
SNOSWELL, John and descendants

PRG 912
Series List

John Snoswell (1818-1873) of Deal, Kent, was engaged by the South Australian Company as an assistant boat builder and emigrated to South Australia aboard the Africaine, arriving at Kangaroo Island on 4 November 1836, later setting up in business as a boat-builder on his own account at Port Adelaide. He married at Holy Trinity Church in 1843 Elizabeth Holman (1821-1856) and on her death was remarried, also at Holy Trinity, to Eliza Curry who died in 1874. At the time of his own death in 1873 John Snoswell was proprietor of the Duke of Wellington Hotel at Port Adelaide.¹

John Mourilyan Snoswell (1844-1927), first son of John Snoswell and Elizabeth Holman, established himself as a saddle and harness maker in Grenfell Street. In 1873 he married Matilda Coleman who died in 1943, and around 1875 took up farming at Curramulka, returning to Adelaide after selling his property in 1909. There he acquired various real estate property and spent his retiring years at the imposing residence 'Hofwyl', Waverly Ridge, Crafers, which he purchased in 1913 when sold at auction by C.A. Horn.²

Cleveland Frank Snoswell (1893-1980), third child of John Mourilyan Snoswell and Matilda Coleman, enlisted in the 50th Infantry Battalion as a private soldier in 1916, was wounded in action in 1918 and returned to Australia aboard the Khyber in 1919. In 1920 he married Gladys Emily Louise Westcombe (1893-1981). He derived his income from rental properties and their sale and also ran 'Windsor Farm' at Woodside.³

The papers comprising Private Record Group 912, covering three generations of the Snoswell family, were donated to the Mortlock Library by Mr Bronte Mourilyan Snoswell.

References:

1. Register of Emigrant Labourers. Source 1529.
2. Papers relating to purchase of Hofwyl. PRG 912/12.
3. South Australian Red Cross Information Bureau Enquiry files SRG 76/1/6666.

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Bill of sale of tools to John Snoswell.

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1837. 1 item. Manuscript.

[Comprises itemised account issued by Gardner, Alexander & Co., Crow Hill, for boat-builder's tools brought by John Snoswell to South Australia aboard the Africaine.]

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- Letters received by John Snoswell. 2
1837-1844. 3 items. Manuscript.
[Comprises letter from Thomas Snoswell, Deal, relating family news, advising him not to "come to this hole", requesting a description of "the Island" and referring to the King's imminent death, letter from Amy Snoswell with news of acquaintances and of Deal and letter from Henry and Charlotte Bushell "at the sorges of the Torrens" referring to news from Deal, Snoswell's liability for wages of George ...and his work "up the country" carpentering.]
- Agreement for sale of land to John Snoswell. 3
ca.1843. 1 item.
[Comprises fragment of an agreement to sell to John Snoswell parcels of land in the Township of Port Lincoln under Special Survey.]
- Solicitor's account to John Snoswell. 4
1858. 1 item. Manuscript.
[Comprises itemised costs for services in the matter of Snoswell v. Allen in the Supreme Court.]
- Target practice register of Lieutenant John Snoswell 5
1865. 1 item. Printed, with manuscript additions.
[Records points scored by Lieutenant Snoswell and privates of the Willunga Company.]
- Papers relating to the estate of John Snoswell 6
1873-74. 5 items. Manuscript.
[Comprises inventory of bar stock and fittings of the Duke of Wellington Hotel, valuation of the Duke of Wellington Hotel, schedule of debts against the estate of John Snoswell, authorisation to John Mourilyan Snoswell to pay over monies to Mark Mead and acknowledgement of payment for land at Mt. Remarkable sold by John Snoswell on behalf of the estate of Eliza Snoswell.]
- Letter received by John Mourilyan Snoswell. 7
1873. 1 item. Manuscript.
[Comprises letter received from Sarah March, Deal, on receipt of news of the death of John Snoswell, her brother.]
- Cash books by John Mourilyan Snoswell. 8
1869-91, 1908-22. 2 volumes. Manuscript.
[Volume 1 probably commenced by John Snoswell and continued by John Mourilyan Snoswell, saddle and harness maker, later farmer. Contains entries for bar takings, household accounts, rents, wages, land transactions and farm accounts.]

