

MOLLIE (MARY LOUISA) SKINNER, 1876-1955

Mollie (Mary Louisa) Skinner (1876-1955), nurse and writer, was born in Perth on 19 September 1876, the second child of James Tierney Skinner, army officer, and his wife Jessie Rose Ellen, daughter of George Walpole Leake. The family moved to England and Ireland in 1878 and at aged nine, Mollie was sent to an academy for young ladies in Edinburgh.

She had to abandon formal education in 1887 because of an ulcerated cornea. Partial sight was restored some five years later, and Miss Skinner began to write poems and stories. Later she trained as a nurse at the Evelina Hospital for Children, London, and at the Metropolitan Convalescent Home for Children; she recognized within herself an intuitive power, or sixth sense. She earned her living as a nurse, and wrote for pleasure and money. Both callings were considered 'common' by her family.

While nursing at the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, London, she wrote for the *Daily Mail* until she and her mother returned to Perth in 1900. Miss Skinner was employed privately in Perth hospitals. Continuing to write for the *Western Mail*, *West Australian*, *Daily News* and *Hospital and Nursing Mirror* (London), she also worked briefly as a social writer on the *Morning Herald*.

Miss Skinner returned to London in 1907 to study midwifery and produced a textbook, *Midwifery Made Easy* (Perth, 1912), and worked in the London slums. Reared as an Anglican and educated by Presbyterians, Mollie believed that God's hand on her shoulder guided her life. She dabbled in the occult and, with her friend Muriel Chase, in theosophy; in London, through her teacher and mentor Sybil Daune, she was drawn to the Anglo-Catholic Church. In Australia during the 1920s, she joined the Religious Society of Friends.

In 1913 she went to Kashmir, India, to recuperate from neuritis. The following year she joined Lady Minto's Private Nursing Service, transferred to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and served in India and Burma. *Letters of a V.A.D.* (1918) recounts her war experiences. In 1917 she joined the Australian Imperial Force too late to go overseas, remaining at the base hospital at Jardee.

As a civilian she established hospitals in the bush at Wagin and Katanning. Her last nursing post was in World War II at the Moore River Aboriginal Settlement; she had published *Men are We*, a collection of stories about Aborigines in 1927. Colleagues and patients often praised the nurse, without knowing of her writing.

D. H. Lawrence described her as 'a queer magical bird of imagination, always deceiving itself'. In 1922 she had met him over the wash-trough at the boarding-house she ran with a friend at Darlington. Lawrence encouraged her to write a novel based on her brother Jack's life, *The Boy in the Bush* was published in London in 1924.

Revered for her perceptive narratives, her impressionistic images, her integrity, ebullience and fortitude, Skinner was a constant supporter of the Western Australian branch of the Fellowship of Australian Writers. From 1934 she received a Commonwealth Literary Fund pension, but continued to write. At the end of her life blindness returned suddenly; she died at York on 25 May 1955.

With the help of Marjorie Rees, Mary Durack Miller edited *The Fifth Sparrow*, Skinner's autobiography, written in failing health and posthumously published in 1972.

Source (at 23 March 2017): <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/skinner-mary-louisa-mollie-8447>

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186	ACC 1396A	9 boxes	June 1958	BA/PA/01/0475	Purchased
	ACC 2271A	1 folder	May 1973		Purchased
	ACC 2282A	5 folders	August 1973		
	ACC 3940A	1 box	January 1982		

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		AGREEMENTS
ACC 1396A/1	27 November 1924	Agreement between Jonathan Cape Ltd, London (publisher) and ML Skinner of 8 Wymstay Gardens, Kensington, London (author). Re publication of the book "Black Swans"
ACC 3940A/1	30 September 1935	Between ML Skinner and James B Pinker and Son for the latter to act as her Literary Dramatic and Film Agents in London
		AUTOGRAPH ALBUM
ACC 3940A/2	1899-1950	An autograph album with entries from 1899-1950 (no cover, pages loose)
		BIOGRAPHY
ACC 3940A/3	30 August 1955	Paper on Mollie Skinner, given by Marjories Rees at a meeting of the Fellowship of Australian Writers
		COMMONPLACE BOOK
ACC 3940A/4		An album kept by ML Skinner, containing photos, poems, baptismal certificate etc dates ranging from 1893-1907 (damaged)
		COPYRIGHTS
ACC 3940A/5	14 March 1912	Certificates of Registration No. 2321. Mary Louisa Skinner. Book – "Midwifery made easy", published by JW Barnard, Perth, WA issued by Commonwealth of Australia
ACC 3940A/6	30 November 1927	Certificate of Registration No. 16694 for the book "Men are we: sketches of Australian Aborigines" Commonwealth of Australia
ACC 3940A/7	12 June 1947	Certificate of Registration No. 43683 for the book "Where Skies are blue" Commonwealth of Australia.

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		CRITICISMS
ACC 1396A/28 Microfilm	29 November 1929	Detailed criticism of "Black Swans" by Edward Garnett, reader for Jonathan Cape together with a covering letter and envelope addressed to Miss ML Skinner, Leithdale, Darlington, Western Australia. Original 7 fols
		FOREIGN CURRENCY
ACC 3940A/8		Japanese currency issued by the Japanese Government at the time of the Occupation after the Second World War 1939-1945
		GENEALOGY
ACC 3940A/9		Genealogical tables for the Skinner family dating back to Stephen Skinner of Hereford 1640. Typescript
		LETTERS
		These letters collected from three different donations have been divided into 4 sections. 1. Letters of ML Skinner 1908-1960. Inward and outward. Letters written to her after her death were dealt with by the Law family (1396A and 3940A) 2. Letters from DH Lawrence to ML Skinner 1923-1928 (1396A) 3. Letters written by Mollie Skinner to her great friend Eileen Tucker, 1944-1955 (2271A) 4. Letters belonging to the Law family. Dora (Dollie) Law was Mollie's sister 1945-1974 (3940A)
		Letters of ML Skinner 1908-1960
		INWARD
ACC 1396A/2	20 April 1908.	A letter of reference from the District Medical Officer in Katanning stating that Nurse Skinner had nursed there for 2 years with exceptional skill and ability. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/10	10 March 1919	From Rudyard Kipling to Mollie Skinner. Wishes to read "Letters of a VAD" as he has helped run a home in Sussex for tired nurses. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/11	11 January 1926	From Jonathan Cape Ltd, publishers in London, re the film rights of "Black Swans"
ACC 3940A/12	6 September 1926	From the Taxation Department re tax to Mollie Skinner at "Avondale" Katanning. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/13	17 June 1928	From Mrs Vance Palmer in Queensland who is publishing a book of Australian short stories, wishes to use one of the Mollie Skinner's published in 1926 in the "Adelphi". Original 1 fol
ACC 2282A/1/3	30 November 1930	A letter from Aldous Huxley to Mollie Skinner about the illness and death of DH Lawrence. Photocopy 2 fols
ACC 3940A/14	14 May 1932	From Sybil Thorndike thanking Mollie Skinner for roses. Written from the Hotel Esplanade, Perth. Original and envelope 2 fols
ACC 10441A	24 July 1934	From Walter Murdoch. Glad to head that the pension is at least some small public acknowledgement of her service to Australian letters. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/3	10 August 1936	To Miss Skinner from James Pinker and Son, Literary Agents, London, with reference to the publication of "Tucker Sees India". Pencilled notes on verso
ACC 3940A/15	1 July 1937	From the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. Thanks for a copy of "Letters of a VAD". Original 1 fol

