

UQFL210

W B Ross Collection

Size	1 box
Contents	Correspondence, miscellaneous family documents, papers relating to the Australian Natives Association, newspaper clippings, photographs.
Biography	<p>The Briggs family lived at Clunes, Victoria. Charles Henry Briggs' mother, Eliza Briggs (nee Rowley) was the daughter of Captain Thomas Rowley. Charles Henry Briggs moved to Sydney and later set up in business at Bathurst and Goulburn. Ernest Briggs, a 5th generation Australian, was descended from Captain T. Rowley and was manager of the Radio Station 4BK in Brisbane in the 1930s. The papers relating to the Briggs family consist mainly of correspondence, which belonged to Charles Henry Briggs and one of his sons Charles James Briggs, and a number of miscellaneous documents such as a tombstone inscription of the Briggs and Rowley families and papers relating to the Australian Natives Association. The newspaper clippings in a bound volume are from the Brisbane <i>Courier</i>, the <i>Telegraph</i> and the <i>Chronicle</i> from December 1894 to April 1895 regarding the case against Rev. Charles Ogg brought by the Presbytery of the Ann St Church. There is also a illuminated parchment testimonial, which was given to Miss Margaret Ann Ogg, daughter of Rev. C. Ogg, on her retirement. Most of the studio portrait photographs are from an album of the Briggs family, some with identification. Others are photographs of Ernest Briggs and the staff of the station 4BK in the 1930s, and there is also one of Miss Margaret Ann Ogg at her house in Windsor. The collection was collected and presented by W.B. Ross (1857 to 1930).</p>
Notes	<p>Open access</p> <p>For further manuscript material related to Ernest Briggs, see the Ernest Briggs Collection UQFL391 and the Ernest Briggs Collection UQFL517. See also the manuscript of his play <i>The clearest call</i>, held in the Hanger collection at H0201. A memorial lecture by Briggs on Robert Dalley-Scarlett is held in the Robert Dalley-Scarlett Collection UQFL38.</p>

Box 1

Series A: Material relating to Charles Henry Briggs

Correspondence - Outgoing. These letters are in chronological order.

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| Briggs, Charles Henry | |
| 1 | Letter to C.H. Briggs' father, Henry Sparrow Briggs (1796-1866): regarding mainly family news. 1 folded leaf; holograph in ink; good condition. |

- 2 – 3** Letters to his parents dated between 10.10.1857 and 24.6.1859: re gold rush in Ararat and family news. One and a half folded leaves; holograph in ink. A3 is incomplete.
- 4** Letter to one of Charles Henry Briggs' sisters: re the poor condition of his family dated 19.11.1861. 1 folded leaf; holograph in ink; fair condition.
- 5 – 26** Letters to his mother Eliza Briggs dated 22.4.1863-10.10.1881: re mainly family news, and sometimes including social conditions at some Victorian digging sites and local news of Clunes. 25 folded leaves; holograph in ink; some damaged, others in fair condition. Letter number 26 is dated just March.

Correspondence - Incoming. These letters are arranged in alphabetical order, then in chronological order under the names of the correspondents.

- 27 – 29 Briggs, Eliza**
Letters [3] from Charles Henry Briggs' mother, Eliza Briggs, dated 29.3.1882-5.9.1882: re the sale of a block of land in Kingston, N.S.W. and other news of the family. 3 folded leaves; holograph in ink; good condition.
- 30 – 31 Briggs, F.H.**
Letter and telegram from one of Charles Henry Briggs' brothers, F.H. Briggs, dated 26.9.1882-27.9.1882. The letter: re bank draft sent to him and about the progress of the sale of land. The telegram: re the sudden death of their mother. 2 leaves (1 folded, 1 form telegram); holograph in ink; good condition.
- 32 – 33 Briggs, J.**
Letters [2] from Charles Henry Briggs' brother, J. Briggs, dated May 6th 1884 - June 10th 1884; mainly on bank draft sent and the sale of the family home. 2 folded leaves; holograph in ink; good condition.
- 34 Briggs, Thomas**
Letter from Charles Henry Briggs' brother Tom Briggs, dated 21.6.1882: re the sale of the block of land to Mr. Fowler. 1 folded leaf; holograph in ink; fair condition.
- 35 Cashman, Eliza**
Letter from Charles Henry Briggs' sister Eliza Cashman dated 13.5.1883: re some property sales, news of the family, and problems concerning Fanny, his daughter. 2 folded leaves; holograph in ink; good condition.
- 36 Roberts, Jessie**
Letter from Charles Henry Briggs' sister Jessie Roberts dated 14.11.1883: re family news. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.

