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MEREDITH FAMILY PAPERS

Including papers of George and Mary Ann Meredith and family and of John and Maria (Hammond) Meredith and family of Cambria Swansea Tasmania.
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GEORGE MEREDITH AND FAMILY

George Meredith (1777-1856) of Cambria, Swansea, settled in Tasmania (Van Diemen's Land) with his family in 1821.

He was born in Birmingham U.K., the son of John Meredith, a barrister, and his wife Sally (Turner), and served in the Marines (at Alexandria in 1803 he was reported to have climbed Pompey's Pillar to fasten the British flag in place of a French cap of liberty). He married Sarah, daughter of H.W. Hicks, in 1805 and the following year settled on a farm at Newbury and later at Haverfordwest. They had five children: George (1806-1836), Sarah Westall (1807-1869), Louisa (1808-1890), Sabina (1810-1877), Charles (1811-1880). Agriculture was suffering a depression, however, and in 1820 Meredith decided to emigrate. He chartered a ship with other emigrants (including Joseph Archer, T.G. Gregson, Francis Desailly, John Kerr, the Amos family and his young cousin John Meredith). Unfortunately his wife, Sarah, died suddenly in 1820, but their governess, Mary Ann Evans, agreed to travel with them to look after the young family and George and Mary Ann were quietly married shortly before they embarked on the "Emerald" on 8 November 1820.

They arrived in March 1821 and, having heard there was good land at Oyster Bay, a small party set out in a boat to explore the district of Oyster Bay. They found the land not as good as reported but made selections which were granted. George was granted 2000 acres on a rivulet of the Swan River and another 1000 acres at Jericho and his cousin, John, was also granted 1000 acres at Swanport and 1000 acres at Jericho and the eldest son, George received a grant next to his father's at Swanport. When the settlers arrived in September 1821, however, they found part of the land occupied by William Talbot and the dispute over the land was not finally settled in Meredith's favour, until 1826. John Meredith, returned to England in 1822 leaving his land in his cousin, George's possession. The Meredith land was developed for crops and grazing of sheep and some cattle and a tannery and flour mill built. A boat yard was started to build a schooner to carry supplies from Hobart and also to build whale boats, a whaling station being established for whale oil. With a large family to support, and more expected, Meredith developed many business interests and spent much of his time travelling between Swansea, Jericho and Hobart, leaving his family to tend the property. He also took an interest in public affairs and was connected with a newspaper for settlers *The Colonist* and with a petition for an elective legislature which brought him into conflict with Governor Arthur and with other prominent settlers. The Lands Commissioners in their report of 1825 were very scathing about Mr Meredith having too many irons in the fire and so burning himself instead of devoting himself to improving his land. They were critical of the amount of land he had been allowed to acquire. He had, they said, "with some ingenuity" managed to appropriate eight miles in a straight direction to himself, including his cousin's grant, land of a Major Honner who owed him money and some land on the Wye Rivulet of his partner John Amos. They also thought he should have drained a marsh behind the house retained as a swannery and duck walk (roast swan provided a festive dish for the Meredith family for many years) and a large lagoon in front of the house.

Both George Meredith and later his son John were appointed magistrates at Swansea

The family's first home was "Redbanks", a turf hut strengthened with timber on the bank of the Meredith River. According to the Lands Commissioners this had been "thrown up by Mr Talbot who . . . cared little for exterior appearances provided the cellar was well stocked". After about five years the family moved to "Belmont", a mile inland leaving the eldest son, George, at Redbanks. In 1836 they finally moved into the family home, "Cambria", a large dwelling designed by Meredith near the original home and surrounded by gardens.

George Meredith's second wife, Mary Ann, had several children born in Tasmania: Henry (1821-1836), John (1822-1909), Maria (1822-1882), Edwin (1827-1907), Clara (1828-1904), Fanny (1831-1910), and Rosina (1833-1858) making a family of eleven children. The eldest son George worked his grant and also worked for his father in the whale oil business and with the stock, but later settled in South Australia where he was killed by natives in 1836. Charles (1811-1880), after working with his father for a time settled in N.S.W. for a few years running sheep and cattle and then returned to Tasmania and finally settled at "Malunnah", Orford, in 1858. He was elected to the House of Assembly in 1860. In 1839, on a visit to England, he had married his cousin Louisa Ann Twamley (1812-1895) writer and artist. John settled in South Australia at "Oaklands" near Mount Gambier, running sheep, until he returned to manage Cambria in 1853, having married Maria Hammond in 1851. The youngest son Edwin (1827-1907) settled in New Zealand in 1851 and married Jane Chalmers and had 13 children. Of the daughters, Sarah Westall married James Peck Poynter; Louisa married John Bell; Sabina married John Boyes; Maria married Joseph Henry Kay; Clara married Richard Dry of Quamby and they later settled in England owing to her husband's

ill-health; Fanny married Frances Seymour Gaynor and Rosina married Frederick William Despard.

The correspondence between George Meredith and his wife, Mary Ann, his "confidant", give some indication of the hardships of the pioneering days of planting and housebuilding. Their prospects had not turned out as well as expected and the family suffered some privations. Cloth for dresses was difficult to buy and so when George acquired some China silk he advised Mary to distribute it according to "the good behaviour list". Mary had domestic problems but was reminded that she was the head of the house. There is a reference to bushrangers in 1826 and the theft of the Meredith schooner, needed for supplies. George and son Charles referred to political problems, the *Colonist* libel case and the dispute with Governor Arthur and Charles advised his father to confine his pursuits to sheep. Sons George and Charles both refer in their letters to whale blubber and the need for casks and other supplies. In the 1830s the daughters of the first marriage, now grown up, went to live in Hobart Town, keeping house for their father until they married. Their letters to their stepmother describe the social life of the town and balls at Government House. At Lady Franklin's first dance at Government House people admired curiosities spread on tables, danced one or two "awful quadrilles" and refreshed themselves with tea, coffee and cakes and Sarah commented: "I do not mention anything approaching gaiety, such a wicked thing is not thought of now and certainly Lady Franklin is worse than Mrs Arthur" (8 Dec. 1887). After their marriages the girls wrote about their own households and children, illnesses, servants, shopping for their stepmother and stepsisters and Hobart news and gossip. Mr Bell, Louisa's husband, raised the roof of his house and he liked red herrings for breakfast toasted and spread on bread and butter. The foundation stone of the new Government House was laid at Government Garden Point with an elegant lunch in a pavilion (5 Nov. 1840). A Miss Woodley walked up Mount Wellington with her fiance Mr Bennett and returned the same day "a feat never yet performed by a female". Mary Ann Meredith's own children were still young, needing schools or governesses. Henry went to Mr Giblin's New town Academy, Maria went to school with a Mrs Betts and the younger children had a governess and their stepsisters sent them books.

John Meredith, who took over the management of Cambria in 1853, sold his property, "Oaklands", in South Australia, near Mount Gambier, in 1854 and purchased Cambria from his father. He and his wife Maria (Hammond) then remained at Cambria for the rest of their lives. They had ten children: Mary Rose (Polly 1852-1884), Henry Montague (1854-1902), George Llewellyn (Llewellyn 1855-1937), Clara Sabina ("Kiddie" 1857-1924), James Ernest (1859-1910), Fanny Maria (1862-), Jessie Rosina (1863-1944), John Percival (Jack or Johnnie 1865-1916), Edwin Mervyn (Mervyn 1867-1929) and Elsie Dry (1869-1918). Several of John and Maria's sons settled in N.S.W. or Queensland but Llewellyn returned to Cambria. The eldest daughter, Mary Rose, married in 1878 George Albert Mace of Rostrevor, Spring Bay, but they both died in December 1884 and their children, Mary Rose (Molly 1879-1918), Fanny Rosina (1880-1950), and Trevor Ellis (1881-) were brought up by their grandparents and aunts at Cambria, and the baby, Violet Ethel (1883-), was adopted by Henry and Minna Meredith.

The second generation, John and Maria Meredith and their children, may have found life easier in some ways as the property was well established and they had a large well built home with gardens and orchards. On the other hand there were a number of economic depressions in the latter part of the nineteenth century when the family had some difficulty in making ends meet, especially as there were several daughters growing up and needing allowances. Maria's daughters had to help look after and teach their younger sisters and brothers and make clothes for them as well as for themselves. Maria often complained about her sewing machine until she got a new "Singer" in 1891. Daughters Jessie and Fanny also went to help their sister Mary, who had married George Mace and gone to live at Rostrevor, Spring Bay, to look after her children. One of them also took charge of Mary's household when she was away or expecting a baby, as she usually returned home to Cambria for her confinements. George Mace, Mary Rose's husband, had unfortunately turned out something of a drunkard. In later years the unmarried daughters also sometimes acted as nursemaid for friends to supplement their small allowances and Fanny sometimes lived with an Aunt, later going to England to live with her Aunt Clara Dry. Maria's letters to her daughters, especially Fanny are particularly "chronicles of old home life", as Maria described them, in the 1880s. She described the family Christmas dinner at Cambria with a traditional plum pudding containing a ring, button and sixpence. She made jam, pickles, butter and attempted to wax the drawing room floor when visitors were expected but Pater and Johnnie walked in wearing hob-nailed boots after weeding mangolds. Maria found the house damp and draughty and suffered from chilblains in winter, but a new bathroom, water storage tanks and water laid on in the kitchen in 1884 made life easier. It was difficult to get good servants and Maria thought it would be long before Tasmania produced servants that "did not want looking after" None could manage the dairy satisfactorily and few could make bread, so much had to be done by or supervised closely by the ladies of the household. There was, however, some relaxation, apart from sewing, mending, needlework and knitting. Maria referred to books read, an occasional evening game of whist - including the husband's criticisms "what did you play that card for?", quoits, tennis, local bazaars and attendance at church.

Neighbours, such as the Mitchell's of Lisdillon, the Cottons of Kelvedon, the Amos family, the Lynes and other visitors were often mentioned. The Governor sometimes visited. In March 1883

Governor Strahan was entertained to lunch at Cambria with roast swan, curry, cutlets, vegetables, baked apple pudding, jam tarts, blancmange, cheese, fruit etc. The bishops were entertained, including Bishop and Mrs Montgomery and family in 1889. Although the family were Anglican, the Catholic priest from Campbell Town, Fr. Kelsh, visited and he invited daughter Jessie to stay with him and his sisters when she was travelling through Campbell Town. The Catholic bishop, Daniel Murphy lunched with the Merediths who found him a kindly and affable man who admired Swansea.

There are only occasional references to the work of the property, such as shearing and cooking for the shearers, fruit picking and the apple market - poor in 1883 - drought, floods or bush fires, a ploughing match at Redbanks (October 1883), the Campbell Town Show, Johnnie learning rabbit poisoning and a servant, Robert Skeggs being dismissed because he was cruel to the bullocks and broke the double plough (July 1886). There are hints that John Meredith was stern with his sons and sometimes irritable. Mervyn, for example, could not stand his father speaking sharply to him over the accounts (5 sept. 1886) and this, as well as the depression, encouraged some of the sons to work on properties in Queensland and New South Wales.

HAMMOND AND GRANT FAMILIES

John Meredith's wife, Maria Hammond, was the daughter of James Meers Hammond (1797-1830) who had come to Tasmania in 1824 with his friend James Grant, both receiving grants of land in the Fingal Valley. Hammond, who was the son of William Hammond an ironmonger of London and Eliza (Mitchell), had returned to England in 1826-8 and again in 1828-9 and lost his land grant through absence from the Colony. He died in 1830 and his wife, Eliza (King), and an infant daughter died in 1831, two older children, Tom and Rachel having died earlier. Four year old Maria was adopted as their foster daughter by James and Caroline Grant of Tullochgorum. James Grant appealed to Governor Arthur on behalf of Maria and she was granted 1000 acres, Melrose, in the Avoca district in place of the grant her father had lost and she held Melrose until she died in 1912. James Hammond's brother, Thomas Mitchell Hammond (1795-1854), a surgeon of Brixton U.K., married Caroline Grant's sister, Maria Neve (1794-1826) in April 1824. They had a son, Thomas Montague, in 1826 before Mrs Hammond died. Thomas later married again, to Ellen Demain, and had 6 other children (Horatio, Ellen, Percy, Sydney, Matilda, Emily). Thomas Montague (called Montague) Hammond (1826-1860) was consumptive and travelled to Tasmania for his health with his cousin James Grant jun., who had been in England to attend a London college. He settled at Emley Park, Ballan, Victoria and married his cousin Rose Grant (1831-1905), foster sister to Maria (Hammond) Meredith in 1853 and they had 4 children: Lina, Rose Katherine (Katie), Jessie and a boy who died. After Montague's death, Rose returned to Tullochgorum and after a few years there moved to Launceston and later to Melbourne. Another nephew of James Hammond, Edward William Pilgrim, a medical practitioner, son of James' sister Elizabeth and Edward Pilgrim, came to Australia in 1853 and after practising in Victoria near his cousin he moved to Fingal and then Swansea Tasmania and was family physician and friend ("Dockie" or "Little Doc.") to the Grants and Merediths.

