Series 10 : Records relating to Newcastle Waters cattle station

1. Papers relating to the management of Newcastle Waters station 30 September 1902 – 22 October 1909. 3 cm. [Comprises correspondence (letters received and in some cases copies of letters sent) with managers and drovers; memoranda of agreement with drovers, and papers relating to cattle deliveries]

2. Balance sheets 30 September 1903 – 31 December 1906. 1 cm.

3. Papers relating to cattle sales 17 January 1902 – 27 March 1908. 1 cm.


5. Inventories 25 July 1902 – 31 December 1906. 1 cm.

6. Plans of Newcastle Waters station nd. 2 items.

7. Photographs ca.1902. 3 items.

Series 15 : Papers relating to explorers

1. Papers relating to John McDouall Stuart 25 July 1907 – 26 July 1912. 1 cm. [Includes a programme of a dinner given by the John McDouall Stuart Anniversary Committee to the survivors of the John McDouall Stuart exploring party on 25 July 1907; a typewritten copy of a speech given by John Lewis on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the crossing of Australia by Stuart, and newspaper cuttings on jubilee celebrations]
2. Papers relating to Captain Charles Sturt
28 November 1914 – 21 December 1916. 5 items.
[Comprises a programme of the unveiling ceremony of the Sturt statue; typewritten copies of the address given by John Lewis as Chairman of the Sturt Committee at the unveiling ceremony; newspaper cuttings and photographs of Sturt, the Sturt statue, and scenes of the unveiling ceremony]

3. Paper read before the Royal Geographical Society on the Gregory expedition
22 June 1857. 81 p.

4. Typewritten extract from a journal of exploration from the Warburton to the Musgrave Ranges in search of pastoral country and minerals.
1882. 7 p.

5. Advertisement for a lecture by C Price Conigrave.
ca.1912. 1 item. Printed.

6. Newspaper cuttings
ca.1897. 4 items.

7. Report on exploration of a portion of Central Australia by the Barclay – Macpherson Expedition, 1904-1905 by H V Barclay
1916. 1 item.
[Reprinted from the ‘Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia’, South Australia]

**Series 25 : Miscellaneous manuscript material**

1. Draft of a speech presented in a case concerning the title of ownership of claims 4 and 5 at Pine Creek
ca.1874. 8 p.

2. Insurance policy from Lloyds of London
6 August 1909. 1 item.

3. List of moneys lent
1906-1907. 1 item.

4. Account for the extermination of rabbits on private lands from the Survey Department
6 July 1880. 1 item.

5. Accounts from the South Australian Club Hotel
ca.1882. 2 items.
6. Receipt for the use of prison labour  
   19 June 1882. 1 item.

7. Receipt from J. Witkowski  
   11 November 1863. 1 item.

8. Invitation to the Inaugural Banquet of the British Empire Club  
   28 July 1909. 1 item.

9. The Geological History of the Earth  
   nd. 1 folio.

    nd. 1 item.

11. Register of a bet made between John Lewis and F.H. Weston  
    nd. 1 item.

12. Certificate of registration of horse and cattle brand for Kooringa.  
    1 September 1880. 1 item.

13. Registration of brand from the Office of Registrar of Brands,  
    Adelaide.  
    10 September 1880. 1 item.

14. Hand-drawn map of trip (?) – Owenina to Paratoo  
    nd. 1 item.

15. Adelaide Racing Club member’s ticket  
    1881. 1 item

16. Programme of music to be performed by the Massed Bands of the  
    Brigade of Guards  
    nd. 1 item.

17. Postcard of ‘Angoras from the Federal Flock, Blanchtown, South  
    Australia’  
    nd. 1 item.

18. Card from the Majestic Hotel, King William Street, Adelaide  
    nd. 1 item.

19. Burra Races card  
    2 April 1877. 1 item.

20. Pamphlet: A Yankee Sermon. Printed at Burra  
    nd. 1 item.
21. Programme for a grand concert: ‘The Last of the Bleak House Concerts’ held at Burra Institute  
6 September 1892.  1 item.