- 37** **Roberts, W.**
Letter dated 29.12.89: re new business in Goulburn. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 38** **Squire(?), J.**
Letter from a school teacher undated: re Grace, Charles Henry Briggs' daughter. 1 folded leaf; holograph in ink; good condition.
- 39** **Stitts(?), L.H.**
Letter from a schoolteacher, L.H. Stitts(?) undated: re Grace, his daughter and the teacher's views on education in general. 1 folded leaf; holograph in red ink; good condition.

Series B: Material relating to Charles James Briggs, son of Charles Henry Briggs

- 1 – 61** **Briggs, Charles James**
Correspondence - Incoming. The letters are in alphabetical order and then chronological order under the names of correspondents.
- 1 – 3** **Bates, J.R.**
Letters [3] from one of Charles James Briggs' old friends from Clunes, dated 28.9.1884 – 19.3.1885: re news of Clunes and the activities of the local residents.
3 folded leaves (12 pp.); holograph; good condition.
- 4 – 11** **Booth, William E.**
Letters [8] from another school friend of Charles James Briggs' from Newcastle, dated 5.1.1885 – 25.3.1886: re life of a young man in Newcastle and his visits to Sydney. The letters give glimpses of the social conditions of this period. 8 folded leaves (30 pp.); holograph; fair condition.
- 12** **Briggs, Charles Henry**
Letter [1] from Charles James Briggs' father dated Nov. 15 1897 re his brother Syd Briggs in Perth who wanted to come back home, but his father disapproved of his behaviour. 1 folded leaf (3p.); holograph; good condition.
- 13** **Briggs, Fred**
Letter [1] from Charles James Briggs' uncle dated 18.8.1905: re broody hens. 1 leaf; holograph; good condition.

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- 14** **Briggs, Fannie**
Letter [1] from Charles James Briggs' sister dated 17.9.1908: re his loss of his wife, offering of sympathy. 1 leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 15** **Briggs, Grace**
Letter [1] from Charles James Briggs' sister undated: re family news and requesting he send her music box to Newtown Station. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 16 – 17** **Briggs, Rose**
Letters [2] from Charles James Briggs' cousin dated 23.9.1903 and 10.12.1903 re: selling furniture at Kingston house and Steve, her brother, who was found drowned. 2 leaves (1 folded); holograph; good condition.
- 18 – 23** **Creati, I de M.**
Letters [6] from Charles James Briggs' teacher at Creswick Grammar School dated 11.6.1885 – 31.10.1885: re news of school activities, his literary activities, the Australian Natives Association, also information about Charles James Briggs being the descendant of Major Johnson, and his appointment as the correspondent for the new Australian Natives Association journal "The National Australians"; also mentions W.D. Deakin and other eminent Australians as contributors. 6 folded leaves; holograph; good condition. Letter of May 15th 1889 incomplete.
- 24 – 25** **Dalrymple, A.P.N.**
Letters [2] from Charles James Briggs' solicitor dated 1st Oct 1903 and 1st Sept 1904 re his late father's estate and re maintenance and tuition cost for Grace D. Briggs. 2 leaves; typescript and holograph. Second letter with bottom part torn off.
- 26** **Dalrymple, J.M.**
Letter [1] dated 4.2.1890: re referee and references and other family news. 1 folded leaf; holograph; fair condition.
- 27 – 29** **Dougan, W.**
Letters [3] from Charles James Briggs' friend dated 21.1.1885 – 1.6.1885: re shooting rabbits, racing dogs, etc. in Clunes, as well as news of other Clunes friends and residents. 3 folded leaves; holograph; fair condition.
- 30** **Gerrard, C.T.**
Letter [1] dated 15.7.1902 re: procuring a position for Charles James Briggs. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 31** **Gerrard, S.**
Letter [1] undated re: arrangement to meet. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
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- 33** **Gray, Gilbert S.**
Letters [3] from Charles James Briggs' friend from Rockhampton dated 20.1.1885 - 9.12.89 re: family news, work, holidays, etc. 1 leaf and 3 folded leaves; holograph; good condition.
- 34 – 36** **Johnson, Edward.**
Letters [3] from Charles James Briggs' brother-in-law dated 23.8.1885, 30.8.1885 and 14.9.1885 re: emu eggs and copper specimens from Cobar Copper Mine and asking for the Sydney Morning Herald and the price of butter. 3 folded leaves; holograph; good condition.
- 37** **McLeod, H.**
Letter [1] dated 21.9.1908 re: the death of Mrs. C.J. Briggs. 1 leaf; holograph; torn. Letterhead: "The Women's Hospital". With envelope.
- 38** **Middleton, J.**
Letter [1] dated 15.4.1910 re: the death of Will Middleton(?). 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 39 – 41** **Nash, W.T.**
Letters [3], 1 dated 18.9.1887, another undated re: news from Goulburn. 3 folded leaves; holograph; good condition.
- 42 – 43** **Parsons, H.**
Letters [2] dated 19.11.1886 and 2.12.1886 re: trip to Melbourne, an accidental death of a local person, news from Clunes, etc. 2 folded leaves; holograph; good condition.
- 44** **Peacock, Alex J.**
Letter [1] dated 31 July 1885 re: joining others to establish a branch of the Australian Natives Association in Sydney and other news about the Australian Natives Association. 1 folded leaf; holograph; fair condition.
- 45** **Prowse, Mary**
Letter from Charles James Briggs' sister-in-law dated 29.9.1908 re: the news of Jessie's death. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 46 – 48** **Roberts, W. Jr. [cousin].**
Letters [3] dated Oct.31.'87, Dec.4.87; and April 9th '89 re family news etc. 3 folded leaves; holograph; good condition.

