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POIGNANT Axel

Axel Poignant was born in London in 1906. He emigrated with his family to Australia in 1926 and worked in the rural areas of NSW. He later worked at the Gestetner factory, which revived his interest in photography. In 1930 he married and moved to Perth and later set up a studio in London Court. He was an extensive bush photographer, working with naturalist Vince Serventy. He also was a film crew member for Ealing Studios and the Australian Department of Information. As a freelance photo journalist, his photographs and films were used extensively by Life Magazine, the BBC and the Times, Observer and Guardian newspapers. A collection of his Melville Island and Arnhem Land prints are deposited with the National Library. He died in 1986.

Norman Hall was a member of the Hall family of Pingelly who ran a printing and publishing company in the town. They also owned the "Pingelly Leader", of which he became editor. He was also a member of the Naturalists' Club of Perth, together with well-known photographer Axel Poignant and naturalist Vincent Serventy. He later became editor of the "Photographers World and picture editor of the London "Times"

The Papers

The papers were donated by Mrs Roslyn Poignant, 1991 (5063A)

Holdings = 0.02m

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CATALOGUES

5063A/1
n.d.
Listing of photographs by Axel Poignant at an exhibition in support of the Kindergarten Union.

COPIES

5063A/2
May 1952
Copy of "Camera Class" article by Axel Poignant in photographic magazine.

CORRESPONDENCE

5063A/3
1 September 1940
From Norman to Axel relating to photographs taken.

5063A/4
16 November 1940
From Norman to Axel planning a trip to the Abrolhos Islands.

5063A/5
21 November 1940
From Norman to Axel regarding letter sent to Mr Basedon.

5063A/6
21 November 1940
From Norman to Mr Basedon, organising supplies and facilities for the trip.

5063A/7
13 January 1941
From Norman to Axel regarding payments and refunds.

5063A/8
27 January 1941
Letter to Norman Hall from Dom William, O.S.B., New Norcia, giving some history of the word Abrolhos and its meaning.

5063A/9
20 January 1941 - 19 May 1942
Envelope of correspondence to Axel from Norman.

5063A/10
14 July 1941
Letter to Norman from the yacht "Seagoer", relating to a trip from Port Denison to Perth.

5063A/11
8 August 1943
From LAC Hall R.A.A.F. Geraldton to Axel

5063A/12
16 June 1949
From Norman on the "ORMONDE" leaving for England.

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- 5063A/13 n.d.
From Jack Basedon to Norman, giving costs and information for trip.
- 5063A/14 DRAFTS
1952
Draft of an article written by Axel Poignant for "Camera Class" in a photographic magazine (probably "The Photographer") of which his friend, Norman Hall, was editor.
- 5063A/15 LISTS
n.d.
Listing of film footage taken in Western Australia by Axel Poignant, donated to the National Library, Canberra
- 5063A/16 LOGBOOKS
10 January 1941 - 17 January 1941
Log of the "Seagoer" from Port Denison to Perth.
- 5063A/17 NOTEBOOKS
n.d.
Notebook kept by Norman Hall during a visit to the Abrolhos Islands.
- 5063A/18 NOTES
24 December 1940 - 26 December 1940
Percy James notes on trip to Abrolhos
- 5063A/19 30 December 1940
James notes on Abolhos trip.
- 5063A/20 30 December 1940 - 3 January 1941
Vincent Serventy's notes, mainly relating to wildlife on the islands.
- 5063A/21 n.d.
Handwritten notes by Vincent Serventy, naturalist, who was with Hall on his visit to the Abrolhos.
- BA2024 PHOTOGRAPHS
Transferred to Pictorial Collection (BA2024)
- 5063A/22 TYPESCRIPTS
31 December 1940 - 8 January 1941
Norman Hall's typed notes of the trip to the Abrolhos.
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| 5063A/23 | n.d.
Incomplete typescript by Norman Hall on his trip to
Port Denison via New Norcia. |
| 5063A/24 | n.d.
Specifications of yawl "Seagoer" |
| 5063A/25 | n.d.
Description of Port Denison. |