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Chomley / à Beckett / Boyd Collection

Size	6 boxes, 1 parcel
Contents	Correspondence, drawings, papers, newspapers cuttings, genealogical material, photographs
Date range	1886 to 1986
Notes	Unrestricted access The collection came to Fryer Library through Professor Warwick Gould of London. Further material has been donated by members of the family. For further description of selected materials, refer to Niall, Brenda, <i>Martin Boyd</i> (Oxford University Press, 1977) This collection contains items formerly catalogued at F677. This collection was rehoused in 2014 box numbers were reallocated.

Box 1

- A1 À Beckett, Constance Matilda**
Letters (6) 26 June [1886] to 16 Jan. 1887 written to cousins in Australia while touring Europe with her family. First two letters written from London.
- A2 À Beckett, Emma**
Letter 27 June 1886 to Charles Henry Chomley; personal and family news. Written from London. She gives an interesting account of its impact upon an Australian.
- B1 Boyd, Martin À Beckett**
De gustibus [1972] Xerox copy of draft of article published in *Overland*, Autumn 1972, discussing his Langton novels and their critics.
- B2 Boyd, Martin À Beckett**
Family of à Beckett of West Lavington and Penleigh, Wiltshire [family tree]. Rough holograph draft in hand of Martin Boyd. Also Appendix F and G pp. 23-33 of à Beckett family history.
- B3 Boyd, Martin À Beckett**
The genealogy of Miss Janet Knight. An abridged genealogical chart, with drawings of family coat of arms, made for his cousin Janet Knight.
- B4 Boyd, Martin À Beckett**
Letters (5) 17 Aug. 1919 – 14 Feb. 1971 to Frances à Beckett Chomley, later Mrs. Knight, literary and personal.
- B5 Boyd, Martin À Beckett**
From a child's autograph album, with verses in Martin Boyd's hand, apparently written for Janet Knight, about a cat called Peter; with 3 pen and ink sketches.
- B6 Boyd, Martin À Beckett**
Reviews of: When blackbirds sing; Night of the party.

- B7 Boyd, Martin À Beckett**
Verses by M. à B. B. Photocopy of original given to Frances Knight c. 1919. Marginal pencil corrections. Probably privately printed in England for family distribution.
- B8 Boyd, Martin À Beckett**
Letter 15 Nov, 1917, London [to] Aunt Eth [Ethell Beatrice Ysobel Chomley] / M. à B. Boyd. *Letterhead: the British Australasian. Accompanied by some footnotes to the letter by Warwick Gould. Donated by Mrs E. S. Rainforth 1980.*
- C1 The British Australasian (1910) Ltd**
Memorandum and articles of association, incorporated on the 24th day of Nov., 1910. London, Chas. R. Enever, 1910.
- C2 Chomley-À Beckett-Boyd collection**
Press clippings: obituaries of members of the à Beckett family, and of C. H. Chomley; account of C. H. Chomley's wedding.
- C3 Chomley, Charles Arthur**
Poems written in memoriam after his death by drowning in Switzerland in June 1862, by Patrick Doran and Henry Mackenzie, sent to his widow. Also pen and ink drawings of his tomb at Neuchatel, by H. B. Macartney, and 4 l. of sketches in another hand, 2 dated May 1862.
- C4 Chomley, Charles Henry**
All the Empire's calling on the Kaiser. [song] words by C. H. Chomley, music by Hubert G. Marshall-Hall [191?]
- C5** An appeal to the world economic conference. (Reprinted from the *British Australian and New Zealander*, 22 June, 1933).
- C6** Australia: the coming cotton country (Reprinted from the summer number of the *British Australasian* Aug. 1922).
- C7** About snakes [essay]
- C8** Against Socialism [19??]
- C9** August Bank Holiday article: nd
- C10** The Australian in England [notes for an article, nd]
- C11** The cant of bench and bar, by C. H. C. [article nd]
- C12** Christmas gifts [poem, nd]
- C13** Cost of production; wages no part of it [article, nd]
- C14** Detective story, untitled, nd
- C15** A dream? [political commentary] 1938. Compares Neville [Chamberlain]'s betrayal of [President] Benesh with role of Brutus in Julius Caesar.
- C16** First two chapters of an untitled novel, nd. Set in Australia, in a time of national crisis of unprecedented drought; in style of Defoe.
- C17** Frozen out [short story, nd]
- C18** The last fare [[short story, nd]

