

J.R. Carroll Collection

Scope:

The J.R. Carroll collection is a manuscript collection of material relating to the life and research of John Raymond Carroll (1905-1995). J. Ray Carroll trained and worked as a teacher, teaching at various Victorian schools including Sale, Eltham, Seymour and Dandenong. He taught mathematics and science and retired in 1968. The collection contains two boxes of material relating to his teaching career.

After retirement, Carroll became interested in Victorian history and began to research and write about this area. The collection contains nine boxes relating to the research he conducted for his book Harpoons to Harvest: the story of Charles and John Mills, Pioneers of Port Fairy, Warrnambool Institute Press, 1989. It contains research relating to the Mills brothers and the early history of Port Fairy and includes correspondence with other researchers and critiques of other works relating to Port Fairy.

J. Ray Carroll married Daisy Mulgrew (1904-1969), also a teacher, and the collection contains two boxes of items relating to her teaching career. She taught domestic arts and other subjects and worked at Colac and Elliminyt. There are notes from her training, as well as lesson notes and teaching plans and several commercially produced cookbooks.

Provenance:

The collection was donated to Deakin University Library Special Collections in 2016, with a smaller, follow-up deposit of materials in 2025.

Arrangement:

The collection is contained in 14 manuscript boxes and J.R. Carroll's own labels and arrangement have been used and maintained throughout.

It is housed in the Special Collections, Deakin University Library; call number: SPMSS 371.10092 Car/Jrc

Box 1. Research Notes.

Folders:

1. Launceston Newspapers, General Notes.
2. Argus Extracts (incl. Belfast corr.) Perth Gazette & W. Aust. Journal. Title page of Argus, Thurs. Oct. 20, 1864.
3. Belfast Gazette & Portland Mercury & Banner & Warrnambool Examiner.
4. Newspapers, Miscellaneous.
5. Portland Guardian.
6. Archives Office of Tasmania.
7. Tasmanian Archives, Mitchell & National Library, Archives of N.S.W.
8. La Trobe & Local plus Aids and Indexes.
9. Bass Strait- Ships and Men, 1828- 1834.
10. Summary Charts.
11. Microfilm Indexes and Mills Advertisements.
12. "To Dissect." Notes.
13. Bibliography, Australian History.
14. From Newspaper Request 1977. Letters Received.
15. Articles- Material For. Campbell's Farm, Perils of Port Fairy.
16. Belfast District Roads Board 1853-56, re: Mills and Glare et al.
17. Richard Bennett- Early Days of Port Fairy. "Myall" and "Bunyip".
18. Census and Musters, Electoral Rolls etc.
19. Commissioners of Crown Lands, "The Farm", "Lagoon Farm". Special Survey at Port Fairy, Belfast 1854, pp. 3,4,5,6,7,8,9. Maps attached.
20. Contemporary Life, Joyce, Cuthill, Turner, Fenton, Port Fairy Sports, Black Thurs. 1851.
21. Hugh Donnelly 1888-1890.
22. Hugh Donnelly and Naming of Port Fairy Article.
23. Earle and "Sliding Gunter", T.H.T. Osbourne (sen.).
24. Economics: V.D.L. 1820-50 incl. Hartwell.
25. Errors etc.
26. "The Foundation of Port Fairy" (R.H.S.V. 21/7/81).
27. "The Foundation of Port Fairy" Set 2. Corresp. Barnes, Woodroffe and Lack. 2 Slides.
28. "The Foundation of Port Fairy" R.H.S.V. 12/86, published. Chronology, notes for article.
29. Griffiths' Ledgers 1836-41, Mills and Glare.
30. Johnathon Griffiths' House.
31. Henty Diaries 1834-36 and extracts, Lewis Grant Diaries 1856-8-9.
32. Henty Claims; also Dutton and Henty Finances and Vessels.
33. Uses of Leisure, Victorian Historical Conference 7th & 8th Oct. 1977.
34. John Brabyn Mills II History and Correspondence.
35. Peter McCann's Account and James McCann's Account 1918.
36. "Lagoon Farm" and "Old Farm".
37. Lists, Licenses, Officials etc.
38. Robert Mereweather Letters 1854-55, Covering letter: O. Sutcliffe 1975.
39. Penelope Selby Letters 1839-51; extracts re: Port Fairy.
40. Sealing, Whaling and Early Coastal Settlement re: Port Fairy V.A.S. Workshop, 10/8/90.