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ACC 1396A/4	27 July 1937	To Miss Skinner from James B Pinker re presentation copies of "Tucker Sees India" and mentions that they will try the American book marke. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/5	23 August 1937	To dearest Molly from Rachel. About the publication of "Tucker Sees India" 1 fol
ACC 1396A/6	25 August 1937	To Miss Skinner from Hilda Lindsey. Congratulations on "Tucker Sees India"
ACC 1396A/7	2 September 1937	To Miss Skinner from the Secretary of the Workers Art Guild, Literary Section Congratulations on "Tucker Sees India". Signed by G Gumprich. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/8	9 September 1937	To Miss Skinner from the West Australian Writer's Club. More congratulations. Signed Muriel Southern, Hon. Sec. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/9	20 September 1937	To Miss Skinner from the Matron, Kukerin Hospital. Congratulations. Signed PW Fry. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/10	30 September 1937	To Miss Skinner from Leivese Maley of Victoria Park, WA congratulating her on "Tucker Sees India". Mentions Mrs Henrietta Drake-Brockman and Mrs Throssell also having literary successes in 1937. He himself writing a book on emigration still being considered for publication – also another entitled "Soiled Hands". Also mentions his niece Helen Wilson who is also writing.
ACC 3940A/16	12 October 1937	From Katherine Susannah [Prichard] at Greenmount assuring Mollie that she was not "hurt" with her. Is reading "Tucker" by Mollie. Original 2 fols
ACC 1396A/11	27 October 1937	From Katherine Susannah Prichard. Congratulations on "Tucker Sees India" and suggests having it made into a film. Written from Greenmount, WA Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/12	2 November [1937]	To Mollie from Henrietta Drake-Brockman saying how much she enjoyed "Tucker". She too suggests filming it. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/30	24 December 1937	To Mollie from Pinkers Play Bureau – about a Mr Whitehouse who wishes to offer one of Mollie's books to various film companies. Original 1 fol and microfilm
ACC 3940A/17	30 December 1937	From the author Frank Swinnerton in Surrey. Writes about Mollie's work and his own. Admits he has been crushed by the death of his baby at 9 days old and bad useless work was the consequence Original and envelope
ACC 1396A/13	17 October 1938	From Synott and Synott, Licensed Estate Agents. About a transfer. Typescript 1 fol
ACC 1396A/14	7 December 1938	To Miss Skinner from the Australian Broadcasting Commission. About a drama she had submitted entitled "Fear". Rejected by ABC. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/15	21 December 1938	To Miss Skinner regretfully returning her serial about Cook entitled "The Unknown Land". Would not make good listening material. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/18	7 September 1939	From Jerold Wells, Director of The Repertory Club, Perth. Writes critically of her play "Tickets on Jim" which he returned
ACC 1396A/16	21 October 1939	From Mollie Skinner to Mary (Durack) about her gift for writing and how Mary should let nothing stop her. This letter was reproduced in Mollie Skinner's autobiography. "The Fifth Sparrow". Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/17	29 November 1939	To Mollie Skinner from the Bread and Cheese Club, Melbourne. They would like a photograph of Mollie for an exhibition of photos of Australian writers Original 1 fol

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ACC 1396A/18	14 May [1942].	To Mollie from Henrietta Drake-Brockman in South Yarra. Congratulations on the publication of WX Corporal Smith, a romance of the AIF in Libya. Published 1941 in December. Original 5 fols
ACC 3940A/19	28 July 1942	From Max Montesole thanking Mollie for her letter of appreciation. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/20	6 October 1942	From John Thompson, Broadcast House, Perth. Thanks Mollie for the first seven incidents of "The Saga of the South-West". Hopes to have them broadcast throughout Australia Original and envelope 2 fols
ACC 3940A/21	17 November 1942	From John Thompson saying that he has had an offer from the Eastern States to buy "South West Saga". Hopes for further instalments. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/19	23 December 1942	To Miss Skinner from the ABC Sydney enclosing a cheque as payment for the purchase of Australian Broadcasting Rights of her series "South West Saga". Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/20	24 December 1942	Related to the above, from the ABC giving broadcast dates on 6WF of the series. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/22	15 March 1943	From JG Sharr of the Smart Library in Melbourne thanking Mollie for her broadcast letters for 3 DB Melbourne. Letter also to be published in The Listener. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/23	23 March 1943	From Walter Murdoch thanking Mollie for her letter Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/21	17 November 1943	The printed copy of a letter by Mollie Skinner published in the "Journal of Western Australian Nurses" An appreciation of its retiring secretary Miss Yeates. Typescript 1 fol
ACC 1396A/22	16 February 1944	To Sister Skinner at the District Hospital, Southern Cross from the Southern Cross Hospital Board thanking her for her help when Sister Martin was ill. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/23	8 June 1944	To Miss Skinner from Walter Murdoch. He could not take the credit for improving nurses' pensions. Mentions Mollie joining the Society of Friends (Quakers). Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/24	6 January 1946	From K Binno, Parliamentary Librarian, Canberra asking Mollie for a copy of her book "letters of a VAD" although as it was published in England there was no obligation under the Copyright Act to deposit a copy in Canberra. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/24	28 December 1946	To Miss Skinner from the Sydney Morning Herald informing her that her novel "Behold Thy Son" had been recommended by the judges but had not attained a place
ACC 1396A/25	6 January [1947]	To Mollie from Henrietta Drake-Brockman saying how much she had enjoyed Mollie's new book "Where Skies are blue". Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/26	7 January 1947	To Molly from Maudie congratulating Mollie on attaining 6 place in a money grant competition. Mentions an exhibition by Elizabeth Durack. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/27	8 January 1947	Congratulatory telegram from Henrietta Drake-Brockman. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/29	8 January 1947	Congratulatory telegram from Don at Yealering. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/32	13 January 1947	To Miss Skinner from Greta Boddy of Glen Forest congratulating her on her success in the recent Literary Competition Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/33	15 January 1947	From Katherine [Susannah Prichard] saying how much she enjoyed "Where Skies are Blue" and for being a Sydney Morning Herald prizewinner. Original 1 fol

