

BATES, Daisy May

Daisy May Bates, anthropologist and Aboriginal welfare worker, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland in c1859. She migrated to Australia in c January 1883 due to suspected tuberculosis and settled in North Queensland. She married Edwin Murrant (Breaker Morant) at Charters Towers on 13 March 1884, however they soon separated and in late 1884 she moved to Nowra, New South Wales. At Nowra on 17 February 1885 she married John (Jack) Bates (bigamously?), and they had a son, Arnold, in 1886.

For most of the next fifty years she lived and worked with Aboriginal people throughout Western Australia and South Australia. She wrote over 270 newspaper and journal articles about Aboriginal life. Her literary output resulted in ninety-nine boxes of her manuscripts being transferred to the National Library in 1940.

Daisy Bates was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1920 and was appointed CBE in 1934. She died on 18 April 1951.

Private Archives manuscript note	ACC	Date donated	Donor
MN 1406	ACC 141A	October 1949	K.C. Cammilleri
	ACC 675A	July 1957	Mr L. Glauert (Museum)
	ACC 703A	May 1958	Mrs Crane
	ACC 856A	March 1960	Public Library Museum and Art Gallery of WA
	ACC 884A	unknown	Australian National Library
	ACC 888A	unknown	unknown
	ACC 1212A	C1953	National Library of Australia
	ACC 2624A	April 1977	Henry Arthur Blake
	ACC 4424A	30 May 1994	V Goodale
	ACC 6400A	8 Dec 2004	City of Armadale

SUMMARY OF CLASSES

CORRESPONDENCE LETTERS	MANUSCRIPTS NOTES
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Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	CORRESPONDENCE
856A	20 August 1922- 5 November 1935 Correspondence with L Glauert (Museum) concerning specimens while at Native Camp, Ooldea.
	LETTERS
4424A/1 SHRT3	19 March 1907 Letter written by Daisy M Bates to Mr Young.
4424A/2	19 March 1907 Letter written by Daisy M Bates to Mr Young. Photocopy

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
4424A/3	19 March 1907 Letter written by Daisy M Bates to Mr Young. Typescript
703A	29 August 1921 Letter written from Ooldea to Dr Thompson. Typescript
6400A/1	8 Feb 1928 To Western Mail re "Joobaitel of Bebomoor & Booroloy". Typescript
6400A/6 Original not for use	Original of 6400A/1
675A	16 September 1928 Letter from Daisy M Bates at Ooldea Native Camp to Mrs MacDonald.
6400A/2	27 Jan 1929 To Western Mail re native origin of names of the Southwest. Typescript
6400A/3	30 Mar 1929 To Western Mail re articles and photos. Typescript
6400A/7-8 Originals not for use	Originals of 6400A/2-3
888A	4 November 1935-28 November 1935 Five letters to Daisy Bates from the Managing Editor of the Advertiser and Ernestine Hill concerning the manuscript and publication of her book.
141A	21 May 1939 Letter to Miss M St Clair Layman regarding the Aborigines of the South West.
2624A	16 February 1940; 10 July 1940; 18 October 1940 Letters from South Australia to Henry Arthur Blake in WA. (Letter dated 10 July 1940 refers to preparing her MSS for transfer to Commonwealth Archives).
	MANUSCRIPTS
884A	Nd Several drafts of the "Passing of the Aborigines". Also notes compiled by the author used for the preparation of the MSS.
6400A/4	n.d. "Aboriginal Perth". Typescript
6400A/5	n.d. "An old Bibbulmum camp of the '40s". Typescript
6400A/9-10 Originals not for use	Originals of 6400A/4-5
	NOTES
1212A Microfilm & original	Nd Transcripts of collected papers in the National Library of Australia. Includes anthropological notes and vocabularies of the native language (Typescript with card index of contents)..
4657A	nd Transcripts of collected papers in the National Library of Australia. Includes anthropological notes and vocabularies of the native language (Typescript with card index of contents). Photocopy

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