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Donated by E. Frances Cotton, formerly of Kelvedon, Swansea 1987  
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FRANCIS COTTON AND FAMILY OF KELVEDON

DX19/

A PROPERTY

- 1 Additonal grant 1831  
Application to locate additional grant of 750 acres between Webber's land and Cotton corner tree at Rocky Hills
- 2 Secondary grant queries 1837  
Notes of answers to queries, written on Letter from Major Turner Police Office. relating to amount of damages for cattle trespass in Shaw v. Meredith
- 3 Summons for trespass against Robert Webber Mar. 1839
- 4-11 Grange Property 1846 - 1855  
Francis Cotton's correspondence relating to the purchase of the Grange estate, including: copies of letters from Charles Swanston (1846); letter from J.L. Gellibrand offering Grange Farm on the same terms as agreed with Swanston, ie £4000 at 5% (27 May 1850); letters from Thomas Young, solicitor, relating to the survey of the land, original grantees and application by Gellibrand and Bethune for part of the estate (Oct., Nov. 1854); copy of letter to Surveyor General (31 Oct. 1854) and to Colonial Secretary (25 Aug. 1855). Also rough note of history of F.C.'s purchase of the Grange, uncertain boundaries and "proposals for the occupation of the Grange Estate" (Joseph to have the part known as the Bend and the Big River about 3000 acres, Henry to have remainder of estate and Crown land upwards of 5000 acres)  
(8 docs)
- 12 Plans  
Rough, traced plans including: (1) Rocky Hills grants and leases; (2) Sandspit River lessees and grants (Glover, Mather, Radcliffe) 1855; (3) Grange, Moulting Lagoon (Amos and Cotton, scrap of printed plan); (4) Belmont (showing roads from Campbell Town to Swansea and Avoca to Swansea, Swan River); (5) oyster beds, Spring Bay 1862 (by Ram Island, opposite Buxton property, information from "an oyster man" Thomas Williams. Tracing signed "A.T.M.(?) 16/4/62"; (6) miscellaneous, including Cotton purchases (much torn), lot numbers (unidentified), line of a ?road (unidentified); (7) South Australia (including Adelaide, Lake Alexandrina, Burra Mines, Mt. Barker, Wanstead, Yorke Peninsula); (8) Schouten Island showing allotments and coal shafts.
- 13 Rough draft ND  
Torn part of rough draft letter relating to land
- 14 Apsley River 1861  
Lease for 5 years of 50 acres from George Williams to Robert Ord
- 15 Land valuation 1865  
F.C. to Assessors that valuations of Kelvedon and Grange too high
- 16 Moulting Lagoon 1868  
Rent for 350 acres at Moulting Lagoon requested by Survey Office

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17 Cambria 1871

W.L. Dobson to F.C: J. Meredith's Cambria estate not for lease - trustees bound to sell

- 18 Lands & Works Office: survey fee repayment 4.1.1883
- 19 James Munro 6 Feb. 1883  
Property query
- 20 Frederick S. Gray, Earlham, Orford, 15. Mar. 1883  
Wished to buy or rent "Ringrove" at present leased to alexander  
Ferguson
- 21 Kelvedon - Land Board records xerox copies of reports 1829, 1836

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B FARM

#### FARM JOURNALS

- 22 Farm memoranda 1830-31  
Notes of farm activities, weather, names of calves, men's rations.  
(quarto paper gathering)
- 23-33 Farm Journals 1853 - 1909
- 23 1853-1855 "Journal of farming operations at Kelvedon with  
other remarkable incidents" J.B. Cotton
- 24 Jan. 1856 - Feb. 1859 (3 large folio gatherings removed from  
binding)
- 25 June 1863 - Mar. 1866 (quarto vol pages decayed and crumbly  
at bottom)
- 1867-9 see also Sheep Record 1866-70 (36)
- 26 Nov. 1868-Apr. 1872
- 27 Pocket book diary 1874  
E.O. Cotton (?): sheep gathering, shearing etc., bullocks,  
quarrying stone at Bend, carpentry work, work of Costello and  
Leckie, father & brothers, picnic on Hollyhock Hills, Belmont  
fence.
- 28 Feb-Mar 1875 (Last two pages and back cover of volume,  
decayed at bottom)
- 29 Apr. 1875 - Jan. 1881 (enclosed: note about roads, bush fires)
- 30) 1881 - 1886 (quarto vol., decayed and crumbly at top of pages)
- 31 1887 - 1890 E.O. Cotton
- 32 1892 - 1897 (also includes general diary entries, references to  
family and visitors)
- 33 Journal 1896 - 1909 Mainly farm, some general entries, boat,  
boating picnics, visitors etc. (quarto vol. half bound, spine title "Log Book E.O.C.")

#### FARM & ESTATE ACCOUNTS AND STOCK RECORDS

- 34 Labour and order book 1844 - 1846  
Including notes of sheep; sawyers and wood; labourers' wages,  
rations, tobacco and clothing (including Henry Pickering, James Harris £10 pa, James  
O'Daly, Hugh Fullam £9 pa, David Akin £9 pa., Alexander Dougal £10 pa., John  
Spencer £12 pa, Walter Thompson £20 pa., Timothy Coleman, James MacMillan,  
Mary Crofton, Ann Sullivan; produce etc shipped to R. Mather by "Mary Ann"  
(narrow folio paper gathering)

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- 35 Wages, rations and stores accounts 1853-1861  
Includes Cotton sons, first volume has index of names  
(2 octavo vols)
- 36 Sheep record and farm diary 1865-1870  
Includes farm and general diary notes 1867-9  
(pocket notebook)
- 37 Stock records and accounts 1869 - 1903  
Mainly sheep including ewes, rams, culls, wethers, lambs, sheared, dry stock, bells, purchases and sales etc.; fatstock; horses (including mares for service with name of owner, name of stallion, date of foaling, filly or colt). Also Roads Account 1879-1887, 1898: account of work on roads - carts, men, spars, sand etc and other Council expenses.  
(large folio gatherings removed from binding)
- 38 Farm and estate accounts 1883 - 1918  
Including wages, rations, stock and produce, freight, family, apples, fencing, wattle bark, etc.  
(folio account ledger)
- 39 Farm accounts 1911 - 1936  
A.Tyney and J. Archibald Cotton. Bark, orchard etc.  
(folio account book)

## MISCELLANEOUS FARM RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

- 40 William Woollett purchase 1838  
Suit for debt of £250 owed by Francis Cotton to William Woollett of Waterloo Point (August 1838); sale contract: stock, farm equipment and household furniture (listed) from William Woollett to Francis Cotton for £115  
(2 docs.)
- 41-46 Miscellaneous Farm Records 1841 - 1881  
John Greaves (or Gleave), shepherd, contract 1841 with note of dismissal for neglect of duties (1842), also rough note about sheep numbers and Gleave's neglect of duties with lambs, shearing and boundary fence 1842 (G.F.Story's hand writing); F.W. Stieglitz inquiry about sheep advertised for sale (21 Apr. 1855); liver fluke: draft answers to queries (ND); Synnot Brothers advert for chartered vessel to convey wool and other produce to Melbourne (1881).
- 47-65 Business correspondence and accounts 1831 - 1883  
Including: (47) invoices for goods sent from London By Thomas Cotton, including desks, work boxes, watch springs, Robert Braggs' account for and note about guns, shingle nails from William Peacock, W. Naylor's printing inks and varnishes for sale, proceeds of sale of Dr. Story's house to pay Lowe & Johnson, and also note about grass seeds, paint, wharfage etc, and letter from William Allen (1835) that dead cows might have been poisoned by a fungus in damp grass, suggests feeding on lucerne, clover, rye etc. (1831-1836, 11 papers); (48-65) bill for gun (1837); payment note: R. Wells (1842), John Allen (1843); notes of produce sent, clothing; Francis Smith, Attorney General's Office 19 July 59: liability for road rates owed by former owner; payment note: boots David Hynes (1863); letter (signature missing): Haynes claim for debt v. G. Cotton (1871); E. Theobald, London: sent two telecopes and catalogue, Greenwich changed (1880); William Smith: apples, skins sold, wheat market low, wheel for repair (31.5.1882); A.C. Douglas, General Post Office: under paid letters

or packets between U.K. and Tasmania (7.11.82, 15.11.82); A.W. Smith, Swansea: postage stamps (23.12.82); letters: bank: cheques received, shares, W. Crosby: freight, wool bales, bottle of medicine from Messrs Newell (1882-3).  
(30 docs.)

