JUDD & BROWNELL FAMILIES

Miscellaneous items collected by Nancie Hewitt (nee Brownell), including copies of Judd and Brownell papers, notes relating to Judd, Brownell and Propsting families and other items given to Mrs Hewitt. Also Mrs Hewitt’s notes on the Society of Friends and the Quaker faith and some photographs of Quakers.


Thomas Coke Brownell (1800-1871) came to Tasmania in 1829 as surgeon on the “Tranby” and became medical officer at Port Arthur and other convict settlements. A transcript of T.C. Brownell’s journal is in B5 (the original is held by descendants).

1 Thomas Judd’s diary 4 Aug. 1842 - 2 Jan. 1843
Diary of Thomas Judd (1822-1915) son of Thomas Judd (1794-1887) and Elizabeth (Cane) on a voyage from England to Tasmania on the “Sir Charles Napier” with his family: “Father and Mother, Elizabeth, myself, John, Ann, Rebecca, Susan, Martha and Henry (we have left William behind - being deaf and dumb - to receive his education in the asylum)”. The diary consists mainly of the voyage: weather, activities on board, prayer meetings in their cabin. On arrival they took a house in Macquarie Street and looked for jobs. Ann and Elizabeth were offered posts as governesses but Elizabeth died on 30 December, at the age of 22, and was buried in the Scotch burial ground.

Typed transcript made by D. Little 2 July 1953 - spelling and punctuation altered.
(xerox copy of typescript 19 pp)

2 Historical notes and cuttings 1950 - 1961
Notes and cuttings relating to the Brownell, Judd, Barnett and Propsting families, made by Nancie Hewitt, including:

Brownell: notes by Mrs Hewitt including extracts from an account of Thomas Coke Brownell by his son John Beecham Brownell, photograph of T.C. Brownell.
Barnett: news cutting on Archdeacon Ernest Judd Barnett (died 1955) and copy of memorial address, notes, photograph of Grace Hannah Barnett, obituary of Barbara Barnett (1946)
Patricial Hewitt to serve in India news cutting 1961.
Judd: notes on Judd family; copy of letter from Elizabeth Judd to her aunt, H. Cane, London, on arrival in Hobart describing their voyage, Father being schoolmaster for the voyage in an emigrant ship, and describing Hobart - many things cheaper than in England 1 Dec. 1842 (typed and ms copy).
Propsting: marriage declaration of no impediment to the marriage of Alfred Henry Barnett to Elizabeth Georgina Propsting ND; notes on the Propsting (or Probstein) family; extracts from minutes of Friends Meeting concerning Henry Propsting 1878, 1901; photographs of Ann and Hannah, first and second wives of Henry Propsting.
Family tree showing connection of Brownell, Barnett, Judd and Propsting families.

(xerox copy only of notebook - items entered or stuck in)

John Beecham Brownell letter to parents 15 dec. 1851
Written from school, the Classical & Commercial Academy, to parents [Thomas Coke and Elizabeth Brownell]: Christmas holidays would start on 17 December.
(1 doc)

Abraham Davy - letter to Francis Cotton 7 Nov. 1844
Davy remembered his visit to the Cottons and the Cottons visit to NSW. He also mentioned his family - Helen making progress at school, Meetings, Quakers Ruth Allen and J.P. Robinson, plainness of speech, T. Pollard’s children, second marriage.
(1 doc)

Quaker marriage certificate - William Nichollias and Isabella Rayner 6 Feb. 1835
First Quaker wedding recorded in Tasmania - see Friends Meeting minutes S1/A1)
(parchment doc)

Barnett family
Miscellaneous papers relating.

Society of Friends (Quakers)
Nancie Hewitt’s notes on the Society Friends (Quakers), including drafts of talks, “James Backhouse and George Washington Walker, adapted and summarised from ‘a narrative of a voyage to the Australian Colonies by James Backhouse’ for young friends by Nancie Hewitt” (typescript), photographs of pages of F.Mackie’s “Journal” including sketch of Hobart Town 1852.
(folder)

Notes on Frederick and Henry Propsting
(3 pp)

PHOTOGRAPHS OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Marg. Beale, Melbourne ND
carte de visite, Johnstone O”Shannessy & Co.

