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McConnel Family Papers

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Notes
Unrestricted access, accept to Items 1-4.
Restricted access, Items 1 - 4 (letter books) due to fragility. Refer to digital copies.

Box 1A – 1B [Restricted]
1 – 4 Letter books of Durundur Station, 1863 to 1919

Box 2
5 Durundur Station account book, 1844 to 1898
6 Autograph album, 1905 to 1907


17 – 42 McConnel, John 1806 – 1899 Legal and financial documents of John McConnel and Arthur John McConnel, 1881 to 1921. Includes deeds of partnership, notice of sale of Durundur station, shareholder’s call receipts, etc.

43 – 47 McConnel Family Surveyors’ plans and parish maps showing family holdings in Burnett area (5)
48 – 56 Miscellaneous items, 1901 to 1959. Includes: menus, invitations, miscellaneous notes, and two poems about Caboonbah – *Dear Caboonbah* by G. C. Tim, 1 May 1907 and *Caboonbah*.

57 Press cuttings relating to the McConnel family and other early Queensland families and places, collected by various members of the McConnel family.

58 **McConnel, John 1806 – 1899**
Pedigree and breeding records of horses and cattle belonging to John McConnel and Arthur John McConnel at Durundur station, 1896 to 193-. Includes also: notebook containing list of horses belonging to D. T. McKenzie, Esq.

**Box 3**

59 Memo from letter by John McConnel to William MC dated 18 Aug 1851 from Cressbrook

60 – 170 **McConnel, Arthur John 1856 – 1937**
Correspondence: incoming, 1873 to 1937. Contains also two letters written to Mrs A. J. McConnel expressing sympathy following the death of A. J. McConnel. Mainly business correspondence.

171 – 204 Correspondence: incoming, relating to early settlement in South-East Queensland, pioneer families and pastoral leases [1928 to 1938]

205 Miscellaneous notes on early settlement in South-East Queensland, pioneer families, etc. Some additional notes by Amy White, daughter of A. J. McConnel.


207 Old timers at Cressbrook and Durundur [n.d.]

208 Cressbrook, 1932

209 *The custom of the country*: anecdote of the experience of an English C. of E. priest in outback Queensland

210 Early pastoral leaseholds on the Mary River, 17 Jan 1935
211 Thomas Lodge Murray Prior -- 1933

212 Notebook contains notes on runs and run holders on the Brisbane River, Upper Mary River, Logan and Albert Rivers and Burnett River

213 Brisbane’s historic homes [nd]
Contains notes on Wolston House, Bulimba House, Deanery (Ann St), Bardon, Milton House, Kidron Lodge, Lucern (Rosalie), Government House (Fernberg), Middenbury (Toowong), Bishopsbourn (Milton), Farsley (Hamilton), Craigmore (Hill End), Old St Mary’s (Kangaroo Point), Shaftson House, Oakwal (Windsor), Toorak (Hamilton) and other buildings

214 Women’s organizations and committees in Brisbane, 1864 - 1950.
Includes notes on Children’s Hospital Committee, Women’s Christian Temperance Union, Queensland Women’s Electoral Lobby, National Council of Women, Crèche and Kindergarten Assoc., Red Cross Society, Playground Assoc., Queensland’s Women’s Historical Association, etc.

215 McConnel, Judith
The Bunya Tree: memories of a childhood spent at Cressbrook. 1970.

216 McConnel, Ursula H
Native arts and industries on the Archer, Kendall and Holroyd rivers, Cape York Peninsula, North Queensland. [Reprinted from Records of S. A. Museum, vol. 11 no. 1, 8 May 1953]

217 McConnel Family
Miscellaneous printed material, mainly about Hereford cattle

Box 4
218 – 258 White, Amy
Correspondence and papers relating to the war-time service of Sister Amy McConnel and Captain Bevis Gerald White, 1919 to 1945. Contains correspondence, war honours, identity card etc. Amy McConnel, now Mrs Amy White, served in the Australian Army Nursing Service during World War 2 and Captain B. G. White served in the Australian Imperial Force in World War 1 and in Citizen’s Military Forces in the Second World War

259 – 298 Correspondence: incoming 1923 – 1977. Includes letters from other members of the McConnel family. Amy White was Amy McConnel. See also items 314 – 321 in Box 4

311  Pollard, A. Rodney E., Lt. Col.  
_Gerald White: a tribute_ [poem] 1974. Note on verso: By Lt.-Col. Rodney Pollard who read this at Gerald’s birthday dinner party … 2.4.74 [90th birthday]

312  McConnel, Kenneth  
Lock 7 Ypres Comines Canal looking towards the line / Kenneth McConnel. 25 Mar 1918. Sketch is surrounded by a border of board.