23. Sweetheart locket with Marshall Joffre featured on lid  
1915

24. Coronation medal for Edward VII and Alexandra  
1902
Series 26 : Miscellaneous printed matter

1. Saturday Magazine
   1840. 1v.

2. Report in the Kooringa and Kapunda monthly sales
   16 April 1880.  1 item.

3. ‘The Far North Country’ by S Newland
   1887. 1 item.
   [Published by Burden and Bonython]

4. Programme of a social held in honour of Mr J J Duncan by the
   Burra Branch of the Australasian National League
   19 February 1897.  1 item.

5. ‘The Adelaide University Review
   Vol 1, No. 3, 1898.  2 copies

6. Students programme for Commemoration Day, University of
   Adelaide
   December 1898.  1 item.

7. ‘Rivers and Railways’
   1909.1 item.
   [Published by Murray League of South Australia]

8. Programme of a dinner held by Bagot, Shakes and Lewis
   14 September 1911.  1 item.

9. ‘Geological Survey of South Australia’
   1912.1 item.
   [Published by Department of Mines]

10. ‘President’s Address’, Royal Geographical Society of Australasia
    July 1912 – July 1913.  2 items.

11. ‘Phenomenal Sounds in the Interior of Australia – are they
    Terrestrial or Atmospherical?’ by T Gill
    1913.1 item.
    [Reprint from the Report of the Australasian Association for the
     Advancement of Science Vol. XIV. 1913]

12. ‘Mr Lloyd George’s Speech on the Road Hogs of Europe’
    ca.1914.  1 item.
    [Published by Daily News Ltd. London]
13. ‘As Others See Us’  
1914. 1 item.  
[Conclusions arrived at in Report of the American Trade Commission on Industrial Conditions in Australia]

14. ‘Fallacy of Fixing Prices’ by A W Pearse  
1915. 1 item.  
[Published by John Andrew & Co.]

15. Souvenir of the T.S.S. Karoola 1st Australian Hospital Ship  
1915. 1 item.

1916. 1 item.  
[Reprint from Hansard]

17. ‘The Wahehe Boomerang’  
1919. 1 item.  
[The official organ of the HMAT Wahehe on her voyage to Australia with returning members of the AIF]

18. ‘Beef, Mutton and Wool: A Practical Handbook on Meat and Wool Production for the Australian Farmer’ by W S Kelly  
1920. 1 item.  
[Published by F W Preece, Adelaide]

19. No item

20. Programme of a social held in honour of John Lewis  
2 February 1923. 1 item with duplicate.

21. ‘A Delineation of the Character Talents, Physiological Developments and Natural Adaptions’ by Rev Ralph Brown  
nd. 1 item.  
[Published by Mason, Firth & McCutcheon, Melbourne]

22. Advertisement for the sale of Conobie Cattle Station Queensland  
nd. 1p.

23. Proof for entry in the 1924 Debrett’s Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage and Companionage, etc. for James Lewis.  
1923. 1 item.

24. Booklet: ‘Play the War Game – America’s Part’ by A Sheppard  
April 1915.

25. Pamphlet: Address in Reply – Legislative Council debate. Speech by the Hon. John Lewis, MLC  
18 August 1920
18 October 1922
Series 40 : Appointments

1. Certificate appointing John Lewis ‘Honorary Commissioner to inquire into and report upon matters relating to the meat industry in Great Britain, France, ...’.
   12 December 1918. 1 item. OUTSIZE (map cabinet)

2. Appointment of John Lewis as a Justice of the Peace.
   10 July 1875.

Series 61 : Scrapbooks compiled by Jeannie Melrose

(Notes compiled by Bob Lewis, 1993)

Volume 1

This is one of a series of scrap books kept by Mrs Alex Melrose of Kadlunga, Mintaro (and 2 Baliol St., St Peters), 1903-1913 (some 1917?). Basically about Lance Lewis, but also references to E. Lewis and Hon. John Lewis (their father).

