

HULL

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HULL PAPERS

1877 – 1895

Hugh Synnot Hull (1851-1913) was the second son of Hugh Munro Hull (1818-1882) and his first wife Antoinette Martha (Aitkin), who died in 1852. His grandfather George Hull of Tolosa, Glenorchy, had settled in Tasmania in 1819 with his wife Anna (Munro), and the first two of their thirteen children.

Hugh Synnot Hull entered the civil service at the age of 15 in 1867 as a clerk in the Parliamentary Library, and in 1874 he was transferred to the Office of Stores. By 1879 he was earning 150 pound per annum and in 1893 he succeeded C H Huxtable as Government Storekeeper. Some of the Huxtables were also family friends. Hugh corresponded with his childhood friend Hugh Ralston Huxtable, who had gone to Edinburgh, UK and was for a short time engaged to Emily Agnes Huxtable. In 1878 Hugh became engaged to Laura Ann Allison, daughter of Frank Allison of Sandy Bay and was married to her on 10 January 1880 by Rev J Scott of St John's Presbyterian Church Hobart, at the Allison home in Sandy Bay. Hugh and Laura were both fond of music and were often invited to sing or play accompaniments to entertain friends or for charitable concerts. Hugh was a member of the Orpheus Choir, St Andrew's Church Choir and St Andrew's Choral Society. His cousin, Anna Hull* of Glenorchy also wrote about a visit from Amy Sherwin, the Tasmanian singer, 'she sings splendidly', in 1878 (H11/61). Life was not easy for the couple as Hugh's salary was not high and although, as resident clerk to the Stores, he had a rent free Government cottage in Castray Esplanade, this was rather small for a family. Indeed in 1893 he requested better accommodation as three rooms were insufficient for a family of 7, for as he pointed out, three children with croup had to occupy the same bedroom as their parents. They had four sons – Hugh, Frank, Herman and Max. Hugh obviously had difficulty in paying bills; there were many requests for payment and papers relating to debts.

Hugh and his elder brother has inherited some small pieces of property at Glenorchy from their mother and grandfather. These were leased and a part planted as an orchard, but seemed to be more trouble than profit. Delays in finally settling and selling the property almost led to dispute between Hugh and Herbert, who by then was also in need of money. Herbert had settled in New Zealand, first in a job managing Clifden Station and later as sheep, cattle and rabbit inspector and registrar of brands at Balclutha, Otago. He married late in life, in 1892, to a girl he called 'Harty'.

* later married Charles Bellette

Their first child was lost at birth but a boy was born later (see H11/62,63,65,130,139,142-4,148,159-60, 165, 168).

As well as his eldest brother Herbert, Hugh had half brothers by his father's second marriage to Margaret Bassett Tremlett and also many cousins as his grandfather George, has 13 children : Georgina Rose (married P Emmett); Hugh Munro (married [1] A M Aitkin [2] M B Tremlett); Frederick George (married Sophia Turrell); Robert Edward (died 1841); Jane Harriet (married F A Downing; George Thomas William (married Miss Roberts); Temple Pearson Barnes; Henry Joscelyn (died 1893, married Mary Jane Wilkinson); Anna Munro (married T H Power); James Douglas (married Eliza Clothier); John Franklin Octavius (died 1874, married Mary Ann Lester); Alfred Arthur (married ? Barnes); Mary Emily (married W M Davidson).

The papers consist of letters to Hugh from his fiancée, family and friends, bills and papers relating to debts and some papers relating to the sale of a plot of land in Glenorchy. There are three items only of Hugh's father – all relating to the Southern Tasmanian Rifle Association.

HUGH MUNRO HULL

H11/ RIFLE ASSOCIATION

- 1 Membership card Southern Tasmanian Rifle Association 1877
- 2 Grant of one months' leave for Staff Sergeant H Hull 1879
- 3 Notice of resignation of Staff Sergeant H M Hull 24 Jan 1880 (note H M Hull died 1881)

HUGH SYNNOT HULL

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

- 4 Marriage certificate 10 Jan 1880

Extract from the marriage register of St John's Presbyterian Church, Hobart, of the marriage of Hugh Hull, civil servant, bachelor, to Laura Ann Race Allison, at the house of Mr Allison, Sandy Bay, by James Scott, minister.
- 5 Life insurance policy 1891
- 6 Insurance c 1891 – 1892
- 17 Notes on premiums payable on various insurances, including child endowment for

H11/ Hugh age 7, Frank 4 and Herman 2, and receipts for life and household insurance premiums.

18 Laura Hull – insurance 1893

Proposal for life insurance for Laura Ann Hull, born at Carrick, Tasmania 4 January 1857, wife of Hugh Hull.

CORRESPONDENCE

19-56 Letters from Laura (Allison) 1878-1881, 1895

Letters from Laura Allison, H S Hull's fiancée who he married in January 1880; mainly affectionate notes with occasional references to music; some addressed to Hughie of 'Shughie' and some addressed 'darling husband' and signed 'wifie' even before the date of the marriage. Most written from 48 Patrick Street.

