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George Essex Evans Papers

Size	4 boxes, 2 parcels
Contents	Diaries, travel notes, notebooks, correspondence, manuscripts, sketches, press clippings, photographs, articles featured in <i>The Queenslander</i> and <i>Darling Downs Gazette</i> and material for <i>The Antipodean</i> , and biographical material.
Biography	George Essex Evans was a Queensland poet and journalist, and joint editor of <i>The Antipodean</i> .
Notes	Open access

Box 1

- 1 Evans, Blanche Essex**
Letter to Mr. Tardent enclosing an article on Australian poetry by George Essex Evans, 31 May 1924
- 2 Evans, Blanche Essex**
Letters (4) to Mrs. Evans re her husband George Essex Evans, 1910, 1916, 1918, 1928
- 3 Evans, George Essex**
Letters (2) to Mrs. Cowley, sending copies of poems, inviting comment or criticism, 26 Oct 1891, 1 Oct 1897
- 4 Evans, George Essex**
Letter to the manager, Balgownie asking for details of the station for inclusion in *The Garden of Queensland*, 5 Mar 1899
- 5 Evans, George Essex**
Letter to Mr. Troedson, written from hospital on the eve of an operation, asking him in the event of his death to take charge of personal papers, 6 Nov 1909
- 6 Allan, William, 1840-1901**
Letter to George Essex Evans congratulating him on his press report of the writer's speech at Allora, 4 May 1888
- 7 Blouet, Paul**
Letter to George Essex Evans congratulating him on his poetry, 19 Aug 1892
- 8 Board, Leonard George**
Letter to George Essex Evans, personal, n.d.

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- 9 Bulletin Sydney**
Circular letter to George Essex Evans seeking biographical information for forthcoming publications, 10 Dec 1900
- 10 Butterfield, J W**
Letters (2) to George Essex Evans, literary and personal, n.d., 2 Nov 1887
- 11 Byrnes, Thomas Joseph**
Letters (2) to George Essex Evans thanking him for presentation copies of his work, 20 Mar 1898, 23 Apr 1898
- 12 Cleazy, James**
Letter to George Essex Evans, appreciation of his poetry with some suggested alterations, 1 Oct 1905
- 13 Deakin, Alfred**
Letter to George Essex Evans thanking him for presentation copy of poems, discussing them in some detail, 1 Aug 1898
- 14 Fletcher, Charles Brundson**
Letters (3) to George Essex Evans re contributions to *The Courier* and *The Daily Mail*, 3 Aug 1899 to 12 Jun 1902
- 15 Fletcher, Price**
Letter to George Essex Evans discussing his work and prospects, 17 Jul 1888
- 16 Foott, Mary Hannay**
Letters (3) to George Essex Evans, on behalf of Mr. Butterfield, discussing his writing, 11 Feb 1889, 24 Oct 1889, 31 Oct [1899?]
- 17 Glover, William John**
Letter to George Essex Evans asking permission to include: *A Federal Song*, in an anthology, 20 Jul 1907
- 18 Griffith, Samuel Walker, Sir**
Letters (2) to George Essex Evans congratulating him on his writing, 5 Jun 1891, 28 Apr 1898
- 19 Hobbs, Arthur**
Letter to George Essex Evans enclosing copy of letter to Messrs. Grice and Co. re copyright infringement, 29 Apr 1908
- 20 Hodgson, A T**
Letter to George Essex Evans seeking permission to include poem 'Alone', in an anthology, 7 Feb 1891
- 21 Keenan, J J**
Letter to George Essex Evans asking for a photograph to be used in an inaugural celebration publication, 16 Jul 1901
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- 22 Lamington, Charles Wallace Alexander Napier Ross Cochrane Ballie, 2nd Baron.**
Letter to George Essex Evans congratulating him on 'Commonwealth Ode', 29 Dec 1900
- 23 McLean, Donald**
Letter to George Essex Evans re book sent for review, 20 Mar 1891
- 24 Madden, John, Sir**
Letter to George Essex Evans thanking him for presentation copy of poems, n.d.
- 25 Malmgren, Charlotte**
Letter to George Essex Evans apparently referring to readings of his poetry, 2 Jul 1901
- 26 Meston, Toressa**
Letter to George Essex Evans praising his poetry, 28 Dec 1890
- 27 Montefiore, Dora**
Letter to George Essex Evans thanking him for presentation copy of poems, discussing literature and politics, 29 May 1891
- 28 Neild, James Edward**
Letters (2) to George Essex Evans discussing his poetry, 13 Oct 1892, 19 Feb 1894
- 29 Parkes, Henry, Sir**
Letter to George Essex Evans congratulating him on his poetry, 31 Jan 1892
- 31 Power, Francis I**
Letter to George Essex Evans thanking him for copy of his poems, 13 Aug 1891
- 32 Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery of South Australia**
Letter to George Essex Evans acknowledging receipt of four volumes of his work, 19 Jun 1901
- 33 Queensland. Dept. of Public Lands**
Letter 21 Mar 1899 to George Essex Evans giving information for a handbook on the Darling Downs.
- 34 Queensland, Governor (Lamington, 1901)**
Letter to George Essex Evans thanking him for copy of his poems, 23 May 1901. Presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.
- 35 Ramsey, W F**
Letter to George Essex Evans re pastoral properties on the Darling Downs, 16 Mar 1899
- 36 Scott, Rose**
Letter to George Essex Evans, personal, 31 Oct 1904
- 36 Pasco, Montague**
Letter to George Essex Evans praising his poetry, 1 Oct 1905
- 37 Small, Andrew**
Telegram to George Essex Evans, congratulations, 25 May 1900
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- 38 Sowden, William John, Sir**
Letters (4) to George Essex Evans thanking him for copies of his works, 20 Oct 1892, 21 Jan 1901
- 39 Stephens, James Brunton**
Letter to George Essex Evans with enclosure [not held], 27 Jan 1897
- 40 Tennyson, Hallam, 2nd baron Tennyson**
Letter to George Essex Evans thanking him for presentation copies of his poems, 15 Jun 1901
- 41 Tozer, Horace, Sir**
Letter to George Essex Evans, personal, 2 Dec 1898
- 42 Trevelyan, Charles**
Letters (2) to George Essex Evans, literary and personal, 5 Oct 1898, 5 Nov 1898
- 43 Willoughby, Howard**
Letter to George Essex Evans acknowledging contribution sent, 12 Sep 1901
- 44 Evans, John**
Diary of a tour of France, Belgium, Germany and Italy, by coach, 4 Sep to 30 Oct 1849
- Evans, George Essex**
- 45** Diary, Jul to Dec 1880
- 46** Diary of a walking holiday in France with his brother, 12 to 21 Sep 1880
- 47** Incomplete account of voyage in S.S. Norfolk, leaving Plymouth 31 Jan. 1881 for Littleton, New Zealand. Includes programmes of ships concerts given by passengers.
- 48** Reminiscences of a voyage, [1881]
- 49** List of poems not yet collected in book form