Box 2. Research Notes.

Folders:

1. "Why Should Their Honour Fade?" - Olive Mills, Notes on Specific Items.
2. Olive Mills Letters.
3. Olive Mills – Mss. & Cuttings.
4. Talks with Olive Mills and Charles Mills and NML Mss.
5. Correspondence of J.B. Cooper, A. J. Pithouse with Miss Mills, F. M. Mills, Centenary Celebrations. Council to E. F. Mills, D. MacLean to E. S. Mills.
6. The "Other" Mills Family from Jim Mills Nth. Caulfield.
7. Olive Mills.
8. The Book; N. B. C. Seminar 15/9/84, Publication Procedures, Facts and Documents.
9. Peter Marsh and Queensbury Hill Press- Cuttings.
10. Introduction – Preface/Foreword- Acknowledgements.
11. Rosebrook House, Plans.
12. Former Drafts- for possible use.
13. "The Seamen of Australasia" Frank Broeze. Re: 1838.
14. Toward Condensation and/or Publication.
15. Publishing.
16. Review Suggestions.
17. Publishing – Queensbury Press etc.
18. Inserts for Texts 1 & 2.
19. Capt. J. Brabyn, Will of John Brabyn and Sarah Brabyn.
20. Peter and Jennyfer (Mills).
21. Mills Family Direct (Mills Family Tree and Notes).
22. Mills. Various for Attention.
23. Mills and Glare in Port Dalrymple 1807-1841.
24. Glare Residence – Old Woodbine?
25. George A. Mills (Tait) Tate (as Baptism).
26. Williams – Lucas.
27. Associated Persons, Families.
28. Jellie Family and John Cowtan's Letter.
29. 40 Gipps Street.
30. "Woodbine".

Box 3. Research Notes.

Folders:

1. Charles and Olivia (Mills), Olivia & Pioneer Women, Cricket and Ag. Shows, J. Powling's Notes, Death and burial, Copy of Death Cert., copy of Will of Charles.
2. Van Diemen's Land.
3. Portland Bay.
4. Launceston and Inhabitants.
5. Bass Strait and Islands.
6. New South Wales and Port Phillip.
7. Ships- Data, Masters.
8. Shipping, Whaling, Movements. Tom Newton-Shipping Notes, Immig. Ships 1850s.
9. Land – Tenure, Belfast Land Sale 1885 Prints, James Atkinson.
10. Brabyn – Mills, Lands at Launceston.
11. Background.
12. Port Fairy – General.
13. Sources, Lists, References.
14. Churches- Launceston and Port Fairy.
15. Port Fairy - Post 1855, Court Cases (Mills).
16. Sealers in Bass Strait – Lists, Bess Cook State Library of N. S. W.
17. Whale – Seal.
18. Wrecks.
19. Plans and Maps – Launceston (including Mills)
20. Maps Illustrations.
21. John B. Mills.
22. Glare (Family).
23. Peter Mills – Bushranging – Mountgarret, Hinton.
24. Pending.
25. Mills Notes – Miscellaneous.
26. Vessels leaving Launceston – 1834-1835, 1837.
27. Port Fairy Historic Walks, Newspaper Article Weekly Times 24/10/1990.
28. Recast or Copied.
29. Reviews – Noteworthy.
30. Sealing, Wattlebark, Mutton Birds, Foods. "Our Straits Islands" J. W. Beattie.
31. Wayn List – Launceston 1825-1839.
32. Warrnambool District Map R. A. C. V.

Box 4. Research Notes.