## C FRANCIS COTTON

### CORRESPONDENCE - FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

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- 66 Thomas Cotton to son Francis c 1831, 1834  
Religion and death, son Thomas' business fallen off.  
(4 docs.)
- 67 Thomas Cotton and his brother Francis 1835, . 1856, 1865  
F.C. to brother Thomas: goods shipped, surgical instruments sold (see also 47), Samuel Cook, Theophilus Pollard married again, James Backhouse and G.W. Walker, cattle dieing, 30 grazing on William Lyne's marsh, harvest good (1835, letter addressed to Evans & Co. surgical instrument makers "for Thomas Cotton, junr."); T.C. to F.C.: Heather Bell shipment, George E. Broadbent <sup>emigrating</sup> to be near James and Fanny Dickinson, Samuel Cook, death of Aunt "Hill" (1856); Thomas Ball retired doorkeeper of Stoke Newington Friends' Meeting, nephew's business well, Anna Maria "joins with me in greeting" (1865); death notice of T.C. (1876).
- 68-69 Francis and Anna Maria Cotton 1867 - 1872  
68) Francis Cotton to his wife Anna Maria on his visit to South Australia (including Adelaide, Streaky Bay, Wanstead, Melrose), Victoria and New South Wales Dec. 1867 - Jan. 1868 (11 docs); (69) Anna Maria to Francis (1869, 1872, ND); Francis to Anna Maria: birthday wishes (21.3.71)  
(16 docs.)
- 70 Francis Cotton to sons and daughter 1867 - 1868  
Letters written while visiting South Australia, Victoria and N.S.W. addressed to James, Edward, Joseph and Rachel (Dec. 1867-Jan.1868), to Rachel (29.6.68), to Joseph (29.6.68)
- 71-78 Letters from sons and daughters 1856 - 1875
- 71 Francis Cotton jr.: farm (from Bentmore )1865,1867 (2 docs.)
- 72 John Cotton, Earlham, Sandspits: Grueber's problems with his farm 1861  
(1 doc.)
- 73 James B. Cotton, Kelvedon 1862, 1870-1875  
Carting hay, municipal candidates Adam Amos, Henwood, John Amos, E.C. Shaw, birds nearly finished cherries, apple pearmain, soft soap for "Dr." (1862), Bentmore: sheep (1870), to Mother: Sydney trip (Mar.71), Kelvedon: farm matters (1872). (5 docs.)
- 74 Edward Octavius Cotton 1872, 1875  
Kelvedon: Earlham sheep (1872); Hobart: death of Sarah, memorial card(12.3.75) (3 docs.)
- 75 Anna Maria (Cotton) Mather 1848, Jan.-Feb. 1856  
To Mother: the children, Anna very active, servant leaving, free girls difficult to obtain, Esther Mather delighted with shells (11.9.48); to Father: hopes his health improved and not affected by South Australian heat, Sarah Ball going to England, Baby still alive but very emaciated ; to Mother: she must be lonely without Mary and with Father away so long, baby a mere shadow, Joseph harrassed with Steam Company's affairs. (3 docs.)

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- 76-7 Rachel Cotton 1868, 1872  
 76) FC in Sydney. Joseph carting and ploughing, breaking horse "Vivian" for the gig - adventure in rain, Rachel caught cold and jaundice (19.6.68).  
 77) Statement of Rachel Cotton and of Annie Barber relating to Sarah Cole's forged purchase order and Mrs Brace 1872 (3 docs.)
- 78 Howard Gurney Cotton and Edith Consulia Cotton to grandfather 27 Aug. 1878  
 Children of John Cotton: thanks for presents of stirrups and bit (1 doc.)
- 79 William May son in law 23 Aug. 1866  
 Incomplete letter to "Father" from Wanstead, S.A. (? William May husband of Mary nee Cotton): loss of Henry and Lavinia's baby, Francis, Yearly Meeting, Adelaide Friends, price of wheat below a remunerative one, copper also low, S.A. importing beef from Queensland, wool sales reasonable, Joseph did not have the experience to manage a distant interior run on the Darling - brother Frederick took new manager, Waugh, to the run but dismissed him as intemperate, Joseph Barritt may sell - 450 sq. miles with 25 miles frontage on the river.  
 (1 doc)
- 80 J.B. Mather 1856-7, 1872-1873  
 Wife's death (21.4.56); shopping, freight and other commissions for Cottons, T. Buxton's land (1857); Sarah Cole purchase order forgery (1.2.72), death of Esther Mather (2.9.72), F.C's commissions, Marriage Act and Friends' marriages (23.9.73), Martha Martin (24.11.73). Also letter to Anna Maria C: her health.  
 (7 docs.)
- 81 Rachel Cotton and Mary (Cotton) Scholl (England) sisters of FC 1882-3  
 F.C's bad health, wife's illness, aged friend Dr. Story, Essex, weather, lambing, family, James B. Cotton and Hannah Hall.  
 (8 docs.)

## CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL

- 82-125 Letters received 1838 - 1883  
 Letters to Francis Cotton from friends, neighbours etc, many referring to the Society of Friends, some also addressed to Anna Maria Cotton:-
- 82 F. Aubin 12.1. 1857  
 Sheep
- 83 James Backhouse, York, 1840,1848,1859,1865  
 Society of Friends, Cape Town (1840), doubts propriety of disowning members who marry non-Friends otherwise suitable (1847), attended Yearly Meeting with sister Elizabeth and niece Sarah Jane Backhouse, stayed with son-in-law Joseph Crosfield, transfer of title to Hobart Meeting House - clause in will conveys it to trustees (1859).  
 (4 docs.)
- 84 James Backhouse jr.1871  
 Family, Friends, Norway and J. Crosfield's visit, Father-in-law Isaac Robson visiting America, Hickites (followers of Elias Hicks) and other errors, modes of speech and dress "practically thrown overboard", uncle by marriage Benjamin Seebohn died.  
 (1 doc.)
- 85 J. Bassett 1858  
 Cousin of F.C.: potato cargo, corn, Adam Amos' fire, Adelaide.  
 (1 doc., torn)

- DX19/C Correspondence - general contd.
- 86 William Beck, London, 1883  
Friends
- 87 George Renison Bell 25 Nov. 1882, 8 Jan. 1883  
Gladstone: tin mining - description, mine shares  
(2 docs.)
- 88 Ellen Boulton, Avoca 1863  
Bible Reader
- 89 George Bowes 17 Oct. 1838  
Green Bank: potatoes, Constable Macdonald's behaviour. F.C.'s reply cross -  
written over letter: spiritual riches.
- 90 Reuben Burden 30 May 1880  
Baptism
- 91 James Erskine Calder 1857, 1858, 1864  
Mr Champ, his school fellow and playmate at 13 years old, and Chief clerk  
Burnett, blocked his promotion in the Survey Department; defects in new land scheme  
(1857); acting for spent during his leave of absence; Henry Ashton delected Clerk of  
spring Bay Municipality (1864)  
(3 docs.)
- 92 Samuel Cook, Adelaide 19 Jan 1845  
South Australia, Jacob Hayn's goats and copper mines, J. Hayne married sister of  
Baker a director of Bank of Australia, Quakers, taking a run on Murray River for pigs  
and fish.
- 93 Abraham Davy July 1868  
James Backhouse, trustee question (Sydney Meeting House), Friends, Alfred Allen.  
(2 docs.)
- 94 James Dixon 1855  
Sheep sales, Russian War. Also printed statement on emigration (1847)  
(3 docs.)
- 95 Abraham C. Flower 17.1.1835  
Purchased 4 room cottage for 13 years for £50 - sending title as security.
- 96 John Foster 4.12.56  
Gippsland climate
- 97 William Robert Giblin, Attorney General 17 Apr. 1882, 15 Sept. 1882  
Real estate duty, electoral voting procedure
- 98 Hannah Hall, 1880, 1882, 1883  
Quaker travels, Sydney, James B. cotton.  
(3 docs.)
- 99 Capt. P. Hepburn 4 Apr. 1844  
Book, sailing
- 100 Adam Jackson, Ross, to A.M. Cotton 26 July 1876  
A.M.C.'s recovery from illness.
- 101 Joseph McClusky, 14. Sept. ND  
As a public officer not willing to put his statement in writing
- 102-3 Frederick Mackie, 20 Dec. 1854, 11 Nov. 1881  
Melbourne: religion and gold diggers (1854); unsigned letter (? F. Mackie),  
London: religion, Colchester, tithes, game laws, Cumberland farming (11 Nov. 1881)
- 104 Rachel Ann Mackie (wife of Frederick, nee May) to A.M. Cotton 22.12. 1870  
Health, family
- 105 T. Mason, Campbell Town 26 Dec. 1862  
Electoral matters: tradesmen screw as much out of public funds as possible,  
polling rooms and fair expenses, advice to Dr Story over claims.
- 106 Edward May, Adelaide, Oct 1856  
Society of Friends, Willam and Mary May  
(2 docs.)
- 107 Joseph May, Mount Barker, S.A. 23 Dec. 1858  
Climate of South Australia, Tilney Cotton, Friends, daughter Hannah Sophia Barritt  
and children.