Box 2

- 50** [Poems, published and unpublished] Titles listed.
- 50** 'Francine's muff' [short story]
- 51** Poems
- 52** Poems (32)
- 53** Poems. Titles Listed, sometimes also where they were published
- 54** Poems (9) transcribed in ledger book, with list of additional titles.
- 55** Manuscripts of poems: 1 folder of incomplete poems or verse fragments
- 56** Clippings of poems published in newspaper or elsewhere, with some holograph copies, pasted in a Letts's diary for 1891.

- 57 Newspaper cuttings of poems, articles and book reviews, compiled by George Essex Evans [mostly undated, 189? – 1911?] **[In fragile physical condition. A photocopy facsimile is available for use.]**
- 58a The Garden of Queensland, 1899, draft chapters
- 59 Gracia: drama, rough notes and drafts of portions of this work.

Box 3

- 60 Jelliboy [short story]
- 61 The Joys and difficulties of the poet [essay]
- 62 Notebook containing chapters 17 to 30 of an untitled novel, set in France.
- 63 Notebook containing short stories, sketches, anecdotes
- 64 Notes on agriculture in Queensland
- 64 Notes on sugar growing in Queensland
- 65 [Poetry: essay or lecture] [n.d.]
- 66 A Publican's Daughter [unfinished novel].
- 67 Ted: novel. List of characters chapter headings, and draft of 1st chapter.
- 68 Miscellaneous papers, mainly publishers' prospectuses, with greeting cards and invitations.
- 68 **Ivy, Annie Osborne**
Lines dedicated to George Essex Evans [poem]
- Evans, George Essex**
- 69 Notebook containing poems by various authors, mostly unidentified.
- 70 Notebook containing press clippings of two of his newspaper feature columns: *Deviations*, signed Drayton, in *The Queenslander*, *Paracrums*, signed Coolibar, in the *Darling Downs Gazette*. One early item dated 4 Dec. 1903. There are other occasional clippings.
- 71 Reader's report on published verse of George Essex Evans, apparently made to Angus & Roberson Ltd. Prior to the publication of the collected poems in 1928.
- 72 **[See Parcel 1]**
- 73 **Hogarth, Annie C, Mrs**
Letters (2) to George Essex Evans re history of Balgownie Station, Darling Downs, 12 Mar 1899, 7 Apr 1899
- 74 **Tardent, Henry Alexis**
Biographical notes on George Essex Evans, including pages cut and mounted from a published work.
- Evans, George Essex**
- 75 Notebook containing press clippings of a column by A Frivolous Fellow [n.d.]
- 75 Notebooks (2) containing press clippings of reviews of his work, also some holograph draft poems.