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- C19** One way of love [short story, nd]
- C20** A picturesque corner of Australia [article, nd] Describes the King River valley of Victoria, and its history.
- C21** The single tax; a lecture given by C. H. Chomley at the Presbyterian Church, Cheshunt, 7 Jan 1897.
- C22** The single tax versus socialism: debate between C. H. Chomley and H. Scott Bennett, Queen's Hall, Bourke St., Melbourne, 4 Sep 1914. [Not in Chomley's handwriting]
- C23** Train murder: untitled short story.
- C24** Trains, trams and processions [short story, n.d.]
- C25** Treasure trove [novel] published as a serial in *The Home Journal* Dec. 1902 – Mar 1903 (final instalment missing). Also rough draft of a dramatic series based on same plot.
- C26** A vision [poem, 18??] With explanatory account of the circumstances in which the poem was written by Frances Knight, daughter of the author.
- C27** Whom the gods love, by K. C. [short story]. Rough draft.
- Francis, W. W.**
For auld lang syne Australia will be there: [song] words and music by W. W. Francis.
Filed with Chomley, Charles Henry. Private Papers
- C28 Chomley, Charles Henry**
The world, a true fairy tale. Chapters 1 and 2. Written for children.
- C29** Incomplete rough drafts, uncatalogued.
- C30** Miscellaneous private papers.
- C31 Bigston, John**
Letter 6 Jan. 1904 to C. H. Chomley discussing free trade v. tariff protection, drawing his attention to an article published in the *New York Sun*, indicating change in editorial policy.
- C32 Chomley, Charles Henry**
Reviews of: Mark Meredith; extracts from the *British Australasian*; material relating to the General Strike, 1926.
- C33** Broughton's hospitality, II. (Extracted from *The Leader* 20 May 1899). Headed 'Tales and Sketches'.
- C34** The rich north-west of Australia, an appeal to youth and the spirit of adventure (Reprinted from *The British Australasian and New Zealander* Aug. 1936)
- C35** Testimonials given by editor of *Victorian Railways Magazine*, 9 Aug 1905, Edgerton and Moore, printers, 8 Aug 1905.
- C36 Chomley, Isla**
The Australian Bush [poem, n.d.]
- C37 Chomley, L.**
Letters (3) 19 Apr, 26 July, 8 Aug 1894 to her nephew Charles Chomley, personal.
- C38 Chomley, Violet I.**
Journey across the world in 1902: Miss Violet Chomley travelled on the first trans-Siberian train. (Reprinted from *The Bedfordshire Times* 3 Oct – 8 Nov 1957 – 6 instalments)

C39 Lewers, Will

March of the men of Harwich, 19 Nov. 1891 [acrostic poem]. Evidently refers to the Harwich football team. Sent to C. H. Chomley.

C40 The three diggers [poem] 5 Aug 1891. Dedicated respectfully to Mrs. C. H. Chomley as small remembrance of a great exploit; with prayers for the repose of the outraged spirit of Charles Kingsley. Colchester, 5 Aug 1891.

C41 Meredith, Mark

Letters (2) 12 Nov. and 16 Nov. 1921 to C. H. Chomley re his book: *Mark Meredith, a tale of socialism* (1905); Coincidence of names. Also Chomley's reply letter of 12 Nov 1921

C42 Knight, Frances À Beckett

Reminiscences [of a childhood in Victoria]. Born 1893 in Melbourne, home described is Kernah, King River Valley, Vic. Daughter of Charles Henry Chomley and Miss à Beckett.

C43 The family of Boyd

First five numbered leaves consist of drawing of Arms authorised to descendants of Major Alexander Boyd with ms. note, letter patent authorizing the arms, newspaper clipping and family tree. 20 leaves of typescript has notes on the family of Boyd, family of Know, family of Browne, family of Swift, families of Martin, Kirby and Meadows. Donated by Mrs. Max Boyd, 1980.