- DX19/C F.Cotton Correspondence - general contd.
- 108 Alfred Threlkeld Mayson: draft letter from F.Cotton 25 Jan. 1865  
F.C.'s draft reply to Mayson's letter to son George Cotton: son acknowledges debt to Mayson for aid in carrying out his [police] duties, George acquitted of "having had any hand with the destruction of the target" and Mitchell wished the matter to drop, F.C. begged Mayson to forgive and forget.
- 109 G. Meredith & F.C. 9, 10, Mar. 1841, 14.7.47  
Rent of Meredith's land "Cambria" too dear; reply from G.M.(part cut out, 1841); road through his property, farm(1847).  
(3 docs.)
- 110 Mark S. Mitchell, Lisdillon 1882  
"British Friend" - Pitt's travels in Palestine
- 111 William Moore, Hobart 1882  
Phrenology, Campbell Town road
- 112 William Peacock jr to Mrs Cotton 17.9.56  
Returning to Melbourne so cannot accept invitation
- 113 William and Maria Peacock 1868  
Part of draft letter from Kelvedon to "my dear Cousins" (?by A.M. Cotton).
- 114 Alice Pierce 1883  
Visiting W. and M. May, Francis C. unwell, Helen C.'s baby.
- 115 Eloise Therese de Rouffign[ac] Seaver, Newcastle NSW 1858  
J.H. Plunkett, Lieut. Seaver and others dismissed from the Board [School Board], injustice to Seaver. signature of writer partly eaten away.
- 116 Edward Sayce 5 Feb. 1883  
Hawthorn: death of Caroline Benson, Friend papers, state of Society of Friends in America, Hannah Hall and James B.Cotton. Also memorial card of Deborah Ann Sayce wife of Edward who died 4 January 1878.
- 117 Isaac Sharp to A.M. Cotton 1881  
Religious sentiments.
- 118 Thomas C. Sharp 24 Feb.1883  
Medical advice
- 119 Edward Carr Shaw 10.5.81, 21.5. 1881  
F.C to E.C.S.: repair to log [? of jetty] damaged by "Lalah"; E.C.S. to F.C.: Little Swanport Bridge - permission to have work done.
- 120 M.M. Shaw 18.1.81 - 20.2. 1883  
"Leven Pilgrim" paper, temperance - in envelope with poem "The Nazarene" by "MMS" printed on one side; health, floods.  
(4 docs.)
- 121 Robert Smeal, Glasgow 23 Nov. 1882  
Quakers, payment for postage on books, Hannah Hall and J.B.Cotton in London, external marks of Friends discarded, J.J. Dymond and H. Hipsley above being corrected.
- 122 Walker Thompson 1852  
Newspaper, school
- 123 George Washington Walker 1847, 1852, 1855  
Bible Society (1847); dispute with "Comptroller", Friends (1847); F.C. to G.W.W.: education, convict labour (1852); bank loan etc, Mimosa ship, total abstinence (26.1.55). Also V.D.L. Total Abstinence Society pledge card of Augustus Carp of Dr.Syntax Hotel 1859 [note: not listed as licensee]
- 124 Theodore West ND  
Part of letter only; needs job, Society of Friends.
- 125 G. J. Yates, Launceston 6.7.47  
Society of Friends: Richard Benson married out to a shepherd's daughter, A.C.F[lower] disowned, G.Y. will shortly be able to let or sell his share in Cataract Mill and go home.

## FRANCIS COTTON - PERSONAL PAPERS

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## Certificates

Quaker birth certificates of: (126) Francis Cotton son of Thomas and Mary Cotton 1801; (127) Anna Maria daughter of John Shelton Tilney of Moulsham, Clemsford, County of Essex, shopkeeper and Susanna 21.3.1800; (128) Mary daughter of Francis Cotton, carpenter, and Anna Maria Cotton in Spitalfields, Middlesex, 23.12.1827.

(3 parchment docs.)

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## Freedom of City of London 10 Feb. 1825

Record of admission, and affirmation, of Francis Cotton as a Freeman of the City of London (citizen) in the Drapers' Company, having been apprentice of John Farrar citizen and draper.

Note: the drapers' Company is one of the oldest of the City Guilds or Livery Companies. The Drapers were originally makers of woollen cloth, but since the seventeenth century have had little connection with the cloth industry and John Farrar was not actually a draper by trade. F.C. said he was apprenticed as a carpenter etc. (see 132). Freemen were members of their company (or guild) and citizens of London, but only the "livery men" of the Company (those entitled to wear the Company's livery) had the right to nominate an alderman as a candidate for the office of Lord Mayor each year.

(2 docs., parchment and paper)

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## Accounts 1839-40, 1863

Bills for postage (1839,40), Bible & Tract Society 1863  
(2 docs.)

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Phrenologist <sup>A.S.</sup> Hamilton's report on "William Thompson" [alias F.Cotton] 1856

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FC's account of the Lord's goodness to him ND

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## Death of Francis Cotton 1883

Telegrams, letter from E.O. Cotton to James, obituary and brief letter from F.C. to Frank that the longest life will come to an end. Also photocopy of testimony of Society of Friends

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## FRANCIS COTTON: OTHER APPOINTMENTS HELD

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## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Francis Cotton's correspondence and papers relating to the Society of Friends. He paid many visits of concern to Friends in South Australia, Victoria and N.S.W. See also general correspondence for letters from and relating to Friends.

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## London Friends Meetings: disownment notes 1974

Typed extracts from Devonshire House and Southwark Meeting minutes and notes on the disownment and re-instatement Francis and Anna Maria Cotton (1820-21, 1834-5, 1853). Donated by Nancie Hewett.

(typed paper in sealed envelope)

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## Sydney Meeting 4 Apr. - 11 June 1842

F.C. diary letter - in Sydney - established Meeting, visit to Maitland, spiritual reflections. Also copy of inscription on Mrs Macquarie's Road round the Domain,

Sydney.

DX19/D Society of Friends cont.

