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BATTEN family

PRG 1645  
Series List

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Papers relating to the Batten family who lived at Black Hill in South Australia. The papers were found in the cellar of an abandoned house in the 1960s/1970s.

Black Hill was first settled in 1890. The township is situated some 110 kms north east of Adelaide, nestled in a valley on the River Marne, named after a sister river in France. Black Hill which was named Friedensthal (Valley of Peace) prior to World War 1, and was first owned as a station by Thomas R Reynolds. In 1891, this land was subdivided and purchased by families, many of whom still have descendants living at Black Hill today. The name Black Hill was derived from the native pines on the granite hill, as these trees together with the black granite accentuated the hills for many miles. It is said that very few places in South Australia can match the superb spread of eucalyptus along the Marne Valley.

The Batten homestead was built in 1890 by the Lang family, with the Batten family taking ownership of the house and land, comprising 306 acres, in 1938. Prior to 1890 the property was owned as a station by Thomas R. Reynolds and other families.

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<b>Correspondence from Black Hill</b> 1894-1905. 0.5 cm.	<u>1/1-16</u>
<b>Correspondence from Rhine Villa</b> 1891-1906. 1.5 cm.	<u>2/1-21</u>
<b>Correspondence from Greenock</b> 1896-1907. 2 cm.	<u>3/1-20</u>
<b>Correspondence from Walkers Flat</b> 1893-1907. 0.5 cm.	<u>4/1-10</u>
<b>Correspondence from Oakbank</b> 1883-1899. 0.5 cm.	<u>5/1-11</u>
<b>Correspondence from East Parade, Kensington</b> 1893-1915. 0.5 cm.	<u>6/1-10</u>
<b>Correspondence from McKinnon Parade, North Adelaide</b> 1891-1899. 2 cm.	<u>7/1-32</u>
<b>Correspondence and union receipts related to shearing</b> 1890-1898. 1 cm.	<u>8/1-12</u>
<b>Personal correspondence</b> ca.1893-1926. 1.5 cm. [Includes family letters and some which have lost pages].	<u>9/1-33</u>

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- Personal correspondence** 10/1-29  
1894-1924. 2 cm.  
[Comprises mainly letters to Henry Batten and Sarah. Includes family letters].
- Mixed correspondence and farm papers** 11/1-31  
1891-1912. 2 cm.  
[Includes some farm lists and receipts, and a letter from the State Children's Department].
- Miscellaneous papers and correspondence** 12/1-38  
1879-1907, 1929. 2.5 cm.  
[Comprises personal and business papers and correspondence, a doctors letter to a Mr Chinnery[?] concerning his wife's health, a vaccination form for a Fielding child, a death notice for Mary Batten dated 1929, and a flower tile design in watercolour].
- Christian membership cards** 13  
1886, 1893. 0.5 cm.
1. South Australian Blue Ribbon Army and Gospel Temperance Union Membership and alcoholic beverage abstinence card for Henry Batten, Mount Pleasant Division. Dated 19 Feb 1886,
  2. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour membership card with pledge for Sarah Robinson, Kapunda Baptist. Dated 4 Dec 1893,
  3. Port Adelaide Congregational Church membership card for Henry Batten. Dated 5 Feb 1893.
- South Australian stamps** 14  
1899. 1 cm (10 stamps)
1. South Australian one penny stamps,
  2. South Australian two pence stamps,
  3. Victoria two pence stamp.

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**Doris E. Batten at Muirden College - tuition by post** 15  
ca.1930. 0.5 cm.

1. Marked handwritten assignment titled 'Lesson 7. Leaving History' by Doris E. Batten of Black Hill,
2. Typescript letter from Muirden College to Miss D.E.R. Batten, dated 26 March 1930,
3. Duplicated notice from Muirden College, Tuition by Post Department regarding tuition, enrolling and fees. 1930.

**Letter from Australian Post Office** 16  
1971. 0.5 cm.

[Letter relating to name of Rhine Villa. The town started as Rhyne Villa (post office opened 1880, until it changed to Rhine Villa in 1895, and in 1918 became known as Cambrai].

