

MARSHALL FAMILY PAPERS

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MARSHALL AND FERRY FAMILY PAPERS

This collection consists of papers of George Marshall (1791-1881), originally of Ruthven, near Dundee, Scotland, who arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1821, with his family and settled near Sorell. His farm accounts, 1872 - 1883, have been preserved, together with the will of his son, David Marshall (1919), and miscellaneous notes on family history made by his grandson. One of his grandsons, George Douglas Marshall, married Beatrice Ferry, granddaughter of Ralph Ferry (1815-1892) of Lachlan Mills, New Norfolk, so some papers of the Ferry family are included.

Ralph Ferry came to Australia as a child early in 1819, with his father, John Ferry (1771-1844) who had been a miller in Yorkshire, England. Ferry purchased a windmill in Sydney but gave it up when he found he could only have a 21 year lease. The family moved to V.D.L. where, as John Ferry said, there were plenty of waterfalls and a need for mills, and were granted land at New Norfolk. John Ferry described his new home with enthusiasm in a letter (probably to his brother) drafted on the blank leaf of an account.

. . . You may think it odd that we left Port Jackson and came to V. D. Land, but the wind mill we purchased at Sydney for a grant for ever onley proved a 21 yeares lease so we gave it up and came to this place whare there was plenty of waterfalles and Mills much wanted and i choose a sittuation in the bush and builded a good house and a blacks forge, at work, a good garden, fowle house and a spur geared Mill which we expect to begin to grind in the latter end of January or fore end February, the Mill is 19 feet high, 22 feet long, 17 feet wide and a water like West Burton Mill water and plenty fall for 2 mills, with a stock yard to yard oure coves that we milk every night. The Mill an sittuation is stands close by the naveygable and great River Derwent and 21 miles from Hobert town and government house. Hobert town is the Matrplas [sic metropolis]. We have a boat between 4 & 5 tonns burden so as we can com within 30 yards of the Mill doore or from up the river 3 miles as well down to Hobert, besides a good road by land to Hobart. oure grant is described this whare we have sitted oure selves, and fourteen hundred acres 10 mills [sic ie. miles] up the same River upwards of

three quarters of a mile frontage by the great River Derwent, half of that farm cleare of wood and as fare pasture as ever i saw in England, altogether good graising ground. The cattle that we do not milk is up at the farme with a flock of sheep. In the River there is a waterfall bie nature of a rock up at the farm that would turn 30 or 40 paire of Millstones in the greatest drouth. This is a note of romance, the governer and other gentlemen visits every settlement once every year to muster all people boath Free and bond and takes an account of every persons crop and stock and gives every free person a proporshonable turn in the stores, boath wheat and meat, wheat 10⁶, beef or mutton 5 pound. Winter we hardley can say we have any, we have seen ice as thick as a penny piece but allways goes in the forenoon, oure winter is like in the spring in England when a light frost in the night and the sun shining [sic] in the day. July or August we have oure winter, the middle of your winter is the middle of oure summer. All all kinds of English Frute trees grown beear frute abondantly or garden produce more and with les labour not ne [sic need] of such shelter.

Other papers consist of a few bills, three concerning the settlement of his affairs in England, two accounts for business dealings and goods bought in N.S.W. through Samuel Perry (who in spite of the similarity of name does not appear to have been related, but was a wealthy trader, originally transported in 1801 for Salford, Lancashire, England), receipts for delivery of flour and purchase of household goods, 1833, and farm sowing record 1869 - 1882.

GEORGE MARSHALL (1791 - 1882)

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1. School book Feb. - April 1810

Geometrical exercise book of George Marshall, Dundee.
quarto paper booklet.

2. Farm Accounts 1872 - Dec. 1883

Accounts including: wages for reaping, building, fencing, ploughing etc., sales of wheat, purchases of flour, tobacco, sugar, tea etc. Also stock account and record of foaling (Diamond, Gypsy, Blossom) 1878-83. The accounts are mainly those of George Marshall but the later ones were kept by D. Marshall, including accounts of the estate of the late G. Marshall. Added at front: 'Indian sauce from Horace R. Spearman, 13 Feb. 1896' (recipe).

1 folio vol., bound vellum.

- 3 Obituary notes nd.

Notes on the life of George Marshall (probably by D. or G.D. Marshall).

3 papers

DAVID MARSHALL (d. 1919)

(married Helen Pillans Jackson, died in Queensland 1896)

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4 Probate of Will of David Jackson, died 16 Sept. 1919

All real and personal estate bequeathed to his son George Douglas Marshall of Flowerpot, Tasmania, farmer.

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GEORGE DOUGLAS MARSHALL
(married Beatrice Terry)

5 Letter from F. T. Jackson, 6 Nov. 1916

Letter addressed to 'Mr Marshall (or nephew)' from F. T. Jackson of West Australia.