- 76 Notebook containing rough notes for poems, some draft versions.
- 77 **Evans family**
Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings and handwritten extracts of poems, compiled by the Evans Family, n.d. 'Livingstone College' is printed on the front cover.
- 78 **Evans family**
Miscellaneous family papers, collected by the Evans Family, 1866 to 1946
- 79 Evans, George Essex and John Tighe Ryan (eds.), *The Antipodean: an illustrated annual*, Melbourne: George Robertson, 1893, 2nd ed.
- 80 **Murilla Shire Council**
[Letter] 1916 Feb. 26, Miles, Qld. [to] I.P.C. Bennett, Clerk, Sherwood Shire Council, Corinda [manuscript]/H.J. Goonan, Shire Clerk, Murilla Shire Council.
Typescript letter, with hand drawn sketch showing position of allotments in Condamine. These allotments were later bought by Edward B. Hopkins. See ms. 13/78 for title deeds. Letter also refers to the prickly pear problem in Condamine.

Box 4

- 81 **Evans, George Essex**
Album of travel photographs compiled by George Essex Evans **[Detailed listing below]**
63 albumen prints, on first 46 pages of album. Other pages are blank. Contains photographs of Malta, Suez Canal, Egypt, Aden, Colombo, Naples, Gibraltar, England, Wales and France. Last photograph of picnic at Cressbrook Creek, Queensland.

Description of photographs in album

Image	Description	Photographer	Description
1	Fort of St Angelo, Malta	Horatio Agius	View of the Grand Harbour to Fort St Angelo, Valletta, Malta
2	Isola Point, Malta		View of Isola Point, from the fort, at the entrance to Grand Harbour, Valletta, Malta
3	Khedives Palace, Ismailia	Zangaki Brothers #6	Ismailia Palace Built by Khedive Ismail to Host His International Royal Guests for the opening of The Suez Canal
4	Port Suez	Zangaki Brothers #138	View of settlement on the bank of the Suez Canal
5	Port Said		View of wharf, moored vessels, and shop fronts including the 'New Hotel', Port Said
6	Bridge over Suez Canal	Zangaki Brothers #53	Bridge of Boat Pontoons across the Suez Canal for the camel trains bound for Mecca
7	View of Canal	Zangaki Brothers #78	View of two large vessels in the Suez Canal, and construction of buildings on shore
8	View of Canal	Zangaki Brothers	"La grande courbe d El Suez" Three men posing on the shore of the Suez Canal. A large vessel