(38 letters many written on pink paper)

57-59 Correspondence with F and M A Allison 1878, 1879

Letter from H S Hull to Frank Allison asking sanction for his engagement to Allison's daughter, Laura, with Allison's reply (Nov 1878) and a letter of good wishes from Mrs Allison (Aug 1879).

(3 letters)

60-67 Letters from family 1877-1894

Letters from relations on family and personal matters, including : Henry Tremlett Hull (?brother) with congratulations on engagement to Emily [Emily Agnes Huxtable, see also H11/72, (21.11.77)], no.60; Anna Hull – invitation to live at Tolosa, Glenorchy with her and Papa ,[James Douglas Hull who managed Tolosa for G M H], especially as Arthur was ill[? brother] and Dot at home, and reference to visit of Amy Sherwin, 1879 (no.61); Herbert Hull [Hugh's elder brother] from Clifden, New Zealand referring to Laura, against planting orchard at Glenorchy, 1878, 1879 (nos. 62, 63, 65 see also 130, 1349 142-4, 152, 154, 159, 160, 165, 168, 169); 'Aunt' W Tremlett about 'Maryville' house, family.

(8 letters)

68-81 Letters from friends 1877-1895

Personal letters friends including : Louis Ralston Huxtable from UK (? School friend) 1877, 1879 (nos. 68, 69, 71); Emily Agnes Huxtable from Oatlands breaking off engagement, 2 Mar 1878 (72); Tasman Morrisby request for readings at entertainment 15 Oct 1877 (70)

Thomas Brown Salisbury, UK. – skating, Australian cricketers, 10 Jan 1879 (73); Gussie [? H/11

Jeaneret, ? sister or cousin] – billet for Frank, F E Jeaneret, enclosing testimonials from Parramatta River Steamers and Tramways 1891, 1893, (80); Orpheus Choir accepting resignation Aug 1891 (74); 'The Clipper' – congratulations on 'meddlesome Elijah' 1893 (75); N. Mackenzie – voyage to Sydney, prom. Concerts, music, 1894 (76); C H Huxtable, Victoria, vineyard & winemaking, Victorian depression – prices low, 5d per doz. For eggs, 1894 (78); -- Sherry, invitation to chat and Welsh Rabbit, 1895 (79); W Kermode from Woolmers that he was unable to have Walter but that Hugh ought to as he owed Nettie* money nd? 1893 (81). Also request to sing at entertainments (77).

(13 letters)

82-114 Business Correspondence 1879 – 1895

H S Hull's correspondence relating to his job, prospects, promotion, accommodation, etc., with the Treasury Department, suppliers and others, including pressed copies and replies and other letters received. Including : request for increase of salary as he intended to be married , 17 July 1879 (H11/82); congratulations on appointment as Government Storekeeper , July 1893 (102,103); request for better accommodation (eg.20 Nov. 1893), pointing out that the cottage only had three rooms for a family of seven and that three children with croup had to occupy the same room as their parents, addressed to J E Packer [Edward John Packer. Under Treasurer] with replies (96, 108, 109); estimates and suggestions for the store (92-95, 97, 98, 100, 101) and some correspondence relating to orders placed including thanks from suppliers for selecting them. Also letters from 'The Clipper' about his articles on heads of departments, 20 Feb., 21 Mar. 1894 (111, 112 see also 75). Also copy of W R Aitkin's proposed request to his mother 1892 (90).

(35 letters)

PROPERTY

115-172 Glenorchy Property 1854 – 1895

Papers relating to a small piece of property in Glenorchy (O'Brien s Bridge), part of which was brought from George Hull by James Aitkin in 1848 and settled on his daughter, Mrs H M Hull (d.1852), then to H M Hull (d.1882) for life, remainder to her children, and another piece adjoining, given by George Hull to H M Hull for life then to H S Hull.

Including ; rough sketch of land for sale or leased, nd (115); letter from M Aitkin to L Hull on securing the land to his nephews (Herbert and Hugh) 1854 (116); copy of lease for 10 years to Charles Hewer , 1855 (117); advertisement of sale of life interest nd (120); powers of attorney from Herbert Hull (H S Hull's elder brother in New Zealand (123, 124); case for legal opinion and notes, 1881 (126-9, 131); letter from Hugh to his father about promissory

* Marie Antoinette Hull (half sister)

notes 1881; letters from Herbert Hull from New Zealand 1882-1885 about the disposal of the property but including general news about his job at Clifden Station, which was, however up for sale, and his later post as sheep, cattle and rabbit inspector and registrar of brands at Balclutha, Otago, his wife 'Harty' who he married in 1892, the loss of their first child at birth and their boy, with some references to other members of the family (130, 139, 142-144, 148, 152, 154, 159, 160, 165, 168, 169); letters from solicitors, Elliston and Featherstone, and estate agents and other members of the family, solicitors' accounts (171-172); letter from John Oswell refusing to give ten feet of his ground for a road as he would be put to the expense of a new fence and (150); memorandum of transfer of title to share in common of property from Herbert Hull to Hugh Hull, 1894 (161). Also small sketch of unidentified property for sale or leased, and (not apparently the same property); also photocopy of Lands Department plan of the Glenorchy property.

