

## Arthur Shepherd Archive

Arthur W. Shepherd (b. 4 August 1862, Middlesex or Isle of Wight, England) began his working life at the age of fourteen as a sailor on a windjammer. He was a crew member of the ill-fated *Scottish Prince* on her first and last voyage, but in 1878 jumped ship in Australia where he spent many years in the Gulf and Peninsula country droving and learning bush craft, stock raising and management. He worked his way from station-hand to manager of Wandovale Station and became a life-long friend of the owner, Edward Mytton.

The first property Shepherd bought was Pandanus, north of Pentland, then Oak Park and later Wandovale. In 1904 Arthur Shepherd bought Milray Station on which he ran cattle. Shepherd was also Chairman of the Dalrymple Shire Council and served as the shire's representative on the Townsville Harbour Board.

Arthur's wife, Laura Matilda, died (aged seventy-nine) and was buried at Milray in May 1947. Arthur and Laura had several children, including: Henry "Harry" Nighley [m. Bertha Booth Cockburn, 26 February 1929]; Arthur; "Mick;" Edward "Ray" Milray [m. Clare Hollis Greenham, 4 January 1936]; Doris; Noleen; Rene; and Helen Elizabeth [m. John Maurice De Tourneur of Wetherby, Mt Molloy, 1926].

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#### **Detailed Listing:**

- AS/1      Letters to Arthur Shepherd from his mother, Eliza Shepherd. 4 letters from Eliza Shepherd, 32 Ann Str., Bowen Str, Commercial Road East, London, England. Dated 23 September 1838, 3 December 1839, 24 September 1879, 20 January 1880. Presumably 1838 and 1839 are incorrect dates.
- AS/2      Letter to Arthur Shepherd from his sister Lizzie, dated 25 June 1878.
- AS/3      Letters to Arthur Shepherd from his London friends.
- 4 letters from W. J. Fairclough dated 4 September 1878, 5 September 1878, 21 September 1878.
  - 1 letter from Geo Rayner dated 24 October 1878.
  - 1 Letter from H. waters dated 27 October 1878.
- AS/4      Letter to Arthur Shepherd from Rev. Henry A Mason, Townsville. Dated 26 March 1879.

- AS/5 Letters to Arthur Shepherd from his sister, Mary Shepherd. 3 letters dated 8 September 1888, 8 August 1893, 3 December 18-. Included is one letter from Mary Shepherd to Laura Shepherd, wife of Arthur Shepherd, dated 8 August 1893.
- AS/6 Letters to Arthur Shepherd from his ship mates.
- 4 letters from Patrick Dorsey dated 6 March 18-, 15 August 18-, 30 August 18-, 21 September 18-
  - 1 letter from William Sanderson dated 6 January 1880
  - 1 letter from "Pongo" dated 7 January 1880
  - Includes 1 letter to "Pat" (Patrick Dorsey) from Arthur Shepherd dated 26 January 1880.
- AS/7 Letters to Arthur Shepherd relating to station affairs. These letters are mainly from pioneers such as Adam Black, J.R. Nimmo, A. Alpin, E. White, and J. Atkinson. 26 letters relating to station running and maintenance, dated 9 February 1900 to 8 December 1903. Includes 3 copies of J. Arthur Shepherd's application for a licence to occupy Wando Vale, dated 7 September 1900.
- AS/8 Letters to Arthur Shepherd from Edward Mytton. These letters are business letters but contain much that is of a personal nature between the Mytton and Shepherd families. 138 items.
- AS/9 Letter to E. Mytton from J. Cooper regarding financing of Arthur Shepherd into a station partnership, dated 20 April 1892.
- AS/10 Miscellaneous items
- Telegram to Arthur Shepherd from E. Langhome regarding delivery of bullocks dated 9 May 1887.
  - Receipt for delivery of 2170 bullocks to E. Langhome by A. Shepherd, dated 19 October 1887.
  - Unsigned letter to A. Shepherd dated 21 August 1893.
  - Receipt for registered letter, dated 18 December 1899.
  - Page from Wando Vale ledger for May - June 1901.
  - List of cattle on Lochinvar dated 10 October 1901.
  - Unidentified pages from 2 letters.
  - Plans of a loading race.
  - Stores account, Wando Vale.
  - 1 letter and envelope.
  - 10 envelopes addressed to A. Shepherd