Marjorie Green Archive

Marjorie Green was born in Townsville but studied at the Presbyterian Ladies’ College, Melbourne. She later became CWA Secretary and Hon. Secretary of the Church of England Funding Committee.

Marjorie lived on Stanton Hill in Townsville along with her parents, Mr and Mrs David Green, and her sisters Ethel and Nancy. The family were socialites who travelled widely. Her father, David Green (1856-1941), was editor of the Townsville Daily Bulletin and the North Queensland Register. Nancy Green married Charles Robert Akins (See the C.R. Akins Archive, Archive Location 61L).

This collection contains Marjorie's diary and memorabilia from a world trip the family took in the early 1920s. Also included are Marjorie's 1930s-1940s correspondence and her father's obituary.

Archive Location: 40L, 40R

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Series 1  Artefacts

MG/1/1 Writing desk. Wooden desk hand-carved by Marjorie Green as a child attending the Presbyterian Ladies’ College; carving on front features the college’s crest and original German motto, Ohne Hast Ohne Rast, or, Without Haste, Without Rest (the motto was changed during World War II). The desk is tailored to accommodate a writing set. Height 1440mm, Width 960mm, Depth 350mm.
(Located in Special Collections, Reading Room)

MG/1/2 Silver and glass inkwell, engraved with initials M. G. Height 64mm x Circular diameter 50mm

MG/1/3 Silver and glass dish, engraved with initials M. G. Height 20mm x Width 56mm x Length 95mm

MG/1/4 Silver, wood and blotting paper blotter, engraved with initials M. G. Height 90mm x Width 105mm x Length 155mm

MG/1/5 Glass paperweight, Circular diameter 80mm x Height 35mm
MG/1/6 Bone paper folder, Length 150mm x Width 20mm
MG/1/7 Small leather case, monogrammed with initials M. G. 77mm x 115mm

Series 2  Travel Memorabilia

MG/2/1 Leaflet for The Grand Hotel Ltd, Yokohama, 20 April 1919. Front cover – Japanese illustration; inside – musical repertoire and menu; back cover – autographed, including one from a “B. Guggenheim”.

MG/2/2/1 Leaflet for The Grand Hotel Ltd, Yokohama, 21 April 1919. Front cover – Japanese illustration on cover featuring figure in green and red coloured costume; inside – musical repertoire and menu. Back cover is autographed.

MG/2/2 Leaflet. Duplicate copy of the above item except for different Japanese illustration on cover. This one has a figure in blue and red costume. Back cover is autographed.

MG/2/3/1 Invitation. Fancy Dress dinner dance aboard “R. M. S. P. Araguaya” which includes the dinner menu.

MG/2/3/2 Invitation. Duplicate copy of the above item. Includes a business card for “Tai Lee, manufacturers of High-Grade Rattan & Fibre Furniture,” etc.

MG/2/4 Souvenir Passenger List. 1923 - “R. M. S. P. Araguaya.” Contains a loose photo of group of men and women.

MG/2/5 Pack of Souvenir Cards, “24 Nice Views from Suez. The Cairo Post Card Trust, Cairo.” (Note – Cards numbered individually: MG/2/5/1 to MG/2/5/24).

MG/2/6 “R.M.S.P. Araguaya” Programmes. Nineteen programmes - date range 08 09 1923 to 28 09 1923. (Note – programmes numbered individually: MG/2/6/1 to MG/2/6/19).

MG/2/7/2 Menu Card. Duplicate copy of the above item.


MG/2/9/2 Menu. Duplicate copy of above item. Also includes autographs on reverse cover.


MG/2/11 Leaflet. Cook-Wagons-Lit World Travel Service List of Offices.

MG/2/12/1 Music and Entertainment programme card. Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, 16 September (no year).
MG/2/12/2 Music and Entertainment programme card. Duplicate of above item, except for date which is 19 September (no year).

MG/2/13 Theatre Bill, “R. M. S. P. Araguaya.” Production: “In the High Court of Cupid.”


MG/2/15 Booklet. “Milano-Duomo Album di 18 Cartoline.” Detachable photographic postcards; some missing.

MG/2/16 Business card. “Tomas Portillo & Sons Manufacturers of High Grade Philippine Hats…. Manila” Listed on reverse are various items of expenditure, their costs and totals.

MG/2/17 Business card. “Lee Sang Wo. Manufacturer of Silk and Grass Cloth Embroideries…. Canton, China.”

MG/2/18 Business card. “Tung Shing, See Kee…. Wholesale and retail Ivory and Sandal-wood Store…. Canton, China.”


MG/2/20 Business card. “Wah King, Manufacturer of all kinds of silk piece goods…. Canton, South China.” Chinese characters printed on reverse, and handwritten goods order.

MG/2/21 Passenger List. 03 02 1923 s.s. “Marella” Burns Philp & Company Limited.