- 49 Sands & Belcher Auctioneers**
Note dated August 7th 1891 re Knights sale. 1 leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 50 – 53 Shaw, Rose [sister]**
Letters [4] dated Sept 22nd '08; March 17th, '13; Aug. 29th, '16 and one undated re family news and gossip. 5 leaves; holograph; fair condition.
- 54 Government Railways of N.S.W. Staff Committee**
Form letter dated 7th Aug. 1891 re no prospect of employment. 1 leaf; mss. on form letter; fair condition
- 55 Stephens, W.J.**
Letter dated 9/12/84 re news from Clunes. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 56 Sutton, Peter, General Carrier.**
Memorandum dated 5/9/1887 re increase in insurance subscription for accident. 2 leaves; holograph on letterhead; good condition.
- 57 Thornton, F.W.**
Letter dated April 19th ? re leaving Bourke, N.S.W. to go to New Zealand. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 59 Wood, J.H.**
Letter dated 20th Dec. 1904 re boat bought from Briggs for 5 pounds. 1 folded leaf; holograph on letterhead paper; good condition.
- 60 Young, William.**
Letter undated re personnel. 1 folded leaf; holograph; good condition.
- 61 ? , May**
Letter dated April 28th 1890 re family news. 2 leaves; holograph; fair condition.

Series C: Miscellaneous papers which belonged to Charles James Briggs

- 1 Agreement dated 1912 between C.J. Briggs and Henry Norman, purchaser of a piece of land in Riverstone, N.S.W. 1 leaf; holograph; fair condition.**
- 2 Employment certification from H.S. Bird & Co. dated 25th April 1887. 1 leaf holograph on letterhead paper; fair condition.**

- 3 Letter of recommendation from Manchester Unity dated 24th January 1890. 1 leaf; mss. on printed form; fair condition.
- 4 Application to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force dated 16th August 1915. 1 leaf; mss. on printed form; fair condition.
- 5 New South Wales Elector's rights dated 31st March 1898. 1 leaf; mss. on printed form in red; fair condition.
- 6 Victoria. Education Department. - Certificate of a child being sufficiently educated dated 13th September 1884. 1 certificate; mss. on printed form; fair condition.
- 7A – B Prescription and memorandum of fees from Dr. E.A. Bennet. 2 forms; mss. on letterhead forms; fair condition.
- 8 Receipt from Riverstone Men's Club for subscription to 30th November 1906. 1 receipt; mss. on printed form; fair condition.
- 9 Borrower ticket from Free Public Library, Sydney (Lending Branch) no. 273. 1 ticket; mss. on printed form; blue; good condition.
- 10 Christmas greeting with best love. 1 card; colour mss. notes on back; good condition.
- 11A – C 3 stamped envelopes addressed to Mr. C.J. Briggs.
- 12 3 sprigs of pressed fern leaves.