(60 docs.)

173-181 Estate of Francis Allison 1885, 1893

Some papers referring to the execution of the estate of Captain Francis Allison (c.1796-1857)* of 'Streanshalh' (Macquarie River) Tas., grandfather of Laura Hull; including sheet of estate, 1885, and some letters to H S Hull from A F W and F T Allison and others. Also recognizance binding Francis Thomas Allison of Sorell to keep the peace, especially towards Alfred Nicholas, 27 Feb. 1871.

(9 docs.)

FINANCE

182-229 Debts 1879 – 1894

Papers relating to liabilities, including requests for payments of unpaid bills, solicitors' letters, summons to Court of Requests, promissory note 1881. The sums involved were small and only related to minor items.

(48 papers)

230-398 Receipted bills 1877 – 1895

Receipts from tradesmen, etc., including : W Auchincloss, bootmaker 1892 (303), 1893 (347); W E Best, Manchester House, drapery 1892 (289); J Bidencope, tailor and hat maker 1892 (294); 'Bible readings gift' 1892 (290); Boags Brewery 1893 (330); Bridges Brothers perambulator 2 pounds 15 pence, 1892 (291); Cascade Brewery 1892 (295); W Costain confectioner 1892 (296), 1893 (332); H & J Cripps, bakers, Battery Point 1892 (297); A Cumming, hankerchiefs 1893 (322); Davies bros. 'Mercury' 1893 (315); J Davies, carpet, furniture, dishes 1893 (314); Edwards Toy Bazaar 1893 (316-321); C H Elliston & Son, solicitors 1893 (331); Gas Company 1893 (323-9, 348-50); W Golding, watchmaker, jeweller

1892 (298); J Harcourt, ironmonger, knives 1891 (280); W G Hadrill, watchmaker 1893 (313-4); W Harrington, Battery Point, groceries 1893 (332, 353-387); John Hedges, butcher 1892 (301-2); Laundry 1893 (334-5); Insurance, National Loan Bank 1885 (231); Savings Bank Book 1890 (267); J H P Oldmeadow, repayment of loan 1887-8 (245-66); Penal Establishment for shoes 1892 (305); Perkins & Dean, pictures 1892 (307); R R Reeves 1890 (268-70); A Reid, bootmaker 1892 (306, 351); F Sherwin 1891 (308); Miss Stitt, 2 Molle St., educational fees 1893 (352); Swalwell, crockery 1893 (345-6); J C Williams (?loan) 1877 (233-44); W Walker, crockery 1892 (309-310); Noel White & Co. 1892 (312).

Also adverts for D C L Whiskey, Nicholls dandelion ale (395-8)

230	1877	(1 receipt)
231	1885	(1 receipt)
232-244	1886-7	(13 receipts)
245-266	1887-8	(22 receipts)
267-279	1890	(23 receipts)
280-288	1891	(8 receipts)
289-312	1892	(24 receipts)
313-391	1893-4	(79 receipts)
392-394	1895	(3 receipts)
395-398	Adverts.	(3 receipts)

(179 docs. in 10 bundles)

399-401 Share Certificates 1890

North Silver Queen Mining Co.

(3 certificates)

MISCELLANEOUS

402-413 Poetry and Music c 1879 – 1894

Poems written by Hugh Hull, extract from song, notes for entertainment, tickets for Orpheus Club concert, 1894, and Tasmanian Caledonian Society 1892, rules of Hobart Operatic Society, nd.

414 Bill of lading 1877

Shipment of case of fish to Melbourne

415-418 Miscellaneous printed items nd [c 1890]

John Bradley's election notice, Sanitary Association – report of sub-committee on improvements referring especially to a suggestion that the closed burial ground should be planted with trees, nd, pages from 'The Ludgate Weekly' 1 October 1892, scrap of paper with list of fish.

(4 items)

LAURA HULL

(Mrs H S Hull, formerly Allison)

419-424 Correspondence c 1879 - 1893

Letter from Hugh, nd [c 1879] with 2 copies of 'prayer of the betrothed'; letter from 'Nance', nd [1879]; part of letter from Woolmers, 23 Apr. 1893; letter from Laura to Harry, nd; letter from Mrs Joyce giving a weeks' notice for Lily, nd.

(6 items)

425 Recipe for Indian chutney nd [1885 - 1895]

ST ANDREWS & ST JOHNS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

426 Pew rents 1880

Receipt counterfoil book for pew rents and sustentation fund for St John's Presbyterian Church, signed by H Ross, Manager. On some receipts the heading 'St Johns' has been changed to St Andrews.

(1 booklet, partly unused)

427 St Andrews Church Choir rules 1885

'Rules and regulations for the guidance of the choir of St Andrews Presbyterian Church, being a revision of those drawn up by the Session under date 1st August 1882 and submitted to the Board of Management for its approval and adoption', signed as approved and

adopted by James Scott, chairman, 1885.

(2 Ms. Papers)

428 Letter from James Reid to Dr James Scott 16 Nov 1893

Apologising for not attending meeting but recommending Mr [W C] Eltham as choir master and Mrs Eltham as organist, but could not afford more than 40 pounds for both.