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			sits amid stream, a barge and rowing vessel can also be viewed.
9	Sphinx	Zangaki Brothers #18?	"Le Sphynx, Cairo". Man in traditional clothes pictured next to Sphynx, Cairo, Egypt
10	Pyramid of Chefren	Zangaki Brothers #377	The Pyramid of Khafre, also known as the Pyramid of Chefren, the second-largest of the Ancient Egyptian Pyramids of Giza
11	Ruins of Karnak	Zangaki Brothers #701	"Karnak. Salle hypostyle colonnes de l'avenue centrale Sud Ouest" Karnak. Hypostyle Hall of Columns Central Avenue South West
12	Second Cataract, Upper Egypt	Zangaki Brothers #769	"Haute Egypt, Second Cataract". The Second Cataract, Nubia, now submerged under Lake Nasser
13	Ruins of Phylae	Zangaki Brothers #748	Ancient Temple complex on an island in the river Nile, later dismantled and relocated due to the construction of the Aswan Dam
14	Assuan Cataract	Zangaki Brothers #759	The Assuan Cataract the first cataract of the river Nile
15	Camel Market, Aden	#37	View of many camels and other livestock in front of the old town of Aden, Yemen
16	Steamer Point, Aden	#35	Post Office, Steamer Point [Tawahji], Yemen
17	Town of Aden	#31	View of old town of Aden situated in the crater of an extinct volcano
18	Barracks, Colombo		View of Echelon Military Barracks, Colombo Fort, Colombo, Sri Lanka
19	Suburbs of Colombo		Street view of suburbs in Colombo, Sri Lanka
20	Native hut, Colombo	Scowen	Native seated outside thatched hut selling bananas, Columbo, Sri Lanka
21	The Lake, Colombo		View across the Lake, Columbo, Sri Lanka
22	The Breakwater, Colombo		View of many vessels anchored in harbour, Colombo, Sri Lanka
23	Naples	Giacomo Brogi #5110	Panorama preso dall Tomba di Virgilio. Napoli. [View taken from the "Grave of Vergilius"]
24	Brindisi	#3995	Panorama e porto, Brindisi, Italy
25	Gibraltar		View of the Rock of Gibraltar, vessels moored in harbour
26	Gibraltar		View of Gibraltar from fortified causeway
27	Gibraltar		View of Gibraltar towards harbour
28	Cromlech at Pentre Evan		Arthur's Quoit, Pentre Ivan / Evan, Neolithic monument, near Nevern Valley and Fishguard Bay, Wales
29	Carn-ingli from Llywyngwern		Carn-ingli from Llwyngwern, Newport Pembrokeshire
30	Scotch-wells,		Scotchwell Walk, Haverfordwest, Wales

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	Haverfordwest		
31	Haverfordwest		View of river and fields towards township, Haverfordwest, Wales
32	Haverfordwest		View of river and fields towards township, Haverfordwest, Wales
33	Spring Gardens, Haverfordwest		View of [main] street, Spring Gardens, Haverford West, Wales
34a	Old Fishguard		View of township and Lower Fishguard Harbour, Wales
34b	Fishguard Bay		Lower Fishguard Harbour
35a	Coast near St Davids		View of rocky shore, near St Davids, Pembrokeshire, Wales
35b	Newport Bay		View of township and harbour, Newport Bay, Pembrokeshire, Wales
36a	Tivy River		River Tivy, Wales
36b	Milford Haven		Milford Haven Waterway, Pembrokeshire, Wales
37a	Newport Castle		View of Newport Castle from the bridge across the River Usk, Newport, South Wales
37b	Nevern Bridge		Stone built bridge, Nevern over the River Nyfe, Pembrokeshire, Wales
37c	Nevern Church		St Brynach Church, Nevern, Pembrokeshire, Wales
38a	Green Bridge		The Green Bridge of Wales, Bosherton, Pembrokeshire, Wales
38b	Sydstep Cavern, Tenby		Lydstep Cavern, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales
38c	Stack Rock		The Stack Rocks, Stackpole, Pembrokeshire, South Wales
39a	Fishguard Bay		View of Fishguard Harbour, Wales
39b	Goodwick Bay		View of Goodwick Bay, Pembrokeshire, Wales
39c	Cilgerran Castle		Cilgerran Castle, the Castle of Wales. 13th-century castle overlooking the Teifi Gorge, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire, Wales
40a	Corfe Castle		Two men pictured in front of ruins of 11th-century Corfe Castle, Dorset
40b	Tenby		View of Tenby Harbour and St. Catherine's Island, Wales
41a	Pentre Evan, Cromclech		Arthur's Quoit, Pentre Ivan / Evan, Neolithic monument, near Nevern Valley and Fishguard Bay, Wales
41b	Newport Church		7th-century, Newport Church, Pembrokeshire, Wales. Dedicated to Saint Curig and rebuilt by the Normans in the 13th century.
41c	Mont St Michel		Tidal island of Mont St Michel, Normandy, France
42a	Bournemouth		View of pier and beach, Bournemouth, Dorset

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42b	Bournemouth		View of pier and beach, Bournemouth, Dorset
43a	Bournemouth		Children seated in gardens, Bournemouth, Dorset
43b	Bournemouth		View of stone bridge over small waterway, Bournemouth, Dorset
44a	Bournemouth		City of Bournemouth, Dorset
44b	St Owens, Bouley Bay, Jersey		View of Bouley Bay, Jersey, St Owen's Church in the distance
45a	Lane near St Helier		Rustic wooden lane, near St Helier, Jersey
45b	St Helier		View of city St Helier, Jersey
46a	Elizabeth Castle, St Helier		16th-century Elizabeth Castle, on a tide island, St Helier, Jersey
46b	Picnic at Cressbrook Creek		Unidentified group, Cressbrook Creek, Queensland