The great bulk of cuttings refer to football – (especially if Norwood and/or South Australia were winning!). Other sports covered include polo and rowing. There are some items about Parliament and the collection; the unveiling of the Stuart Memorial Statue in Victoria Square; occasional notes and/or reports of pastoral affairs, journeys to the north, etc; and Burra light house.

Volume 2

Mostly about Lance Lewis (Lancelot Ashley Lewis) fourth son, sixth child, of Hon. John Lewis of Kooringa, Burra and later of Benacre, Glen Osmond.

This scrap book covers primarily the years from 1924 to 1938, when Lance Lewis was Manager of Bagot Shakes & Lewis, in succession to his father, and then of the S.A. operations of Goldsborough Mort who took over Bagot Shakes & Lewis in the early 1920s.

Lance Lewis died in June 1938, and this includes obituary notices etc.

Volume 3


1 ‘Reviews’ (dated December 1922 and onwards) of John Lewis’s Autobiography, entitled ‘Fought and Won’, plus typescript extracts of letters of thanks and appreciation from people and institutions to whom he had sent copies (about 40 pages).
2 Reports of the award of C.M.G. in the New Years Honours for January 1923, plus typed extracts of letters of congratulations (about 20 pages).

3 Another few pages, after the C.M.G. material, of further thanks and appreciation for ‘Fought and Won’.

4 Notices of the death of Hon. John Lewis, C.M.G., on Saturday 25th August 1923, and obituaries and tributes – (about 20 pages – including notes re sale of Benacre Homestead to Lance Lewis, plus 39 residential sites).

5 Miscellaneous notes about the Northern Territory, Royal Society of St George, the unveiling of Sturt’s Statue (21/12/1916) etc. – much of it inserted after John Lewis’s death (about a dozen pages).

Series 62 : Assorted family photographs (identification by Bob Lewis)

1. Dining Room Benacre
2. Sitting Room Benacre
3. Benacre – would think taken about 1900
4. Nellie & Jane Lewis
5. Brook Lewis (1914-1918)
6. Lancelot Ashley Lewis
7. Lancelot Ashley Lewis
8. Tom & Ann Lewis about 1925
9. Gretta & Lance wedding photo
10. Family of John Lewis (left to right: Jane, Essie, John, Brook, Nell, Gilbert) Lance in front
11. I think Mrs McLagens school (the likeness of Jessica – Eleanor’s daughter – to Nell is quite remarkable)
12. St Peters College Rowing VIII
13. 3rd Light Horse Rgt – Lance Lewis platoon? 1914 – note how much older the soldiers were in comparison to 1939 war – obviously no age limit just be a good horseman!
14. Benacre, Glen Osmond Road (house and garden)
15. Benacre, Glen Osmond Road (house and garden)
16. Benacre, Glen Osmond Road (house and garden)
17. Chrysanthemums in glass houses at Benacre
18. Bottle tree in the garden at Benacre
19. Garden at Benacre
20. Social function in the garden at Benacre
21. Gilbert Lewis with army unit
22. All male dinner somewhere in Adelaide
23. Gilbert Lewis with army unit – officers and non-commissioned officers, West Riding Co. 15th MI
24. Gilbert Lewis on his horse, Lord Raglan
25. Gilbert Lewis on his horse, Lord Raglan
26. Unveiling of the Boer War Memorial  
27. Unveiling of the Boer War Memorial  
28. All-male dinner, possibly at the Adelaide Town Hall  
29. Group photograph of the Pioneers of 1836, 1837 and 1838 at Glenelg 22 July 1901  
30. John Lewis with horse, at Burra  
31. Family in the snow at Burra  
32. Family in the snow at Burra  
33. Polly Wood’s house near Glenelg  

Note: The Benacre photographs are from a series taken in the Hon. John Lewis’ time. 