- 136 Architectural tracing ? Meeting House  
(torn, part missing)
- 137 London Meeting Committee to Correspond with Friends in foreign parts - Epistle 1853
- 138 Religious poetry  
Poems (ms), mainly of a religious nature, including some by E.O. Cotton and other Cottons, some sent to F.C. but most unsigned and undated.
- 139 Wyresdale, Lancashire, U.K. Meeting House 1882  
Letter from William Pickard, Leyton, London NE.: thanks for donation for rebuilding of Wyresdale Meeting House and School Lancashire, London Yearly Meeting
- 140 Misc. tracts - temperance etc., printed poems  
Inc. Report of VDL Bible Soc. 1839, J. Wesley's opinions, "The Sentinel May 1883", temperance tracts, rough ms notes of Book of Jeremiah used as wrapper for tracts, the Lord's Prayer in Chinese  
(folder)

#### F. COTTON PUBLIC OFFICES GLAMORGAN AND SPRING BAY

- 141 Coroners' Inquest expenses, Glamorgan Municipality 1860 -63, 1874  
Receipts for travelling and other expenses paid to medical practitioners for attending coroner' inquests and examining bodies, paid by treasurer Glamorgan Municipal Council, F. Cotton: C.J. Willis on unknown person at Bicheno 11 May 1860, Twiss Riordan on Margaret Wallace at Windfall Marshes 20 Nov. 1862, Eugene Charles McCarthy on: Mary Pughew at Swansea 17 April 1863 and Patrick Duffy at Swansea 10 October 1863, G.F.Story on Alexander Dougal at Swansea Dec.1874.  
(5 docs.)
- 142 Roads etc. 1851, 1858, ND  
Government House, A.Clarke: F.C.'s suggestions for well being of Glamorgan (13 May 1851); letter to Swanport Road Trustees about rate assessments as surety for son [?George's] contract to collect the rates (24.12.58); A. Graham: original petition missing, new line of road (ND). See also letters from E.C. Shaw (repairs to bridge and ? jetty) 1881, William Moore (Campbell Town road) 1882, 1882 DX19/119,111 and expenses of road repairs 1879-87 in farm accounts book DX19/37.  
(3 docs.)
- 143 Acknowledgement of F. Cotton's services 21 June 1867  
Spring Bay Council Minute 18 May 1867 thanking Mr Cotton for his services and draft of thanks from F.C.  
(1 doc.)
- 144 Railways - Public Meeting 1871  
Letter from John Mitchell, Warden of Glamorgan Municipality: convened a public meeting to consider rail roads as requested.

## MISCELLANEOUS

DX19/D

- 145 "list of Swansea accounts" ND  
List of names and amounts totalling £102.10.6 (ms)
- 146 Spring Bay Municipal Road account statement (printed) 1873-81
- 147 Crown Lands 1883  
List of crown lands for sale or rent in Glamorgan etc, inc 954 acres adjoining Francis Cotton's grant (page from Hobart Gazette).
- 148 Housekeeping recipe to clean velvet 19 cent.  
(ms page from vol.)
- 149 Agricultural Machinery Advertisements  
S. & E. Ransome advert for agricultural machinery (1866), patent milker, churn, barometers, telescope, signal lamp, coffee pot (pneumatic), Nye's patent sausage machine and other adverts (printed) for farm machinery, Deane's revolver, engineers' visiting cards.  
(folder)
- 150 Miscellaneous advertisements for books, drapery etc.  
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**ESTATE OF J. W. STORY**

Francis Cotton Executor

Joseph William Story of Eastern Marshes, Oatlands, farmer (died 1864), by his will dated 9 March 1855, appointed his cousin G.F. Story and Francis Cotton his trustees and executors. Papers include:

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Will 1855, 1864

Annuity of £100 to Ann Story otherwise called Ann Beams "who now resides with me" from £2000 capital to be invested (annuity increased to £130 on capital investment of £2800 by codicil of 1864); interest on £2000 to Martha Beams daughter of Ann Beams (then aged 10) and principal at age 21 or when married; £2000 to Emma Story daughter of J.W. Story by Ann, legacies to both daughters reduced to £1600 by codicil of 1864); remainder and residue to be divided between son Joseph William Story of Hobart, butcher, (omitted from codicil of 1864[deceased]); son George Arthur Story of Melbourne; daughter Ann Liardet wife of Frederick Liardet of Sandbridge near Melbourne coach and boat proprietor; daughter Elizabeth wife of Samuel O.Lovell of Hobart corn dealer; children of daughter Mary Ann deceased wife of John Petrie of Hobart, gent., deceased, at age 21, (Petrie children omitted in codicil of 1864). Also bill from Allport & Roberts for advising on alterations and codicil 1864. *(Martha Martin)*

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J.W. Story to F. Cotton 1855, 1856, 1864

Letters to F. Cotton: business (partly illegible 1855), thanks for help, leasing farm (1856), wool bags from John Tabart, needs water filter(5.12.56); bills (4, 1864)

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Probate, solicitors' accounts, inventory 1864 - 1865

Allport & Roberts' account for preparing probate (1864); sale of Mount Pleasant farm, Lake River near Launceston, sometimes referred to as Deep Creek (1864-5); letter advising reduction of reserve price (1864); letter from George H.G. Fletcher (1864); note of payment by Mrs Archer and expenses; inventory of the furniture, money and rents of J.W. Story formerly of Eastern Marshes and latterly of Alice Maud Terrace, New Town road; Allport & Roberts letter in re Martha (Beams) Martin's interest payments: still under age, left mother's roof 9 June and was married 15 June 1865, no means of paying £96 pa. to daughters under will as Burbury's rents only means and insufficient - endorsed with note by F.C.: wrote R. Fitzgerald that Mrs M. would receive £40 half yearly. *(Martha Martin)*  
(7 docs.)

155-168 Ponsonby Vale and Stone House Farms 1868-1874

Papers relating to the Ponsonby Vale Estate, including Stone House run:-

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Thomas Burbury, tenant of Ponsonby Vale 1864, 1865, 1867

Oatlands: reminder from executors of rent due (15/8/1864); rent cheque enclosed, not in a position to buy (14/1/65); cannot pay rent until wool sent to market and could not renew lease when term expires without a reduction in rent (30/11/67).  
(3 docs)

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Plan of Ponsonby Vale, Eastern Marshes 1868

Property of late Joseph W. Story, including Ponsonby Vale, Stone House and Long Marsh, 2 ins. : 1mile.

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- 157 Sale 1868  
 Authority of executor G.F. Story to sell and notes on auctioneers etc (28/3/68); inquiry from Thomas Hamilton; note of minimum price acceptable to the family; G.F. Story to F. Cotton: place not sold and so advertised to be let, rough draft plan and notes of terms of lease; solicitors Allport & Roberts' account respecting sale (1867-1868).  
 (7 docs.)
- 158 James Stormont 3 Apr. 1871  
 "Mount Morriston" : offer to rent at £210
- 159 Solicitors' Allport & Roberts: Ponsonby Vale lease 1871-1872  
 Lease of Ponsonby Vale to Mr and Miss Tabart for 7 years at £230 pa. (May 1871); distraint costly (31 May 1872); transfer of lease to Wilson and Burbury; repairs to Stone House; bank receipt for £102 . 0 . 11 paid by Wilson and Burbury.  
 (10 docs.)
- 160 Solicitors Allport & Roberts' account 1869-1872  
 Detailing actions including advice on annuities income being insufficient, advance to Mrs Martin, Ashton lease, Tabart lease and arrears of rent, transfer of lease to George Wilson and William Burbury.
- 161 John L. B. Tabart 6 June 1868 - 30 Mar. 1872  
 Lease of Ponsonby Vale, rent and difficulties in paying, loan from brothers Frank and Tom (4/2/69), money from brother Frank in New Zealand for part of rent (30/3/69), negotiations over sheep for fattening for Mr Jones and the trustees of Fonthill Estate G. Keach and William Harrison (1870-71), ploughing, oats, threshing machine (14/4/70,5/9/70), lease of Stone House for sister S.E. Tabart (8/4/71), repair of stone House (31/5/71), shepherd's place at Five Mile Marsh burnt down (24/7/71), wife and new baby well (18/9/71).  
 (32 docs.)
- 162 George Keach and William Harrison Mar. 1870 - Feb. 1871  
 Trustees of Fonthill Estate: agreement with Tabart for fattening Fonthill sheep and dispute about fulfilment of contract.  
 (8 docs.)
- 163 William Burbury 1871-1873,1874  
 Inglewood: tender to lease Stone House Run advertised as about 2200 acres for £76 pa (3/4/71); rent payments for Ponsonby Vale (1871-1874); repairs to Stone House for Mr Tabart (20/6/73,17/7/73,23/7/73); sheep scab in neighbours' flocks (23/78/73); price for estate high, fat beefstock market good, hopes Cotton's mangolds will pay well, baby girl (28/8/74), Offer from Melbourne for Ponsonby Vale at 40 s. per acre, R. Read looked at place, "Murphy of Spring Bay notoriety" opposed to John Cotton politically but "Mr Cotton and Mr Allison acted from humane motives during the girl's confinement" (22/10/74)  
 (11 docs.)
- 164 Fencing 1864-1866, 1869, 1871  
 James Weeding: fencing between Story property of Ponsonby Vale and his Earlswood Estate; William Burbury's certificate that fencing good and worth 1s. per rod (1866). Samuel Page: boundary fence notices (1869,71), valuation by William Burbury.  
 (11 docs.)