Box 3

Family sketches, watercolours and drawings, including three watercolours by Minnie Boyd.

1 folder of miscellaneous materials

Folder 1

Gould, Warwick, 'Bibliographic notes on Boyd, Chomley material', 1968 to 1972

Folder 2 - Ephemera

- [A word before] title on page 3 of book
- *An appeal to the world economic conference* by C H Chomley, 22 Jun 1933, reprinted from "The British Australian & New Zealander"
- *Restore prosperity to Australia* by C H Chomley, 6 Nov 1930, reprinted from "The British Australian & New Zealander"
- *Aussie : the Australian soldiers' magazine*

Folder 3 - Correspondence, drawings, papers etc

- To Francis Chomley, from Fa'BC, enclosed verses written by Leon Brodzky, 1914
- Australian wildflower drawings by EBYC
- [partial letter]
- To Mrs F Knight, from Nancy Bonnin (Fryer Librarian), 15 Aug 1975

- Dear Francis, from Warwick [Gould], 9 March 1975
- To Mrs F Knight, from Brenda Niall (Monash University), 19 Sep 1974
- To Mrs Knight (envelope) but letters inside addressed to Mrs Chomley, 1921 and 1927
- Miss Ethel a'Beckett, 1887
- [List of basque words]
- Inner Temple bookmark, 1 Jul 1887
- Envelope of correspondence addressed to Mrs E F a'Beckett Knight, letters dated 1899 to 1911, also includes certificates and postcards
- Land Army letters [xeroxed memoirs]
- Sketch 1884
- Dear Mrs Niall, from Frances a'Beckett, 31/8/74

Box 4

Photographs

- JDC and Martin, 18 August 1927
- Mother, Isla Chomley, August 1907
- J [H] Chomley, 1916. Youngest son of George Chomley who went to Australia in the 1840's from Ireland with his mother, widow of Rev Frances Chomley, and six brother
- JDC and Betty, 18 August 1927 (7th CRIC wedding)
- EBYC, 1931
- CHC, East Wittering and M [Fihelly]
- Will [Dep?] Betty Dyson, 1921
- Mary Elizabeth Chomley, 1907
- 9 Jan 1837 in Melbourne Vic. Emma a Beckett (nee Mills), mother of EBY Chomley
- EHC, 16 July [1906]
- F and Isler
- Emma a'B (7 similar photos, including this one and the following one listed)
- Mrs W A C a Beckett at Brighton Lodge, Brighton Melbourne about 1903
- EBY Chomley
- Emma a Beckett
- Emma a Beckett
- Phoebe Pitcairn (?)
- Picnic Loch Tag
- Alice Chomley (?)

- The dog from Switzerland which Grandpa a Beckett took to Penleigh Home. He got separated from his party on leaving and wrapped the dog up in news paper because he was afraid the railway people would take it from him and he would be left alone
- Eliza Chomley (nee a Beckett)
- [photograph of 11 men in some sort of uniform]
- Francis Chomley, age 13
- Mabel Kenny, aged 12
- CHC & EBYC, about 1942
- East Wittering
- Billie Stawell (newspaper picture)
- Mother and Peter Pussy
- East Wittering
- EBY Chomley
- CHC and I Fihelly, AG from Queensland. East Wittering, 1924?
- E Wittering, Will Dyson
- Cousin VidetE Wittering
- EBYC & CHC, East Wittering
- [FC]
- East Wittering 1920. Cedric, Billy Dyson
- William Arthur Callender a Beckett, married Emma Mills; father of EBY Chomley, great grandfather of James Frances Knight
- JK in office
- Aunt Connie Brett (a' Beckett)
- Emma a'Beckett
- Brother of EY a'B
- Sir Thomas a'Beckett, Chief Justice of Victoria, C H Chomley, Minnie a B Boyd, EBY a'Beckett (afterwards Chomley), Emma a' Beckett (mother of EBY), Tom a'Beckett?
- J D Chomley
- Mama and cabinet - Emma a' Beckett
- Jenolan Caves (Australia). Centre - WAC a'Beckett - on left EBY a'B in front, sitting, Emma a'Beckett
- [Jenolan Caves]
- Jenolan Caves (Australia). Centre, front WAC a'B and Emma a'B, on left of WAC a'B, EB Y a'B
- EBYC and CHC, 1890, photo A M Boyd
- [A horse and carriage - two men in the photograph - not annotated]