James Grant (1786-1870) and his wife Caroline (-1868), daughter of John Neve of Tenterden, Kent, U.K.) arrived in Tasmania by the "Heroine" in April 1824, following his brother John who had arrived in January 1823, as a merchant, partner in Grant and Bethune. John Grant obtained adjoining land grants for himself and his brother and James sent merino sheep, seed, harness, etc. for him and also arranged for farm labouring families to emigrate as servants. However John moved to Sydney for his health and died there in 1825 leaving his property to James. James named his property Tullochgorum. For some years he lived mainly in Hobart acting as Lloyds' agent, one of his Hobart homes being "Cottage Green", but he visited his property regularly and established a home and sheep run there. James and Caroline Grant had two children, James (1823-1890) and Rose (1831-1905) and several other babies who died.

The Grant's son, James jun. (1823-1890), married Charlotte Mary Thomas (1823-1875) daughter of Jocelyn and Charlotte (Partridge) Thomas of Northdown in 1851 and settled first at Garth, part of James Grant's property, and the Melrose property until their house was burnt down and then at Tullochgorum, and they had children: James Henry (Harry), Edward (Ted), Katherine Mary (Kate), Wallace Partridge, Edith Caroline, Franklin Stanhope and Herbert. Charlotte died in 1875 and James left Tullochgorum and settled in N.S.W. and then Queensland. He later married Miss Cobham and had another son, Cobham. A son of James and Charlotte Grant, Franklin Stanhope (Frankie) Grant (1860-1926) married his foster cousin, Jessie Rosina Meredith (1863-1944) daughter of Maria (Hammond) and John Meredith of Cambria and settled in Queensland.

A sister of James Grant sen., Alice C. married a Mr Wallace and settled at Elderslie near Geelong.

THE MEREDITH PAPERS

These records deposited by Mrs Johnston consist of Meredith family correspondence only, and do not include property business records, probably because these papers were preserved by the daughters of the family and were deposited by a daughter of Jessie Meredith who was the daughter of John and Maria (Hammond) Meredith and married to Frank Grant. Because they were deposited by the daughter of Mrs Grant they have sometimes been referred to as "Grant Papers" and Harold Thomas, who consulted them for his *North Down* (Hobart 1972), referred to correspondence between Maria Meredith and her foster relatives the Grants of Tullochgorum as the "Tullochgorum letters" but both names are misleading. These are Meredith family letters - that is letters written by members of the Meredith family to each other or received from other relatives and friends. Maria Meredith's foster parents, James and Caroline Grant and their daughter Rose and son James wrote to Maria from Tullochgorum, Fingal, giving some news of the Tullochgorum property and gold in the Fingal Valley in the 1850s and 1860s. A few other Grant items were with Maria's Hammond papers and with Jessie (Meredith) Grant's papers. James Grant jun., in fact, destroyed most of the Grant papers at Tullochgorum, especially the business papers, when he left, according to a letter written to his sister.

The letters are mainly between mothers and daughters and sisters and record the life of a settler family from the point of view of the women and children of the family.

The eldest daughter, Mary Rose, married George Mace in 1878 and went to live at Rostrevor, Spring Bay. Her letters and those of her sisters, who often went to help her to look after her children, give some Spring Bay news, including the building of the new church and the visit of Governor Strahan to Rostrevor in 1883.

Other Meredith papers which remained at Cambria until it was sold were deposited in the Archives Office of Tasmania (State Archives) by Miss Violet Mace in 1965 (including some which had previously been lent to the University). The Meredith (Mace) papers include further family correspondence similar to the Meredith (Johnson) papers and also include papers relating to the property, house plans, accounts, etc. They also include Hammond/Grant papers relating to J.M. Hammond's property and Maria Hammond.

A few odd papers were given to the Royal Society of Tasmania by various members of the family. These include three letters of Louisa Ann (Twamley) Meredith (RS.33), a memoranda book of George Meredith 1821 (RS.34) and two letters of George Meredith (RS.34,35).

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GEORGE AND MARY MEREDITH

CORRESPONDENCE

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George and Mary Meredith: Correspondence 1822 - 1841

Letters from George Meredith to his wife, Mary, his "confidant", from Hobart: journey from Hobart, stay at Jericho, Dickons & cattle (1822); John's folly, Gregson, Archer, Oyster Bay, law case - land grant, John to receive £100 for Mary, garden, fruit trees, prospects not as good as expected, privations for family, China silk to distribute [to children] according to "good behaviour list", discipline of family (1822-3); business, politics, bushranger Tilley etc. (2 Apr. 1825, Mar., Apr. 1833); family: F. Champion requested sanction to pay addresses to daughter Sarah, G.M. asked wife to draft reply from a mother's point of view (28 Apr. 1825); bushrangers (1826); brickmaking (ND 1830s); "Billy Austin affair" (12 Feb. 1832); girls keeping house for G.M. in town and hope Mrs M. would come to town to install them in their new residence (4 Sept. 1832), Sarah and Miss Bell bridesmaids (8 Mar. 1833); Mary M's "domestic complaints" but she was head of the house even if 2 of the daughters were married (30 Mar. 1833); Henry and John in town to get trousers, "dear little Fanny's" illness (3 Apr. 1833); garden, Charles to advise on farm in G.M.'s absence; friends and business associates: Dickons, Emmett, Gregson (pledged reformation of his habits, 3 Apr. 1833, got Scotch governess for his children, ND.), Poynter, Boyes; interview with Col. Arthur (ND.); Bryant: wife to Hobart, children to Orphan School (ND.). G.M. from Sydney: Mr Oxley, Major Goulburn (28 Mar. 1823). From Mary M.: the farm, merino flock, fat stock in prime condition (6 Mar. 1823 & ND.); expecting the Misses Hammond, schooner seen, men in custody in George Town, may yet recover the little gun, letter from Governor about grant, tender for stores (ND. ?1825).

(20 docs. plus 2 photocopies)

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEIR CHILDREN

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George Meredith jun. to stepmother 17 June 1829

Letter from George Meredith from Redbanks asking for supplies, including spirit, spades, bags, Windsor soap, quills, knife and fork, tobacco, iron for chains - Mr King's smith a chain maker.

24-34

Charles Meredith to parents 1833 - 1835

Letters from Charles Meredith (1811-1880) to his mother and father, from Maria Island: whale blubber, needed casks, calico etc. (6 Aug. 1833); from Hobart: wool prices, John Amos' grant, Allport's circular (Aug. 1834); from N.S.W.: visiting farms (Sept. 1834); from Hobart: *Colonist*, Robertson editor, libel case - Robertson sentenced to 13 months in prison and £200 fine for libel on Col. Arthur & Rowlands (Feb.-Mar. 1835), Boyes, schooner stores, wool prices; Montague & Col. Arthur - Arthur trying to aggravate family; Allport advised against action against Rowlands, advised father to return servants to Government and confine pursuits to sheep, price of sugar, rice etc., interview with Frankland *in re* McDonald's grant; from N.S.W.: purchased sheep run at "Tuggranery" on Murrumbidgee River, Capt. Sturt arrived from England married and selected "Gininginingderry" [Ginninderra] 16 miles from Tuggranery and 22 miles from C's section.

(10 docs. plus 1 incomplete)

35-39

Henry Meredith to parents 1832 - 1834

Letters from school at New Town Academy from Henry Meredith (1821-1836): went to races - boat on four wheels drawn by horses, new school being erected, holidays with Master Butcher and Master Smith, hopes Mother recovered from her "long illness" (1832-3); from Hobart: business matters, Boyes, Richards and Smith's bills, vessel nearly discharged and Bell kept sober (5 Dec. 1834).

(5 docs.)

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Mary Meredith to her stepdaughters 11 Dec. 1832

Anxious to hear how they go in the gaieties of Hobart Town life, Sarah's improved health, will send gooseberries, eggs etc. sent by "Heir of Cranbrook House", Sabina will miss their society and may join them, hats, Cotton family, garden, Maria.

41-58 Sarah Westall Meredith (Mrs Poynter) to Mary Meredith 1832 - 1837

Letters from Sarah W. Meredith (1807-1869) to stepmother from Hobart: gossip, family especially sisters Sabina and Louisa, food and clothing to be sent home by schooner and supplies such as fresh butter from Amos, poultry, beef, coffee to be sent to town fro the sisters; chaperon; L. Twamley; ball at Government House; wedding of sister Sabina to Boyes; ball on board ship; Louisa Swanston to marry Solicitor General and would pay his debts; Mr Bell [Louisa's husband] raising roof of house; loss of "The George III" (12 Apr. 1835) and Governor's religious ceremony, Dorcas Society formed - all respectable ladies join (16 Sept. 1835); arrival of Col. Snodgrass to hold reins of government (14 Oct. 1836); sent mother red herrings, she and Mr Poynter liked them for breakfast toasted and spread on bread and butter, instructions for making bed valances for Sarah, Learmonth's eldest son to marry, paid bill for Maria [stepsister] at Mrs Milloys, Lady Franklin's first dance - huge dining room fitted as drawing room, people admired curiosities spread on tables, one or two "awful quadrilles", tea coffee, cakes; Miss Woodley ? engaged to Mr Bennett - both went up to top of Mt. Wellington and returned the same day "a feat never yet performed by a female"; comment "I do not mention anything appraoching gaiety, such a wicked thing is not thought of now and certainly Lady Franklin is worse than Mrs Arthur" (8 Dec. 1837); Charles going to England. After her marriage in 1836 to James Peck Poynter (1790-1847) letters are signed S.W. Poynter (18 docs. Most undated)

59-74 Sabina Meredith (Mrs Boyes) to parents 1832 - 1841

"Papa" from Sabina Meredith (1810-1877, married John Boyes 9 Mar. 1833), from Hobart: articles needed for abode with her sisters in town including snuffers, tea kettle, turkeys, bottled gooseberries, account of breakages, mother's illness (1832-3); as Mrs Boyes: pregnancies, children, christening (1835), children's party for little Louisa's birthday (12 Dec. 1839), Sabina's 4th birthday (Nov. 1840); baby boy fatter than ever - Dr Bedford advised weaning but not yet 9 months (28 June 1839); miscarriage (10 Jan. 1840); sister Sarah's health and midwife (6 Nov. 1840); her quinsy and Dr. Bedford's treatment (28 June 1839); Boyes' illness - ordered shower baths (30 Nov. 1836); Bell's illness (1839-40); death of Boyes mother from stroke at 72 (12 Dec. 1839); shopping for mother, young stepsisters at school (1833, Jan. 1839); visit to Swanport (Nov. 1840, Jan. 1841); Mrs Charles [Louisa Twamley Meredith] (Oct. 1839); friends: Swanstons, Youngs, Gregsons, Dr Bedford to marry Miss Selby at end of year (June 1835), dance at Barracks, visit to Government House (ND), stone of Government House laid at Govt. Garden Pt. with elegant lunch in pavilion (5 Nov. 1840); servants - wages high for respectable couple (25 Oct. 1839).
(16 docs., some undated)

75 Louisa Meredith (Mrs Bell) to Mary Meredith 17 Oct. 1839

Louisa to stepmother on her husband's illness, family, Mrs Charles [L.A. Meredith], Gregsons, Kermode thrown from gig.

76-87 Maria Meredith to parents 1837 - 1841

Letters from school or, later, her sisters' homes in Hobart from Maria Meredith (1824-1882) to her mother, Mary Meredith, and one to her father: school under Mrs Charlotte Betts, music lessons with Mrs Logan, new governess Mrs Home (July 1838), request to have singing lessons from Mrs Elliott (Oct. 1841), health - influenza and erysipelas (Nov. 1837); family: birthday of Sabina Bell [niece] (May 1837), christening party of Charles Crofton Boyes (Dec. 1838); shopping for clothes etc. for mother and brothers and sisters, wax doll for Fanny's birthday (Nov. 1841); friends: Mrs Arthur Smith, Mrs Dobson, Gregsons, Alfred Stephens married Miss Bedford (July 1838); dances, Government House functions, horticultural show (Oct. 1841), grand regatta to be in December (Oct. 1838).
(12 docs.)