Folders:

1. Earle. "The History of Port Fairy".
2. Wiltshire – Henty Argument 1981.
3. Whaling Material – Port Fairy and Selected.
4. Whaling - 1977 – I. W. C. and Aust. Gov. Notes.
5. Henry Wishart.
6. Wishart and Port Fairy.
7. Joe Wilson.
8. "Mills" and "David Clarke".
9. Port Fairy "Gazette", Brochures etc. "The Mahogany Ship".
10. 1827-33 Chart and First Whaling at Portland Bay 1831?
11. Dunderdale, Fermaner –Chronologies.
12. The Two Shepherds-Script. Prints re. Joe Wilson.
13. Dunderdale, General and "Austral Light". "Philip" plus Queries.
14. The Two Shepherds Scripts, Revised Script. Correspondence.
15. "The Two Shepherds"- Dunderdale excluding "Philip" + "Britannica".
16. The Two Shepherds – Copy 3.
17. "The Whalers" and the "Industry" (G. Dunderdale).
18. Photocopies of Mills Articles in Newspapers.
19. Centenary Ball Program plus notes, Portland Women's book of Remembrance 1934.
20. V.A.S. & Captain Mills Cottage.
21. Pioneer Dinner 1976, Correspondence.
22. Microfilms: 1. Colac Murder (Argus & Geelong Advertiser 1871), 2. "Finale" Seymour Express 1924.
23. Drafts and Data "Pioneer Dinner" 1976.
24. Outline with Data for Pioneer Dinner 1976.
25. Pioneer Dinner 1976 Script and Reports. Errors, 1826, Wishart, Mills, P. F. Gazette, W'Bool Std.
26. Mills Family Reunion 19/2/1978.
27. Pioneer Toast - Port Fairy 1983.
28. Reviews of Jack Powling's Port Fairy - The First 50 Years. Newspapers and The Bulletin. 1980-81.
29. Port Fairy: Marten Syme, Shipping and First Discovery.
30. The Motts, including Samuel.
31. Yarram-Port Albert Area. (Incl. V.C.A.H.S. Oct 1978), Notes and Data. Jane Lennon.
32. William Henry Mills- Butchers Account 31/05/1902, Pioneer Dinner Program 1976.
33. Rev. MacFarlane. In "The Examiner" 13/10/1962.
34. Snake's Ridge Day-Book 1854-1863, Morwell Historical Society News.
35. Wilson's Promontory Maps and Notes. Death Cert. Jennyfer Ann Mills (Brabyn).

Box 5. Research Notes.

Folders:

1. Micro negatives.
2. Slides: Mills-Other, Mills-Selected, Mills-Probable.
3. Photographs and Negatives, Post Cards (3).
4. Photographs: Mills, Land Sale 1885, Headstones, Round Chimney, Newspaper 1843.
5. "Why Should Their Honour Fade" by Olive Mills.
6. "Harpoons to Harvest" by J. R. Carroll.
7. "The Mills Brothers of Port Fairy" by Alan Broughton, Annotated, Letters and News Clipping. Early Settlers The Mills Brothers in the West by J.B. Cooper The Argus 2/9/1933.
8. Chronological list Of Events re: Cpt. J.B. Mills, C.F. Mills, E.S. Mills (Glare). Check Lists Mills Chronology.
9. Warrnambool Institute Press 1987. Plus Original Folder with Contacts.
10. Synopsis of "Charles Mills".
11. "A.S.V. Immediate" Items to be added to Chapters, Mills Ms. Check Sheets.
12. Illustrations for "Harpoons to Harvest" as submitted to W. I. A. E. towards Publication.
13. "Harpoons to Harvest" Footnotes, References, (Set 1 Originals) "Charles Mills".
14. Lives Chart and Data, Pioneers of Victoria.
15. Peter Mills as a Bushranger, Appendices - Data and drafts.

Box 6. Research Notes and Correspondence.