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ACC 1396A/34	16 January 1947	To Mollie Skinner from the Sydney Morning Herald informing her that they are acquiring the serial rights to her novel "Behold Thy Son". She will receive £150. Copy (original at ACC ACC 3940A/25)
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ACC 3940A/35	[late January 1947]	To Miss Skinner from Noelle Brennan, Literary Agents suggesting that she send them her recently completed novel and they will submit it to American publishers who are seeking stories with Australian background. (Note by Mollie – sending "Skies are Blue", "Emus" and "Mother-in-Law"). Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/36	22 January 1947	To Miss Skinner from Press Feature Service, Sydney. Also want to publish her book in America and England. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/37	22 January 1947	To Mr Gollan, Sydney Morning Herald from AD Gorfain, Press Feature Service confirming a conversation re the serial rights of 10 novels listed and published in the Sydney Morning Herald and the desire of Press Feature Service to submit the novels for publication in England and America. Mollie Skinner's novel was on that list. Typescript 1 fol
ACC 3940A/38	11 March 1947	To Miss Skinner from the Commonwealth Literary Fund re the publishing of "Behold Thy Son". Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/26	20 August 1947	Telegram from Colonel Burrows about the reading of one of Mollie's papers at the University of Western Australia. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/39	2 January 1948	To Miss Skinner from Geraldine Cox, Canberra. About the typing of a manuscript "So I opened the Window". Charge for typing £6.10.0. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/40	16 February 1948	To Miss Skinner from B Garnsworthy, Australasian Trained Nurses' Association WA Branch. Re Native girl training. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/41	30 April 1948	To Miss Skinner from Alexander Turner, producer, Australian Broadcasting Commission, Perth. A rejection for the Witch of Wellaway. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/42	11 May 1948	To Miss Skinner from JW Gribble, Australian Broadcasting Commission, Perth. Concerns some broadcast talks submitted by Mollie Skinner. Two to be broadcast, "Darwin to Alice Springs" and "Fremantle to Derby" in June. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/43	8 June 1946	To Miss Skinner from Neil Hutchison, ABC, Sydney. Rejection of her submission "The Peel Adventure"
ACC 3940A/44	14 June 1949	To Miss Skinner from Catherine King of the ABC, Perth saying how much she enjoyed reading Mollie's scripts on radio Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/45	28 July 1949	To Miss Skinner from Director of Features, ABC, Sydney, again rejecting a script. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/46	1 December 1949	To Miss Skinner from Erica Underwood, Women's Session, ABC, WA accepting the script. "Harriet Martineau" – to be read 5 January 1950. Rejected another. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/47	2 March 1950	To Miss Skinner from Erica Underwood, ABC, Perth. Accepting the First Children's Courts for broadcast. Requests copies of Mollie's scripts on Australian women to send to CBC in Canada Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/48	18 August 1950	To Miss Skinner from HS Temby, Commonwealth Literary Fund who is unable to recommend sponsorship for her novel "So I opened the window". Original 1 fol + envelope and stamp

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ACC 3940A/49	2 March 1952	To Miss Skinner from the Commonwealth of Australia Jubilee – 1951, Sydney giving her results of the Jubilee Literary Competition. Thanking Mollie for taking part and returning her manuscript. [Mollie submitted by Aunt Jo – a story of bush nursing]. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/50	9 February 1953	To Mollie Skinner from Wilfred Dowett, University of Western Australia. Thanking her for recommending him to replace Mollie on the Fellowship's (Writers) Executive Committee Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/51	7 March 1953	To Mollie Skinner from Guy Howarth, University of Sydney. Re adding Marjorie Rees name to a title page. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/52	29 June 1954	To the Editor, AM from – About the second bore at Exmouth [Mollie wrote an article about this] Copy. Typescript 1 fol
ACC 3940A/53	1 December 1954	To Mollie Skinner from the ABC, Perth written by Alexander Turner re “The Peel Venture” as a feature for broadcasting Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/54	10 December 1954	Mungo MacCallum, Department of Drama and Features, ABC turns down “The Peel Venture” Script. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/55	April 1955	Newsletter from the Religious Society of Friends, Adelaide Branch. Typescript 1 fol
ACC 3940A/56	12 April 1955	To Miss Skinner from Stirling M Tuckey who asks many questions about Peel and his family. Original 3 fols and envelope
ACC 3940A/27	24 February 1958	Addressed to Mrs ML Skinner from Dorothy Cubis, London, asking for permission to produce Mollie's book “Where Skies are Blue” either for a wide screen film or a television series. Agreement attached. Original 3 fols
ACC 3940A/27.1	17 April 1958	Letter from Marge (M. Rees) to Frank Law re Mrs Cubis' offer
ACC 3940A/27.2	6 May 1958	Letter to Parker, Byass and Schlam, executors for ML Skinner's estate re D Cubis' offer
ACC 3940A/28	22 February 1960	From Elizabeth Schnack of Corseaux asking ML Skinner (whom she believes is a man) for permission to translate into German the short story “The Hand” from Australian Short Stories. Originals 4 fols
ACC 3940A/28/1-3	26 March 1960	A reply from Frank M Law, Mollie's nephew, informing Elizabeth Schnack that ML Skinner had died in 1955. Gives permission and encloses a biographical sketch of Mollie Skinner
ACC 3940A/29	11 September 1925	Settlement of account of repairs to 39 Congdon Street, Signed by ML Skinner Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/30	17 July 1946	Note for a nephew Peter Maxwell Hewson on his 3 rd birthday. Accompanied a gift which was given to Mollie's brother Jack 65 years previously. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/57	14 January [n.d.]	To Molly Skinner from Dorothy Sanders thanking her for her congratulations on her two books. Hopes to meet Mollie some day. Original 1 fol
ACC 1396A/58	Monday [n.d.]	To Mollie from Marge [Rees] thanking her for her money for typing “Whence Come We” by M Skinner. Charming comments on Mollie's writing. Typescript 2 fols
ACC 1396A/59	Tuesday [n.d.]	Again from Marge [Rees] – about a typewriter overhaul. Typescript 2 fols
ACC 1396A/60	[n.d.]	To Sr ML Skinner from JL Treloar, Director of the War Memorial Library, thanking her for the copy of “Tucker Sees India” (Torn in half. Letterhead missing). Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/31	[n.d.]	Invitation from photographer Mr [?] of New bond Street, London to Mollie Skinner for portrait sittings for inclusion in his photographic record of Distinguished Patrons. Original 1 fol