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Clara Meredith to father ND [c 1837-9]

Letter from Clara Meredith (1828-1914) from school with Mrs Betts to her father George Meredith, written in French to show how she is improving, referring also to arithmetic, use of globes, dancing, music.

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George Meredith to daughter Fanny 24 Dec. 1853

As "Miss Meredith" considered to be the mistress of the house and so expected to be at home when visitors were received; Miss Grant's marriage; Mrs John expecting to be confined in January; Mrs Charles avoids Cambria. Endorsed with note from E. Dyer about key and pencilled verse.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING

90-92

A. M. Flaherty 1836-37

To Mary M.: thanks God for her good health for 66 years, general news. Copy of letter from George Meredith to Mrs. F., Diss, Norfolk, U.K.: happy to spare a little aid for her, his marriage prior to departure for V.D.L., praise of wife, news of Mrs. F's former pupils George jr., Charles, Sarah. (1837). Letter to George's brother Henry about payment of increased annuity, pleased that family dear to her now extricated from former difficulties (1836).
(3 docs.)

93-97

Charlotte Betts to Mr and Mrs Meredith 1837, 1839

Letter from Maria enclosed, Maria better from influenza and erysipelas, fees, Maria would have a mother's care (Nov., Dec. 1837); fees due, Fanny and Clara's letters, Clara needs cold cream for face (4 Oct. 1839). Also 2 bills for tuition, dressmaking and dancing lessons from Mr Dyer (15 Dec. 1837, 30 Sept. 1839)
(5 docs.)

98-99

Jane Patterson 13 Nov., 16 Dec. 1837

Could instruct in French, Italian and Spanish languages and "the usual routine of a popular English education, including astronomy and the use of the globes", 18 years experience, salary £60 plus washing and travel expenses. (First letter addressed to Mrs Boyes).
(2 docs.)

100-103

M. Grantham 1840-1841

From Cambria to Mrs Meredith in Hobart: young ladies pleased with their dresses, John's things, needed "delicate mittens", cotton, calico, cinnamon, black pepper, carpet broom; young ladies quite well and no vigilance would be spared but progress in their studies likely to be slow in Mrs. M.'s absence as she had less time; dinner times, needed "Cobbit's Grammar"; unable to acquire needlewoman but understood there were some in last prison ship. Also account of goods had by Miss Grantham placed to Mrs Meredith's account, including clothing, material, tooth brushes and tooth powder, ink, book of poems, slate writing paper and note of her salary £63 . 10s
(4 docs.)

MARY ANN MEREDITH: FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

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Sarah Westall Meredith (Mrs G. Meredith) to Miss Evans 1818

Letter from Sarah, first wife of George Meredith to Mary Ann Evans, governess: the family, proposal to bring children to new home "here" written from New Hill Street [? Birmingham] to Haverfordwest: conduct of Mr Bunt and his agent, Mrs Twamley.

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- 105-106 Louisa Ann Meredith (Twamley) to Mary Meredith 1834, ND [1840-50]
 Writing as Louisa Twamley to her friend with affectionate remembrances and thanks for presents from little cousins including necklace of green pearl shells, "sea butterfly" shell, drum of whale's ear (1834); as Louisa Meredith [Mrs Charles Meredith] asking for strawberry runners and seedlings. (2 docs.)

CORRESPONDENCE FROM FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

- 107 S. B. Cruttendon to Mrs Meredith 8 May ND.
 Safely home at Prossers Plains, thanks for stay at Cambria, sending hyacinth bulbs and yellow chrysanthemums for garden by brother and would send Marriot's works when convenient, love to Maria.
- 108 Capt. Dalrymple 4 Dec. 1828
 Present of brace of snipe
- 109-113 Elizabeth Gregson to Mary & George Meredith c 1829-39
 Invitation to visit her at Lindisfarne, visit of young friends, her visit to Cambria, and letter from Mary M. to E. G.: disappointed she did not accompany Mr. G. (1830). (5 docs.)
- 114 Thomas Gregson to Mrs Meredith 13 Mar. 1833
The Colonist: Mr Meredith requested to remain ten days. to oversee the new administration
- 115 Capt. Hibbert ND
 Returning 2 volumes of *Brambletye* to Mrs. M.
- 116 A. Hibert to Mary Meredith 13 Aug. 1820
 Farewell wishes, the children
- 117 Mrs. M. A. Hobbes 26 July 1839
 Sent a drake, unable to visit as difficult to find trustworthy woman to take charge of young children.
- 118 Major Lord ND
 Giving Mrs. M. 2 children's chairs and stools and vegetables, Mrs. L. returning 2 towels, thanks for lamb, thanks for shells.
- 119-121 Maria G. Mackenzie ND
 Invitation to Mrs M. & son, returning books, unable to visit owing to Mr. Mackenzie's blistered foot, Mrs Poolet would not sell a drake but would exchange for a duck. (3 docs.)
- 122 Athur Smith, Beaufront, ND [c 1826-36]
 Illness of Henry Meredith, recommended Dr. MacCreery at Ross, Edwin left for the Boyes.
- 123 Dr William Seccombe 19 Nov. 1824
 Thanks for present of shells.
- 124 Mary & Thomas Watson 23 July 1833
 From London: Thomas W. bringing "a partner" back, had dolls for Sara and Fanny; Mary W. begged for Mrs. Meredith's friendship when she arrived to settle at Swanport.
- 125 Mr Wilkinson ND
 Unable to dine owing to business, Capt. Dalrymple indisposed.

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126-133 Amy Young to Mrs Meredith ND

Accepting or refusing invitations for herself and Mr. Young, Mr Ratcliffe's arrival on business, thanks for gooseberries, goats for disposal, advised to apply leeches for pain in side - could Mrs. M. spare some, her bereavement, Mrs Poynter's "accouchement".

(8 docs.)

MARY MEREDITH: HOUSEHOLD & SERVANTS

134 M.A. Brown 15 Dec. 1827

Recommending Mrs Clary as washerwoman.

135 Miss Turner ND.

Situation may be suitable but a personal interview necessary.

GEORGE MEREDITH: BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

136 Robert W. Giblin, The Academy, New Town 6 Dec. 1833

Ordering further 50 or 60 bushels of wheat.

137 James Allport 16 Jan. 1835

Cartwright & Allport: C. Meredith's claim for compensation from Government for loss of schooner; Brown's account with *Colonist*.

138 Pavett per G. Stokes 4 Dec. ND [1830s or 1840s]

Recommending W. Hoggins, wife & 2 children, £40 pa.

139 W. Walpole, Brown's River, 12 Dec. 1835

Purchase of oil and casks.

140 J. Lewis 23 Dec. 1835

Arrived in Launceston, price of Gellibrand's land, Amos' land, William Bryan, his brother's letter to Lord Glenelg, seeds.

141 J. T. Gellibrand 31 Dec. 1835

Surveyor General's account of the 640 acres bought by Meredith.

142 T.W. Rowlands to Joseph Archer & George Meredith 13 Jan. 1836

Judgement against them at suit of Nathaniel Thornton, payment £564 . 17. 4. debt due to Mrs Moore

GEORGE MEREDITH: MAGISTRACY

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Thomas Bannister 16 Dec. 1835
Richard Harrison gaoler at Norfolk Plains - conduct good, Col. Arthur "too much familiarity".

144

Police Office 17 Dec. 1835
Notice to attend the Police Office for the prosecution of Dimkin

145

Occurrences at Apsley River Farm 28 May 1838
Memorandum of magistrates finding an assigned servant to Mr Lynes in Charles Meredith's hut and conduct of John Lyne.

ACCOUNTS

146-147 Meat sold 1845

Receipts for payment for meat supplied to Military and Convict Establishments.
(2 docs.)

JOHN MEREDITH

John Meredith (c 1800-) son of James and Sarah Meredith was George Meredith's young cousin who accompanied the family to Van Dieman's Land. He received land grants at Swanport and Jericho but returned to England in 1822, leaving his land in his cousin's possession. There are a few references to him in George and Mary Meredith's letters of 1822-3.

148 James Meredith and wife Sarah M. to son John [1821]

Sorry to hear he was ill on voyage, regards to Mr Meredith and family - glad to hear they were well, sending letter with packet of newspapers by "Hope" and also letter in March by Mr Dunn, news of King, harvest, high rates and tithes, insurrection of Greeks against Turks.

149-153 Ann Johnston to cousin John Meredith Nov. 1820-1822

Warning against forming an intimacy with any of the passengers - "a set of disappointed people whose fortunes are become desperate", 20 "a dangerous but delightful age, his radical politics, "Emerld" not calling at Madeira so no letter, Mr Dunn taking letters, news of Mr G. Meredith's marriage, letter from Teneriffe received - sorry he was so sea sick, visit to Birmingham, John's young brother Ben learning to sing, his mother Sarah, David and Joseph, dined at Henry Meredith's, respects to Mr and Mrs Meredith and love to their children, received copy of letter from the Cape - sorry he was suffering, glad to hear of beneficial effects of climate of V.D.L., hopes for future, times bad in England, especially for farmers, seen letters of G. Meredith to brothers and Sarah and Sabina's to Mrs Flaherty.
(5 docs.)

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND MARY MEREDITH

CORRESPONDENCE

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154

Sabina Meredith to brother John 11 July 1832

His writing better, young Gregsons read well, hopes John practices, Governor's [Arthur's] son going home to England to be educated - cannon salute on boarding ship, drawings and maps received from England for geography and history lessons.

155

Sarah Meredith to Henry Meredith 10 May ND

Letter to half brother Henry at Mr Giblin's School: French lessons, Mr Deane's pupils, brother John, Penrith's jigs.

156-157 Louisa Meredith to half-sister Maria 9 Feb. 1832, 1841

Glad she is industrious and not forgotten what she was taught, Elizabeth Gregson, books, brothers John and Henry, thanks Mama for apples, visit to Louisa and godson.
(2 docs. one torn, piece missing)

158

Sarah W. (Meredith) Poynter to sister Maria [1859]

James sailing in "Tommy", going to Cambria, placing him in Mr Kay's office for a year, George's teeth need attention and will probably go down in the "Flying Squirrel" when repaired or the "Tommy", sending frock for the baby, asks for sea shells for a cousin in London.

159

Clara (Meredith) Dry to sister Fanny 24 Feb. [1856]

From Quamby: farewell to Quamby, husband an invalid - privilege to attend sick person, Maria a comfort to father in his declining years, cold baths and easily digested food - sailing Tuesday. Cross-written

160-161 Rose Grant to Fanny 14 Jan. 1854, 1 Feb. 1854

From Tullochgorum: John's scarlet fever, pleased with contents of trunk, Maria liked her things - bonnet very ladylike and becoming - dresses fit well, day fixed for 9 Feb. [? marriage] - bishop to perform ceremony, Miss Meadows bridesmaid, afraid to have Fanny and John in case James and Charlotte's children take it (?scarlet fever), Maria's little boy, Montague's visit. Cross-written.
(2 docs.)

162

Charlotte Yeoland to Fanny 28 Oct. ND [c 1850-60]

Birthday greetings to Fanny and John, farm, death of friend Mrs Taylor, loss of mother, Fanny's godchild growing, children only have dry bread for breakfast and tea - cannot afford butter, no fruit for jam - Mrs Nixon sent gooseberry cuttings and library books.

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Emily Mousset to Sarah W. (Meredith) Poynter 24 May 1841
Family.

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JOHN AND MARIA (HAMMOND) MEREDITH

John Meredith (1822-1909), son of George and Mary Ann (Evans) Meredith married Maria Hammond (1827-1912), ward of James Grant of Tullochgorum, Fingal, in 1851

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164-168

James Grant sr. to John Meredith Mar.-Apr. 1851, Apr. 1852, Apr. 1856

James grant of Tullochgorum: approved J.M.'s choice of Maria Hammond who had been under his guardianship from infancy although she had relatives in Hobart but not necessary to communicate with them (1851); management of Tullochgorum, Garth and Melrose, cape barley (1852); James junior may become tenant of Tullochgorum - at present away at North Down (1856).
(5 docs.)