Description of photographs loose in box

Title	Photographer / #	Description / Caption	Notes
George Essex Evans	Henry Dixon #1147, Watford	Essex Evans as a baby	5 x 9 cm on card
George Essex Evans	Henry Dixon #1147a, Watford	Essex Evans as a baby	6 x 9 cm on card
George Essex Evans	Henry Dixon, London	Like the picture, George Essex Evans	5x 9 cm on card
George Essex Evans	Baudoux, Saint Helier's, Jersey #25736	G Essex Evans when he came out to Australia	5.7 x 9.5 cm oval mount on card
George Essex Evans			16 x 21 cm print
Mary Ann Evans (nee Owen)	W. Spry	Mother of George Essex Evans	Watercolour 17.5 x 22.5 cm
	J.A. Grut, Guernsey	Group of six in studio portrait. On reverse: Frank, Nell, George in the . . . Daphne, Mary, Ossie. Prau... 's relatives of Lorna, Guernsey Island	B&W mounted print, 20 x 25 cm
Probably George Essex Evans	Bain Studio, Brisbane & Toowoomba	Don	7 x 13.5 b&w image mounted on card 14 x 25 of naked child standing on cane chair

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Probably George Essex Evans	Bain Studio, Brisbane & Toowoomba		7 x 13.5 b&w image mounted on card 14 x 25 of male child standing on cane chair
Probably George Essex Evans	E. Tooley, Tenterfield	Young man dressed in unbadged military uniform	8 x 12 cm oval mount on card
Probably George Essex Evans	Bain Studio, Brisbane & Toowoomba		7 x 13.5 b&w image mounted on card 14 x 25 of child standing on step
Cloncurry Cricketers		Sept 1883. Inscribed on top front: Working men, . . . Sadler, The Butcher, Jameson (Publican), Evans, Storeman (. . .); on bottom front: Cameron (. . . .), Working man, Lancaster, J.D Steele (. . . .), Daveney, A Miner	13 x 19 cm in crumbled condition
[untitled cricket team]		September 1883. Inscribed on top front: Butcher boy, Blacksmith, R. Uhr P.M., Catling, Campbell (Blacksmith), Bibby (Manager Saw Mill); on bottom front: Working man, Morrison (Telegraph line repairer), Stuart (Post Master), Webser Capt (Storekeeper), McGillvray (. . . .), G. Saddler, Anderson	14 x 19 cm in crumbled condition
Toll Bar Road, from Glenbar		Horse and rider pictured on trail. Toll Bar Road, Toowoomba Range. Image taken from Glenbar, home of George Essex Evans	10 x 14.5 cm albumen print mounted on card 16 x 21.5
	E. Baudoux, Jersey	Mary Ann Evans, mother of George Essex Evans	6.5 x 10.5 chromotype mounted in studio card
Probably George Essex Evans	Ada Driver, Brisbane	Inscribed on rear: Thought you would like one of these - so am enclosing one. Love from ?	3.5 x 5 cm b&w image mounted on embossed studio card 7.5 x 9cm
	C. Roggenkamp, Warwick	Inscribed on rear: The Australian contingent: John, Beatrice, Blanche, George	10.5 x 16.5 cm image mounted on studio card. Group pictured in front garden of

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			colonial residence. Identified as: George Essex Evans with his brother John Bowen Evans and his sisters, Blanche and Beatrice.
In Memoriam Mary Ann widow of John Evans	Billinghurst & Downham, Jersey #11704	Grave stone of Mary Ann Evans, mother of George Essex Evans	1.5 x 16.5 cm image. Two copies. Cartes de visite
George Essex Evans	Bain Studios	Founder of the Austral Association. Inscribed on rear: Gift of Mrs Finnin McKinnon, May 1953	9.5 x 13.5 cm image mounted on studio card 16.5 x 21.5 cm

Parcel 1

Scrapbook containing original sketches mainly pen and ink by Percy F.S. Spence, Frank P. Mahony, C. Roth, B.E. Munro and Edward Bevan, compiled by George Essex Evans, [189-]

Parcel 2

Bronze portrait relief plaque of George Essex Evans, signed right of centre, beneath coat, Nelson Illingworth Sc. 76 x 58 x 1.5 cm. **[ART00011]**