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ACC 3940A/32	[20 July]	From Henrietta [Drake[Brockman] in South Yarra. Writes about her family. Asks for all the literary gossip of Perth. Has not written a book for 10 years. [Mentions the war in her letter written during that time]. Original 1 fol
		Letters from DH Lawrence to ML Skinner The following collections of letters are from David Herbert Lawrence written when he and Mollie published "The Boy in the Bush". He met Mollie while he and his wife were staying with her at her guest house in Darlington in 1922
ACC 1396A/31.1 SECURITY STACK	2 July 1923	Written from Mexico. He remembers his days at Darlington. Expects to see her manuscript in New York. Original 1 fol + envelope (stamp cut off) Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.2 SECURITY STACK	2 September 1923	Written from The Miramar, Santa Monica, California. Mollie had obviously sent him a manuscript entitled "The House of Ellis" for comment; which Lawrence makes in the letter. This book was to become "The Boy in the Bush". He hopes to finish his own work soon. Mentions that she has a real gift for writing but no form. Original 2 fols + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.3 SECURITY STACK	1 November 1923	Written from Guadalajara, Mexico. Says he has written her manuscript out again giving it unity and rhythm. Will change the ending of the book. Suggests "The Boy in the Bush" as a title rather than "The House of Ellis". Original 2 fols + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.4 SECURITY STACK	15 November 1923	From Guadalajara. Has finished the novel. Sending it to the publishers – they will be published as joint authors. Original 1 fol + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.5 SECURITY STACK	13 January 1924	Written from London. Mentions his book "Kangaroo". Pleased with how "The Boy in the Bush" is going. Sending Mollie a copy of the typescript for comment. Suggests they share the royalties. Original + Envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.6 SECURITY STACK	31 January 1924	A postcard written from Paris. Agreement to be written up by Curtis Brown. 1 fol Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.7 SECURITY STACK	3 March 1924	Written from Garland's Hotel, London. Book in printer's hands, both in London and New York. To be published by Martin Secker. About contracts etc Original 2 fols + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.8 SECURITY STACK	4 April 1924	Mollie had obviously suggested some alterations. Lawrence hopes it is not too late. Thinks it is a good book. Lawrence back in Taos, Mexico. Original 2 fols + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.9 SECURITY STACK	8 July 1924	Written from the Del Monte Ranch, Questa, New Mexico. Mollie on her way to London. Lawrence regrets that Secker's advertisement leaflet for "The Boy in the Bush" does not mention Mollie very much. More about royalties. He writes that the ranch now belongs to his wife. Expects the book to be published in German shortly. Original 1 fol + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.10 SECURITY STACK	10 August 1924	From the Del Monte Ranch, Questa. Copies of the book now out. Wants Mollie to write about her London experience. Interested in "The Black Swans" that she is writing Original 1 fol + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.11 SECURITY STACK	17 November 1924	From Hotel Francia, Oaxaca, Mexico. Mentions that Jonathan Cape is going to publish Mollie's new book "Black Swans". Mentions the wish to see Western Australia again. Original 1 fol + envelope (stamps cut off) Microfilm

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ACC 1396A/30	24 December 1924	To Mollie Skinner from the Incorporated Society of Authors, Playwrights and Composers. The question of United States copyright. Possibly with regard to "Black Swans" as Jonathan Cape published it about that time. Original 2 fols Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.12 SECURITY STACK	3 January 1925	From Oaxaco, Mexico. From Freida Lawrence wishing Mollie a happy new year and not to mind what the critics say – Lawrence never does! Footnote by Lawrence. Mollie back in Australia. Original 1 fol + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.13 SECURITY STACK	21 April 1925	From the Del Monte Ranch Lawrence looking forward to reading "Black Swans" Lawrence had been ill in Mexico. Has finished his novel "Quetzalcoatl". Original 1 fol + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.14 SECURITY STACK	28 August 1925	From Lawrence back at the Del Monte Ranch, New Mexico. Going back to London then to the Mediterranean. Awaits the publication of Mollie's "Black Swans". Says publishing not all good in the States. No royalties as yet from "The Boy in the Bush". He himself writing "The Plumed Serpent". Original 1 fol Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.15 SECURITY STACK	28 August 1925	Lawrence writes about the death of Mollie's brother, whom he knew in WA. Original 2 fols + envelope Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.16 SECURITY STACK	10 April 1926	From Spotorno. Did not like "Black Swans" too much of a cinema piece. Felt sad about it. Original 1 fol Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.17 SECURITY STACK	3 December 1928	From the Hotel Bean Rivage, Bandol, Var, France. Replying to what was obviously a request from Mollie to collaborate with her in another of her books. Feels he knows so little about the goldfields and its life. Original 1 fol Microfilm
ACC 1396A/31.18 SECURITY STACK		5 envelopes which were included in the collection
		Letters to Eileen Turner from Mollie Skinner 1944-1955 (2271A)
ACC 2271A/1-24		24 undated letters written by Mollie to Eileen from various places. Originals 27 fols
ACC 2271A/25	14 February 1944	From the District Hospital, Southern Cross. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/26	24 October 1944	From Moore River Native Settlement Mogumber. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/27	17 November 1944	From MRNS Mogumber. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/28	8 January 1945	From the Friends Meeting House, Sydney, Encloses her will for Eileen to keep for her. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/29	19 March 1945	From MRNS Mogumber. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/30	3 September 1945	From Darlington To Eileen on her wedding day. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/31	26 September 1945	From MRNS Mogumber. Original, 2 fols – 1 badly torn and incomplete
ACC 2271A/32	17 October 1945	From MRNS Mogumber. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/33	29 December 1945	From the Friends Meeting House, Sydney. Original 2 fols
ACC 2271A/34	24 January 1946	From Sydney. Mentions the death of 'her Nellie' to whom she had bequeathed all she possessed in the will sent to Eileen in 1945. Made a new will but appears to have mislaid it. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/35	22 February 1946	From Fallaton, South Australia. Original 1 fol