- DX19/E 155-68 Ponsonby Vale contd.
- 165 Stone House run leased 1868 - 1871  
 Inquiries about leasing from David Easton of Bothwell, James Weeding, William Fitzgerald of Green ponds and covering letter from S.O. Lovell (1868); caretaker Charles Weeding's request for payment from August 1868 - February 1869 (Aug. 1869); H. Ashton: rent (1870); Vincent Ellis of Carrington as tenant of Hugh Ashton: rent, request for further lease, police rate (Jan, Apr, Nov. 1871).  
 (10 docs.)
- 166 Stone House repair 1871  
 F. Cotton's report on the state of the house and Hugh Ashton's tenancy agreement (2/8/71). *See also* letters from Ann Story: agreement mislaid, house had given way in one of the gables before they left 13 years before, T. Burbury rented it for shepherd or servant, left it in shocking state, arranged matters with Ashton (177(35-38), and letter from Tabart 31/5/71 (161(27).
- 167 Sale: Allport & Roberts, Solicitors 1874-1975  
 Reserve price of 30s. per acre, death of Mrs story, her will, furniture, Ponsonby Vale to be offered for sale to test value - whether enough to pay mortgage and the £6000 for daughters and the residuary legacies; draft advert by G.F. Story: agricultural land, well watered, fenced into convenient paddocks, 2 homesteads and outbuildings, recently repaired Stone House a commodious and comfortable dwelling, estate let on lease "in the depressed times of the Colony at the low rental of £230 pa" - 3 1/2 years to run; auction; reserve price 30s per acre; highest offer £1 . 7 . 6 (Nov.74), offer of £6000 well below reserve (13/5/75), account relating to sale and decline of offers 1874-5  
 (11 docs.)
- 168 Ponsonby Vale sale: Allport & Roberts Mar. 1877 - May 1879  
 Letters from Allport & Roberts relating to the sale of Ponsonby Vale: advising sale and reduction of reserve price, land prices could drop if England involved in the war (11/9/77), auction November 1877 but no bids, Fonthill auctioned 29 November but withdrawn as below reserve price (29/11), William Burbury offered £7000 on special terms (30/11/78), Wilson brothers of Orielson, Eastern Marshes, sold out of Brockton to Dr. Agnew, offered £7500, slightly below 24s per acre which would be £7748 (29/11/78, 30/11/78, 10/1/79), Wilson offer accepted (14/1/79), purchase completed (20/5/79), solicitors' account 1877-1879. Letter of 29 November 1878 signed John Roberts: "feel the loss of my friend and partner". Also letter from J. & G. Nettlefold 23 December 1877: would be interested in purchasing part of estate or leasing whole as lease of their place, Woodstock, Oatlands, expiring, and letter from S.O. Lovell about Nettlefolds' offer (18/3/78).  
 (19 docs.)
- 169 Capital account and settlement 1879  
 Statement of account of executors' expenses 1864-1879, amount realised on estate and distribution to legatees (Aug. 1879); letters from Allport & Roberts, solicitors, on final settlement of the estate (June, Sept.-Nov. 1879),  
 (10 docs.)
- 170-176 Vouchers and bank receipts 1864 - 1879
- 170 Miscellaneous bills 1864 - 1878  
 Including funeral, mourning, testator's bills, advertising, insurance.
- 171 Bank receipts, correspondence, etc. 1864 - 1869
- 172-5 Receipts from legatees 1868 - 1879  
 A. Story, Martha Martin, Emma Heathorn (Beams), E. Lovell.

DX19/E170-176 Vouchers & bank receipts contd.  
 176 Executors' expenses and financial notes. 1864 - 1879  
 (7 folders)

## CORRESPONDENCE FROM LEGATEES

177 Ann Story Sept.1864 - 1873

Ann Story, otherwise Mrs Beams, resided with J.W. Story as his wife, inherited an annuity under his will and was empowered to direct the sale or disposal of household furniture and effects "whether she shall be married or sole". Ann had a daughter Martha Beams, later Mrs Martin, born about 1845, and Ann and J.W. Story had a daughter Emma, probably born about 1848, who married Charles Heathorn. Ann Story died in 1874 in Melbourne. Her letters to Francis Cotton relate to her legacy, the property, family, etc.:-

Mount Pleasant farm, near Launceston, sold by auction at Launceston (22/11/64, 5/12/64); Ponsonby vale property: tenant Burbury never paid rent until wool sold (1864), fencing (1866, 1871), family suggested trying at sale as Burbury's lease near termination with reserve of 35s (1868-9); Stone House repairs: agreement mislaid, house had given way in one of the gables before they left 13 years before, T. Burbury rented it for shepherd or servant, left it in shocking state, arranged matters with Ashton (1871); other legatees: J.W.S. had said George had had his share and neither son had claims on the property (3/1/65), George always in need of money, S.O. and Mrs Lovell, Lovell "here and there selling guano" (18/7/71), Mrs Liardet; A.S. would be willing to earn living but had to think of Martha and her children, thinking of taking post as housekeeper (2/9/71, 17/11/71); Martha troublesome (1870), Martha fell down stairs, recovered (7/1/71), Martha's husband released from prison so she "goes in fear" (7/1/71), Martha in debt (1873); Emma obliged to leave husband, gone to New Zealand (28/12/72); joined Emma in Victoria, Emma taking music pupils (?1873). (54 docs.)

178 George Arthur Story Sept.1864 - Aug. 1874

Son of J.W. Story, settled South Yarra, Victoria, married Theresa Mary Elizabeth Watson, daughter of Samuel W. Watson. He died 31 May 1876 and was buried in St. Kilda Cemetery.

Letters relating to the disposal of the property: considered his father's will unjust as the legacy to Mrs Story and her daughters plus the mortgage on the property would take all the proceeds of a sale leaving nothing for the residuary legatees - the sons and daughters of the first marriage, rough plan of the two farms (Ponsonby Vale and Stone House run) enclosed (13/9/64); the Launceston property auction - surrounded by wealthy men, good land - a sheep to the acre (8/10/64, 11/10/64); Ponsonby Vale property sale: advertise in Melbourne (1868); trying to get £100 from Mrs Story, been very ill (8/6/74); death of Mrs Story, visited Emma (1874). Also letter from Samuel W. Watson on behalf of his daughter, Elizabeth Theresa wife of G.A.S.: G.A.S. had died 31 May 1876, copy of will enclosed (6/6/76) and letters from Mrs G.A. Story enquiring about legacy (June 1878). (13 docs.)

179 Samuel Ouston Lovell and Elizabeth (Story) Lovell 1864 - 1879

Letters mainly from S.O. Lovell, and some from Elizabeth Lovell addressed "Dear Cousin", about the execution of the estate and the property:- farm at Launceston to be auctioned with reserve of 35s per acre - a comfortable stone cottage and barn and 100 acres in cultivation; Ponsonby Vale also to be sold by public auction but could wait until Burbury's lease ran out (1864); E.L.: wait for good price for sake of her and her sister's children - £2 or 35s per acre (Apr. 68);



fences reasonable, house as old residence of J.W.S. fair for weatherboard building except for stables, Stone House neglected, fencing on farm decayed, leases - tenders received but below value (2/7/68); Tabart's offer to rent old homestead and Long Marsh with allowance for repairs, rent low; Hamilton's offer on behalf of Fisher, suggested reducing legacies to Martha and Emma to allow something for Story family (18/9/68); Stone House lease to George Nichols not pursued, Ashton, Fletcher of Maria Island, Tabart and repairs (1869); E.L.: wait for better market (6/3/71), Mrs Beams drunk, quarrelled with daughter and Mr Heathorn; S.O.L.: 1874 death of Mrs Ann Story in Melbourne, her furniture formerly left to Elizabeth Lovell, inventory (15/9/74); railway might enhance value of property, F.C. too influenced by solicitors, not sell under 30s per acre; E.L.: death of S.O.L. from blood poisoning, son William, daughter intends opening school (11/12/78), children all of age - 3 in Hobart one at Huon, living with unmarried son George who is keeping a grocer's shop (28/9/79).  
(33 docs.)