- [A family]
- For Charlie, with Ethel's love, 13/2/86
- EBY Chomley
- Uncle Ted a'Beckett's drawing room. Black Street, Brighton, Melbourne, about 1904
- [man and woman on fence]
- On the Melbourne sailing ship on which the a'Beckett party went to England in 1884 (?)
- EBYC and CHC, 1890, photo A M Boyd
- CHC, East Wittering
- East Wittering, 1916
- Fa'BC, 1921ss
- For Granny, with love from Ethel, 1920
- CRK & Janet - Spain
- July 1963, Falmouth, Janet
- Isla about 1901
- EBYC and Janet, 5 [Ladbroke Gardens] London
- Autumn '49, CRL, 5 Ladbroke Gardens
- [Carncan]
- 18 Aug 1927, EFa'BKC and CRK
- 5 Holland Park Ave, FR, 1954
- CRK and JK, 5 Holland Park
- JK and CRK, 1941, 5 Ladbroke Gardens
- Isla Chomley age 14
- Janet Knight, East Wittering
- F - May 1914
- Manba 1963, looking west Falmouth : This was taken before the garage was built but it shows our ground in west - its expands to about the line above. Beyond is a public path and golf links
- [Cardan]
- Christmas dinner, 5 Ladbroke Gardens, RK, Janet and FK
- Janet Knight, 5 Ladbroke Gardens
- [Cancarncan]
- Emma a'Beckett, born Jan 9 1837, in Melbourne Victoria (first white woman born in Victoria, died 1906)
- With very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year with much love from Frances and George

- N Namben 1963, view from my bedroom looking forwards Falmouth (east windows)
- CHC and EBYC 1941, Daddy and Mother, 5 Ladbroke Gardens
- FC about 1912
- Teddington : Back - Tas, applegrower, F, Isla; Middle - mother, Granny Chomley, Daddy (CHC); Front - Arthur, Betty about 1909
- EBYC and Rosemary at 5 Ladbroke Gardens on my wedding day, Aug 18 1927
- [Palydore de Pont, Brussels - 1888]
- FC, 1909. Arthur, Frances (and pussy), Isla, Betty (seated)
- Emma a'Beckett
- Great Uncle Frank
- Alison (2 photographs)
- V I Chomley
- Harefield Hospital after arrival of wounded from Gallipoli - 1915
- Janet (an envelope containing 26 photos)
- Alexandra Rose, London 1915? E F a'B Chomley
- EBY a'Beckett, 1889
- Emma a'Beckett
- Miss M E Chomley
- [Jenolan Caves]
- Vivian Garner, AIF, killed in France, 1918
- Plus 3 miscellaneous
- Isla's birthday picnic, 1912 (?)
- E F a'B Chomley, 1918. Women's Land Army (Apr 1916 to Dec 1918)
- For CHC, Aug 1907
- Ely a Chomley nee a'Beckett, wife of Henry Baker Chomley
- Portrait of F a'B Chomley, 1919
- [Unnamed portrait of a woman]
- G Chatwell, Newport. E F aB C, Farm Labourer (Apr 1916 to Dec 1918)
- Ethel B Y a'Beckett
- E L a'Beckett (brother of Thomas)
- On Thwaites tennis court, Birdham
- Arthur's head quarters
- About 1902, Frances, Betty, Arthur, Isla Chomley
- Not to be given away (a picture with three children in it)