169-195

Maria Hammond to John Meredith 8 Mar. - 23 Sept. 1851

Long, heavily cross-written letters from Maria at Tullochgorum to John, mainly at Oaklands Mount Gambier, of family and general news such as:- visitors and friends; Bishop and Mrs Nixon (10 Apr., 2 May), Mrs Nixon's baby died (20 May), Nixon's "charge" (23 May); Fanny M. played backgammon with Mr Bell (2 May); Archdeacon and Mrs Davies (5 May); James and Charlotte Grant's wedding and honeymoon (2 May), to live at Melrose (8 May, 23 May, 5 June), Melrose House burnt down (5 Aug. 11 Aug.); Mary Scott marrying Swedish count (8 May, 20 May, 31 May, 16 July, 18 Aug.); trading ship "City of Sydney" (15 Apr.); screw steamer "City of Melbourne" (23 May); election (5 May); gold (31 May, 5 June, 11 Aug.); visit to Campbell Town (16 June); visits to Cambria; George Meredith (J.M.'s father) better (16 June, 30 June); dined at Government House (30 June); Governor's visit (5 Aug, 18 Aug.); Glover's sketch book sold for 10 or 15 guineas (30 June). Also preparations for wedding on 2 October: Bishop's services promised, J.M.'s brother Edwin invited (22 Sept) and reply from John M. from Observatory, Hobart: commissions, furniture, Bishop Nixon to dine tomorrow when "everything will be arranged".
(27 docs.)

JOHN AND MARIA MEREDITH

196-202

John Meredith to wife Maria 1857, 1859, 1860-61, 1871, 1898

Knee better, splints off, seen Edwin, Mary Boots (1857); governess Miss Piquenit leaving - job "too menial", suggest older housekeeper and Maria to teach children, Fanny good to little ones (1859); Parliament, committees, St. David's Cathedral - Mr Watson a bit of a ranter (Aug.1861); Green Ponds coach, countryside, legacy (Oct. 1861); House of Assembly, land sales, James Grant (1871); express train shakey (1898)
(7 docs.)

203-213

Caroline (Mrs James) Grant 1852, 1856-59, 1865

Addressed to "My dear son John": Talbots of Malahide lost baby, servants, new clergyman, life on farm (1852); J.M.'s knee, backgammon (1856); birthday, J.M.'s second child (1857); family, birth of J.M.'s third son (1859); J.M.'s fourth son (1865).
(11 docs.)

JOHN & MARIA MEREDITH - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHILDREN

214-215

Mary Rose Mace to father 5 Dec. 1879, 18 July 1882

From Rostrevor: husband's drunkenness - wants to leave him (1879); thanks for photograph from Johnstons, old Mrs Cotton dying, Sarah Mitchell ill, John Mace still plays cricket, little Molly's lessons, Jessie a great comfort.
(2 docs.)

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- 216-221 Mary Rose Mace (Polly) to mother 1878 - 1883
From Rostrevor, Spring Bay: Fanny's visit, boating picnic, dressmaking, children, opening new church (6 Feb. 1883); visit to relatives in Melbourne (1882) and Mother's replies: Melbourne, Russian ship - good to rub up French (Feb.Mar.82) (6 docs.)
- 222-226 Jessie Rosina Meredith to Father 1883, 1884
Rostrevor: Tim, Mary not strong (ND. /1882); South Yarra: Dr. Girdlestone, her plaster, Mary's illness. (5 docs.)
- 227-233 John Meredith to daughter Jessie 1882-85, 1889-92
Cambria: her responsibilities for the children etc. at Rostrevor while Mary in Melbourne, John sent to help but must return home soon to learn rabbit poisoning, vegetables (1882); Owen in New Zealand, Mary's children - Lizzie [Mrs Owen M.] to care for three, Minna [Mrs Henry M.] to take one, Rostrevor to be let (1884); Lizzie went to New Zealand so nursemaid for Mary's children at Cambria, Jessie's back (1885); cheque for bill; birthday etc., inc. letter from "Mother" at St. Ann's Rest Home on blank page of letter of 23 Nov. 1891 - referring to Jessie being in hospital. (7 docs.)
- 234-337 Jessie Rosina to her Mother 1878 - 1895
- 234-288 1878 - June 1884
Cambria, family, household, servants, Sunday School, dancing, croquet, riding, piano, neighbours, Lisdillon and the Mitchells (Jan. 1880), visit to Rev. & Mrs Power at Buckland (Sept. 1878), concert at Buckland, christening (17 Sept. 1878), cricket match at Buckland (12 Mar. 1879); Rostrevor: sister Mary's health, George Mace's drunkenness (23 Feb. 1880) Mary's children: Trevor growing, little Fanny learning to walk (Feb.-Mar. 1882); sorry Mother ill - "must be the comet" (28 Nov. 1882); visit to Melbourne (Feb. 1881); visit to Hobart, skating - room too crowded (23 June 1884). (55 letters)
- 289-317 June 1884 - Apr. 1885
Jessie in Melbourne for treatment for her back: journey (26 June 1884); sister Mary's illness: being nursed at Cambria, servants, Tim and Elsie helping, Mary's death (14 Dec. 1884), nun's veiling for mourning (23 Dec. 1884), the children (14,23 Dec. 1884, 11,18,25, Jan., 6 Feb.1885); George Mace asked to resign from Sunday School, ill (5 Oct. 1884), George also gone (30 Dec.); Jessie's back, plaster, supports, cod liver oil, hair cut off (23 Dec.), vaccinated (27 Aug.), smallpox in Melbourne (5 Oct.); lodgings, Aunt Rose, concerts in Melbourne (10 Aug., 12 Oct.1884); family: Tim appointed manager of Launceston branch of business 29.Mar.1885, Johnnie (29 Mar 1885); visit to Poynters at Geelong: black servants (25 Feb.8 Mar.), tennis tournament at Ballarat, Clara and Maude out first set (8, 25 Mar. 1885); general news: Dr. Bromby's engagement (21 Sept. 1884), Christmas cards (23 Dec.), Swansea bazaar (11,25 Jan.), Dr. Officer's wedding (25 Jan.1885), George Augustus Sala (29 Mar.1885), eucalyptus oil for colds (29 Mar. 1885). (29 letters)
- 318-337 Sept. 1886,1888-89,1891,1894-Feb.1895
Campbell Town: staying with Jeanie Kelsh at Presbytery for Show, Fr. Kelsh's aunt died, Chiswick - Keach (20 Sept. - 11 Oct. 1886); Hobart: fire in Battery Point, nursery governess - Miss Bowles sent, sailor hats for Clara's children, books, Dobsons (Nov. 1886); Ross: Fr. Kelsh, family, friends (Sept. 1888); Hobart: Hudspeths (June 1891), sewing, to look after Mrs Mugliston's children - will help to pay bills, especially boots & shoes bill - near Dobsons, Mugliston's good to her - nice library, Mrs M. teaching her French, children good (Sept. 1891), dancing class at Crosby's, going to harrier run with Alice and Lucy Hudspeth; Geelong and St. Kilda: music, tennis, Poynters, Government House balls - magnificent supper - Melbourne Cup - Eardley-Wilmot, Government House Garden Party, Maud's wedding, children, sewing (Oct.1894-5). (20 letters)
- (104 docs.)

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338-523

Maria Meredith to daughter Jessie 1880 - 1894

338-387 1880 - 1883

Household affairs, food, clothing - dresses arrived from Mather's but smelt bad from ship's hold (11 Mar. 1882), health of sister Mary Mace, Jessie looking after Mary's children (especially "Jessie's boy" Trevor) at Rostrevor, brother Johnnie sent to help her (1882); Tim and Elsie (12 Mar. 1882); school feast, cricket, Mrs Charles Meredith's paralytic stroke (22 Feb. 1882); death of Mrs Shaw - funeral well attended - Catholics in abundance (19 Mar. 1882); apples sent to Melbourne. (50 letters inc. 2 incomplete)

388-427 June 1884 - Feb. 1885

Jessie in Melbourne for treatment for her back: Mary ill [?T.B.] and being nursed at Cambria, her death on 3 December and burial (7 Dec. 1884); George Mace's drunkenness, his illness and death 6 days after wife's and burial in Mace vault at Buckland (10,18 Dec.); arrangements for Mace children to go to Cambria, Miss McLeod governess, brother Henry's wife Minna to take baby Violet (4,8,14,19 Jan. 1885). Also household, servants neighbours, Amy Shaw and boys' school, shearing (Nov. 1884), trading vessels "The Gertrude" and "Trucanini" direct from Hobart bring newspapers but now all bark gone not much to come for (Sept. 1884), bazaar, fruit trees. (40 letters)

428-440 Feb.- Apr. 1885

Jessie in Melbourne: Jessie's back improving, lodging, sisters coming back from England, J. Meredith drying fruit in greenhouse, apples for market, Rostrevor (Mace property) leased by G. Pitt for £560 pp.a. (17 Mar. 1885), sale of Rostrevor stock and furniture (5 Apr. 1885); R.C. Bishop [D. Murphy] to dinner - kindly and affable and admired Swansea - tipsy cake, blancmange, tarts, custard, ham and preserved meats (24 Apr. 1885); Fr. Kelsh visited and played with little Molly and Fanny (19 Apr. 1885); fear of England going to war with Russia (Mar. 1885); sisters expected April - Jessie could travel home with them (29 Apr.) (13 letters)

441-523 1886 - 1894

Household, servants, cooking, milking and milk pans, clothes, dressmaking - new Singer sewing machine (22 Dec. 1891), shopping, books, piano; the children Molly, Fanny and Trevor [Mary's children]: health, lessons, governess Miss Bowles (10 Apr. 8 Oct., 10 Nov. 1891, 6 Mar. 1892), Violet [Mary's youngest adopted by Henry & Minna Meredith]; family, including relatives in New Zealand and Great Britain, Fanny [daughter] and aunt's visit to Cairo and Luxor (14,29 Feb. 1892); Rosina's son born 13 April (23 Apr. 1890), Minna's daughter Noelle Holmes born 23 June 1891 - Jessie to be godmother (6 July, 9 Aug. 1891), Clara making wool mattress (23 Dec. 1891), Grant relatives, Charles Meredith's death (23 Sept. 1888); neighbours: Amos, Cottons of Kelvedon, Mitchells of Lisdillon, Lyne, Shaw, Dr. & Mrs Naylor, Miss Cruttendon's death 3 Apr. 1890 (23 Mar. 16 Apr. 1890), Bernacchi (23 Sept. 1888); local news: church, bazaar (Oct.-Nov. 1889, 10 Nov. 1891), tennis, cricket, dances, magic lantern entertainment (27 Aug. 1891), swan shooting (17 Nov. 1891), picnics, horticultural show (10 July 1894), farce (14 Aug. 1893), bridge being asphalted (14 Oct. 1886); garden; farm: shearing, fruit, apples exported (4 Nov. 1891); Jessie: staying in Campbell Town with Fr. Kelsh and his sisters (7 Sept. 1886), Jessie's charges - children (10,29 Nov. 1891), Jessie's trousseau and Frankie (11 June 1893); Bishop & Mrs Montgomery (11 Nov. 1889); visit to Hobart: staying with Bernard Shaw, house where she used to go to school near Molle St. (3 Mar. 1891), lawyer Allport to Miss Leake's wedding (5 Mar. 1891), shopping Govt. House, concert - Mrs Hudspeth like Miss Bell 34 years ago, P. & O. ship Arcadia (9 Mar. 1891); visit to Burnie and North (16 Mar. - 5 Apr. 1891); visit to Melbourne (Apr. - Dec. 1893); health: Dr. Townsend's "wonderful electrical apparatus" (23 Apr. 1890), dentist (31 Aug. 1891), George Walch typhoid (29 Sept. 1891), influenza (22 Dec. 1891), Jessie's back, rheumatism, John Meredith's fall - leg in splint (8 June 1891); general news: jackaroos' strike (28 June 1891), V.D.L. Bank failure (9 Aug., 22 Dec. 1891), National Bank Melbourne (4 May 1893), Bernacchi inspected coal measures at Seymour (22 Sept. 1888), Government House Reception (11 Nov. 1889). (80 letters, also 3 loose pages from letters)

(186 docs. in 4 bundles)

524-527

Clara Sabina Meredith and parents 18 Sept 1878, 1884-5, 1891

From Rostrevor: visiting Mary, stayed Lisdillon on way, Mary drove (1878); Maria to Clara: Mary's illness (1884); from Torquay, U.K. to parents: Mary's death, Mary's children, George's sad and

sudden death, Rosina's box of soups for Mary, Shetland shawl (21 Jan.85); visit to Jessie in Hobart, Henry's children and Violet Mace (1891).
(4 docs.)

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Fanny Maria to mother Maria Meredith 5 Feb.N.D [?]1882

Rostrevor: Jess made plum jam, baby, children, sewing machine, Rev. Power.

529-648

Maria Meredith to daughter Fanny 1876, 1879-1887

"Chronicles of old home life" as Mrs Meredith described these letters to her daughter away from home and they give a fairly detailed account of family life at Cambria, domestic problems, servants and children's governesses, news of the married daughter Mary and her children and family and her illness, news of the younger members of the family, neighbours and visitors, books Maria M. was reading and other activities.