MG/2/22 Menu. “S.S. Tjibadak At Amoy Saturday May 9, 1936. Luncheon.”


Series 3 Photographs

MG/3/1 Framed photograph of Marjorie Green (16cm x 25cm).

MG/3/2 Photograph album, 22 x 29cm. Travel photos.

MG/3/3 Photograph. Men and women in deck chairs on board ship.

MG/3/4 Photograph. Tour group of men and women riding donkeys led by local men and boys.
MG/3/5 Photographs [x3]. All badly deteriorated to extent pictures are no longer discernible. All inscribed on reverse, “Miss Green.”

MG/3/6 Photograph negative. Group of people at a shrine bedecked with fresh wreaths and streamers. Two plaques are visible, on one of which the name “Nelson” is discernible.

MG/3/7 Photograph. “XVIII” Group of men and women in a charabanc parked outside “The National Bank of Australasia Ltd.” Photographer’s stamp on reverse: “Copyright Portrait by Hay Wrightson, 30 New Bond St.”

MG/3/8 Photograph. “XXX” People gathered under marquees by river side; people being rowed on the river – appears to be Marjorie Green smiling at camera in foreground boat. Photographer’s stamp on reverse: “Copyright Portrait by Hay Wrightson, 30 New Bond St.”

MG/3/9 Photograph. “XXXI” People gathered under marquees by river side; people being rowed on the river. Photographer’s stamp on reverse: “Copyright Portrait by Hay Wrightson, 30 New Bond St.”

Series 4 Postcards and Postcard Sized Photographs

MG/4/1 Postcard photograph, “108. Lake Louise, Victoria Glacier.”

MG/4/2/1 Postcard photograph, “Chateau Frontenac, Quebec.”

MG/4/2/2 Same as above

MG/4/2/3 Same as above

MG/4/3 Postcard photograph, “Environs de Blangy-sur-Bresle.”


MG/4/4/2 Same as above

MG/4/5 Photograph. Appears to be taken from mouth of mountain cave looking down to road.

MG/4/6 Postcard photograph, “329. C.P.R. Hotel, Bow River and Sulphur Mtn.”

MG/4/7 Postcard photograph, “Judges Ltd. 8400. The West Towers, Canterbury.”

MG/4/8 Postcard photographs [x2], “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales leaving the Empress of France.”


MG/4/12 Postcard photograph, “Le Caire – Place Soliman Pacha.”
MG/4/14  Postcard photograph, “Le Caire – Claire de lune sur le Nil.”
MG/4/17  Postcard photograph, “Le Caire – Buffles dans le Nil.”
MG/4/18  Postcard photograph, “Le Caire – La Mosquee du Sultan Hassan.”
MG/4/19  Postcard photograph, “Le Caire – Pont de Kast-el-Nil.”
MG/4/20  Postcard photograph, “Paris – Hotel Regina – Place Rivoli.” Republique of France 30c Postage stamp. Addressed to “Miss Brewer c/- Mrs H?? Currajong Pimlico Townsville Queensland Australia.” (No postmark or correspondence.)
MG/4/26  Postcard, poem “In Burns Cottage, Ayr, Scotland” by Robert G. Ingersoll, U.S.A.
MG/4/27  Postcard photograph, “Lincoln, the Castle.”
MG/4/28  Photograph, “66 Oran.” Inscribed on reverse, “Portion of Oran showing old fort at top of hill and shrine of a marabout lower down.”
MG/4/35  Photograph, “A. 55.” Group of tourists being pulled along a paved path in a wicker “sled.”

MG/4/38 Photograph, “126. The oxen carriages, Madeira.” Inscribed on reverse “The bullock x 2 kids at ??, (Madeira)”


MG/4/40 Photograph, “64. A street group, Arab Town, Algiers.” Inscribed on reverse “Street Group in Algiers.”

MG/4/41 Photograph, “13. Santiago, the oxen team.” Inscribed on reverse “peasant with oxen team, Santiago.”

MG/4/42 Photograph, “91. The Quarries, Oran.”

MG/4/43 Postcard photograph, “Kenilworth Castle.”


MG/4/46 Postcard, “Kenilworth Castle in the days of Queen Elizabeth.”

MG/4/47 Postcard, “Robert Burns. 208X. J.V.”


MG/4/49 Postcard photograph. A walled mountain road; telegraph [?] pole.

MG/4/50 Postcard, “Patio, Santa Maria Inn, Santa Maria, California.”


MG/4/53 Postcard photograph [mass-produced?], a royal street parade.

MG/4/54 Photograph of three men and six women. Inscribed on reverse “Group in Hyde Park.”

MG/4/55 Postcard, “St Andrew Cathedral, Singapore.”