Series 67: Letters received by Essington Lewis  
1. Four letters relating to his employment with Broken Hill Proprietary Limited 1905, 1908, 1921.  
   [1. Letter certifying Essington Lewis’s employment for 14 months, 14 March 1905.  
   2. Letter from SA School of Mines & Industries accepting 6 months’ practical mining work with B.H.P. and full diploma granted, 9 May 1905.  
   3. Letter from B.H.P. declining permission for Essington Lewis to play football in Adelaide, 23 September 1908.  
   4. Letter from B.H.P. secretary appointing Essington Lewis as general manager, 21 February 1921.]  
2. Letters relating to Essington Lewis’s application to enlist for World War I service, and the B.H.P. company’s need for him to remain with them as Munitions Department manager, 1915-1916. A copy of the Call To Arms letter from William Hughes, Australian Prime Minister, dated 15 December 1915, with the War Census questions written on the back, and a letter from the Lord Mayor’s Recruiting Committee, 4 February 1916, are included.]  
3. Letters of condolence on death of his father 1923  
   [Letters from his aunt Nell, Dora Jay, Dr Dean Dawson, H.G. Darling, Rhoda A. Cowan and Jessie (Mrs Gilbert Lewis), 26-31 August, 2 September 1923.]
4. Letters from his family
1928-1961

5. Letters from Zara, Countess of Gowrie
1941-1956
[Lady Gowrie was wife of Sir Alexander (‘Sandy’) Hore Ruthven, former Governor SA 1928-1934 and later Governor-General of Australia 1936-1944. Many of the letters refer to the house, 18 Charles Street in London, made available to the Gowries to live in by Essington Lewis on behalf of B.H.P., which was vacated after the death of Lord Gowrie in 1955. Includes a letter from Pamela Cooper, Lady Gowrie’s daughter-in-law (married firstly to the Hon. Patrick Hore Ruthven, killed in action 1942), from Dunlewy House, Co. Donegal, Ireland, relating to the funeral of Lord Gowrie in May 1955. A B.H.P. memo, dated 24 August 1955, about assistance to Lady Gowrie after her husband’s death, is included.]

5a. Letter from Lord Gowrie, Governor-General
1942
[Written from Government House, Canberra, 7 October 1942. Lord Gowrie asks for Essington Lewis’s report on Japan from his trip in 1934 and gives his own opinion of the Japanese people.]

6. Letter from Mary, Duchess of Buccleuch & Queensbury
1946
[Written from Drumlanrig Castle, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, 11 March 1946. The Duchess’s daughter Lady Elizabeth Montagu-Douglas-Scott, born 1922, spent time in Australia before marrying the Duke of Northumberland that year, and was entertained by the Lewis family. She was a relative of the Duchess of Gloucester, whose husband HRH the Duke of Gloucester, became Governor General in 1945 after Lord Gowrie.]

7. Letter from HRH the Duchess of Gloucester
1947
[Written by Alice, Duchess of Gloucester on Steel Works, Port Kembla note paper, 5 February 1947. She mentions her family staying at Greenhill, the BHP executive guesthouse at Wollongong. The Gloucesters were about to return to England and she expresses the wish that the Lewis family can visit them. (Envelope has blue wax seal with a coronet over ‘A’.)]
8. Letters from Sir Charles Burnett
1942
[Two letters written by ‘C.S.B.’ (Sir Charles Stuart Burnett), from Small Dean, Wendover, Buckinghamshire, 29 September and 15 December 1942. He enquires after the production of aircraft for the RAAF. Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett (1882-1945) was appointed Chief of Air Staff, RAAF in 1940 and retired in June 1942.]

9. Letters from Lady Wakehurst
1940-1941
[Written from Government House, Sydney 25 August 1940 and 29 December 1941, the first after the viceregal couple had visited the B.H.P. works at Newcastle, NSW and the second with best wishes for the coming year. “Peggy” (Margaret) Tennant, b. 1899, a daughter of Sir Charles Tennant Bt, married in 1920 John de Vere Loder, the 2nd Baron Wakehurst, who was Governor of NSW from 1937 to 1946. She was made a DBE in 1965.]