For example (dates in brackets are dates of letters):-

Life at Cambria: Christmas dinner - pudding with ring, button and sixpence, iced cake from 12th Night recipe (26 Dec. 1882, 1 Jan.83); made jam, cherry vinegar, walnut pickles and ketchup, churned butter, bottled ginger beer (Feb. 84); helped housemaid make beds and wash up (Dec.-Jan. 83); dressmaking - sewing machine needed repair; waxed drawing room floor but Pater and Johnnie walked in in nailed boots after weeding mangolds (Dec. 82); Elsie's lessons, governess, school, long dresses; Jessie's pet kangaroo (Dec. 82); fox terrier "Beppo" (Feb. 83); boys fishing and swanning in boat, swans cooked (11 Mar. 83); Mervyn can't stand his father speaking sharply to him over the accounts (5 Sept. 86); the children picking fruit (Feb. 1880); almond trees in blossom (27 Aug. 82); house draughty and damp - chilblains; *Graphic* pictures for Mary's room (Mar 83), house being painted and papered, Papa cut down pine trees (22 Aug, 18 Sept.83); water supply poor (13 May 83), water storage tanks near the mill, bathroom (4 Sept. 2 Dec.83); shortage of matching wash hand basins and jugs (Feb.83); possibility of sale (31 Mar. 83, 30 Apr.84); wooden stairs and water laid on in kitchen makes life easier (20 Apr.84); reading Marion Crawford's *Tale of a lonely parish* (Oct.86), *The three Miss Kings* (Sept.83), *His natural life* (18 July 86); quoits on verandah (Sept.83); tennis (Oct. 83); whist - lectures from husbands: "what did you play that card for?" (Oct.86); piano duets (22 Feb.80); planks washed away so could not get to township (4 July 1880); women's costume needs amending to avoid coming home with muddy petticoats and stockings (Feb.83); tallow candles only after new lamp broken.

Servants: problems in finding, dairy never satisfactory when left to servants (Oct.86); would be long before Tasmania produced servants "that did not want looking after" (Oct.86); housemaid Eva Graham sly, reads in bed - risk of fire (Dec.82); shearers' meals; Robert Skeggs gone - cruel to bullocks and broke the double plough but they would miss his wife who used to make the candles (July 86); old Jackson ill - J.M. took him bed and mattress (20 Dec.82); servant Julia ill - to hospital, wished child to go to R.C. Orphanage (June 84); old Kefer's broken English, fruit packing (20 Feb. 84 etc.); Charlotte good with children although not yet 12 (10 Oct. 86); new servant makes good pastry and bread (18 July 86).

Family: Mary's husband George Mace a drunkard, Mary's illness, Mary's children, children vaccinated (14 July 84), nursemaids, governess Major Priestley's daughter (1 Feb. 84), Jessie looking after children at Rostrevor, Mary at Cambria for birth of babies and for last illness (1882, Feb.-June, Sept.83, Apr.-Dec. 84, 18 July 86). Jessie's bad back - curvature (Nov.83,84). Henry's marriage to Minna Holmes in N.S.W. (Apr.-May 83, Oct.83), Henry's son born (July 86). Johnnie to Queensland, Clara gave Johnnie watch and revolver (Oct.83). Clara & Fanny to Europe Apr.84; Fanny and Jessie briefly employed as governesses; Fanny's house in Victoria (June 1886). Llewellyn and wife, Alice, at Cambria, baby born (Aug. Oct. 86, Apr.87). Mervyn to New Zealand (20 Feb.87).

Relations: Sarah (Meredith) and James Poynter visited (2 Mar. 83), Jessie stayed with, old Miss Margaret Amos remembered Sarah as the best shot in the early days "when it was necessary to teach girls to use firearms in case of being attacked by blacks" and when blacksmith absent she could make a hook at the forge (20 Feb. 84). Mrs Charles [Louisa] Meredith's triple painted screen for presentation to Princess of Wales (11 July 1886).

Neighbours: Mitchells of Lisdillon and Mayfield: Amy's marriage (Feb.1880), spiders attacked hops at Mayfield (13 May 83), telephone between Swansea and Lisdillon (2 Dec. 83), Edwin Mitchell kept J. Meredith waiting - would never interrupt his work (Jan.84). Cottons of Kelvedon: picnic (Feb. 1880), John Cotton married Ellen Amos of Glen Herriot (9 Feb. 83), Henry Cottons to leave Grange - not left anything by old Mrs Cotton (22 Aug.83, Jan. 84), Hannah Hall - Quakeress staying (Dec.83). Shaws of Redbanks: Mrs Fred Shaw had 12 lb. boy (20 Mar. 83), party (Jan.84). Amos: John Amos' daughter born (Oct. 83), Rosie Amos' twins (Oct. 83), old Miss Margaret Amos infirm - remembers early days (20 Feb. 84), Adam Amos' daughters Ada married to Freddy Hume renting Aplawn, Mabel to Mr

Hull (20 Feb. 7 Mar. 84). Vicar, Mr Nethercott and wife (Feb. 83 etc.). Mr Grueber - always wonder if enough for tea when he comes (Feb. 83). Bernacchi of Maria Island - cattle (5 Sept. 86). Dr. Willis - M.M. godmother to daughter Mildred. Dr [Henry A.] Lovett and family: quoits, song and dance (20 May, 31 July 83).

Visits and visitors: Johnnie staying with Headlams for Campbell Town Show (1882); Col. Walcott and little boy for Christmas (Dec. 82., Jan. 83); Government House: Jessie staying (13 May 1883), farewell reception (Oct. 86), new Governor and Lady very nice (Oct. 86); Fr. Kelsh [R.C. priest, Campbell Town inc. Swansea] to tea (June 83), Jessie staying with him and sisters and he "would not let bell be rung for early Mass for fear of waking them" (5 Sept. 86); Mr Ralston: not very polished, tennis court (Oct. 83); Mr Singer: studying for clergyman, medical course (Oct. 86).

Local events: Mrs Smith's school [Mr & Mrs A. Smith]: 2 rooms added (1882); bell ringers and brass band (10 Oct. 82); dependence on trading vessels - steamer to call at Swansea (8, 15 Apr., 6 May 83); ploughing match at Redbanks (Oct. 83); five sets of twins born at Swansea in 5 years - Mrs Cole midwife (23 Oct. 83); earthquake tremors (Nov. 83, Feb. 84); bad seaweed smell at Swansea (Nov. 83); cricket match between Swansea and Spring Bay (18 Nov. 83), concert in aid of cricket club (22 Aug., Oct. 83); telephone (2 Dec. 83); bush fires (19 Jan. 84); bridge (29 Jan. 80); Swansea boys singing old year out and new in given wine, woke up Redcliffe and set children crying (Jan. 84); letters delayed as postman can't read (Oct. 86).

Church: M.M. to church each Sunday, vicar J. Nethercott forgetful - kept congregation waiting while he fetched sermon (Feb. 83), new seats of Huon pine (11, 18 July 86), decorations for Christmas Day (18, 26 Dec. 82), Bishop's visit (26 June 84), Elsie's Sunday School class (4 July 86); Mr Tranmar visiting with wife, preached - Mitchells won't like his turning to the east when repeating the *Gloria* (10 Oct. 86); Presbyterian tea meeting (June 84); church festival at Buckland (31 Mar. 83).

References to general news and curiosities: Russian Emperor's escape from assassination (22 Feb 1880); circus in Hobart (12 May 1880); Masonic ball (24 Oct. 1880); steamer "Tasman" sunk near Fortescue Bay, passengers escaped (Nov. 83); water reservoir at the Bogs completed but £2000 needed to complete channel to Campbell Town (20 Feb. 1884); railway accident (4 July 86); John Meredith delegate to New Zealand (5 Sept., 24 Oct. 1886); moveable houses (22 May 1886); book of printed soap leaves for washing hands (9 Feb. 83); bazaar in South Yarra Vic. - living chess game, Fanny dressed as "ayah" (8, 15 Apr. 83); hair fashions (26 May 80).

Also letter written by Maria as if from baby granddaughter Molly (c 1880).
(120 letters, most of 2 papers including 1 incomplete)

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649-657

John Meredith to daughter Fanny May 1881 - 1886

Fanny with Poynters and Rosina in Melbourne: health, Jessie, postal order from apple sales for her winter clothes; Clara in Wellington, Poynters, apple market poor (Apr. 1883); Henry and Minna Holmes' wedding - Fanny to be bridesmaid, wedding present for Minna, J.M.'s bad legs, invitation to go to Europe with Aunt Clara, visit to Sydney - noise of traffic in George Street like a milk quarts washing machine.
(9 docs.)

658-662

John & Maria Meredith to son John Percival c 1878-80

Letter to son John at Horton College from his father; arrangements for journey home (1878-9); clothing, school report, fireworks, loss of goods on the two sailing vessels.
(5 docs.)

JOHN MEREDITH'S SISTERS - LETTERS TO JOHN AND MARIA

663-664

Maria (Meredith) Kay to John 27 Dec. 1852, 4 Apr. ND. [? 1853]

From Observatory: greetings to himself, Maria and niece Mary, may be leaving Observatory end of March and sailing in April or May (1852); Papa delighted to welcome Edwin home after trip to New Zealand, family. *See also* G4/185(2) note from sister Maria enclosed with Maria Hammond's, 30 June 1851: Papa recovering speech.
(2 docs.)

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665-670 Clara (Meredith) Dry to Maria 1857, c 1863
From Scotland 1857: proud to be godmother to Maria's little daughter, Edwin and John's illnesses, husband stronger. Hobart & Quamby: wants Maria to visit with children especially little Mary after Clara's long absence, purchases for Maria - bedstead for Mary, hat, parasol, boots etc. to be packed in empty apple cases being returned to John, John in Christchurch, boys happy with Greenways, friends. Also pencil drawing of Quamby on double page from small sketch book, unsigned.
(6 docs.)
- 671-673 Clara (Meredith) Dry to John [1863-8], 1881, 1894
Caroline - will see how she is, returning fruit cases with curtains, hat etc., William in bed with scarletina (ND); from Rome: selling furniture, pictures, will settle in England, older stouter grey haired rheumatic, family funeral of Victor Emmanuel (including description in French for "the girls") (1881); from Teignmouth, Devon U.K: flower show, church, Fanny (1894).
(3 letters)
- 674-679 Fanny Meredith (later Mrs Gaynor) to Maria 1853, 1857, [1860]
From Vic., Tullochgorum, Quamby etc.: helped sister Maria Kay to pack for leaving Observatory, week at Bidden, Launceston, explored caves near Bentley - water high, children, reading "John Halifax Gentleman"; from South Yarra Vic.: Rose left a widow so young, Poynters, Edwin and Jeanie in New Zealand - problem over sale of property, going to China to join her "dearest boy" [Gaynor].
(6 docs.)
- 680 Fanny to John 17 Aug. 1856
From South Yarra: Papa's death, Bishop, trifles from Papa's room such as penknife or paper weight, watch guard seal, her books, old family Bible.
- 681-684 Rosina Meredith (later Despard) to Maria 1851 - 1852
Cambria: Riversdale, Johnnie, visit to town - dances, dance on board "Fantome", many Hobart shopkeepers selling up and going to diggings - prices rising and goods scarce - dreadful if gold discovered here, birth of Maria's daughter.
(4 docs.)
- 685 Rosina Despard to John 1 Jan. 1857
Family news.
- 686 Sarah W. (Meredith) Poynter to John 24 Sept. [1860s]
Cambria estate.
- 687-688 Sarah W. (Meredith) Poynter to Maria [1859], [1860s]
Hobart: bonnet trimming, John 17, putting servant on the "Tommy"; London: Maria's health, Maria's children, Lily, London too expensive, James at King's College, Charles in Bank of Australasia in Melbourne.
(2 docs.)
- 689-694 Louisa (Meredith) Bell to Maria 1857, 1865
Hobart: servants, apples, friends, singer Madame Bishop, Louisa to be with Maria for her confinement, shopping, dressmaker, governess - Mrs Meaburn's daughter, disturbance at Simla [India], perambulators (1857); U.K.: thanks for "carte" [photo], Mary, grandchildren.
(6 docs)
- 695-696 Sabina (Meredith) Boyes 10 Sept. 1862
Yorkshire, U.K.: children - training of boys, grandchildren.
(2 docs., 1 torn and stuck with plastic tape, 1 incomplete)

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Louisa Ann Meredith (Mrs Charles Meredith nee Twamley) to John ND.

Introducing Mr Gulliver on way to Dr Story collecting seeds for Dr. Mueller - show shells and other collections young people collected, raspberries, strawberries, suggests carbolic acid for Clara's rheumatism.