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ACC 2271A/35.1	22 August 1946	From Darlington. Has finished her story of "Windi" Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/36	29 May 1947	From South Perth. Encloses copy of her will, making Eileen one of her Executors Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/37	24 June 1947	From Kojonup, where life is very cold and sparten Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/38	1 November 1946	From Darlington. Remembers Eileen's mother who died a year ago. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/39	10 November 1947	From Darlington. Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/40	28 November 1947	From on board the MV Koolinda at Port Hedland. Mollie is travelling round the North Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/41	7 December 1947	From Derby. Is travelling on to Wyndham, Darwin and then to Alice Springs. Mentions Irene Greenwood Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/42	27 March 1948	From Darlington Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/43	8 June 1950	From Brook Road, Darlington. Had obviously been to Melbourne for a Peace Conference. Mentions Kathrine Susannah Prichard's proposal to write a book about DH Lawrence in Australia Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/44	11 May 1955	From Como Original 1 fol
ACC 2271A/45	2 June 1955	Written from Darlington in the year Mollie died. Arranging her "Women's Rights" biographies, to be published by the WS Guild. Mentions that the Fellowship seem moribund. Many away, the Tuckfields, the Pollards, Olive Pell and others Original 1 fol
		The Law Family Letters 1945-1974 Dora Skinner, Mollie's sister, married John Harold Maxwell Law. She was known as "Dollie". Their son, Frank Maxwell Law donated this collection
ACC 3940A/33	9 February 1945	To "Dear Mother" from Laddie – WOI FM Law stationed at HQ11 Australian Division, Australia Original 7 fols
ACC 3940A/34	5 March 1946	From WOI FM Law stationed at Rabaul. To "Dear Nan". About life in Rabaul and the army. (Written on ACF notepaper and the blank sides of 'Indent for Ordinance Stores' forms) Original 7 fols
ACC 3940A/35	26 May 1955	To Mrs Law from Ted Mayman offering his condolences on the death of her sister Mollie Skinner Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/36	31 May 1955	To Mrs Law from Morva Cogan offering her condolences on the death of her sister Mollie Skinner Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/37	14 June 1955	To Dolly (Mrs Law) from Henrietta Drake-Brockman. About Mollie and an article she had written about her Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/38	15 June 1955	To Mrs Law from John K Ewers about a subscription. Mollie had paid for "Who's who" – the book to be for Tom Collins House library. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/39	1 July 1955	To Mr Temby, Commonwealth Literary Fund from Mrs Dora Law, informing him of Mollie Skinner's death. Enclosed a newspaper cutting about Mollie and her work Original 2 fols
ACC 3940A/40	12 July 1955	From Mr Temby, Commonwealth Literary Fund to Mrs Law in reply to above letter. Proposed to publish an autobiography of Mollie Skinner Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/41	16 July 1955	To Mrs Sydenham from Mrs J Smith of Newstead, Victoria thank her for returning a letter she had written to Mollie but it had arrived after her death. Mentions how much she liked an article and photo of Mollie published in a newspaper and written by Henrietta Drake-Brockman Original 3 fols

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ACC 3940A/42	16 march 1962	To Mr FM Law from RGB Skinner Solicitor of Prahran about missing documents. Concerns Western Australian side of the Skinner Family. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/43	16 July 1953	To Mrs Law from Marge (M. Rees). Mentions her paper on Mollie, her family and Nancy and Gerald Durrell Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/44	4 May 1965	From Robert Goodman, Solicitor in Albany re the death "Harry". To Max – FM Law Original and envelope 2 fols
ACC 3940A/45	20 April 1969	To Dollie (Law) from Marge (Rees). Informing Dollie of the alterations to the manuscript. Written by Mollie of her life (The Fifth Sparrow). Mentions Mary (Dame Mary Durack) who is checking and tidying it up. Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/46	2 September 1970	To 'My Dear Grannie' from Melita. Family caravan trip to Kalbarri. Addressed to Mrs DJ Law, Claudia Hick Lodge, Bentley Original and envelope 5 fols
ACC 3940A/47	22 November 1971	To Mrs Law from Mary Miller (Dame Mary Durack). About Mollie's autobiography and its publication by Sydney University Press Original and 1 fol
ACC 3940A/48	23 January 1972	To Dollie (Law) from Marjorie Rees. About a visit Dollie made to her at Parkerville Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/49	3 May 1972	To Dollie from Marge Rees. Excited about her trip to England. Mollie's autobiography about to be published. Great admiration and praise for Dame Mary Durack and her great work in editing and negotiating with publishers Original and envelope 3 fols
ACC 3940A/50	24 July 1974	To Mrs D Law from Edna Original 1 fol
		UNDATED
ACC 3940A/51	Thursday [n.d.]	To Mrs Law from Marge Rees. Letter concerning Catherine King's broadcast about Mollie Skinner on the ABC Women's Session. Attached are two copies of "Notes on Mollie Skinner" Original 11 fols
ACC 3940A/52	28 March [n.d.]	To Dolly from Aunt Blanche. Aunt Blanche writes giving Dolly an allowance of £12 a year. News of the Skinner family in Melbourne Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/53	Thursday [n.d.]	To Dear Ones' from Norabe Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/54	[n.d.]	Part of a letter from 'Dusty and his Beetle' to Mrs Law – about life in the country near Kojonup Original 3 fols
		LITERARY MANUSCRIPTS
		<i>This collection of manuscripts is made up of books, mostly novels and short pieces in the form of stories, plays and radio scripts. Because the date of writing is mostly unknown the manuscripts have been arranged alphabetically by title, with dates added if known.</i>
		BOOKS – published and unpublished
ACC 1396A/61		Behold Thy Son Written for the "Sydney Morning Herald" novel competition in 1947, was highly recommended by the judges. The Sydney Morning Herald paid for the serial rights of the book but never exercised their right of publication. Pencilled letter on fly leaf from the author to the publisher's reader. 1 vol. (309 pp) complete
ACC 1396A/61.1		Behold Thy Son Unbound typescript copy – returned from Colin Turner, Literary Features Ltd 302 fols