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Ann (Story) Liardet and Frederick Evelyn Liardet Aug. 1864 - June 1880

Ann, daughter of J.W. Story, married Frederick Evelyn Liardet, a coach and boat proprietor of Sandridge, Victoria, and later, after an unsuccessful attempt to run a coffee plantation in Raratonga, he was employed as a stationmaster on the N.S.W. Railways. They had a son, Charles, accidentally shot in 1879 at the age of 15 and other children. Ann's letters, and 2 from F.E.L. and 1 from a son, relate mainly to the property and their expectations. Ann described her life in Raratonga, Society Islands, where F.E.L. had purchased half a coffee plantation: wet, warm, mosquitoes, no meat, natives lazy and Ann unhappy (25/5/65, 26/2/66) and by September 1866 they were in Sydney in distressed circumstances - "the missionary paid our passages . . . to see us safe" before returning to Germany (25/9/66); appeal for help - father meant own daughters to have something (1868); husband head porter at Narulan Railway Station 115 miles from Sydney at £115 pa., 2 eldest sons married but out of employment (26/1/71); letter from son (3/8/76); death of her brother - many faults but kind "to my dear dying children", only sister left (19/2/77); thanks for £49 . 14 . 11, death of 15 year old son Charles, memorial - Charles Evelyn Liardet railway telegraph operator at Jordan's Crossing and youngest son of Frederick Evelyn Liardet stationmaster at Macdonald Town died from gunshot wound at house of his brother-in-law James Fletcher on 16 February (7/7/79).  
(19 docs.)

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Helen Petrie Sept. - Dec. 1864

Claim of the children of Mary Ann (Story) Petrie (died 1855), Helen, John Story, Mary Ann, Henry, to a share of their grandfather's estate in spite of "cruel" codicil to will, never received any help from grandfather, H.P. and sister struggled to maintain themselves respectably by keeping a school, query about trust accounts of estate of father John Petrie deceased - half years rent of cottage received by Uncle Joseph [J.W.S. jr.] just before his insolvency not accounted for; copies of account statements with queries. Also letter from Mrs A. Story, 100 Feb. 1865: checked accounts with Lovell, no vouchers for Mrs Petrie's funeral expenses (1855) done by J.W.S. jr.  
(8 docs.)

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Martha (Beams) Martin 1867, 1872 - 1874

Daughter of Ann (Beams) Story, born about 1845, married John Martin in 1864. Requests for money, Emma (1872), send money weekly not quarterly, working at dress makers - sometimes 9s a week (Apr. 1874), mother's death (Aug. 1874), 3 children (Sept. 74), mother's will (Oct. 74), going to New Zealand - sewing business (Dec. 1874). Also copy of authority to raise £100 on her expectations (1871), and letters from lawyers on behalf of M.M. requesting payment

of or advances of her legacy or an account of trust moneys from: Elliston & Burbury (1867), R. Fitzgerald (1869), John B. Hull (1870), A. Inglis Clark (1878). (17 docs.)

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Emma Heathorn Dec. 1868 - July 1880

Daughter of J.W. Story and Ann Beams (probably born about 1848), married Charles Heathorn of Glenorchy on 2 April 1868.

Letters inquiring about money due from her father's estate, etc.: Ballarat: son a week old (13/4/69), baby died (8/6/69); Hobart: baby girl 6 months old (15/6/71), Charlie gone to Sydney to find work (11/11/71), another daughter, Minnie (25/3/72); mother's illness (1873), moving to Melbourne to find a situation as governess, children with grandparents (1873); not willing to divide property (1874); mother's illness and death (Aug. 1874); mother's furniture, will, Martha (Aug., Sept. 1874); taking youngest child back to Melbourne (Nov. 74); property - card of agent James Aarons, G. Brown (1874); Martha's conduct, New Zealand, Helen Petrie dying (17/3/75); husband claimed to be reformed (8/6/75); in South Australia with Mrs Rogers, not like S.A., Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Port Adelaide (15.10/75- 22/12/76); illness and husband's debts (20/3/76); heard Charlie drinking again - his father had to send him away again to New Zealand (8/10/77); Melbourne: hoping to take pupils and have her 2 girls with her, needed loan (19/4/77-78); settlement of estate - sorry Ponsonby Vale sold for so little, unfortunate for "first family" (1878-80); sending box for her "little ones" in Hobart (20/7/79). Also letter from A.D. Laing, merchant of Ballarat: debt owed by Charles Heathorn (26/2/71). (58 docs.)

## CHILDREN OF FRANCIS COTTON

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### EDWARD OCTAVIUS COTTON

Son of Francis and Anna Maria Cotton, E.O. Cotton (1838-1912) married in 1881 (Elizabeth) Helen Grueber.

#### 184-185 Certificates

Birth certificate (Quaker) 1838; marriage certificate (Quaker) Edward Octavius Cotton, agriculturist, son of Francis Cotton, agriculturist, of Kelvedon and Anna Maria, and Elizabeth Helen Grueber, daughter of Stephen Henry Grueber of Ormley, Fingal, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, 30.11.1881.

#### 27 Farm diary pocket book 1874

E.O. Cotton (?): sheep gathering, shearing etc., bullocks, quarrying stone at Bend, carpentry work, work of Costello and Leckie, father & brothers, picnic on Hollyhock Hills.

#### 186 Deputy Returning Officer's declaration 1879

#### 187 Diary 1881

Pocket book and diary - entries only for 24 Nov. - 5 December including marriage.

#### 32-33 Journals - farm and general 1892 - 1909

Farm journals including general diary entries, references to family, visitors, boating picnics, son Archie and daughter Evelyn golfing and playing tennis, motor car (1909), regatta on Swan River - girls race won by Molly Lyne and Cathy Cotton (1 Jan. 1908), daily scripture readings at Kelvedon since J. Backhouse but discontinued 1909 and E.O.C. poorly (33 p.473), Robert Cotton (? son of Thomas). (2 vols.)

#### 188 Letter from Edith Consulia Cotton to Uncle Edward

Daughter of John Cotton: thanks for horse "Ruby", other horses

#### 189 Memoranda pocket book 1898 - 1906

Rough notes of roads (1898), trip in boat (1906) etc.

#### 37 Glamorgan Council: Roads 1879-1887, 1898

Account of work on roads, carts, men, spars, sand etc. [by Kelvedon workers?] and other Council expenses - see back of Stock Account 1869-1903 (37)

#### 190-198 Miscellaneous papers

Including: incomplete letter headed "Brock's Buildings" addressed "Dear Edward" from Quaker woman, ?relative: Harry, many condemned her, many afraid to side with her for fear of grieving Ma, young man looking for job in Melbourne but might go to New Zealand after writing to Uncle Thomas Lidbetter, Arthur had called at Uncle R.G. Pollard's (11.3.81); incomplete letter from "Earlham": E.O.C. could not have made better choice [of bride], Helen Grueber had been "one of my patients" when others despaired of her, Lincoln and Duke broken in for ploughing, foster care for Ruby and foal, 3.6.1881 (letter incomplete from ? Edith c. daughter of John and Mary Ann (Wills) Cotton); notes for obituary of Francis Cotton 1883; draft letters or articles, including: "national recreation grounds", "Quakerism"; typed article for the *Courier*, "The Schoutens" by E.O.C. 1905; poem, "Meredith Fishery Bay 1879"; note about income: "just manage to keep out of debt and provide my family

with the bare necessities of life . . . more than 99 out of 100 farmers can say" 1895; New Year card: "Edward with Helen's love"; notebook containing miscellaneous memoranda in pencil, including "metallic shingles", paints needed, expenses, shorthand notes, verse on "passing of the sweetest soul", etc. (no name but probably by E.O. Cotton ). Also printed book transferred to Library: "Curfew must not ring tonight" (verse and illustrations, John Walker & Co. London, printed in Holland) inscribed ms: "with Helen's love to Edward" 1888 .

### ELIZABETH HELEN (GRUEBER) COTTON WIFE OF EDWARD O.

Daughter of Elizabeth Grueber (d.1891) and Stephen Henry Grueber (1818-1904) of Brockley, Spring Bay, later Rheban, Sand Spits, and then of his son's home Ormley, Fingal, where he was Warden of Fingal Municipality, Helen Grueber was born in 1847 and married E.O. Cotton on 30 November 1881.