Folders:

1. J. W. P. "Days in the Distance"- Notes.
2. Jack Powling I 1976-77. Correspondence.
3. Jack Powling II 1978-82. Correspondence.
4. P. Simons, M. Syme, W. Grose. Correspondence.
5. B. H. Skeyhill Correspondence 1977-1982.
6. Basil Skeyhill Jan 1982, Jul 1982 and Reliability.
7. Skeyhill – Errors, Doubts.
8. Alyson Glare, D. Hamilton Correspondence.
9. B. McGrath Correspondence, Muster 1983 (descendants Capt. John Brabyn).
10. K. M. O'Neill Correspondence, (Cryptic Crossword 3/1980).
11. Letters - Arnold, McDonald, John Mills 1974-1989.
12. Frank Cusack Correspondence 1978-1989.
13. H. Hillman Correspondence 1982-1987.
14. Correspondence with Archives 1978-1989.
15. Fringe Correspondence 1979-1987.
16. 150th Anniversary (Victoria) Correspondence 1981-1983.
17. 150th Anniversary (Victoria) Application (for Publishing Grant) and Exhibits etc.
18. Australia Council Literature Board (Application for Grant), Incl. Research Travel Chart.
19. Aust. Research Grants C'tee. 1980.

Box 7. Research Notes.

Folders:

1. "Harpoons to Harvest" Illustration lists, Correspondence.
2. "Harpoons to Harvest" Prints Used for Printing 1989.
3. "Harpoons to Harvest" Townsend's Survey 1840.
4. Belfast Land Memorials (Petitions) 1852, 1853, 1854. Western District Squatters 1837. The Victorian Historical Magazine April 1911 Vol. 1 No. 2. The History of Settlement in the Western District by C. Stuart Ross.
5. "Australian Aborigines" James Dawson extract 1881, Belfast Harbour Report 1867.
6. Other Illustrations (Mills).
7. Legal Documents and B. D. M. Certs. For Big Charles Mills. (Olivia Mills, J.A. Mills).
8. Plans, Maps, Mills' Farm, Port Fairy and Parishes.
9. "Port Fairy - Some Early Mysteries" address to R. H. S. V. 14th March 1989.
10. Illustrations, Tasmanian Residence, Whale Flipping Boat, Woodbine Article Trust Newsletter.
11. Illustrations – Extra Copies.
12. Half-Tones Used.
13. Wedge 1835, Plan of Launceston, Corr. State Library of Vic., Faded Map, Original Envelope.
14. Sketches by Wedge 1835, "End of an Era" by J.G. Wiltshire, Dutton and Henty.
15. Transcript of Memorial, No. 258, Book F, No. 259 Book F.
16. Typescript B. Skeyhill.
17. Material sent to Basil Skeyhill, Photocopies, Letters, Lists Given to J.R.C. By Ivy Skeyhill 1982.
18. Basil Skeyhill Miscellaneous Papers from Ivy Skeyhill 1982.
19. "Payback" by Basil Skeyhill Handwritten & Typed Script, "The Quiet Man" B. Skeyhill, handwritten.
20. Basil Skeyhill Handwritten Scripts re. Hugh Donnelly, Mills Bros., Whaling.
21. Basil Skeyhill Handwritten Scripts and Typed Copies, "The Old Wreck", Carbons pp. 1-71," The Mills Brothers Whaling Station 1836".
22. Basil Skeyhill Typescripts, Original Notes. "Journal of Hugh Donnelly", "The Mills Brothers Whaling Station 1836", "The Mills Brothers Trying Out-Works – The Island, June 1836". "Whaling 1836".
23. Hugh Donnelly's Letters to T.H. Osborne 1888-1896.
24. B.Skeyhill Typed Sets, Introduction, Whaling with the Henty's, Portland 1837, Encounter Bay.
25. "Parade" July 1972 "Mystery Shipwreck" Page 8 & Notes.

Box 8. "Harpoons to Harvest". Edited By Frank Cusack.

Folders:

1. Corrections & Amendments to Edited Version.
2. (Set2) Editor's Working Copy, Acknowledgements, Introduction, Chapters I-XV.
3. (Set2) Editor's Working Copy, Chapters XVI-XXVIII +Footnotes Chapters 1-10, 11-18, 19-25, 26-28.
4. (Set 3) "Mills of Port Fairy", "Original Form", Introduction, Chapters I-XV.
5. (Set 3) "Mills of Port Fairy", Chapters XVI-28 +Bib., References, Footnotes.
6. Harpoons to Harvest, Chapter Notes and References. State B. After editing by Frank Cusack.
7. Checked Typescripts Set 3. References. "Charles Mills".
8. "Why Mills?". Drafts Set A. Duplicate or Superseded.