10. Letter from Lady George
1960
[Written on the Himalaya 21 March 1960 while she and her husband Sir Robert George (1896-1967), former Governor of SA, were returning to England after his term ended in 1959. “Betsy” (Sybil Elizabeth), nee Baldwin, married Robert Allingham George in 1927.]

11. Letters from Leighton Bracegirdle
1943, 1955-1961
[Seven letters from “Brace”, Sir Leighton Seymour Bracegirdle (1881-1970), former Rear-Admiral, KCVO, CMG, DSO, RAN, and military and official secretary to Australian Governors-General 1931-1947. Some are signed ‘Lilian and “Brace”’, and one is written by her (14 January 1959). The 1943 letter includes an unrevised proof from Hansard that mentions Essington Lewis’s name in relation to munitions manufacture.]

12. Letters from R.W. Chapman
1931, 1939
[Two letters dated 11 June 1931 from University of Adelaide, and 6 May 1939 from Burnside SA. R.W. Chapman, later knighted, was first professor of Engineering at the University of Adelaide. The first letter mentions his intention to go to England in August 1931 to attend the centenary meeting of the British Association. The second letter enquires whether Essington Lewis would be able to attend the 50th Jubilee Dinner of the foundation of the SA School of Mines, on 10 June 1939 at the Oriental Hotel, Adelaide.]
13. Correspondence with Raymond Priestly
1937
[Letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, dated 23 April 1937, related to seeking donations for the Chemical School, and a copy of Essington Lewis’s reply of 27 April.]

14. Letters from Mary Lindblade
1953-1957
[Written by the wife of Eric Lindblade, Essington Lewis’s private secretary at B.H.P.]

15. Letter from Elisabeth Murdoch
[Letter from Elisabeth, later Dame Elisabeth, Murdoch relating to Essington Lewis’s contribution to the Clyde School at Woodend, Vic, dated 22 September 9 (no year).]

16. Letter from Olga Hay
1956
[Letter from headmistress Olga Hay relating to Essington Lewis’s contribution to a new building at the Clyde School, Woodend, dated 16 December 1956. He was on the school council.]

17. Letters from Mrs Lorna Dawson and daughter
1961
[Letters from Mrs Lorna Dawson, widow of Dr Dean Dawson, and her daughter Lorna, thanking Essington Lewis for financial help to Miss Dawson (both dated 8 July but no year), and a letter from Mrs Dawson to him on his 80th birthday in January 1961. (Dr Dean Dawson was an old footballer friend and the Lewis family’s physician when they lived at Port Pirie.)]

18. Letter from ‘Dawson’
1955
[Written at the B.H.P. company Sydney office, relating to Essington Lewis helping financially to replace damaged equipment on the writer’s cruiser.]

19. Letters from Pat Rose
[Pat Rose, wife of Kim Rose of Liveringa station in the Kimberley region of WA. The Roses were good friends of Essington Lewis, who, when he visited, brought gifts for them. The four letters thank Lewis for his kindness. An ‘Ode to a Giver Unsurpassed’ written by Pat Rose is included with one of the letters.]
20. Letters from Grace Henwood
   [Two letters written from Calwynyardah station near Derby, WA. In the letter dated 8 September Mrs Henwood describes the wedding of the Roses’ daughter June at Liveringa, including the building of a small church for the ceremony, officiated at by Bishop Frewer, and the wedding breakfast afterwards.]

21. Letters from Jessie Stephenson
   1941-1955, nd
   [Six letters from the housekeeper at the director’s house at the Newcastle steelworks for more than 30 years.]

22. Letter from Owen Dixon
   1952
   [Letter from Sir Owen Dixon (1886-1972), Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1929.]

23. Letter from A.W. Piper
   1927
   [Letter acknowledging Essington Lewis’s congratulations on his appointment to the Bench of the South Australian Supreme Court, 21 June 1927.]