MG/4/56 Photograph of three women (two white, one Aboriginal) and a child. The Aboriginal woman is holding a hen; one white woman is seated, wearing an Asian outfit holding an Asian umbrella and a cat; the child is holding a doll; the second white woman is dressed perhaps in costume wearing velvet and gauntlets and carrying a book.

MG/4/57 Postcard photograph of two women, one of whom appears to be Marjorie Green.
MG/4/58 Photograph, “M19.” Large group of people on board ship watching a game of perhaps shuffleboard.


MG/4/60 Photograph. Flowering trees and field with two figures on distant hill. Inscribed on reverse: “Field of wild narcissus near Montreuse. Please ask Ellis hang on to this, it is my photo.”


Series 5 Correspondence and Personal Effects

MG/5/1 Passport (with fold-out section), No. 30088, Commonwealth of Australia. Details inside passport: Miss Marjorie Davena Green, born 30 06 1896 in Charters Towers, passport photo, signature, valid 19 04 1919 - 20 01 1927 (renewed). Contains a loose photo of a group of men and women on board ship.

MG/5/2 Passport, A No. 165543, Commonwealth of Australia. Name on front cover is Miss M. D. Green. Details inside passport: Marjorie Davena Green, born 30 06 1896, passport photo, signature, valid 10 01 1936 - 10 01 1941. Contains a loose photo of Marjorie Green on board ship and inscribed on reverse “Taken on ‘Nestor’. Port Melbourne 21st April ’22.”

MG/5/3 Passport, A No. 153257, Commonwealth of Australia. Name on front cover is Miss E. M. Green. Details inside passport: Ethel Mary Green, born 06 05 1893, passport photo, signature, valid 22 12 1934 - 22 12 1939.

MG/5/4 Correspondence. 23 08 1932 from Sarah E White, 10 typed pages.

MG/5/5 Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 16 01 1940 on letterhead “Bishop of North Queensland, Townsville.”

MG/5/6 Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 18 08 1942, on letterhead, “Bishop of North Queensland, Townsville.”

MG/5/7 Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 26 07 194?, on letterhead, “Bishop of North Queensland, Townsville.”

MG/5/8 Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 01 06 1944, on letterhead, “Bishop of North Queensland, Townsville.”

MG/5/9 Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 23 03 1945, Herberton.

MG/5/10 Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 22 12 1944, on letterhead, “Bishop of North Queensland, Townsville.”

MG/5/11 Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 27 12 1937, on letterhead, “Bishop of North Queensland, Townsville.”
Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 09 05 1940, on letterhead, “Bishop of North Queensland, Townsville.”

Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 03 09 193?, on letterhead, “University Club Sydney.”

Correspondence. Three sheets of paper with letterhead, “Anglican Church Schools League N. Q.” Two are blank, one has a pencilled note, “M Green was secretary for 25 years.”

Correspondence. Three sheets of blank paper with letterhead, “‘Bishop of North Queensland 20th Anniversary Fund’ Appeal,” and list of office bearers including, “Hon. Secretary: Miss M Green. Stanton Hill. Townsville” and blank date, ___ 193_.

Correspondence. Empty envelope addressed: “Craddons House, ‘Rogart’ Halloran St Hermit Park. ask Angus Smith.”

Funeral “thank you” Card. “Misses Ethel and Marjorie Green and Mrs. C. R. Akins … on the death of their mother…. Alberta Green, Died 18th September 1962. 5 Victoria Street Townsville.”

Correspondence. To Marjorie from “John N Q’land.” 23 12 1938, on letterhead, “Bishop of North Queensland, Townsville.”

Invitation. Mr. A. M. Sanderson, Chief Manager for Queensland of the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. … Miss M. D. Green … at official opening of new premises on cnr Sturt and Stanley Streets by Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen 12 05 1982.

Envelope, empty. With 2d stamp and postmarked 23 11 1938. Addressed in what appears to be Bishop’s handwriting to “Miss Marjorie Green, Kardinia, Stanton Hill, Townsville, N. Q.”

Leaflet. (no date) Christmas church service times for Cathedral Parish of St. James. Includes times for Cathedral, St Mark’s Belgian Gardens, St Andrew’s Picnic Bay, St Margaret’s Arcadia, and Horseshoe Bay. From “+ Ian, North Queensland, W. P. Honehouse, Archdeacon, M. C. Brown, Asst. Priest.

Obituary [original and photocopy]. Newspaper obituary for Mr Humphrey David Green, Editor of the Townsville Daily Bulletin.

Notebook (in fragile condition). Contains handwritten recipes.

Journal (in fragile condition). Monogrammed “M. G.” Travel diary, dated, but with day/month only.

Notebook. Inscribed inside front cover, “Mr David Green’s notebook Overseas trip 1922-23.”

Small leather wallet (10 x 15cm). Contains: photograph of two women and three ship’s crewmen on board ship; Identity card in name of Marjorie Davena Green of 5 Victoria St. Townsville, stamped at Townsville on 24 April 1942.