Box 8 A. Manuscripts.

Folders:

1. Original Manuscript "Charles Mills".
2. [Untitled] A History of Charles and John Mills, Pioneers of Port Fairy - J.R. Carroll. Edited version Set 2. 1-18A,19. (1-6) Corrected.

Box 9. Research.

Folders:

1. Toward Publication 1985. Calypso Press. Correspondence 1983-1989.
2. Launching. Correspondence, Press Clippings.
3. Reviews and Responses re: "Harpoons to Harvest".

I.C.I. Folder. General Research

Microfiche Reader, Spare Bulb and 48x Lens.

Homemade Microfiche File.

Microfiche of the Official Post Office,

Directory of Victoria 1869 F.F. Bailliere Publisher, Melb. 1868-72, 1875, 1880-81.

Microfiche Holder.

Box 10. Books, plus three folders.

Australia, A General Account - G.S. Browne. Nelson 1929.
The Beginner's Guide to the Lathe - Percival Marshall. Percival Marshall & Co.
Examinations and Their Substitutes in the United States – I.L. Kandel, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Bulletin Number Twenty–Eight 1936.
Handbook of Suggestions for Teachers - Board of Education (U.K.) 1928.
History of Australia and New Zealand - Angus and Robertson 1929.
Physical Science - W.R. Jamieson. Brown, Prior & Co. 1926.
Rudiments of Music – G. Augustus Holmes. Weeks & Co. 1910.
Shorthand Instructor – Isaac Pitman, New Era Edition.
Southern Cross Public Schools Atlas for Australian Schools – Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd. c.1915.
Teaching at Sale High School 1936- Organization (Exercise Book).
Tourists Handbook "Where to Go in Victoria" – Victorian Govt. Tourist Bureau 1931-32.

Folders:

1. Library Vacation School 1939, Library list for Primary Schools, Robertson and Mullens Book List, City of Prahran Children's Library 1936-1939.
2. New Education Fellowship 1939.
3. New Education Fellowship - Schools' Matinee Programme, A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra 31/8/37.

Box 11. Lectures and Lecture Notes.

Age of the Universe.
Some Astronomical Curiosities.
Astronomy 1. General Observations; Stellar Astron., 2. Solar System; Gravitational Control.
Question Box. (Astronomy).
Astronomy: Reading Guides, etc.
Astronomy, Sale, 1936. (Notes 6 Lectures).
Astronomy, Various Notes.
L.N. Birth of Astronomy. Time Chart, Ode "Men and the Stars" J.R. Carroll.
L.N. Constellations. (Great Star Chart).
L.N. The Earth.
L.N. Eclipses.
L.N. Explorers of Space. (Incl. Hale, Kapteyn, etc.).
L.N. Famous Telescopes. (Incl. Principles of Telescopes).
L.N. The Herschels; "Magnificent Failures".
L.N. Immensity: I. Star Clusters and Galaxy with Chart. II. Nebulae, Evolution of Nebulae with Chart.
Development of Astronomical Knowledge from Physical Bases.
L.N. The Individual Stars. Data Sheet, "Brightest Stars".
L.N. Modern Problems. Modern Observatories and their Work. The Amateur's Telescope.

Box 11. Lectures and Lecture Notes, cont.

L.N. The Moon.

L.N. Moon Medley.

L.N. The Night Sky and Intro: 40 Years of Astronomy.

Observing Notes, for Various Dates and Radiants for Meteors. Letter: Science Staff Seymour H.S.

L.N. Radiations and their Interpretations. The Riddle of Starlight (Fraunhofer, Kirchoff, Huggins, Rowland).

Radio 'Stars'.

L.N. Re-view. History of Astronomy. "Great Discoveries".

L.N. The Solar System. Companions in the Encircling Night:

I. General: The Sun and Planets. II. Comet-Meteor Family. Probable Origin and Fate of S. S.

Data Sheets. Elements of Orbits. Largest Stones, Trojan Planetoids.

L.N. The Sun. (Incl. "Schwabe and Carrington") and Sunspot Effects.