698-699

Louisa Ann Meredith (Mrs Charles Meredith nee Twamley) to Maria 21 July 1852, [c 1880-3]

From Riversdale: thanks for invitation to Oaklands after illness, Maria's sketch of Oaklands at Cambria, floods, Maria expecting -- L.A.M.'s dislike of "Mrs Gamps", gold nugget sent to Charles by Bob Smith the blacksmith (1852); from Malunna: breaking up of "family frost", urged John to talk to Mr Graham about "his present difficulties" - insolvency (ND early 1880s).
(2 docs.)

700

Jane Meredith (Mrs Edwin M., nee Chalmers) to Maria 1861

Wellington N.Z.: if returns will visit Cambria while house built at Quamby.

JOHN MEREDITH FROM RELATIVES AND FRIENDS ETC.

701-704

Thomas Montague Hammond 1852-53

From Tullochgorum: James Grant's wedding (Mar. 1852); gold, bodies of Wedges - father, mother and daughter - found in Hobson's Bay, meat prices, his horse (June 1852); Emley Park, Port Philip: sale of John's station [S.A.] and move to Cambria, partner Mr Cuthbert, his station 37 miles from Geelong (1853).
(4 docs.)

705

Rose Grant 12 Apr. 1852

Good wishes, hopes for visit.

706

Frank Barnard 29 May ND

Sailing for New Zealand.

707

Thomas Dove 30 July 1866

Did not write or consent to letter on Presbyterian Church.

708

William Porden Kay 9 Oct. 1856

He, wife and little girl would like to stay at Christmas.

709

E. G. Duncombe ND [1907-8]

Note asking Violet Mace to "tell Mr Meredith" that as there was nothing that might be stolen in the garden he hoped to see him again, but should he lose him hoped to see him in a better world, Mr M. had always acted as a true friend as if there were no distinction of class. Written in pencil on back of wrapper "Dr. Barnardo's Homes" postmarked 1907.

MARIA MEREDITH (NEE HAMMOND) LETTERS FROM RELATIVES

710-933

Caroline Grant (Mrs James G. sen. nee Neve) to Maria 1837, 1841, 1848-1867

Chatty letters to foster daughter (and niece) Maria Meredith about the family, including Hammond, Neve and Meredith relatives, home life at Tullochgorum, servants and children, friends and neighbours.

Family references include Maria's health and her children: an operation on her boy's lip (11 Feb. 1855), the children sea bathing (30 Oct. 58), birth of babies; the birth of James and Charlotte Grant's children (30 Apr. 1852, 24 Mar. 53, 19 Apr. 54, 27 Apr. 55, 15 Oct. 56, 12 June 58, 28 Jan. 64); Rose Grant's marriage to her cousin Montague Hammond (1853), their life at Emley Park near Geelong, their children, death of Montague's father (2 July 54), Montague's and the baby's illnesses and deaths (Oct. 60 -

Jan.61) and Rose's return to Tullochgorum; Fanny and Rosina Meredith, death of Rosina (Meredith) Despard (18 Aug. 58) etc.

Friends and neighbours referred to include: Gleadow, Thomas of Northdown (relatives of Charlotte, Mrs James Grant jun.), Legge (eg. 8 Mar. 54, 24 Jan. 55), Clerk of Malahide, Maclachlan, Stieglitz of Killymoon (sold furniture to Ransome 1858).

Household servants and governesses are frequently referred to (eg. 11 Nov. 52, 18 Nov. 55, 18 Dec. 55, 15,31 Oct. 56) and shepherds, good farm servants were also scarce. Tullochgorum house was painted and papered and furnished with new carpets and curtains in August - September 1859 and a good crop of cherries was made into wine (1859). There are references to the shearing and the sale of wethers; the price of wheat was expected to be high owing to floods in N.S.W. (Aug. 57) but floods damaged the stables at Cambria. There was a burglary at Tullochgorum (21 Jan. 58). There are references to books read including *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, *Cranford* and Elizabeth Wetherall's *Wide Wide World* and to Fingal church (eg. 8 May 54) and the lack of a regular minister. There were cricket matches at Killymoon and Cullenswood (25 Jan. 1863) and fireworks to celebrate the marriage of the Prince of Wales.

Visitors included Governor and Lady Young (6 Feb. 56), the Bishop (20 May 56), Rev. Mr. Clarke the "celebrated geologist" (1 July 56), the "new geologist Mr Gould" (3 Aug. 59) and a Swiss doctor, Dr. Vagneuse (6 Feb. 61).

The gold diggings near Fingal are referred to regularly from January 1855 and a new quartz crushing machine was installed (3 June 59, 20 June 60).

(Dates in brackets are dates of letters)

710-729	1837, 1841, 1850-52 (20 Letters)
730-754	1853 - 1854 (25 letters)
755-777	1855 (23 letters)
778-802	1856 (25 letters)
803-821	1857 (20 letters)
822-848	1858 (27 letters)
849-871	1859 (23 letters)
872-890	1860 (19 letters)
891-903	1861 (13 letters)
904-915	1862 (12 letters)
916-933	1863-67 (18 letters)

(224 docs.)

934-953 James Grant sen. to Maria 1840-41, 1851-56, 1861, 1867, 1870

From Tullochgorum: Rose's dog - good watch dog, "Fanny's" foal, pigs, wheat blighted, rain needed, theft at Mrs McLeod's - "imprudent to leave property in a house in the country", Mama's health, sale of horses, tame "jackass" birds (1840-41 addressed to "Cottage Green"); birth of James' son (31 Dec. 1851), gold mines, Government House Queen's Birthday Ball (1852), shortage of servants, bills paid for wedding (30 Nov. 52), Phillip Hay's affairs (11 June 53 *see also* 1170), gold at Tullochgorum (11 June 53, 10 Feb. 56, Aug. 70), scarlet fever rife (Aug. 53, Feb. 54), Maria's son (2 Feb. 54), rents of Melrose (Jan. 55, July 55, Aug. 70), immigrant servant (Aug. 55), reaping machine (Feb. 56), Hammond affairs (Sep. 1861), Rose Hammond's health, Mary Meredith, J.G. 84 years old (1870 from Govt. Cottage Launceston)

(20 docs.)

954-1068 Rose Grant (Mrs T. Montague Hammond) to Maria Meredith June 1851 - 1873, 1884

Chatty letters heavily cross-written and difficult to read about family, friends, dressmaking to her adopted sister:-

From Tullochgorum, Fingal: 1852-54: James and Charlotte Grant and babies at Melrose (1852), visitors including rough sketch of "midnight scenes at Tullochgorum" (15 Feb. 1852), gold diggings (10 Mar. 1852, Mar. 1853), Misses Gleadow's school (Nov. 1852), death of Talbot children (1 Apr. 1852), influenza, scarlet fever, musical party at Government House (26 July 1852), engagement to Montague Hammond - parents doubtful about marriage of cousins (ND [1853]), wedding (Feb.-Mar. 1854), Rosina's engagement to Despard (Mar. 1854).

Emley Park or Lindisfern, Vic. 1854-1861: babies, governess, Montague's health, death of husband and baby boy (21 Jan. 1861).

Tullochgorum 1861-1864: Death of Dr. Ward - possibility of Dr. Edward Pilgrim taking over at Fingal

(1861), bush rangers near Fingal (21 Sept. 1861), children, children's illnesses, children's photos (Oct.-Dec. 1862); proposed move to Launceston - possibly renting Mrs Oakden's house, seaweed mats and shell articles for bazaars.

Launceston 1864, 1866, 1868-73: Children, Clara Dry at Quamby, Richard Dry's death (1869), sale of Lindisfern (Jan. 1873), doubt about male tutor for Maria's daughter Mary - Greek and Latin not much use to girls.

Melbourne 1884: Jessie's arrival, Jessie's back and treatment, Mary (Meredith) Mace's illness.

Also poem

(115 docs. inc. 1 incomplete)

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1069-77 James Grant, jun. 1846, c 1850, 1855-56, 1859-60, 1877, 1889

Foster brother (and cousin) from Ballan Vic.: weather very wet (1846); from Tullochgorum: teeth, children (1855), Malahide, John Meredith and son Henry visiting Tullochgorum, Charlotte's son born 31 March 1860 (4 Apr. 60); mischievous gossip about wife, tomb (1877); sorting family correspondence - all business transaction papers being burnt (1889).
(9 docs.)

1078-1122 Charlotte Grant (Mrs James Grant nee Thomas) 1851 - 1875

From Tullochgorum: servant John a determined thief now gone (Nov. 1851), visitors, Meredith relatives, birthday greetings on decorated paper with ink sketch added (7 July 1852), birth of Maria's daughter (22 Aug. 52), floods, children's health, visit from John Meredith and little Henry (27 Oct. 59), influenza - Clerks, many old people died (July, Aug., 60), Rose (Nov. Dec. 60), Blanche [Gray] might have to take job as governess, Bishop preached at Fingal (25 May 61), Mrs Clerk's 12 children (July 61), death of Mrs Sam Thomas (July 61), Maria's boys at school (July 63), 44 cows - Charlotte has to superintend dairy (Oct. 64), Fanny's son (12 Oct. 64), books, teacher Mr Crotty's "breath disgusting" (July 66). Inc. child's hair (4 July 1863, 1111)
Many letters cross-written.
(45 docs.)

1123-1128 Thomas Montague Hammond, cousin 1852-7

Tullochgorum: glad to be home, been at goldfields - perfect babel at Mt. Alexander (Feb. 1852), sheep in Victoria, Ballarat, horses, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs Talbot - another daughter born. Emley Park, Vic.: engagement to cousin Rose [Grant], hopes she will be "helpmate", cousin Edward Pilgrim best man (May 1853). Tullochgorum: sorry Maria not there on "the day of days" (Mar. 1854). Fanny distressed at father's death - family formerly at Cambria so scattered (9 July 1856); Rose too tired for journey to Cambria, dinner for "Gold Committee", Maria Cox's wedding - church decorated (31 Aug. 1856); another daughter born - stronger than little Lina, Mrs Wallace had twins.
(6 letters)

1129 Thomas Mitchell Hammond, uncle 2 Sept. 1837

From Brixton, U.K.: Maria's welfare and studies, grateful to the Grants for caring for her, her little friends James and Rose [Grant], her cousin Horatio nearly 5 and Ellen 3.

1130 Harriet Matilda King, aunt 8 Dec. 1858

Hobart: thanks for sympathy on death of her husband, his will, her children, Adelaide - happily married - and William.

1131-1135 Edward William Pilgrim, cousin 1853 - 1865

Emily Park, Vic.: arrived in Sydney by government emigrant ship, Montague, possibility of opening for medical practitioner (29 May 1853); Lindisferne (Vic.) Montague's illness and death (21 Oct. 1860); Fingal: Rose's health - including pencil note from Rose Hammond (10 Aug. 1862); vaccination - will take lymph from healthy child (1863, 1865), had carte de visite [photograph] taken in Launceston, his sisters (19 Aug. 1863), thanks for "carte" (June 1865).
(5 docs.)

1136 ----- Hammond, cousin 18 Mar. 1870

From U.K.: now 47 but only a little child when Maria went out, but Maria's uncle writer's godfather - still uses the silver mug (christian name illegible)

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1137

Adelaide Adams, cousin 29 May ND.

Too ill to go to ball, dress maker, Cox's sponsors to little Laura - would adopt her, Henry Adams chaplain, weather, Rose's illness, photographs of Martha and of Willie taken on Murray when Collector of Customs.

1138

Elizabeth Sabina Poynter to Aunt John 20 Feb. [c 1860]

daughter of JBP + Sarah

Hobarton: shopping for Aunt - prints, shirting, looking forward to visit, Mountain covered with snow, quiet in Hobart with Gore Brownes in North.

1139-1145 James Henry Grant to Aunt Maria 1875-1876

From Tullochgorum: Clerk children Amy and Claud - scarlet fever (June 75), Kate and Edie at school, picnic at "Bare Rock" over looking Fingal, 400 sheep short on the hill top run, Wall churning butter (1875-6). From Victoria: visiting Aunt Rose, Machlachlans, Uncle M[ontague's] grave and Alfred Butlers near Colac, Melbourne Cup, saw Mrs Scot Siddons as Rosalind in "As You Like It", Wilson's circus, Agricultural Show, photo taken in Melbourne, Colac country good - good English grass and clover - do not feed it down so close as in Tas. but allow a lot to seed - Mrs John Robertson's manager fattened 7000 sheep off 800 acres in 1 year, hired Cobb & Co. bus and 4 greys for beach picnic at Queenscliff, children's ball at Geelong [roller] skating rink, Ernest Meredith's football accident at Horton College (Aug. Dec. 1876).
(7 docs.)