- Henry Baker Chomley (died 1903?), father of C H Chomley
- Emma a'Beckett (Mrs W A C a'Beckett) Emma about 1900
- Great granny a'Beckett
- Emily Backhouse (nee a'Beckett), elder sister of EBY Chomley
- Nigel Backhouse, 1908
- Barbara with love from John. This was taken before lunch which may account for it. Self 1923
- Great granny a'Beckett, Emma a'Beckett born Melbourne Victoria, 9 Jan 1839
- 2 miscellaneous photos

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- Emma a'Beckett's Solid Sketch Block, 19 Oct 1894
- Cloth with Ma'BB embroidered on it

Box 5

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Correspondence addressed to Mrs C.H. (Ethel Beatrice) Chomley, chiefly from Frances and Isla à Beckett Chomley, dated 1914 to 1916

Folder 2

Correspondence addressed to Mrs C.H. (Ethel Beatrice) Chomley, chiefly from Frances and Isla à Beckett Chomley, dated 1917.

Folder 3

Correspondence addressed to Mrs C.H. (Ethel Beatrice) Chomley, chiefly from Frances and Isla à Beckett Chomley, dated 1918 to 1922, with undated correspondence at the back of the file.

Folder 4

Notes and correspondence belonging to Mrs Frances Knight. Majority of correspondence is from Professor Warwick Gould.

Photograph Albums

F a'B Chomley (1914 to 1915)

E F a'B Chomley (1920s)

F a'B Chomley, Great Chatwell (May 1917)

Isla and Frances Chomley, Land Army, Great Chatwell (Apr 1916 to Dec 1918)

Box 6

Folder 1

Letter to Charles Chomley, undated

Short story by Charles Chomley, 'Riper' handwritten , 52 pages

Sketch by Charles Chomley, 'The Tragedy of 115 High Holborn', handwritten, 3 pages, 11 Apr 1912

Charles Chomley, poem, handwritten, 1 page, undated.

Silhouettes of Camp Life 2, typescript, 11 pages and illustration, possibly written by Charles Chomley rather than Frances.

Folder 2

Photograph of Helen Boyd, undated

Photograph of Mary Chomley, daughter of Judge Arthur Chomley of Melbourne, The Falk Studios, Melbourne, undated

Photograph of Eliza Chomley, (born Eliza a Beckett), undated

Photograph of Mary Elizabeth Chomley, daughter of Judge Arthur Chomley of Melbourne, Humphrey & co, undated

Photograph of Rawdon Francis Chomley, Brother of CH Chomley, Falk Studios, Melbourne, undated

Daisy. Mary, Eileen [?], Aub[?] Chomley, Falk Studios, Melbourne, undated

Folder 3

Autograph book belonging to Janet Knight, daughter of Frances Ethel Chomley and Cecil Robert Knight

6 photographs related to the Knight family, 1941 to 1964

Janet, Moira, and Frances [Knight], Jul 1966

Photograph of Battersea Polytechnic, c1944, with Janet Knight from row centre

Photograph of battalion, including CR Knight, Dec 1942

Marriage certificate for Cecil Robert Knight and Ethel Frances a'Beckett Chomley, married 18 Aug 1927

Birth certificate for Ethel Frances A'Beckett, born 29 May 1893

Birth certificate for Janet Frances, born 14 Jun 1928.

Parcel 1

3 invitations to the opening of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia 1901

"A Roundell of Farewell", 1 May 1893, one signature is that of H.R.F(?) Chomley

11 pieces of cardboard on which have been pasted unidentified newspaper cuttings. One dated 13 Jul 1901, and another dated 15 May 1897.

Cover design for the British Australasian. Summer number 1922. Signed on verso: F @ B. Chomley.

Certificate headed 'Australasian Federal Referendum July 1899': 'This is to certify that the question of an Australasian Federal Constitution was submitted to the Electors of Victoria on the 27th day of July 1899 and that out of a Poll of 163,783 votes 152,653 were cast in favor of such Australasian Federal Constitution, and further that Charles H. Chomley voted at the said election.' Signed by the Premier of Victoria, illustrated with pictures of all six state premiers and the Victorian Parliament House. Printed by Robt. S. Brain, Government Printer, Melbourne. Size: 58 x 41 cm.