L.N. The True Solar System. (Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Kepler, with Chart of Astronomer's Lifetimes).

L.N. Worlds Without End, and Supplement on Types of Nebulae.

L.N. The Apostles of Force. (Galileo and Newton).

L.N. Astrology.

L.N. Atmospheres and Stratospheres. On the Earth and Elsewhere.

L.N. Calendars.

L.N. Cells and Currents. Electroplating.

L.N. City Within A City.

Notes on Current Rectifiers.

L.N. Education, various.

L.N. Electro-magnetic Induction and H.T. Discharges.

Notes on Fire Fighting.

L.N. Harnessing the Rivers. Irrigation.

Heredity and Eugenic Sterilization.

Ion Idriess.

Micro-photographs and Commentary.

L.N. Permanent Magnets. Electromagnets.

L.N. Oscillatory Circuits. How a Valve Works. Tools for Assembly.

L.N. Rainbow to Technicolour.

Relativity.

L.N. Soldering. (Table of M.P., B. P. and L. H. of Metals and Alloys).

L.N. Static Electricity, (incl. Lightning).

Stratosphere.

L.N. Time and Navigation.

Forty Years of Astronomy - A. Eddington, Moons Motion, Lunar Craters. (Reprint, Discovery Jul. 1938).

Inc. Lecture Class Additional Reading List.

Forty years of Physics - Rutherford. Heavy Bricks of Matter - L. Infeld. (Reprint, Discovery Aug. 1938).

The Mysterious Tomb of a Giant Meteorite - W.D. Boutwell. (National Geographic Magazine).

Folder: F.S. Sources with Details, Original Envelope.

Box 12. Daisy Mulgrew.

Books and Notebooks:

“Aerophos” Recipe Book. Albright & Wilson (Australia) Pty. Ltd. 1951.
Bottling and Drying of Fruit - A. Knight, Dept. of Agriculture Victoria Bulletin No. 43. 1935.
Everylady’s Cook-Book - L. Drake Ed. Fitchett Brothers Pty. Ltd. 2nd ed.
Gelatine is First Aid to Food Economy - Davis Gelatine.
Home Cookery for Australia - Arbuckle, Waddell Pty. Ltd. 6th ed.
Kelvinator Recipes for Better Living - Kelvinator Institute for Better Living.
McAlpin’s Test Kitchen Recipes.
Miss Flora Pell’s Tested Cookery Dishes and Valuable Home Hints - Flora Pell. Specialty Press Pty. Ltd.
Modern Home Laundering - Louise Maybury. “Rinso”.
Mrs. Floate’s Secret of Success Cookery Book Vol. 1. – D. Floate. 10th ed., c.1948.
New Idea All Australian Cook Book – ed. Bessie Eddy, Fitchett Brothers Pty Ltd. 3rd ed.
Our Cookery Book - Flora Pell. 9th ed., Specialty Press Pty. Ltd.
Shell Exercise Book - Recipes and Newspaper Clippings.
Spare Corner Book, Recipes and Household Hints - The Leader. (5 Parts).
Spare Corner Books, Selected Recipes from The Leader.
Union Jack Cookery Book and Home Companion - Modern Printing Co. Ltd. 1919.

A Manual of French Pronunciation - Alan R. Chisholm. Robertson and Mullen Ltd. 1924.
English Grammar Descriptive and Historical - Wallace and Tucker, Lothian, 1916.
Tiny Tunes for Wee Australians - Albert Furness, Imperial Edition No. 151. Alan and Co.
Trainee Teacher Lesson Notes Grades 5-8, Black Exercise Book.

Box 13. Daisy Mulgrew.

Folders:

1. Australian Copy Book Third Grade.
2. Criticism Lessons, Beech Forest 1923, Colac West 1924.
3. English Homework, Colac High School 1921.
4. Hygiene; Teachers’ College 1926.
5. Infant Room Method, Colac West 1924.
6. Kindergarten Management and Principles; Teachers’ College 1925.
7. Nature Study [1915], 1916, 1917.
8. Notes of Lessons, Colac West 1924.
9. Psychology, Teachers College 1925.
10. School Work plus Clippings, 7th Class Elliminyt School 1918.