theatres: Madam Grisi, Maharajah in royal box, ladies dress in small red cloaks.  
(2 docs)

- H.30 Charles Henry Leake to brother William 19 Aug. 1854  
U.K.: stayed at Hull at Railway Station Hotel "a palace" run by Miss Ivatts and her nephew who married Emma Leake - a good natured girl, like "our Sara" and about the same age, election breakfast for 250 at the hotel; engaged five servants; Rosa Bell, Marcus English and other Hull friends.

## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM RELATIVES

- H.31-2 Emma Jordan (nee Leake) to cousin Charles Leake [1854], 1857  
Queen's visit to Hull, pleased with her accommodation, throne room "our coffee room", wish for Charles' safe voyage (22 Oct [1854]); move to Matlock, husband died April 1856, baby girl, Alice, 4 months, "New Bath Hotel", hotel wages system.  
(2 docs)
- H.33-4 Edward Geiss Bell to cousin Charles Leake 1855, 1861  
Hamburg: worked with Blundell, Spence & Co, Hull, until sister Emily's illness and death, would like to join Robert Leake in South Australia - enclosed report from North London Collegiate School 1851 (1855); tempted by gold diggings, post at Rutherglen [Vic] (1861).  
(3 docs)
- H.35-6 Ernst Henry Bell to cousin Charles Leake 1857  
Glad John Leake was sending means for sister Clara to come out, Clara and Rosa had formed "an establishment for the elevation of young ladies", liked life in that part of Australia, Robert elected for district, not living in new house - Miss Hickmer and her brother occupying it.  
(2 docs.)
- H.37 Rosa Bell to cousin Sarah Leake 9 apr. 1858  
Hamburg: death of Mr Smith would be shock for Clara, seems happy with Leakes - "what a fine old gentleman he [Uncle] must be", Helen fond of dancing - "such a good little girl".
- K318-329 Edward J. Bell to nephew C. H. Leake 1862 - 1864  
Hamburg: finance and investment, family - Ernest joining relation of Robert Leake's widow (Apr. 1863), Rosa's school (Sept. 1863).
- K344-355 William Bell to nephew C. H. Leake 1864 - 1864  
London: straitened circumstances, work on Shakespeare's "Puck" and German translation of *King Lear* - compliment from Prince of Hanover - Leakes of Ramsgate, Bells of Thornbury, Hull - docks, changes, cotton mills, son of vicar old Rev. J. Bromby appointed Bishop of Tasmania, old corn exchange "built by my father" superannuated, St Augustine's Church chest (May, Oct. 1864), Shakespeare festival a failure (1864).
- K360 Rosa Bell to cousin Charles Leake 8 Dec. ND [c 1859/60]  
Hamburg: Uncle William visited - 70 years, would like to see Clara but impossible, not heard from Edward (brother)

## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - GENERAL

- H.38 F.W. Small to W.B. Leake 18 July 1837  
From Windsor [N.S.W.]: invitation to visit as he had heard W.B.L. was in Sydney - lived 34 miles from Sydney, 2 coaches regularly.
- H.39 Louisa Wells to S. E. Leake 11 July 1842  
Morning devoted to needlework, evenings music, singing - a quadrille when young people there, not visited as William could not leave office.
- H.40 A. W. Watkins to W. B. Leake 10 Sept. 1849  
Offer to supply quantity of tin for building (see also B)

- H.41 F. L. Stieglitz to ?C. H. Leake 28 June 1849  
Prevented from visiting Rosedale but longing to see the new house, hopes recipient will visit him and try new blood horse "Hollymount"
- H.42 W. Maiber to C.H. Leake 19 July 1851  
Introduction from brother met in Adelaide, looking for small cottage with 12 - 20 acres, lost own fortune in a fire.
- H.43 Ellen Gray to Charles Leake [1852]  
Condolence on mother's death
- H.44 Eleanor Stephen to Sarah E. Leake 13 May 1854  
Sydney: mother arrived from Melbourne.
- H.45-50 Sarah Webster to S. E. Leake 1852-1864  
From U.K: family, health, Mary Travis (Dec. 1864), relatives in Queensland, reminiscences of Altona and Hamburg, colour schemes, making flowers and leaves of leather to look like oak for picture frames.  
(5 docs plus 1 partly illeg.)
- H.51 Jane Whitefoord to S. E. Leake 31 Oct. ND. [c 1853-7]  
A. J. Whitefoord wife of John W., Oatlands: Thanks for hospitality by Sarah and her father and family for niece and daughter, bush rangers at "Blue Hills".
- H.52 H. G Brock to C. H. Leake 25 Mar 1856  
Arriving for visit on Monday with the two girls after leaving his two sons at Dr Boyd's.
- H.53 E. P. Horton to C. H. Leake 22 Sept. 1856  
Capt. Horton sent cement, regret to hear of father's illness
- H54-56 Thomas Mason "Testimonial" Mar. - June 1863  
Letters from James Crear, Thomas Mason, George Keach about presentation to Thomas Mason.  
(See also F.360)  
(3 docs. [1 damaged])
- H.57-64 Arthur Leake's business correspondence 1850, 1854, 1857-8, 1864  
R.Q. Kermode: blacksmith's account (1842); D. Thompson: Ashby watchman - John Rayner already employed by Harrison (1850), workmen (1851); A. Graham: request for support for election of Charles Meredith (Mar. 1854); Brown & Son: sale of wethers (1854), wool; H. Valentine: wool.  
(8 docs.)
- H.65-72 C. H. Leake's business correspondence 1853 - 1863  
F.H. Henslowe: census (1847); W. Harrison, S. Lord: tobacco (1853); Bell & Westbrook: sales of sheep, bullock, etc. (1856, 1860, 1862); Samuel Bennett receipt for cheque (1863); George Taylor, Wanstead: to restore dog leg fence between bullock paddock and back run (1863);  
(8 docs)
- H.73-77 Sarah Leake's miscellaneous correspondence 1856 - 1863  
From dressmaker M. D. Fryer (1856, 1863), Mary Lewis: sympathy for father's illness (1856), Ollive Dormer, Dunedin, N.Z: former servants (1863).  
(5 docs.)
- H.78 Invitations to Government House 1849, 1850, ND [1847-54]  
Invitations to balls or dinners to C.H.L. and W.B.L.  
(3 cards)