1146-1155 Edith Caroline Grant to Aunt Maria 1868 - 1884

Tullochgorum: snow, Doctor Pilgrim ("Dockie"), boys shooting parrots and black magpies, dolls house (1868); Grandma [Thomas] died 13 November 1873. From Victoria (1876). From Hobart: Mary's wedding (1878), Clerks taken a house "St. Helena" at Sandy Bay, Austrian Strauss band in Hobart, steamer trip to Port Arthur (1881), Mary's illness [1884], Frankie going to join Harry and Wall in Queensland.
(10 docs.)

1156

Wallace Partridge Grant to Aunt Maria 20 June [? 1877]

Woodsden: on way to Quamby, met girls on their return to Hobart after rough passage.

1157-1160 Katherine Mary Grant to Aunt Maria 1868, 1872-73, 1881

Tullochgorum: snow, Dr. Pilgrim - could they borrow his *Pickwick*, Herbie now in knickerbockers (1868), German lessons, German servants, cousin Kate Loane dying of cancer (1872), Grandma [Thomas] death (1873); Hobart: parties etc. (1881).
(4 docs.)

1161

Lina Hammond (daughter of Rose (Grant) Hammond) to Aunt Maria 14 Dec. 1884

Melbourne: sympathy on loss of Mary, Jessie's back better - doctor to burn it again, things for bazaar.

1162

Rose K. Hammond (daughter of Rose (Grant) Hammond) to Aunt Maria 14 Sept. 1868

Mr Gleadow's horse bolted, birthday presents.

1163

Harriet Neve to niece Maria 7 Dec. 1847

Lambeth Lane, U.K.: thanks for pretty bag, wishes for Maria's well being.

MARIA (HAMMOND) MEREDITH - LETTERS FROM FRIENDS ETC

- G4/
1164 Eleanor Brock 29 June [1855]
"Red Rock": cannot contribute to bazaar as doctor had already given subscription to Patriotic Fund, ball put off.
- 1165 Harriett Brook 18 Oct. ND
Henry had whooping cough but mild and not interfering with school work, Llewellyn well.
- 1166 Harriet Gore Browne c 1863-8
Thanks for invitation for Maby!
- 1167 Carrie M. de Coëtlogan 28 Jan. 1890
Kingsford Parsonage: church, weather, friends, Jessie "a hero in the flood catastrophe".
- 1168 Diana Gleadow 6 Jan. 1854
Launceston: family, preserves, shopping for Grants, Rose, Underwoods.
- 1169 Elizabeth Grueber ND c 1869-71
Battery Point: photos of Meredith children by Cherry a success - must have been favoured with a clear atmosphere, Tom and Harriet's lost baby - another expected.
- 1170 E. W. Hay 16 Dec. 1852
Edinburgh U.K.: financial misfortunes of Phillip Hay [son], wanting money from the Grants, Wellington's funeral (copy, *see also* 944)
- 1172-1173 Louisa H. Hunter 23 Feb. ND, [c 1853-60)
Victoria: injury to horse lent by T.M. Hammond, going to Melbourne for confinement, friends. (2 docs.)
- 1174 Eliza Graves Legge (Mrs Robert Vincent L.) 3 Oct. 1851
Cullenswood House: congratulations on marriage
- 1175 Fanny Marshall 22 Oct. 1863
Lyndhurst: purchases for Mrs Meredith - clothes and drapery (cross-written)
- 1176 Jane Caroline Marshall 15 Apr. 1864
Lyndhurst: shells, Fanny [Marshall], Mrs Frank Tabart likes New Zealand, foundation stone of town hall [Hobart] laid by Col. Gore Brown.
- 1177 Amy A. Meaburn 29 Oct. [?1859]
Sandy Bay: Maria's children - troublesome spot on Llewellyn's head, friends, including letter to Mary (cross-written).
- 1178 Catherine A. Mitchell 6 May 1889
Lisdillon: would not contribute for Mrs Lovett - her music not heard much at Lisdillon church, note added by daughter Sarah E.E. Mitchell - Lisdillon manages without Swansea.
- 1179-1180 Annie Tabart 27 Jan. 1858, 1 Mar ND.
Fonthill: visit to Swansea, clothes, family, Susan to be married, friends. (2 docs.)
- 1181 Margaret Tabart 13 July ND
Highfield: baby ill, Maria's children, delays in post from Melbourne to Cambria, severe winter - man frozen to death, snow.
- 1182 Harriette [? Underwood] 8 Sept. 1856
Launceston: Mary's little boy, Mother better, Mrs de Little's little girl ill

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- 1183 H. I. Underwood 21 Dec. 1861
Kelso Cottage: her sad loss.
- 1184 M. A. Underwood 23 Sept. 1841
Birthday greetings (flower spray print at head of paper)
- 1185-1187 Alice C. Wallace 20 Jan. [c 1853], 30 June [1854], [c 1855-64]
Elderslie: invitation to Maria to visit with baby girl, had baby boy; Launceston: children ill - scarletina, Donald died.
(3 docs.)
- 1188 Elizabeth Wills 7 Mar. 1864
Panshanger: 4 children, foot better, parcel of clothes sent by Mrs Poynter found in Cambria store.
- 1189-1190 Louisa S (Thomas) Wilson 20 Oct. 1872, 22 Mar. [1876]
Northdown: pleasant days at Cambria and Tullochgorum, introducing young friend son of Indian Officer - talking of studying to be doctor, Elsie's visit.
(2 docs.)
- 1191 Unidentified Dec. 1861
Envelope (postmarked ?10 Dec. 1861): note inside flap: "Harrie sends love . . ." (?Underwood), note on envelope: "has Fanny got this bed ready for Mr Gould".

MARIA MEREDITH - MISCELLANEOUS

- 1192-1193 Visiting or wedding cards
Separate cards for husband and wife inside decorative envelopes with former name of wife inside flap:-
Mr & Mrs Frederick W. Despard (Harriett Anne Nixon)
Mr & Mrs Walter Stephens Shaw (Anna Charlotte Hayes)
- 1194 Photographs of Sphinx & Pompey's Pillar ND [?1870s]
- 1195 Sewing Machines ND
Salesman's card: Samuel Hebblewhite, Willcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Depot, Melbourne.

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CHILDREN OF JOHN & MARIA MEREDITH

The children of John and Maria Meredith were:-

Mary Rose (Polly) (1852-1884), married July 1878 George Albert Mace (1841-1884) of Rostrevor, Triabunna. The Mace children, Mary Rose (Molly) (1879-1918) whose twin brother Harold died in infancy, Fanny Rosina (1880-1950), Trevor Ellis (1881-) were brought up by their grandparents and aunts at Cambria after their parents' death and the baby Violet Ethel (1883-) was adopted by Henry and Minna Meredith.

Henry Montague (1854-1902) married on 6 Nov. 1883 Minna Holmes (1852-1917) of The Wilderness, Allandale, N.S.W. and had children: Hammond (1886-1945), Owen Maxwell (1888-), Noelle Holmes (1891-).

George Llewellyn (Llewellyn) (1855-1937) married 24 July 1886 to Alicia Louisa McLean (1858-1892) and had children: Gwynydd Purvis Wynne Aubrey (1887-), Ewen Harcourt Wynne Aubrey (1892-)

(Llewellyn later married Eleanor Bond Ward).

Clara Sabina (Kiddie) (1857-1924)

James Ernest (Ernie) (1859-1910)

Fanny Maria (1862-)

Jessie Rosina (1863-1944) married 4 June 1897 in Queensland Franklin Stanhope Grant (1860-1926) formerly of Tullochgorum, Fingal, and had children: Franklin Leslie Meredith (1898-), Jessie Cecilia Meredith (1899-), James Lionel Le Neve (1902-).

John Percival (Johnnie or Jack) (1865-1916)

Edwin Mervyn (1867-1929) married in 1912 Enid Florence Cay (1885-)

Elsie Dry (1869-1918) married 1895 John Robert Beech and (2) in 1906 Ernest Sando Emerson

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CHILDREN

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1196

Jessie Rosina to brother John Percival (Johnnie or Jack) 10 aug. 1880

From Cambria to "little Jack" at school: Mary, Fan and Baby staying, Tim expected, chilblains, German drawing teacher visited, flood.

1197-1198 Edwin Mervyn Meredith to Jessie 27 Dec., 16 Apr [1884]

Cambria: boat mended, rabbits, horses, skating party, "paper hunt"
(2 docs.)

1199 George Llewellyn Meredith to sister Clara Sabina 20 Mar. 1899

Launceston: servants, leaving for Sydney.

1200-1201 Jessie Rosina Meredith to Clara Sabina ("Kiddy") 23 Oct. 1878, 8 Apr. 1884

Rostrevor: cruet stand in shape of pump for Mary, Mary tired (1878); Cambria: back in plaster, cricketers on board, thanks for presents (1884).
(2 docs.)

1202 Llewellyn to Fanny Maria 2 Aug. 1886

Married Alice on Saturday in Sydney, wedding cake sent, Alice under doctor for back and throat then to Cambria for summer.

1203 Alicia (married Llewellyn M.) to sister-in-law Fanny 22 June 1886

Many outings, persuade Llewellyn not to sell the furniture - v. expensive in Victoria, Llewellyn's business worries, Maynes reception - made dress with draperies of black cashmere on rose coloured plush, back pain

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1204-1235 Mary Rose (Polly) to Jessie 1874, 1877, & 1882-83

Melbourne: Aunt Rose, Eliza, cockatoo, painting (1874); Rostrevor: Baby, larrikins, drain, church begun, Ada Pitt Von Bibra's governess, Christmas cards, mother's health (3 May 81); Melbourne: journey, theatre, races, Russian dancing, German waiters at hotel, little Trevor in Jessie's care, cricket match English v. Australians - cricketers went home by "Arran" did not finish match, juvenile "Pinafore", photos taken at Johnsons, Miss Creary governess (Mar. 82); Rostrevor: domestic matters, children, baby, servants, made soda water, fish, Grants' picture cleaned - under it a missing 300 year old picture worth £2000 (16 June 82); Cambria: Jessie looking after Rostrevor [Mary pregnant] for visit of Governor "Cum" [Major Sir George Cumine Strahan KCMG.], Miss Creary made servants' caps, Maggie Brimshaw managed children, neighbours, Pater filling water casks by new patent method, Governor's visit to Swansea: lunch at Cambria - roast swan, curry, cutlets, vegetables, baked apple pudding, jam tarts, blancmange, cheese, fruit etc. - Governor praised Miss Jessie at Rostrevor (11 Mar. 83), Fr. Kelsh visiting - modestly turned back on pregnant woman, sewing (Mar. 83); Cambria: her cough, Jessie's back (Aug. 84).
(32 docs.)

1236-1241 Jessie to Mary ND., 1882, 1884

Congratulations on Mary's daughter; Rostrevor: offer for George [Mace]'s fruit, baby Trevor (1882); Cambria: thanks for vase, P.O. Fysh and others on "Gertrude" at Maria Island (Mar. 84); Malunnah: Aunt Charles, family; Hobart: skating.
(6 docs.)

1242 Jessie to brother-in-law George Mace ND.

Asking for French bean seeds for Cambria gardener.

1243-1247 Mary Rose to ? sister Fanny 4 Dec. 1878, [1882-3]

Melbourne: saw Aunt Clara on board ship, Aunt Maria ill (Mar. 1877); Rostrevor to "My own little darling" or "little D.D." from "your loving 'Dopted Mummy"; children, Jessie, shearing to wait til after Christmas, too dry for hay.
(5 docs.)

1248-1253 Clara Sabina to Fanny 1879, 1880, 1887

South Yarra: family, Aunt, servants, "hop" [dance], babies, Mrs Katie Graham, comet gazing, H.M. Ship "Cerberus"; Cambria: friends, dressmaking, the children [Mace] - Miss Bowtell gentle with them, Fanny to live with Aunt Clara, don't travel by Orient liner - the captains are not all gentlemen, Christmas (1887).
(5 docs and part of unidentified letter)

1254-1255 Clara Sabina to Jessie ND [1886-8]

Cambria: parcel of dresses sent, Trevor, family, local gossip, shopping, Alice better for salt-water and seaweed baths, monster eels.
(2 docs.)