24. Letter from Hal Newland
   1961
   [Letter from Sir Henry Newland (1873-1969) wherein he recounts a toast drunk to Essington Lewis’s 80th birthday by himself, Sir Herbert Mayo and others at the Adelaide Club on 13 January 1961.]

25. Letter from Hedley Marston
   1959
   [Writer is Hedley Ralph Marston (1900-1965), former University of Adelaide biochemist and critic of the Maralinga atomic tests, writing from the Australian National University, Canberra, 9 May 1959.]

26. Letter from ‘Steve’
   1951
   ['Steve’ worked at the Newcastle B.H.P. works and his letter of 9 July 1951 mentions ‘Aunt Jessie’ the housekeeper. (See 21 above, letter of 10 July for Jessie Stephenson’s letter of thanks to Essington Lewis.)]
27. Letter from Helen Evetts 1951
[Letter from the wife of Lieutenant-General Sir John Evetts, of 19 March 1951, thanking Essington Lewis for a box of floor polish. Sir John Evett was the head of the British-Australian governments’ long-range weapons project at Salisbury and Woomera. The Evetts returned to England in June 1951.]

28. Letter from Madge Elliott 1955
[Australian actress Madge Elliott (1898-1955), married to Cyril Ritchard, was a great friend of Essington Lewis. This letter, written from Rio Chico, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, a few weeks before her death, gives news of her recuperation after ill health and future plans.]

29. Letter from Anita Smith 1956
[Written by Lady (Anita) Smith, widow of Sir Keith Smith, 6 January 1956, after Essington Lewis had written to her on hearing her husband had died.]

30. Letter from Win Yate 1948
[Enclosing a newscutting of a Kerwin Maegraith cartoon of Essington Lewis from the Sydney Mirror, in her letter of 11 September 1948.]

31. Letter from Terence Maxwell 1959
[His last letter from Australia before leaving, written from the Australia Hotel, Sydney 8 December 1959. He mentions visiting the Lewis country property Landscape, as well as Whyalla and Port Kembla.]

32. Letter from John Darling 1950
[John Darling was the son of H.G. (Harold) Darling, one of Essington Lewis’s oldest and closest friends, and Chairman of Directors of B.H.P. (died January 1950). In the letter of 19 November 1950 he acknowledges a telegram from Lewis on hearing of his engagement in England, and mentions his widowed mother at Warrawee.]

32. Letter from ‘Bill’ 1940
[Written by close friend of Essington Lewis, on Athenaeum Club note paper, congratulating him on his birthday and all he has done for the B.H.P. company and Australia.]
33. Letter from Rita Fischer
   [Writer expresses her gratitude for a gift from Essington Lewis and for his kindness and thoughtfulness as an employer.]

34. Letter from friend
   1947
   [Letter written from South Yarra 26 December 1947 (signature illegible).]

35. Letter from ‘June’
   nd
   [Written from Landscape, Tallarook, thanking him for being a generous employer.]

36. Letter from S. Kellaway
   1948
   [Written to Mrs Melrose (Essington Lewis’s sister Jane at Kadlunga, Mintaro?) from Burra, 8 September 1948, about a gift of money from Essington Lewis, for work on premises at Burra (?).]

37. Letter from the Secretary, Bagot, Shakes & Lewis Ltd
   1924
   [Written thanking Essington Lewis for his guarantee re ‘Phid Day’.]

38. Letter from Aubrey P. Edgcumbe
   1924
   [Letter from officer on board H.M.S. Hood accompanying a gift of two ashtrays bearing the arms of the Hood. He had visited Newcastle and the B.H.P. steelworks.]

39. Letter from Tom Daskein
   1936
   [Written on 2 November 1936 to Essington Lewis at Landscape, Tallarook from Habbies Howe, Seymour, regarding Landscape stock and pasture.]

40. Letter from John Curtin, Prime Minister
    1942
    [Written from Canberra in answer to letter of Essington Lewis dated 2 October 1942 in which he had notified the Prime Minister he would be taking two weeks’ rest from his responsibilities as Director of Munitions.]