James Backhouse ND
cabinet portrait

Esther A. Mather 24/4/1868
standing, carte de visite by H.H. Baily, Hobart

Isaac Sharp 1879
carte de visite by Robert Harris Port Elizabeth. Endorsed “born 4 7mo. 1806”.

William Levett Wells ? 1880
carte de visite by Sarony, Scarborough [England]

Mrs John Cotton (nee Simmons) June 1886
carte de visite by Wherrett, Hobart

Sarah Benson Walker (1812-1893 nee Mather) [188-?] Seated, full length, cabinet photo by Albert Sargeant, Hobart
13 Frederick Mackie  ND
   Head & shoulders, elderly. Carte de visite by Samuel Fry, Surbiton [Surrey, England]

14 Rachel Mackie  ND
   carte de visite by Charles A. Gandy, London

15 Sarah Bell  ND
   carte de visite by W.P. Dowling, Launceston

16 Henrietta Pierce’s photograph album  1897
   Photograph album presented on 23 November 1897 to Henrietta Pierce, secretary of the Missionary Helpers Union, Hobart. She had taught at Friends School for eleven years and was leaving Hobart to teach at her aunt’s school in Colchester, England. Letter enclosed signed by members of the Missionary Helpers’ Union. Album for cabinet sized photographs (slotted into thick pages), bound black leather, “H.P.” tooled gilt, silver clasps.
   Photographs (as identified by Nancie Hewitt):
   1) Pierce family - Alice, Henrietta, John, Margaret (9 yrs)
   2) Friends School party (group of girls and boys seated on ground with tennis racquets)
   3) May Gould - first cousin of H. Pierce
   5) Gould boys left to right: Jack, Arthur, Cecil, Alan
   6) Mrs W.E. Shoobridge (nee Mather)
   7) Edith Shoobridge, daughter of above and missionary wife
   8) Ada Gatchell, Irish Friend (blind & deaf 40 years)
   9) Frank Mather, Margaret and Henrietta Pierce before HP went to England 1897
   10) Charles Sowden
   12) Henry Propsting
   13) Hannah Propsting
   14) Sarah Pumphrey and Mary (daughter)
   15) Elinor and Margerita Robey [as children with doll]
   16) Miss Wilson (LeTall), housekeeper Friends School
   17) Margaret Pierce
   18) Alice Pierce - taken at Lawson by William Allen [elderly woman with stick & bundle of firewood]
   19) Shoobridge family - Edith’s wedding
   20) Samuel Clemes - first head of Friends School
   21) Isabella Jane Clemes (1840-1903) first [woman] senior wrangler of Cambridge University, Newham College
   22) Ferdinand Grone, husband of 23
   23) Aunt Lizzie Pierce, John Pierce’s sister
   24) Thomas Pierce (grandfather of Mary) “(John youngest son)” and Mary Anne
   25) Pierce cousin (boy) (carte de visite by G. & J. Hall, Wakefield, England)
   26) Woman, spectacles, head & shoulders by William Gill of Colchester [?aunt or other relative]
   27) Henrietta Pierce
      [Later photograph, head & shoulders by Whitfield Crosse & Co., Salisbury, Devizes & Southampton]
   28) John Pierce and Elizabeth - first wife (“Gould. Her brother a Hobart chemist, grandfather of present ones”)
      [carte de visite photos by Brading, Newport Isle of Wight]
   29) John & Elizabeth Pierce. [carte de viste photos by G. & J. Long, Newport Isle of Wight and Brading]
   30) Friends of Ettie’s in England. [two young men, spectacles, 1920s or 1930s]
      photo by Edges ltd, Llandudno]
   31) [Young man, rustic boots and breeches ND]
   (album)