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## BUSHY PARK ESTATE

1871 - 1936

Ebenezer Shoobridge (1820-1901) purchased Bushy Park, an estate of some 2000 acres from Mr Humphry in 1865. He introduced hop growing (hops having been first introduced to Tasmania by his father William Shoobridge) and fruit orchards, principally apples. There was also a dairy farm and some grain and root crops. His eldest son William Ebenezer Shoobridge (1846-1940) pioneered irrigation, built hop kilns, cottages etc. and experimented with methods of pruning fruit trees, introducing the "pyramid principle" which allowed the sun to shine on all fruit equally. Both father and son were J.P.s and served on local councils and committees and supported the Wesleyan Church. W.E. Shoobridge married Ann Benson Mather in 1869.

See *The Cyclopaedia of Tasmania* [1899].

The records deposited are mainly account books and ledgers relating to wages, rations and other expenses.

See also S.3 for papers of W.E. Shoobridge (chiefly copies of articles and letters to newspapers).

### BUSHY PARK ESTATE ACCOUNTS

Miscellaneous Petty Cash Account Book Jan. 1876 - July 1877

Includes miscellaneous minor expenses, both estate and personal, such as hopping (hop picking) expenses, apple pickers' casual wages etc., rations, subscription to library, hair cut 1/6d, flower show 3/-, hymn book, wheelbarrow.

At back details of harvest labour 1891-4

(folio vol.)

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Wages Ledgers 1877 -1883, 1902 - 1936

Detailing labour, store rations etc. under each name. Index of names at front of volume.

- (1) 1877-1880
- (2) 1880-1883
- (3) 1902-1908
- (4) 1909-1919
- (5) 1922-1936

(5 vols., narrow folio or folio)

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## Rations Books 1871 - 1884

List name and issues from store of sugar, meat etc. Volumes 2-5 have printed column headings: flour, meat, sugar, tea, bacon, butter, cheese, soap, candles, matches, tobacco and blank column used for other items, such as coffee, salt, mustard, apples and potatoes. The volumes overlap in date and 1875-8 is missing.

Enclosed in vol.1 pressed fern and leaves.

- (1) 1871-1874
- (2) 1878-1881
- (3) 1879-1882
- (4) 1882-1883
- (5) 1882-1884

(5 vols., quarto or folio)

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## Harvest Labour Record 1891 - 1894

Notes hours worked and whether O (?ordinary) or X (? extra) rates.

Entered at back of Miscellaneous Petty Cash Book.

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## Cash Account Books 1906 - 1933

Formal account books referring to ledgers, cash received, cheques etc. paid (wages, taxes, freight, etc.), cheque No., ledger folio, discount, bank withdrawal, labor ledger.

- (1) 1906-1914
- (2) 1914-1922
- (3) 1922-1929
- (4) 1929-1933

(4 folio vols.)

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## Petty Cash Book 1900 - 1908

Rough petty cash account of receipts and expenditure including: raspberries, vegetables, rabbit skins, snake skins, postage and miscellaneous casual wages (pickers and hoppers etc.).

(quarto vol.)

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## Fruit Expense Account 1903 - 1924

Details of fruit marketing, including apple wrapping, women's day work pruning and thinning, shipment to London and Sydney, and "list of London apples" (1904).

At Back of volume: Meat Account 1920-23 (list of names, dates and sums of money)

Enclosed: bill from shipper, rough calculations.

(folio vol.)

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## Letter from J.R.Walker 19 June 1895

Letter from John Ridley Walker, wholesale and retail merchant, about costs of supplies.

(1 paper)

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## Pocket Cash Book ND. [? early 20th cent.]

Rough pencil accounts of expenses for food and household items and gardener, entered in pencil in old bank book (? Mrs Shoobridge)

(small notebook)

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