Series D: Miscellaneous papers which belonged to the Briggs Family

- 1 Sacred to the Memory of : tombstone inscriptions for some of the deceased members of the Rowley and the Briggs families, including birth dates, death dates and ages. 1 folded leaf; manuscript; slightly damaged.
- 2 Incomplete letter addressed to "My dear Uncle", from a member of the family in Kingston dated Feb. 20th 1883.
- 3 An unidentifiable letter addressed to "My dear Mother", dated Nov. 2 1875? re family near Bathurst. 1 folded leaf; holograph; poor condition.

- 4 Notebook which belonged to C.H. Briggs. Mss. notes in pencil, dated 1885?-1888? 1 vol.; 7.5 x 14 cm; marbled paper cover.
- 5 Visiting card of Mrs. C.H. Briggs.
- 6 Letter from L? Weldon to Mrs. Briggs (Charles James?), undated, re family news.
- 7 Receipt from the Women's Hospital, Sydney dated Feb. 3rd 1904? for Mrs. Briggs' contribution.
- 8 Thank you note from Mr. & Mrs. F.H. Briggs for kind sympathy and floral tribute.
- 9 Invitation to Mr. Ernest Briggs to a Coming of Age Celebration for Joseph Woods.
- 10A – B 2 Programmes of Parade, Australian Military Force 1922, belonged to Ernest Briggs.
- 11A – T Miscellaneous papers including anonymous letters, receipts, instructions, baptism paper, addresses, recipes, tickets, programme, advertising broadsheets, banking forms, etc. including Waiters hours and duties on letterhead of St. Patrick's College, Goulburn in mss. setting out daily routine. Possibly applied to sons of Charles James Briggs.

Series E: Photographs of the Briggs Family

- 1 – 23 Photographs of the Briggs family including two mini albums - some photographs have identification. Most of the photographs are sepia - except a few black and white and 3 coloured. Inserted in one of the mini albums is a small drawing in pencil of a man in profile. Photographs are of various sizes.

Series F: Materials and papers which belonged to the Reverend Charles Ogg, Minister of the Ann Street Presbyterian Church, Brisbane and his daughter, Margaret Ann Ogg, pioneer in the field of women in public life.

- 1 Press clippings from the Brisbane Courier and Telegraph, December 1894 - March 1895 re the case against the Reverend Charles Ogg brought by the Presbytery of the Ann Street Presbyterian Church, Brisbane. 1 album; without paging; 24 x 31 cm; poor condition. The clippings are mounted on the album pages in chronological order.
- 2 Testimonial 31 December 1930 to Miss M.A. Ogg for "pioneering the cause of women in public life" quotes the Hon. S.M. Bruce, who perhaps was guest speaker at the presentation function. 1 parchment; illuminated; 30 x 40 cm; signed by members of the committee.

Series G: Material relating to the Australian Natives Association

- 1 Letter from I. de M. Creati, undated, probably to Charles James Briggs?, setting out the Objects of the Association.
- 2 Letter from Thomas Mummery?, Secretary of the Australian Natives Association, Sydney Branch no. 1 to members re a meeting to discuss the winding up of the Association. 1 folded leaf; holograph; fair condition.
- 3 Statement of receipts and expenditure for the half year ending 30th June 1885 of the Australian Natives Association, Creswick Branch no. 11, including report signed by John Letch and Alex J. Peacock. Creswick, printed at the Advertiser Office, 1885. 1 leaf; fair condition.

Series H: Family trees

- 1 Hourglass Tree of Isabella V Briggs
- 2 Hourglass Tree of Patrick Dalrymple
- 3 Explanatory note: photocopied extract of letter from Mr E J D Crone