Request this number	Date	DESCRIPTION
ACC 1396A/62		Eve defies Adam Novel bound in file. Entitled Eve defies Adam by Nod. 1 vol (271 pp)
ACC 1396A/62.1		Some duplicate chapters of Eve defies Adam unbound 95 fols
ACC 1396A/63 SECURITY STACK		Eve in the Land of Nod Novel in typescript with alterations and suggestions in DH Lawrence's own handwriting. For reference to the authenticity of this see the foreword of this novel at Acc ACC 1396A/63/2 Unbound 425 pp Original not available to public
ACC 1396A/63.1		Eve in the Land of Nod Photocopy of the above manuscript. Unbound 425 pp lacks pp 1 & 2
ACC 1396A/63.2		Eve in the Land of Nod A later typescript in two volumes apparently embodying some of Lawrence's suggestions. In a cover from James B Piner & Son, Literary, Dramatic and Film Agents, London 2 vols – chapters stapled (425 pp)
ACC 1396A/64		"The Fifth Sparrow". An autobiography written by Mollie Skinner and published almost seventeen years after her death in 1972 by the Sydney University Press. Typescript copy signed ML Skinner Unbound 326 fols
ACC 1396A/64.1		"The Fifth Sparrow". Rough draft by Mary Durack Miller who, together with Mrs Marjorie Rees – who also assisted with typing – prepared the book for publication. Marked 'rough Draft' and 'Mary's Copy' Unbound in original file cover 167 fols
1364A/64.2		The Fifth Sparrow Another draft copy made by Mary Durack Miller before its publication in 1972. Some loose notes. Unbound in original file cover 263 fols
ACC 2282A/6		The Fifth Sparrow Typescript 264 pp
ACC 2282A/5		The Fifth Sparrow Galley proofs from the Griffin Press. 2 copies of the published book The Fifth Sparrow. One volume published by the Sydney University Press (catalogued at B/SKI). From the Sydney University Press donation
ACC 1396A/65		Half a Century of Nursing/They Carry the Lamp The story of nursing in the days of Florence Nightingale – in dramatic form. Typescript, stapled sheets 27 fols
ACC 1396A/65.1		Revised draft of the above play entitled They Carry the Lamp. Half a century of nursing. Typescript. Unbound
ACC 1396A/66		Is there oil in the Little Bonnet? An article submitted to the "Australian Journal" about oil in the Kimberleys, once known as the Little Bonnet. Editor's rejection slip. Typescript 15 fols
ACC 1396A/67		John Forrest An unpublished biography of John Forrest written between 1933 and 1935. Includes a letter to Parliament House asking that Miss ML Skinner be given any information she requires on John Forrest. Rough draft. Chapters 7-20 appear to be complete. Loose sheets – some stapled. Typescript and handwritten 265 fols
ACC 1396A/67.1		Very incomplete duplicate of the above. The preface mentions illustrations by Mr Cutten but none are included. Typescript 196 fols

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ACC 1396A/67.2		Bundle of unsorted pages, typed and handwritten. Discarded pages from manuscript
ACC 1396A/68		Lynette or a Doctor's Day A play in three Acts. Typescript 95 fols
ACC 1396A/68.1		Lynette a radio play by Mollie Skinner and Dollie Law (nee Skinner). Typescript 18 fols
ACC 1396A/68.2		Curtain Raiser for Lynette or Doctor's Day by "Rosebrooke" Typescript 6 fols
ACC 1396A/68.3		Lynette or a Doctor's Day by "Rosebrooke" Final draft. Damaged. Typescript 95 fols
ACC 1396A/69		My Aunt Jo (A story of Bush Nursing) by X---X. Earlier drafts under So I opened the Window. Typescript. Novel entered for the Jubilee Literary Competition, 1951 (See letter at ACC 1396A/49) 316 fols
ACC 1396A/70.1-3		Noise of Swans: A saga of the West by ML Skinner. Unpublished novel written about 1933. Paraphrase of a Diary given to her by descendants of early settlers. Note at front of first volume by Mr KM George of Pinjarra dated 15 September 1970. Typescript 3 vols 458 p
ACC 1396A/70.3		Part of a draft copy for Noise of Swans from p1-145 Unbound typescript 145 fols
ACC 1396A/71		Nurses Never Cry Typescript. Duplicate copies of each episode. Cutting from Who's Who in Australia pasted on file cover. Stapled episodes 113 fols
ACC 1396A/72		Our Great Grandmothers – Women of Note. A series of sketches of pioneer Western Australian Women. Typescript – some duplicate copies
ACC 1396A/72.1		Mrs Taylor – The first music teacher – 2 drafts
ACC 1396A/72.2		Mary Hokin – The baker's wife – 2 drafts
ACC 1396A/72.3		Phoebe Bowers – A faithful servant (Bussells)
ACC 1396A/72.4		Lady Forrest – 3 drafts
ACC 1396A/72.5		Mrs Molloy. The first lady botanist
ACC 1396A/72.6		Our Girls during the Federation period
ACC 1396A/72.7		Grandmother's story
ACC 1396A/72.8		Our Great Grandmothers
ACC 1396A/72.9		Banquet in the Town Hall, 1874 – 3 drafts 130 fols
ACC 1396A/73		Out Beyond the Fences Final copy. First Mollie Skinner used the pseudonym "Cue" but this crossed out and ML Skinner substituted. A biography of Robert Johns – his original notes retold by Mollie Skinner. Robert Johns is in real life Mr Percy Timperley Bound 1 vol (351 pp)
ACC 1396A/73.1		Second draft. Unbound typescript. Lacks contents of chapters page Out beyond the Fences by "Cue" 355 fols
ACC 1396A/73.2		Rough draft of Out Beyond the Fences. Typescript unbound typescript 381 fols
ACC 1396A/74		The Outback Men or Well Now, Really by "Saltbush" Novel, complete, unbound in file, typescript. Submitted for the SH Prior Prize Competition. Bulletin Office, Sydney 353 fols
ACC 1396A/75		The Peel Adventure Radio scripted submitted to Alexander Turner, ABC Perth on 1 December 1954. Photocopy of letter from A Turner included, Typescript, Pencilled note on title page to "Dear Doris" 26 fols
ACC 1396A/75.1		Second draft Typescript 25 fols