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Edward O. Cotton to E. Helen Grueber 20 Feb - 20 Nov. 1881, 1883-4

Affectionate letters written before marriage (1881) and a few later. Including letter written on back of letter from J. Lyne to Councillor E.O. Cotton: Road Board's thanks for his trouble over main roads dated 13 July 81 (15.7.81). Letters addressed to Helen (as Dear Helen or Helen Love) at W.E. Shoobridge, New Norfolk. Letter of 8.5.81 gives views on plain weddings - he and Sarah had wanted "damper wedding" (as in simple or "damper" picnics), Helen helped with birth of Annie Shoobridge's baby (31.8.81) - mother Ann Mather grateful, rough plan of interior of Kelvedon (23.8.81), reference to Eliza - brought up by Cottons but "bolted with the handsome Portuguese negro Gomez" - a "fine animal and no more (23.10, 28,10.81).  
(61 docs.)

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S.H. Grueber and his wife to daughter Helen 1881

Letters mainly relating to Edward Cotton, her proposed marriage and religion, her mother hopes she will not leave the old Church [Anglican], including letter from S.H.G. to Edward and F. Cotton to S.H.G. and reply, also piece of dried heather.

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Mary Spencer (nee Grueber) to sister Helen ND

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Hannah Grueber (nee Fletcher wife of S. H. Grueber jr.)to Helen 1881, ND  
(3 docs.)

203-213 Letters from friends to Helen Grueber 1879 - 1881:

203 Allie Fairly 11 Nov. ND

204 Bunnie Lachlan 1880

San Francisco: Papa's shipping not doing well

205 Ann Mather (?Mrs R.A. Mather) 1879, 1881

Thanks for kindness to daughter. (5 docs.)

206 Fanny Meredith ND

207 Jessie R. Meredith, Cambria, Aug. 1879

Mary [Mace]'s babies

208 Alice [? Ransome] 1 May ND

From killymoon: children, Mama, concert - programme chiefly Ransomes

209 Selina A. von Stieglitz 1880

From U.K. (2 docs.)

- 210 Jeannie \_\_\_\_ 6 Sept. 1981
- 211 George W. B. Story 1879 - 1881  
 Written from Thorncliff, Saltwater River, Tasman's Peninsula: travels with stock, thanks for newspapers, pipe. Also piece of hearts playing card; pair of small, lady's white kid gloves, unworn (still attached together) in envelope addressed to George Story from Messrs Smith & Porte. Also note by Mrs Frances Cotton (?1970s or 80s): "no relation to Doctor, came from England with his mother, H.G. grew very fond of him and hoped for a proposal - it did not eventuate as he had little to offer at that time".  
 (6 docs.)
- 212 James Story to Helen and Jessie 25 Oct. 1879  
 From "Serpentine" enclosing photograph. Photograph: young man, head and shoulders, c. de. v. by W. Cawston, Launceston (See 266(10))
- 213 Maria Story (wife of James Story) c 1879-1880  
 From "Serpentine" and one from Booabula, N.S.W.: marriage to James, small house, farm, old Mrs Story
- 214 Helen Grueber (Mrs E.O. Cotton) - poetry ND [ 1870s-80s]  
 Poetry (ms in school exercise book) and cuttings of printed poems. Enclosed small tintype photo of Helen Cotton (c 1890-1900)
- 215 Drawing exercise books Helen Grueber 1862
- 216 School exercise book - E.H. Grueber 1864  
 Notes on geography etc. and poetry
- 217 Helen Grueber - Miscellaneous  
 Confirmation card: St. John Baptist Church 2 June 1871 by C. H. Tasmania [Bishop Charles Henry Bromby], prepared by Rev. H.B. Bromby; pink envelope containing photo of girl's head (tiny tin type) and locks of hair; list of presents (ms) including toilet set, large centre cruet and five corner cruets, toast rack, wool antimacassar; newscutting notice of death of Elizabeth Grueber, wife of Stephen Henry Grueber sen. at her son's residence, Ormley, on 28 April [1891]; temperance notes (ms).
- 218 Stephen Henry Grueber (father of Helen) - family history 1891  
 Outline of family history and his own life written for his daughter, with poetry and reflections. Enclosed: letter from Rev Henry B. Bromby to Grueber family: thanks for memorial of confirmation (1871); St. John's Association members ticket: Miss Grueber 1871; note on "way to build a turf bank, S.H. Grueber"; photo of seal of Marcus Greuber 1575

DX19/G **GEORGE COTTON** (1829-1916)  
Married Margaret Connell 1851

- 219 George Cotton Superintendent of Police Glamorgan 1870  
Draft petition concerning a witness in case of R. v Baynon, the witness being a servant of the warden of Longford, from G. Cotton who was appointed Superintendent of Police in the Municipality of Glamorgan in 1864. Also copy of character of George Cotton by John Mitchell: a good detective and unsurpassed as bushman (16 Dec. 1870). Also letter from Mrs Webb to Mrs Cotton (21.10.1973) about George Cotton of George's River (Pyengana) and notes by Mrs Cotton.

**JOHN COTTON** (1832-1915) "Earlham"  
married 1865 Mary Ann Wills (1827- 1915)

- 220 School drawing book ND  
John Cotton at Hofwyl House [School]
- 221 Summons 16 Oct. 1874  
Summons to John Cotton of Spring Bay to answer charge by Henry George Quodling.
- 222 "Hymns in Prose", printed booklet

**JAMES BACKHOUSE COTTON** (1834-1906)

- 223 Reaping machine 1863  
Letter from Robert Ransome of Ransome & Co., Ipswich U.K.: J.B.C.'s idea of alternate sliding motion to cutters already tried, recommends American Eagle mowing machine.
- 224 Anna Maria Cotton to son James 27 Mar 1869  
Afraid he was exhausting himself, Meeting, minutes, Edward, ceiling paper.
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225 Edward Octavius Cotton to brother James 1882 - 1883  
Family, Yearly Meeting (21.5.82), Schoutens, family, death of Capt. King (21.5.82), Mother and Father's deaths and will (1883), instrument with angled mirror, love to Hannah Hall.  
(9 letters)
- 226-9 Letters from family to J.B. Cotton 1877 - 1882
- 226 Sister "Molma" [Mary May] 17 Feb. 1878  
J.B.C.'s annual visit, children Lewis and Alfred, wheat stack, William, R.W. Douglas, Mathers, Friends.
- 227 Helen McLeod to Uncle James 5 Apr. 1878  
Meeting, brother gone to Diamantina, Queensland.
- 228 Alma Rachel Cotton 1877  
Daughter of Francis and Helen (McLeod) Cotton, Belmont: thanks for desk, Arthur & Ernest

- 229 J.B. Mather, brother in law 1877, 1881, 1882  
Isaac Sharp's visit, Melbourne Annual Meeting (1877); sending a certificate by San Francisco mail as J.B.C. had his stolen with his clothes (29.9.81), his return to Kelvedon, death of mother.  
(4 letters)

## 230-243 James B. Cotton - letters received 1871 - 1883

from:

- 230 William Benson 20 Dec. 1877  
Melbourne: wool prices and freight, railways, Friends
- 231 Joseph Crosfield, London, 12 Aug. 1873
- 232 Abraham Davy, Narellan N.S.W. 17 Oct. 1872
- 233 J.I. Dymond, Sydney 10 Apr. 1875  
Trusteeship of Meeting House, Devonshire St.
- 234 J.H. Gray, Balclutha 3 Mar. 1883  
Addressed to "Bro. Cotton": J.B.C.'s visit to New Zealand, Christian love to J.B.C. and Hannah Hall.
- 235 Charles Kingston 2 Dec. 1874  
Spiritual (letter torn)
- 236 Frederick Mackie, Mount Barker, S.A. 7 Oct. 1873  
Spiritual, Tilney Cotton beginning to prosper, Lucy Coleman
- 237 Ann Mather (wife of R.A. Mather) 23 Apr. 1875  
Death of daughter Sarah
- 238 Joseph J. Neave 1871, 1877  
(3 letters)
- 239 William Patterson, Half Moon Bay 3 Sept. 1883  
Visit of members of Society of Friends [?Canada]
- 240 Henry Propsting 26 May 1874  
Thanks for photo, spiritual
- 241 Edward Sayce, Hawthorn, Vic. 9 Feb. 1878  
Death of wife, Deborah Ann, memorial card enclosed
- 242 Isaac Sharp 21 Apr. 1878  
South Africa (Spiritual text card enclosed)
- 243 Thomas Sutton, Palmerston, New Zealand 1881  
Sorry to have missed seeing J.B.C. on his way to America with Hannah Hall, family, Society of Friends, asks J.B.C. when in England to visit his mother at Banbury. (2 docs.)
- 244 Joseph Walton, N.Z. 16 Mar. 1882
- 245 Alfred Wright, Wakefield [UK] 13 Nov. 1876  
J.J. Neave about to sail, Friends
- 246 Unidentified (signature erased) 309 Cotley St., 25 Mar 1871  
Spiritual

- 247 J.B. Cotton - accounts and miscellaneous  
Hobart Savings Bank: bank book 1858-83; letter of credit Union Bank of Australia 1880; Extract from Robert Lindsey's letter for J.B.C. with his parents love, 1854; poem; drawing of tree for Father's birthday 6.10.1845.  
(5 docs.)

