Anning Family, Reedy Springs Archive

These papers were assembled by Mrs M E A Reid in the course of her research into the history of the Anning family in North Queensland. The results of her research have been compiled into a volume titled *Sun on the Right* which can be found in the North Queensland Collection.

Charles Cummins (spelling varies) Stone Anning, his wife Cleopatra, and seven of their surviving nine children arrived in Victoria in 1851. At various times they held the leasehold of the following stations: Cargoon, Reedy Springs, Chudleigh Park, Charlotte Plains, Compton Downs and Mount Sturgeon in Queensland and Wollorgorang in the Northern Territory. Mrs Reid traces, in particular, the history of C C S Anning's seventh son Francis Albert Anning and his wife Elizabeth and their life at Reedy Springs.

The papers comprise correspondence, legal documents and copies, unpublished memoirs, miscellaneous notes, account books and some letters and articles contributed by H Anning to rural periodicals.

*Archive Location: 155R*

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Correspondence

This collection of forty-eight letters and enclosures comprises mainly letters written to or by Mrs Reid concerning information about the Anning family. The letters are arranged chronologically in subject groups assigned by Mrs. Reid.

AFRS/CORR/1 2/12/1897. Handwritten letter in envelope from "Alys" Anning to her cousin Jean Anning.

AFRS/CORR/2-8 1972-1978. Letters and enclosures include reminiscences of Anning descendants, an account of a lawsuit and information derived from parish registers dated 1538-1934.


Legal Documents

These legal documents and copies include leases, entries in parish registers and certificates of birth, marriage and death.

AFRS/LD/1-3 1849-1851. Photographic reprints of portions of lease agreements drawn up between Lord Clifford and Charles Anning and subsequently between Lord Clifford and Charles Johnstone, regarding Bellamarsh Estate in Devon.

AFRS/LD/8-12 1787-1871. Photocopies of entries in parish register, or marriage certificates, for Richard Anning and Elizabeth Splatt; Charles Cummins Stone Anning and Cleopatra Mary Ann Tuckett Cox; Henry Betts and Charlotte Anning and Louisa Humphrey.


Unpublished memoirs

There are three versions of Elizabeth Anning's memoirs and her son Harry's memoirs.

AFRS/MEM/1 1929. Memoirs of Elizabeth Ann Anning, nee King, 1852-1935, wife of Francis Albert Anning. Twelve leaves of typescript; two handwritten notes on first page:

1. "I think this will interest you".

2. "This was very heavily edited and romanticised by N. Revell-Smith daughter-in-law of Cleo Anning, eldest daughter of F.A. Anning".

AFRS/MEM/2 Another version of portion of Elizabeth Anning's memoirs, labelled "Rough transcript". Five leaves of typescript.

AFRS/MEM/3 Another version of Elizabeth Anning's memoirs; photocopy of 24 handwritten leaves. Handwritten note:

"All this dictated by Elizabeth Anning (wife of F.A. Anning, Reedy Springs) to daughter Alice - obviously her memory was inaccurate from time to time".


Photographs

Photographic prints, photocopies, negatives and Anning family photographs.

AFRS/PH/1 Adelaide Times 11/10/1849. "Shipping Intelligence". Photocopy.


AFRS/pH/5-6 Two photocopied pages, unidentified. A note jotted inter alia on an envelope with the paper says "White's Devon 1850".

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous working notes and fragments.

AFRS/MISC/1-9 Nine leaves of typed and hand-written notes.

Account Books

Theses comprise a variety of station records, from 1925 to 1942.

AFRS/ACC/1 Day book, kept from January 1925 to July 1941.

AFRS/ACC/2 Day book, for the period September 1932 to June 1940. (The back page includes a list of "sheep marks" from different properties).

AFRS/ACC/3 Cash book, for the period July 1925 to August 1932.

AFRS/ACC/4 Ledger accounts book, for the period October 1909 to December 1913.

AFRS/ACC/5 Ledger accounts book, from September 1942 to December 1929.

AFRS/ACC/6 Ledger accounts book, for the period August 1930 to November 1937.

AFRS/ACC/7 Ledger accounts book, from January 1938 to December 1939.

AFRS/ACC/8 Ledger accounts book, for the period January 1940 to December 1941.

AFRS/ACC/9 General accounts book, for November and December 1942. (Also used as a rough notebook from 1960 to 1962).

AFRS/ACC/10 General accounts book (undated).

In addition to financial information, this volume contains a number of journal articles on pastoral management (some written by H. Anning), which are listed in an index on the back page.
Also included are a number of letters, from 1932, viz:

(a) To H. Anning, from the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, Scotland, 29 March, 1932, concerning numbers of Aberdeen-Angus herds world-wide. 3p. Typewritten.

(b) To H. Anning, from J. Chisholm, Winton, 23 February, 1932, regarding management of stud properties. 2p. Typewritten.

(c) To H. Anning, from N. Rose, Hughenden, 16 August, 1932, on cattle diseases. 2p. Manuscript.

(d) Copy of a letter to J. Whyte, Scotland, from H. Anning, 13 February, 1932, on the relative merits of Aberdeen-Angus and Shorthorn breeds. 1p. Typewritten.

(e) Copy of a letter to the Aberdeen-Angus society, Scotland, from H. Anning, 13 February, 1932, requesting information on cross-breeding. 1p. Typewritten.

(f) To H. Anning from F. Anning, Cargoon Station (via Pentland), 24 October, 1932, on various aspects of station management. 4p. Manuscript.

(g) To H. Anning from F. Armstrong, New Zealand, 26 January 1932, on the successes of crossbreeding Aberdeen-Angus. 4p. Manuscript.

Articles

AFRS/ART/1-19 The material in this section comprises "Letters to the Editor" by H. Anning and letters and articles that were published in "The Graziers Review" and "The Pastoral Review", between 1924 and 1933.

AFRS/ART/1 Letter to the Editor, Graziers Journal, Brisbane, from Cornolia, Pentland, on 11 May, 1925. 4p. Typewritten.

AFRS/ART/2 Letter to the Editor, N.Q. Register, Townsville, from Sarre, 28 March, 1925. 2p. Typewritten.


AFRS/ART/5 Letter to the Editor from H. Anning, Wetherby via Richmond, Qld. Northern Railway on 25 April, 1928 regarding Pressure testing of boxes. 4p. Typewritten.

AFRS/ART/6 Letter to the Editor from Wetherby South, May, 1928 regarding Artesian Water. 3p. Typewritten.
AFRS/ART/7 Letter to the Editor from H. Anning, Wetherby via Richmond, Qld Northern Railway on 1 June, 1929. 3p. Typewritten.


AFRS/ART/19 Australia's Cattle Trade by Grazier. 3p. Typewritten.