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ACC 1396A/76		So I Opened the Window This novel was written for the Sydney Morning Herald Prize Competition 1947. Pseudonym used was "September". Later in 1951 it appeared as My Aunt Jo by x----x Complete copy, typescript unbound 377 fols
ACC 1396A/76.1		A second copy of the above novel. Author uses her own name ML Skinner on title page. Complete unbound typescript 318 fols
ACC 1396A/76.2		Third copy. Chapter 7 missing. Duplicate copy of Chapter 16. Typescript unbound 318 fols
ACC 1396A/76.3		Fourth copy. ML Skinner has written on the title page "the copy I started to edit myself and thought better of it". Complete, unbound, typescript. Cover bears the words 'first copy not edited'. 338 fols
ACC 1396A/76.4		Miscellaneous chapters, loose pages, etc. All connected with this book 501 fols
ACC 1396A/77		The Torch Bearers A series of sketches about pioneer women in England. Comments on a separate page by OL Evans. 1. Miss Francis Buss – founder at the North London Collegiate School for Girls. 2. Miss Dorothea Beale – founder of Cheltenham College 3. Miss Emily Davies – founder of Girton College for Women, Cambridge 4. Lydia Becker – suffragette 5. The First Lady Doctors – Blackwell, Garrett and Blake 6. Madame Bodichon (nee Barbara Leigh Smith) women's rights 7. Beatrice Potter – Mrs Sydney Webb 8. VR The Princess 9. Harriet Taylor – Mrs John Stuart Mill 10. Mary MacArthur – socialist 11. Tahirih – the Persian woman who carried the torch, women's rights 12. Catherine Booth – Salvation Army 13. Viscountess Astor, Women's rights 14. Mrs Pankhurst. Suffragette Movement 15. Harriet Martineau – Prison and law reform, women's rights 16. Emma Paterson – Trades Union for Women 17. Angela Burdette – Baroness Burdett Coutts Status and rights of Women 18. Louisa Twining – Workhouse Reform 19. Mary Carpenter – juvenile delinquency 20. Hannah More – Sunday schools 21. Queen Victoria 22. Florence Nightingale (1 st page only) Unbound mostly typed but some pages handwritten 205 fols
ACC 1396A/78	1938	The Unknown Land. A radio serial in eleven episodes by "Windilya" – Written for the Western Australian Drama Festival "The Broadcaster" Radio Play competition 31 August 1938. Pencilled note "won Honorary Mention to Authors (other mss) 2 nd prize. Bound in file, typescript 137 fols Wellaway Series. A drama written for radio in many episodes. Includes The Witch of Wellaway which Mollie Skinner submitted to the ABC in Sydney in 1939. It was considered too lengthy and she rewrote it in episodes. Unbound typescripts

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ACC 1396A/79		<p>Spirits in a bottle (no episode number) 18 fols</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The Witch of Wellaway (letter from ABC attached) 28 fols 2.The Witch of Wellaway by “Matilda” 30 fols 3.The Baker’s cart Episode 1 7 fols 4.The Witch Episode 1 8 fols 5.The Witch Episode 2 7 fols 6. The Cockatoos Episode 3 7 fols 7.Sick Cockatoos Episode 4 7 fols 8. The Spell Episode 5 7 fols 9.A Patient Episode 10 7 fols 10.The Witch of Wellaway presented as a short story (draft copy) 14 fols 11. The Witch of Wellaway (carbon copy) 14 fols 12. Hospital morning Episode 13 2 copies 13 fols 13.Black’s gratitude Episode 14 6 fols <p>More episodes of the Wellaway Series, some numbered by episode are to be found at Acc 3940A as follows: The Wellaway Series – written for broadcasting</p>
ACC 3940A/66		The Cemetery Typescript 16 fols
ACC 3940A/67		Miss Graham’s Advertiser (lacks page 4) Typescript 14 fols
ACC 3940A/68		Hospital Ball. Episode 15 Typescript 7 fols
ACC 3940A/69		The Old Orderly Typescript 35 fols
ACC 3940A/70		The Old Orderly Typescript 32 fols
ACC 3940A/71		Spirits in a Bottle Typescript 18 fols
ACC 3940A/72		Episode 10 Typescript 7 fols
ACC 3940A/73		Episode 12 Typescript 6 fols
ACC 1396A/80		<p>WX Corporal Smith Typescript draft in which ML Skinner uses the pseudonym “Tent Peg”. Published in August 1941, printed by RS Sampson, Printing Co. Hay Street, Perth. A romance of the AIF in Libya. Bound in file 1 vol 398 p</p>
		LITERARY MANUSCRIPTS
		<p>Articles, poems, short stories and plays – in alphabetical order by title. Some may well be parts of larger works that Mollie Skinner worked on. Often she took part of a larger work and attempted to publish it as a short story or radio play No attempt has been made to identify the collection of miscellaneous papers remaining after the initial sorting. These appear to be drafts and redrafts of certain pages and chapters. These come from two collections Acc 1396A and 3940A</p>
		Articles – typescript, unbound
ACC 1396A/81		Back of beyond 3 fols
ACC 1396A/81.1		The Building of Arthur’s Head 7 fols
ACC 3940A/55		The Causeway. Broadcast on ABC in 1955 when the New Causeway was opened. Reminiscences of the old one 10 fols
ACC 1396A/82		Drummond D.S.O. 5 fols
ACC 1396A/83		Fear 6 fols
ACC 1396A/84		Finger Prints: one of the first ladies 5 fols
ACC 1396A/85		God Calling 3 fols
ACC 1396A/86		How do you do. 3 drafts 19 fols
ACC 1396A/87		I have surely built thee a house: St George’s Cathedral Perth 7 fols
ACC 1396A/149		How a town grew in the bush – 1889 Story of Katanning 5 fols
ACC 1396A/88		It makes us smile 8 fols
ACC 1396A/89		Kings Park 7 fols