**Rhine Villa papers** 17  
1896-1932. 1 cm.

- 1/1-8 Accounts with F. & W. Hecker, Storekeepers, Rhine Villa & Swan Reach. 1896-1906,
- 2/1-12 Accounts with W. & H. Mickan, Blacksmiths, Wheelwrights, Machinists, Waggon & Coach Builders of Rhine Villa & Neukirch. 1899-1909, 1931-1932.
- 3/1-5 Miscellaneous accounts,
- 4/1-2 Rhine Villa Congregational Y.P.S.C.E. programmes. Includes notes. 1896-1897.
- 5/1-2 Newspaper clippings. 1909,
- 6 Correspondence
- 7 Invitation card for the Australasian National League, Annual Social, Rhine Villa branch.

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**Accounts with storekeepers**

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1884-1924. 1.5 cm.

1/1-10 Accounts with stores at Sedan. 1894-1908,

2/1-6 Accounts with stores at Mannum (mixed). 1884-1886,

3/1-13 Accounts with F.E. Schuetze. 1884-1897,

4/1-6 Accounts with B.P. Randell. ca.1884-1886,

5/1-5 Accounts with stores in Adelaide. ca.1884-1905,

6/1-6 Accounts with various stores in Elliston, Walker's  
Flat, Cambrai and Palmer. 1892-1924.

**Miscellaneous business receipts and papers**

19/1-61

1884-1918. 1.5 cm.

[Receipts, correspondence, promissory notes and financial  
Papers related to farm and stock, court matters, wages and  
A subscription to 'Christian Colonist'].

**Farm and land papers and receipts**

20

1884-1934. 4 cm.

1/1-4 Dairy farm and bull licenses, and sheep brand registration.  
1907, 1933-1934.

2/1-10 Accounts with A.W. Sandford & Company, Central Creamery,  
for butter sold by H. Batten through the creamery, repairs to  
machinery, and correspondence. 1904-1907,

3/1-49 Accounts, receipts, correspondence and papers relating to  
the sale of wheat, hides, wool and stock, purchase of farm supplies,  
and with millers. 1893-1932,

4/1-28 Correspondence, receipts, and agreements related to land leasing  
and purchasing. 1884-1909,

5/1-36 Correspondence from Arthur Young Harvey-Accountant, itemised  
account with Fenn & Hardy-Solicitors, T. Hutchens-Auctioneer,  
Varley & Evans-Solicitors, and an invitation to a meeting of the  
creditors of a Mr Semmler. 1885-1899,

6/1-9 Correspondence and financial statements relating to the Estate  
of James Johnston, and the Estate of Mrs Robinson. ca.1891-1897,

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7/1-46 Receipts and correspondence and promissory notes for oil, farm supplies, implements, blacksmith services, freight and a Chronicle subscription. 1884-1933.

**Papers related to shearing**

21/1-15

ca.1890-1900. 1 cm.

[Shearing agreements, correspondence, receipts and accounts. Includes membership certificates for the Amalgamated Shearer's Union of Australiasia].

**Land tax papers and receipts**

22/1-28

1884-1933. 0.5 cm.

[Papers relating to payments of land tax].

**Bank of Adelaide correspondence and receipts**

23/1-9

1894-1910, 1939. 0.5 cm.

[Mannum, Angaston and Sedan branches].

**Papers from District Councils**

24/1-42

1884-1908. 1 cm.

[Correspondence, receipts and notices from the District Councils of Caurnamont, Angas and The City of Adelaide regarding rates, dog Registrations and depasturing of cattle certificates].

**Correspondence from the Surveyor General's Office**

25/1-30

1890-1919. 1 cm.

[Correspondence and receipts relating to leasing and purchasing land. Number 28 includes a small hand coloured map].

**Congregational mission papers**

26/1-22

1884-1908. 0.5 cm.

[Comprising notices, newsletters and readings associated with Kapunda District and Parkin].

**Notices and booklets**

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ca.1890-1923. 1.5 cm.