1256-1280 Jessie Rosina to Fanny 1879 - 1884

Cambria: thanks for apron, Horney's family, floods, Ernie's 20th birthday, Dr Vines and telephone (3 Dec. 1879), Dr Vines' bill £127, Rose Hammond's children, Kitty dying, cousin Frankie Grant, capture of Kelly gang (1880), Mary's baby, smothering babies, neighbours, father cross, Mother fell down stairs - Pa rowed her for it, Kitty Brooks, Japanese visitors (naval cadets) from "Riujo" playing forfeits at Mrs Grants, Hobart Reading Club (28 Aug. 81); copying Pater's letters - one to *Mercury* on phosphorised oats (28 Aug. 81); pet rabbits (10 Oct. 81), Governor's visit (20 Oct. 81); Rostrevor: Trevor's health, Rev. Buckland's visit - his pupil Alan Walker etched table - gone into Hunter's office, old Fr. Holehan's visit - told "low anecdotes" (25 July 82), Governor's visit to Rostrevor - Jessie acting as hostess - George drunk - played "kiss in the ring" on lawn with Sunday School children who came to sing and dance (22 Mar. 83), Governor sent pair of gloves in payment of bet - but only undressed kid, resolved "to chuck all my young men over except Frankie [Grant], ball on George's birthday, concert and dance in aid of R.C. church - "rather fun".
(25 docs. inc. 1 incomplete letter and 5 letters amateurishly repaired with adhesive tape)

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1281-1283 Elsie to Fanny 1883 - 1884

Cambria: Alan Walker playing whistle, hens, pet lamb, weight nearly 11 stone, given East Coast gold to have ring made, teaching Sunday School class, Skeggs ploughing Sands paddock with double furrowed plough and bullocks, Devoniensis rose bloomed all year.
(3 docs.)

1284 Elsie to Jessie 4 Sept 1888

Cambria: dress material, church - Mr de Coetlogon and prayer for the nobility, Kelvedon skeletons, tennis.

1285 Henry Meredith to "Sister" 19 July 1870

Apology to sister and Aunt Maria [?Kay] for not visiting owing to bad cold, signed H? Meredith.

Minna (Mrs Henry Meredith) to sister-in-law Jessie 7 dec. 1884

1286 Allandale: Mary's death

1287 Pig drawing Sept. 1881

Envelope; addressed to Miss Meredith, Melbourne, (postmarked Swansea) with pencil drawing of pig on front, initials ?FSG (see Jessie's letter 10 Oct. 1881 G4/1271)

CORRESPONDENCE WITH RELATIVES

1288 James Henry Grant to cousin Henry M. Meredith 13 Dec. 1866

Launceston: Ted and James looking forward to holidays, examinations, Mr Brooke and prizegiving.

1289 Louisa Ann (Twamley) Meredith to nephew George Llewellyn 6 May [?1883-4]

Berries, *Bush Friends* out of print, poor Mary, Jessie.

1290 Louisa Ann (Twamley) Meredith to niece Jessie [1884]

Picture for Uncle Edwin, Mary, Jessie's [back] plaster.

1291 Louisa (Meredith) Bell to niece Fanny 9 Feb. [1884]

Bath U.K: Fanny's travels, photographic album, siege of "Kartum", Aunt Clara.

1292-1314 Clara (Meredith) Dry to Fanny 1879, 1885-1887

U.K. and Italy nicknamed "St.Stephen") and his brother consul Franz ("Alexander the Great"), her house at Teignmouth Devon U.K. next to Admiral Barnard, furnishing, garden, Birdie Barnard's wedding - to settle in Florida (5 Oct. 86), invitation to Fanny to live with her.
(23 docs. most of several pages)

1315-1322 Clara (Meredith) Dry to niece Jessie 1881 - 1883

From Europe: photo, Switzerland, Rome, Dresden, Orthodox Church wedding, travel by *wagons lits*, family, Fanny Gaynor, bought eucalyptus in blossom in Rome from Trappist monastery - contract with government to plant to kill the "malaise" fever - grown all along South of France (1883-4); Hobart: Jessie to travel back to Europe with her, Jessie's plans changed, Elsie ought to go to school, portmanteau and new clothes for Johnnie [1883]
(8 docs.)

1323 Rosina Maria Kay to cousin Fanny 6 Apr. 1878

South Yarra: circus, heat, eggs.

1324 Rosina Meredith to Fanny and Jessie 22 July 1875

South Yarra: Cambria beach and shells

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1325 Evelyn C. Mace to "Aunt" Jessie 10 Mar. 1882
Evelyn Mace daughter of Fred Mace brother of George Mace (Jessie's brother in law) from Brockley:
boots, brothers.
- 1326 Rose (Grant) Hammond to Jessie 4 May 84
South Yarra: Jessie to visit, Jessie's back.
- 1327 Herbert Grant to "cousin" Jessie 19 Aug. 1877
Horton College: brothers, holiday for Mrs Richard's birthday.
- 1328-1329 Jessie Hammond to "cousin" Jessie 3 Apr. 1884
Harefield, St. Mary's: journey, Polly
(2 docs.)
- 1330 Kate M. Grant to Jessie 18 Jan. 1894
South Yarra: family, friends
- 1331 Mr & Mrs Riners Mantell (Emily M. Bell) ND
Visiting or wedding cards in decorative envelope addressed to Miss Meredith with name "Emily M.
Bell" [cousin, daughter of Louisa (Meredith) Bell] inscribed inside flap.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH FRIENDS ETC.

- 1332 Alan C. Walker to Edwin Mervyn Meredith ND [1881]
The Brewery, Barrack St.: drawing, ink, birthday.
- 1333 W.W. Craig to Edwin Mervyn Meredith ND
Swansea: books, lesson.
- 1334-5 Fanny Meredith: letters from friends 17 Apr. 1883, ND
From "Nin", Rupertswood: Sir William progressing well, Tim and Moffatts (1883); A. Leonora
Gordon, Glen Head: Fanny's visit, "ginger beer suppers", musical, Minna and her wedding, tennis.
(2 docs.)
- 1336 S. Gerald Eardley-Wilmot to Jessie Meredith 15 May 1887
Hobart: holidays in George Town, little brother hurt hand, railway accident in Melbourne, stamp
collecting, Grammar School.
- 1337 L.N. Wilson to Jessie Meredith 12 Aug. 1892
Winbar, N.S.W.: large station on Dunbar River - cousin Jocelyn Thomas manager, Wolsey steam
shearing machines, scouring and pressing engine, sorry Mrs Llewellyn ill, blacks.
- 1338 John T. Thompson to George Albert Mace 13 Apr. 1883
New Town: account of trip to Maria Island and concert on "Southern Star" that evening.

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JAMES AND CAROLINE GRANT AND THE HAMMOND FAMILY

James Grant (1786-1870) and his wife Caroline (-1868), daughter of John Neve of Tenterden, Kent, U.K.) arrived in Tasmania by the "Heroine" in April 1824, following his brother John who had arrived in January 1823, as a merchant, partner in Grant and Bethune. John Grant obtained adjoining land grants for himself and his brother and James arranged to send merino sheep, seed, harness, etc. for him and also arranged for farm labouring families to emigrate as servants. However John moved to Sydney for his health and died there in 1825 leaving his property to James. James named his property Tullochgorum. For some years he lived mainly in Hobart acting as Lloyds' agent, one of his Hobart homes being "Cottage Green", but he visited his property regularly and established a home and sheep run there. James and Caroline Grant had two children, James (1823-1890) and Rose (1831-1905) and several other babies who died.

A friend, James Meers Hammond (1797-1830), son of William Hammond, ironmonger of London, and Eliza (Mitchell), accompanied the Grants to Tasmania. He also received a grant of land in the Fingal Valley but lost it through absence when he returned to England in 1826-8 and again 1828-9. He died in 1830 and his wife, Eliza (King) and an infant daughter died in 1831 (the 2 eldest children, Tom and Rachel, having died earlier) leaving a four year old orphaned daughter Maria, who was adopted as their foster daughter by James and Caroline Grant. James Grant appealed to Governor Arthur on behalf of little Maria and she was granted 1000 acres in the Avoca district named Melrose, which she held until she died in 1912. James Hammond's brother, Thomas Mitchell Hammond (1795-1854), a surgeon of Brixton U.K., married Caroline Grant's sister, Maria Neve (1794-1826) in April 1824. They had a son, Thomas Montague, in 1826 before Maria died. Thomas later married Ellen Demain and had 6 other children (Horatio, Ellen, Percy, Sydney, Matilda, Emily). Thomas Montague (called Montague) Hammond (1826-1860) was consumptive and travelled to Tasmania for his health with his cousin James Grant, who had been in England to attend a London College.

The Grants' son, James (1823-1890) married Charlotte Mary Thomas (?1823-1875), daughter of Jocelyn and Charlotte (Partridge) Thomas of Northdown in 1851 and settled first at Garth, part of Grant's property, and Melrose until their house was burnt down and then at Tullochgorum, and they had children: James Henry (Harry), Edward (Ted), Katherine Mary (Kate), Wallace Partridge, Edith Caroline, Franklin Stanhope and Herbert. Charlotte died in 1875 and James later married Miss Cobham. Rose Grant (1831-1905) married her cousin (Thomas) Montague Hammond (1826-1860) in 1853 and had 4 children: Caroline Mary (Lina), Rose Katherine, Jessie Harriet and a boy who died in infancy. They lived at Emley Park, Ballan, Victoria until Montague's death in 1860, when Rose and her children returned to Tullochgorum. She later moved to Launceston and finally settled in Victoria. Maria Hammond (1827-1912) married John Meredith (see above) and her daughter, Jessie Rosina (1863-1944), married her cousin Franklin Grant (1860-1926), son of James and Charlotte, who had settled in Queensland.

A sister of James Grant sen., Alice C. married a Mr Wallace, and settled at Elderslie near Geelong.

A nephew of James Hammond, Edward Pilgrim, a medical practitioner, son of Elizabeth Hammond and Edward William Pilgrim, came to Australia in 1853 and after practising in Victoria near his cousin he moved to Fingal, Tasmania, and later Swansea.

CORRESPONDENCE - GRANT FAMILY

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1339-1342 Caroline Grant and daughter Rose 1841, ND [1841-51], 1860

Rose's "well-written letter", music lessons with Mrs Logan, (1841), family, shopping, Mr Bonney's greenhouse, and letter from Rose: husband's death (26 Oct. 1860).
(4 docs.)

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1343 Thomas Montague Hammond to Mother-in-law Caroline Grant 9 Jan. 1857
Emley Park, Vic.: Rose and infant well, Pattersons.
- 1344-1345 Caroline Grant to son James and daughter-in-law Charlotte Apr. 1860
From Lindisfern, Vic.: Rose and her little ones, journey, Charlotte's baby - plenty of nourishment and fresh air good for both mother and child, a fresh laid egg beat up with a little wine frequently, nourishment especially needed after 7 children in so short a time, friends, apples, Rose's confinement approaching.
(2 docs.)
- 1346 Lady Franklin to James Grant (copy) 11 Nov. 1842
Govt. House: thanks for gift of Monograph of Kangaroos for Museum Library, sending engraving of museum as perpetual ticket of admission to Library or Museum, funds requested for pictures either by direct subscription or shares in the Art Union Lottery, would show his testimony in favour of Mrs Symonds to Sir John but no power to do more.
(typed copy only)
- 1347 F. W. von Stieglitz to James and Caroline Grant 2 Feb. 1847
Invitation to Mr and Mrs Grant and family to a party of friends and draft of refusal.
- 1348 James Grant to F. L. Stieglitz 24 Apr. 1855
Tullochgorum: question whether steamer would enter George's Bay and ascend by George's River but Mather only says "to George's River if possible".
- 1349 Harriet Neve to sister Caroline Grant (nee Neve) 18 Jan 1862
Flight of time, Grant children, Maria Hammond, Mrs Legge, Queen Victoria
- 1350 William Tanner to Aunt Caroline Grant 25 May 1866
London: death of Aunt Harriet.
- 1351 M. A. Underwood to Mrs Grant 23 Sept. 1851
Trifle of gift for Maria's wedding, Harriet unwell
- 1352 Charlotte M. Grant to Mrs Williams 14 July 1854
Tullochgorum: no wish to undertake voyage to England with 2 young children, sister Kate might come out, Mr Turton ill, Jocelyn, the "Coming Struggle" - another too decided in his idea of future, Fingal gold, Scotch immigrant servant girls, Reids, would like to visit Ratho, expecting.
- 1353-1354 Blanche Gray to Charlotte Grant c 1861
Journey, expenses.
- 1355 ----- to Mrs Grant (2nd wife of James jun.) 20 July 1881
From "Wolverine": theatricals at Government House (? Melbourne or Sydney), visits, band playing at Church Society's bazaar, Princes, Mercantile Rowing Club Ball, Mt. Adelaide.
(letter incomplete)