314 – 321  White, Amy  
Correspondence: incoming, 1923 to 1977. See also items 259-298 in Box 4

324  Queensland wildflowers / by Kathleen McArthur. [19??]. Set of 10 postcards, each card pictures a number of wildflowers.

57 photographs:
1. F. de Witt Batty, taken by Poulsen, Brisbane [inscribed on verso: ‘Came to Australia as chaplain to Archbishop Donaldson of Brisbane—subsequently Dean of Brisbane and Bishop of Newcastle, N.S.W.’]
2. Picking buttercups on the Dugandau flats in the early 1920’s. Mary and Betty Persse, twin daughters of Mr and Mrs Burgho Persse, Wyambagh, Beaudesert, with John and Amy McConnel
3. David Cannon McConnel
4. Ursula Hope McConnel, taken by Judith Fletcher, Sydney [inscribed on verso: ‘Ursula Hope McConnel, 4th daughter of J.H. McConnel, Cressbrook. This photograph was taken in the late 1920s or early 1930s.’]
5. Model wearing frock belonging to Mrs. Somerset, about 1900.
6. Caboonbah Church, 1906 [inscribed on verso: ‘First undenominational Church in Queensland, designed by Mrs Somerset’]
7. Black and white photograph on card mount supplied from the newspaper the “Courier”, handwritten caption “Queensland natives 1867”, with names handwritten on card - Nudla, Micky, Tungarun [? Spelling], Weerum, King Bucknet, Nicker, Nancy, Marin, Lucy, 7 x 8cm. On reverse is a card taped to the print with handwritten note “Queensland natives on Durundur 1867 [indecipherable] by AB & RJ McConnel”. Accompanied by a photographic reprint, 7 cm negative and two 35 mm negatives [which would have been taken, mostly likely, by the UQ photographic unit of the print from the “Courier” for the purposes of a client copy request] [Cultural assessment undertaken on this item in March 2023]
8. Black and white photograph on card mount from the “Courier”, 13 x 20 cm, on reverse is handwritten note “This photograph must have been taken on Durundur I think AB White”. The property, which was in the Woodford, Kilcoy area, and was owned by AB & RJ McConnel. Photograph dated between 1850 and 1890. Accompanied by photographic reprints on photographic paper and as a negative [which would have been taken, mostly likely, by the UQ photographic unit of the print from the “Courier” for the purposes of a client copy request] [Cultural assessment undertaken on this item in March 2023]

9. Mrs D. C. McConnel with a small child, taken by Mathewson and Co., Brisbane

10. Margaret McConnel, 1778-1845. Formerly Margaret Houldsworth, she married James McConnel, and was mother of John David Cannon McConnel and Frederic McConnel. [10x12 cm] [picture of painting]

11. James McConnel, 1762-1831. Early Brisbane resident, and father of John David Cannon, and Frederic McConnel. [9x12 cm] [picture of painting]

12. Reproduction of early Annotated sketch of Durundur Station mounted on book cover with negative of sketch attached

13. Christmas greetings 1942 from Bill Wienholt, AIF (M.E.) [inscribed on verso: ‘Here’s hoping you like being in Aussie as much as the Middle East. Half your luck Amy. However we can ‘took’ it. A very Happy Christmas to you and your family and may we all meet again in a Victorious 1943. With love, Bill Wienholt, Xmas 1942’] [14x11 cm]

14. Consuelo, 1940

15. Woman in vegetable garden

16. Photo of centenary plaque [inscribed on verso: ‘Centenary plaque placed in Cressbrook Chapel 1941. Sent to me when in the Middle East by Katherine McConnel of Cressbrook. Amy White.’]

17. Mrs J.H. McConnel in 1941 taken shortly before her death outside the oldest wing of Cressbrook House.

18. Amy McConnel, Kenneth McConnel, Phyllis Illingworth, N.G. [New Guinea?]

19. Photo of hotel [?]

20. Brisbane illuminations during Queen Elizabeth II’s visit in 1953

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313  McConnel, D
Near Exeter [nd] Sketch of house near Exeter. [relocated to folder 5 due to size]

322  McArthur, Kathleen
*More selected Queensland wildflowers* / by Kathleen McArthur. [1970s?]. Volume contains prints of Kathleen McArthur’s wildflower drawings pasted into scrapbook with accompanying notes about the wildflowers by the artist.