1/1-4 Material related to the Methodist Book Depot.  
ca.1909-1910,

2/1-5 Newspapers clippings. 1896-1909,

- 3/1-6 Miscellaneous notices and advertisements, including an order form with a tailor with a material sample, and a memorial portrait flyer of Thomas Price. 1998-1923,
- 4/1-15 Notices and advertisements related to farming and implements. Includes material on Sampson Tyres, directions for working implements including J.S. Bagshaw & Sons' winnowers. 1892-1923,
- 5/1-7 Flyers and advertisements by Luxmoore, R.J.Coombs & Co., Limited regarding wool sales, sheepskins, and wheat. 1899-1906,
- 6/1-5 Pamphlets and booklets relating to book orders, electoral campaigning, farming and gardening tools, the cyclorama, and news on farming in various South Australian towns. ca.1890-1910.

- Income tax returns** 28/1-3  
1889, 1901, 1910. 0.5 cm.  
[Comprises two tax returns and correspondence relating to an application for an exemption].
- Life insurance policy** 29/1-2  
1906. 0.5 cm.  
[Policy document with The Australasian T. & G. Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited for H. Batten, and a receipt for a deposit made].
- Bill of Sale for sheep** 30  
1899. 0.5 cm.  
[Document recording a monetary loan made to Henry Batten With two hundred and fifty four sheep as security, dated 17 July 1899].
- Ambrotype photograph** 31  
ca.1854-1860. 7.5 x 6 cm, in frame 9.8 x 8.2 x 1 cm.  
[Portrait of a woman, assumed to be a relative of the Batten family. Believed to have the name Sarah[?] on the reverse. Original WITHDRAWN. To see an image do an ARCHIVAL NUMBER search for PRG 1645/31].

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- F. Humphris & Sons Ltd.** 32/1-19  
ca.1902-1932. 1.5 cm.  
[Comprises a collection of product labels and shop advertisement signs for pickles, sauces and drinks. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
To see an image do an ARCHIVAL NUMBER search for PRG 1645/32/1-19].
- Jamestown Butter & Trading Co.** 33/1-8  
ca.1932-1946. 1 cm.  
[Comprises a collection of product labels for drinks. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
To see an image do an ARCHIVAL NUMBER search for PRG 1645/33/1-8].
- Miscellaneous product labels** 34/1-8  
ca.1920-1940. 2 cm.  
[Comprises a collection of product labels and shop advertisement signs for vinegar, drinks, jam and 'The Coromandel' newspaper. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
To see an image do an ARCHIVAL NUMBER search for PRG 1645/34/1-8].
- Newspaper clippings** 35  
1907-1910. 1 cm.
1. 'Good Samaritan Convent, Gawler, 22 October 1910,
  2. 'Cutting redgum at Gumeracha', 26 February 1910,
  3. 'Narridy Bridge...spanning the Rocky River near Crystal Brook',
  4. 'New institute building at Morgan',
  5. 'New post office, Freeling', 11 June 1910,
  6. 'New Methodist Church, Hamley Bridge, 18 June 1910,
  7. 'New post office at Port Elliot', 16 July 1910,
  8. 'The new Bank of Adelaide at Murray Bridge', 18 June 1910,
  9. 'Pekina Creek Reservoir', 16 July 1910,
  10. 'New Post and Telegraph Offices at Wallaroo, 5 June 1909,
  11. 'Owen Terrace, Wallaroo',
  12. 'St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, Balaklava, 11 June 1910,
  13. 'The recent railway accident at Petersburg', 19 January 1907,
  14. 'New Roman Catholic Church at Spalding', 14 August 1910,

15. 'New state school at Lameroo', 30 July 1910,
16. 'Scenery en route to Milbrook', 22 October 1910,
17. 'New Methodist churches...Snowtown...Mallala',  
10 July 1909,
18. 'Wheat stacks at...Snowtown...Boomeroo Centre Railway  
Station', 26 February 1910,
19. 'Hay stack...Lower North' and 'Summit of Mount Lofty,  
Showing the Flinders Tower', 8 January 1910,
20. 'A view of Kapunda', 31 December 1910,
21. 'The top stone of the tower of St. George's Church,  
Gawler', 8 May 1909,
22. 'The recent floods at Laura', 19 March 1910,
23. 'Wirrilla, near Manoora', 'stud Merino ram' and 'stud ewe'.

**History of the Batten family and the Black Hill property**

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ca.2009. 0.5 cm.

[Document comprising a brief history of Henry and Sarah Batten and their property at Black Hill, compiled by a grandchild].