- 253 Leather writing case  
"J.B. Cotton from his nephews and nieces"

**JOSEPH COTTON** (1840-1923)

Married in 1875 Isabella, daughter of Adam Jackson of Williamswood

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- 248 Isabella (Jackson) Cotton to husband Joseph 1873-1875, 1877, 1879, 1882  
 1873-4 (28 letters)  
 1875 (28 letters)  
 1877, 1879, 1882 (6 letters) Also hymn "happy day"  
 (3bles)
- 249 Adam Jackson, Williamswood to Joseph Cotton 3 Sept. 1874  
 Invitation to stay to discuss proposed marriage to daughter.
- 250 Helen P. (Nellie) Jackson, sister of Isabella to Joseph Cotton 1874, 1875  
 (3 letters)
- 251 Maggie Mather to Uncle Joseph 8 Dec. 1874  
 Purchase of workbasket, "wishing you both every happiness"
- 252 James B. Cotton to brother Joseph 1884, 1885  
 From Albury: Kelvedon, new boundary, J.B.C.'s call to preach Gospel, "Hannah Hall still going from place to place and leaving an unmixed blessing", English Friends accused H.H. of being "a Hickite", "Patti" Lyne (6.8.84); From Belmont County, O [Ontario, Canada]: winter weather, temperatures much below freezing, eggs freeze and crack, working on Hannah Hall's "great journal", made a "bread worker".  
 (2 letters)

**RACHEL SALMON** (1842-1933)

Daughter of Francis and Anna Maria Cotton, married 1880 Samuel Salmon

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- 254 Rachel Salmon's Will 1933  
 Copy of will: property in trust for three step daughters Emma Elizabeth Campbell, Alicia Maria New and Mary Ann Louisa Robinson, bequests to Friends School and nephews and nieces; ms instructions on distribution of household goods to friends.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 255 East Bay Canal 1900  
 Note of successful tender
- 256 Note (ms.) about J.R. Green, A short history of the English people, London (1878)
- 257 Schoolgirl's poetry c 1912-13  
 Poems written by girl about 16 - 17 years old at Collegiate School, many referring to teacher Miss Wise, and girls: Elinor Anne, Nellie, Constance, Kitty etc. (exercise book)
- 258 Short-hand copy of E.B. Browning's "Cowper's Grave" ND



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News cuttings, etc:

John Walker, Tenby view, "the microphone" (1878), "experiences in Tasmania" letter from Mr Speadborough ND, "Ramble on the old Huon track" ND etc; shipping time tables, Tas. Steam Navigation Co. 1877, Union S.S. Co. of N.Z. 1883, Wellington N.Z. tramways 1882; child's drawings; book mark.

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music: ms extracts from "Lilli Lilli" and "Auld lang syne", marked ms. W.Barlow ND

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Ivory knob and spring fitting

Printed books transferred to Library

Poetical works of Milton ed. Alexander Donaldson, Edinburgh (1762) vol. 1  
An anthology of poetry and some prose, title page missing, 19th cent. possibly American inscribed "Anna Maria Cotton, Kelvedon 23.1.1854" (half bound calf and decorated linen (? by convict servant)  
"Blair's Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres", title page missing, title written in pencil above list of contents of the third volume (modern binding, cloth)  
Political biographies - unbound parts of a publication, including Earl Spencer, Lord John Russell, Lord Grey, Lord Lansdowne, etc. with portraits.

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**ARTHUR TILNEY AND E. FRANCES COTTON**

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Mabel Mary Cotton to A.T &amp; E.F Cotton c 1949-1967

Includes letters from Sydney where she was nursing, letters from Kelvedon (including mention of bush fires 1967) while Mr and Mrs Cotton were over seas and some letters from Fiji. Most letters were addressed "Dear Olds", some "Dear Nern", a few to "Frances" and one or two, c 1949, to "Dad" or "Dad & Mern". In a letter of 27 February [1967] she mentions that Doug. and Joan are letting her live in "the Doctor's old rooms" made into a flat, Doug. & Joan's son Crispin Pip just started at Hutchins School.

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Karl von Stieglitz to A.T. &amp; E.F. Cotton 1955

Letters relating to "Pioneers of the East Coast"

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E. Frances Cotton: Dr. Story 1956, 1969-71

Mrs Frances Cotton's correspondence relating to Dr. Story including: letter from Bill Wilson thanking her for bottle and drugs from Dr. Story's surgery (1969), letter from R.A. Lewis that he had received mss from Mrs Wilson to deliver to University Archives (1970), letters from the Archivist: papers received from Mrs Wilson and Mrs Parker, Dr. Story's "baby" in Anatomy Dept. museum, also letter from Jack Thwaites (1956).

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E. Frances Cotton: miscellaneous correspondence and notes on history

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**PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS AND DRAWINGS**~~265~~

Photographs, prints and drawings:-

- ✓ (1) Francis Cotton (1801-1883)  
Mounted photo (cabinet), elderly, bearded, seated in chair, book on knee
- ✓ (2) Sarah Benson Mather (1846-1875), ambrotype c 1866-74  
Young woman in long dark dress, seated, Photographer: Alfred Bock  
(film neg. [not glass] mounted on card, framed behind glass in case)
- ✓ (3) Sarah Benson Mather (1846-1875) Apr. 1871  
Head and shoulders, hair centre parting and ringlets, c de v by Charles A. Woolley, Hobart, endorsed "Edward with Sarah's love 23.4.71." (Fiancee of E.O. Cotton who kept the photo in his pocket book, see 187)
- ✓ (4) Edward Octavius Cotton (1840-1912)  
Head & shoulders, beard & moustache, c de v by C. Wherrett, Hobart
- ✓ (5) Helen (Grueber) Cotton, miniature tintype, (see 214)  
Young man, ambrotype ND  
Head to waist, seated. (Mounted in case, lid missing)
- ✓ (6) Marion Cotton (nee Wills 1827-1915) wife of John Cotton "Earlham" ND  
Seated, head to knees, dark silk dress, studio portrait, cabinet, mounted
- ✓ (7) Boy, ? Cotton, c 1890 - early 1900s  
Head & shoulders, Eton crop, bow tie, miniature tintype
- ✓ (8) Robert Skeggs ND  
Head & shoulders, c de v portrait by Wherrett & McGuffie, Hobart
- ✓ (9) Alfred Wright  
Head & shoulders, elderly, bearded, c de v by Mathers Son & Co. Brisbane
- ✓ (10) James Story c 1879  
Enclosed in letter to Helen Grueber (See 212)
- ✓ (11) Postcard: "near Bridgefoot, Kelvedon" UK 1921  
Mary Elizabeth Dockra to Dorothy & Margaret Robson

Miscellaneous prints and drawings:

- ✓ (12) Water colour painting of spring flowers  
Inscribed "to dear Grandma Cotton with Annie's love"
- ✓ (13) Print: "Regent Street Fire Office" ND  
dedicated to J.T.B. Beaumont F.A.S. by G.H. Jones
- ✓ (14) Print of mountain scenery with fir trees and goats