3 papers

6 Notes on family history and genealogy nd.

Including excerpt from deed of settlement of Prof. Thomas Thomson Jackson D.D. of St. Andrews, Scotland, with bequest to Helen Pillans Jackson, wife of David Marshall, died in Queensland 1896, and petition for settlement of the trust.

A few of the papers are stuck inside: A History of the Scottish Highlands, Highland Clans & Highland Regiments, ed. Keltie, Edinburgh, 1875

1 bundle of papers, 1 volume

7 Baby's Record Book of Peter Godfrey Marshall, 1922

Born 1922, son of George Douglas and Beatrice (nee Terry) Marshall, went to Ulemes College, 1928, married Mary Meston and died 1965.

1 small paper book

FERRY FAMILY PAPERS

JOHN FERRY (1771 - 1844)
(married Martha Powell)

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8 Account 1 June 1818

Account for legal fees and expenses in letting and selling the mill and estate, Burton, John ferry to John Padler.

1 paper

9 Bills 6 June 1818

True copy of 2 bills for £100 each delivered to his brother Ralph Ferry, now residing at Forcett Mill, by John Ferry.

1 paper

10 Letter of appointment 24 Sept. 1818

Draft of letter from John ferry, late of Redmire Mill, appointing his brother Ralph to receive money due on Lord Bolton's estate, with list of money laid out in expenses by John ferry 1809-1811. Note added in pencil of dates of birth of some members of the family, 1710-1878

1 paper

11 Double page from a volume, containing:

a) Accounts of money due from John ferry to Samuel ferry for expenses while in N.S.W., including 10,000 shingles £6 . 13 . 4, wheat, meat, wine glasses, tea, boots, 5 yards gingham, boat hire, 'cash going to Parramatta 10 s', 'cash lent at Chapel 1 s.' 1819:

[N.B. Samuel ferry, a wealthy trader and property owner of N.S.W. (originally transported 1801 from Salford, Lancashire, England, does not appear to have been related to John ferry)]

b) Draft of letter c 1820

This letter probably written by John ferry to his brother in England, gives his reason for leaving Port Jackson and coming to Van Diemen's Land -- they could only have a twentone year lease of their wind-mill at Sydney. He describes his property, mill, forge, stock yard etc. close by the Derwent, 21 miles from Hobart, and a further 1400 acres 10 miles up the river which included good pasture.

1 folded paper, apparently a folio from a bound octavo volume, the accounts being on the two sides of the left hand leaf and the letter on two sides of the other leaf.

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12 Account 21 Oct. 1819

Account including various bills totalling £1211 . 17 . 3, settling all demands between Samuel Ferry and John Ferry and signed by both parties.

1 paper

13 Receipt 1830

Receipted account for 1 gn. paid to W. J. Ring for 'tuition, Master Ralph'.

1 small paper

14 Receipt Dec. 1832 - Jan. 1833

for delivery of 500 lb flour by boat.

1 small paper

15 account Mar. - Sept. 1833

for cloth, blankets, clothing etc. bought by John Ferry of J. W. Robertson of Hobart Town

1 folded paper

16 Letter 27 Nov. 1833

Letter from George Dixon, Green Valley, concerning interest due.

1 paper

RALPH FERRY (1815 - 1892)

(married Frances Linton Simmons, daughter of James and Jane (Ann) Simmons)

17 Baptismal certificate 28 Mar. 1833

Certified copy of the record of baptism in the Chapelry of Bolton and Redmire, Co. York, England, of Ralph son of John Ferry, miller and Martha Ferry, 5 March 1815.

1 paper (torn in two)

18 Farm sowing record 1869 - 1882

1 paper

19 The Mercury, Hobart 26 April 1892

including notice of the death of Ralph Ferry of Lachlan Mills, New Norfolk, 25 April 1892

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MRS JAMES SIMMONS (JANE HALL b. 1803)
 (Mother of Frances Linton Linton Simmons (b. 1823), the
 wife of Ralph Perry)

20 Letter 17 Dec. 1838

Letter from F[rances] Simmons to 'my dear Ann':- sending box to V.D.L. containing things her 'beloved (now angle [sic] in Heaven) left you' [? Mary Simmons] and other items including books for the children and teaspoons; also giving news of Fanny, John [James' brother] and Frederick (who fought in Africa).

1 paper

MISCELLANEOUS

21 Photograph of woman wearing black taffeta dress, lace shawl

and bonnet. n.d. [? mid. nineteenth century]

22 Photograph of elderly bearded gentleman, wearing coat and waistcoat with watch chain, sitting in chair. This is a photographic copy of a photograph which had written at the bottom on a piece of white paper, attached: 'Yours sincerely James J. Perry, 10 December 1846'. However the photograph probably dates from the late 19th century and James John Perry son of Ralph Perry was probably born in 1846. (Possibly the apparent signature & date was faked as a joke?)

23 Notes on the genealogy of the Perry and Simmons families nd.

including 3 photographs (picture postcards) of Askrigg, Yorkshire, England (probably c 1910-20)

1 folder of papers