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- Bank book of John Mourilyan Snoswell. 9
1876-81. 1 volume. Manuscript.
- Invoices of John Mourilyan Snoswell. 10
1873-1886. 6 items. Printed, with manuscript additions.
[Comprises invoices from John M. Snoswell saddle and harness maker, Grenfell Street, John Stuart Sanders tea merchant and wholesale grocer, Port Adelaide, Cooks Burton & Co. ironmongers Port Adelaide, Captain and Owners of S.S. Wakefield, Russell Reid & Dickson timber merchants and D.Y. Stone for erection of homestead, Curramulka.]
- Papers of John Mourilyan Snoswell relating to sale of farm at Curramulka. 11
1908-09. 2 items. Printed and manuscript.
[Comprises memorandum of agreement with Albert Polkinghorne and account of clearing sale and land sale with Bagot, Shakes & Lewis Limited at 'Top' farm, Urania, Y.P.]
- Papers relating to purchase of 'Hofwyl' by John Mourilyan Snoswell. 12
1913. 7 items. Manuscript and printed.
[Comprises tender notice for Hofwyl, Waverley Ridge, Mount Lofty, catalogue of contents, invoice listing contents, instruction concerning unsold good belonging to C.A. Horn, solicitor's account, insurance policy and receipt for purchase money and insurance. SEE ALSO SERIES 13 and 26.]
- Papers relating to the estate of John Mourilyan Snoswell. 13
1927-44. 8 items. Typescript and printed.
[Comprises probate, succession duties statements, list of houses and rents, 1927 together with auctioneers notices for sale of Adelaide properties, inventory of effects at 'Hofwyl', notice for sale of 'Hofwyl' and statement for sale of 'Hofwyl'.]
- Papers relating to the estate of Matilda Snoswell. 14
1941. 2 items. Manuscript.
[Comprises list of personal effects and notebook also indicating beneficiaries.]
- Paper relating to the estate of Herbert Snoswell. 15
1943. 1 item. Typescript.
[Comprises account of estate and effects of Herbert Snoswell, farmer of Curramulka.]
- Certificates of birth, death and marriage of Cleveland Frank Snoswell and Gladys Emily Louise Snoswell. 16
1920-81. 5 items cover. Printed, with manuscript and typescript additions.
[Comprises certified copies of registration births 1893, certificate of marriage 1920 and certificates of registration of deaths of Cleveland Snoswell 1980 and Gladys Snoswell 1981.]

Diaries of Cleveland Frank Snoswell. 1910, 1917-1919, 1949-75. 19 volumes Manuscript. [Includes diaries of World War I service as No. 3224 Private C.F. Snoswell, 50 th Infantry Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.]	<u>17</u>
Address books of Cleveland Frank Snoswell. 1916-18. 2 items. Manuscript. [Kept by Cleveland Frank Snoswell whilst serving in World War I Includes notes of dates of death or wounding of fellow servicemen.]	<u>18</u>
Travel diaries of Cleveland Frank Snoswell. 1951, 1956, 1963, 1965-67. 7 items. Manuscript. [Relates to Cook's Farmers' Tour of England, Scotland and Wales.]	<u>19</u>
Travel album of Cleveland Frank Snoswell. 1951. 1 volume. [Relates to Cook's Farmers' Tour of England, Scotland and Wales]	<u>20</u>
Texts of addresses by Cleveland Frank Snoswell 1951. 2 items. Manuscript. [Relates to 1951 Cook's Farmers' Tour]	<u>21</u>
Bank depositor's pass books of Cleveland Frank Snoswell. 1905-16, 1919-22. 2 items. Manuscript.	<u>22</u>
Rent books of Cleveland Frank Snoswell. 1927-28, 1934-35. 2 volumes. Manuscript.	<u>23</u>
Returned Services League life membership certificate awarded to Cleveland Frank Snoswell. 1964. 1 item. Printed, with typescript additions.	<u>24</u>
Papers of Cleveland Frank Snoswell relating to sale of Windsor Farm and investment property. 1947. 4 items. Manuscript and printed. [Comprises letter from purchaser, G.L. Heath, account for settlement, account of clearing sale and advertisement for sale of Payneham Road properties.]	<u>25</u>
Daguerreotype of Elizabeth Snoswell. c.1853. 1 item. Cased. [Comprises daguerreotype by Kopsch & May, King William Street.]	<u>26</u>
Photographs. ca.1865-1967. 1 volume + 10cm. Photographic prints. [Comprises family portraits, World War I photographs taken by Cleveland Frank Snoswell at Codford Camp, his return to 'Hofwyl', Mt. Lofty, and Windsor Farm, Woodside.]	<u>27</u>

Family history papers of Cleveland Frank Snoswell.
ca.1862-1979 5cm. Manuscript, typescript and
electrostatic copies.

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[Comprises fragments of memorandum of Snoswell births and deaths 1819-62, obituaries of Edward Snoswell 1922 and John Mourilyan Snoswell 1927, correspondence with English relatives and with Mayor and Town Clerk of Deal 1956-65, booklet on Deal, historical abstracts relating to Snoswell and Westcombe families and genealogical tables 1821-1979.]