Val Russell Archive

Valerie Alice Mabel Russell (nee Williams) was born in Ayr in 1925. She moved to Atherton on the Atherton Tableland, North Queensland with her husband Eric in 1946 where she lived until her death on 9 September, 2009. She was a well-known local artist who sketched and painted throughout North Queensland. Her voluminous body of work included 39 sketchbooks with 639 sketches for 743 paintings. During 1975 to 1980 she produced a large number of landscapes - 37 in 1975 alone - predominantly in oils which was her favoured painting medium. Val's careful recordkeeping and the annotations she recorded in her sketchbooks make this archive an important history of the Atherton Tableland and surrounds.


Archive Location: 420

Detailed Listing


VR/2. “Autumnal” by Val Russell, with margin notes by the author.


VR/5. “Trekking Back: Memories of a Courtship and Marriage During the Latter Years of World War 2, 1943 to 1945” by Val Russell. 41 pages.


VR/10/1-5 Commercial Art Sketchbooks.


For detailed records of Sketchbooks’ contents, see attached spreadsheets which list sketches, dates, locations, derived paintings and sales.