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ACC 1396A/90		Lawrence in Australia – published in Meanjin – 10th Birthday Issue. 5 fols
ACC 1396A/90.1		DH Lawrence and the Boy in the Bush 8 fols
ACC 1396A/90.2		DH Lawrence and Mollie Skinner 18 fols
ACC 1396A/90.3		DH Lawrence and Mollie Skinner 18 fols
ACC 1396A/90.4		Typed notes on DH Lawrence 5 fols
ACC 1396A/91		The Miracle of Aviation 4 fols
ACC 1396A/152		Northam – historical article 5 fols
ACC 1396A/61		The Old Mill. ABC broadcast 1955 Shenton’s Mill (Donated by Dame Mary Durack) 8 fols
ACC 1396A/92		The Old Mill – two drafts 17 fols
ACC 1396A/93		On Gifts 6 fols
ACC 1396A/94		On Letters 4 fols
ACC 3940A/62		Our Great Grandmothers. Broadcast ABC December 1948 3 fols
ACC 1396A/95		The Pioneering of Culture in Western Australia 7 fols
ACC 1396A/96		Rocky Range Exmouth Gulf. First draft 10 fols
ACC 1396A/96.1		Rough Range Exmouth Gulf. Second draft 10 fols (submitted to Sydney Morning Herald – rejected)
ACC 1396A/96.2		Rough Range Exmouth Gulf – duplicate 10 fols
ACC 1396A/97		Self help smiles 4 fols
ACC 1396A/97.1		Self help smiles duplicate 8 fols
ACC 1396A/97.2		Self help smiles duplicate 6 fols
ACC 3940A/63		Shades of our first settlers. An article on East Perth Cemetery and the settlers buried there. Corrected copy, with notes. (Donated by Dame Mary Durack) 10 fols
ACC 1396A/98		Sir Winthrop Hackett
ACC 1396A/99		Travel snap – from Fremantle to Derby 5 fols
ACC 1396A/100		Travel snaps. Handwritten 10 fols
ACC 1396A/101		Walkabout – the Birth of Busselton. Written in dramatic form for radio. 22 fols
ACC 3940A/65		Water for the Trans Boring for water for the proposed Transcontinental Railway. Notes, according to the script given by Mr Percy Timperley, Public Works Department. Script in play form. Original 22 fols Typescript 8 fols
ACC 1396A/102		Water for the Trans. The search for water for supply to the Transcontinental Railway as told by Mr Percy Timperley
ACC 1396A/103		Water – boring for water at Pigeon Rocks. In dramatic form for radio
ACC 1396A/104		We called him “Jarrah Jack” (Sir John Forrest) 2 copies
ACC 1396A/105		Wire talks – the telephone in WA
		Poems
ACC 1396A/106		Poems, prayers, thoughts. Not all written by ML Skinner. Her poems are listed below:
ACC 1396A/106.11		Centenary Ode by “Nod”
ACC 1396A/106.12		Song of the West
ACC 1396A/106.13-17		Other writings 1 vol 12 fols
		Short stories and plays
		Featuring stories of the outback, about miners and nursing in the outback. Typescript and unbound
ACC 1396A/107		Aborigine angel 8 fols
ACC 1396A/147		Adrian’s pets 7 fols
ACC 3940A/75		All doing well; mothers and babes by “Prue”. Marked from Mrs Law, Windilya, Serpentine, Perhaps not the work of ML Skinner 2 copies 4 fols

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ACC 1396A/108		An airman passes 9 fols
ACC 1396A/109		The bad man and the little dog 8 fols
ACC 1396A/110		Black stuff – Caroline Carlindi 7 fols
ACC 1396A/111		The bower bird. 2 versions 2 fols
ACC 1396A/112		The cemetery – Wellaway 9 fols
ACC 3940A/56		Certitude: the story of Elma 2 fols
ACC 1396A/113		Christmas 15 fols
ACC 1396A/114		The comeback 6 fols
ACC 3940A/57		A comedy in scenes: a play 12 fols
ACC 1396A/115-116		A country doctor: an extract from The Fifth Sparrow – before it was published 2 copies 24 fols
ACC 1396A/117		The emus by “Outback” 8 fols
ACC 3940A/58		Ezy: set in the goldfields 11 fols
ACC 1396A/118-119		Ezy 2 copies 13 fols
ACC 1396A/120		Fanny Burney in the Court of George III 2 versions 38 fols
ACC 1396A/121		First aid for Bill 14 fols
ACC 1396A/122		First aid for Bill 2 copies 26 fols
ACC 1396A/123		Folly 15 fols
ACC 3940A/59		George’s gift: set in the goldfields 5 fols
ACC 1396A/124		Grandpa’s rabbits 2 copies 10 fols
ACC 1396A/125		Gratitude 8 fols
ACC 1396A/154		The hand. Published in An Australian story book Angus and Robertson, Sydney 1928 6 fols
ACC 1396A/155		The hand. In dramatic form 25 fols
ACC 3940A/60		The hand. In dramatic form 25 fols
ACC 1396A/126		A helper, or help 7 fols
ACC 1396A/148		Hospital assistant 12 fols
ACC 1396A/127		I opened the window 12 fols
ACC 1396A/128		Jenny from the water 5 fols
ACC 1396A/129		Lilith 5 fols
ACC 1396A/150		A merchant – 1888 5 fols
ACC 1396A/130		The mother-in-law. Submitted for the American market and rejected 9 fols
ACC 3940A/74		Mothercraft and ducks. Possibly written by Dollie Law (nee Skinner). 2 copies 4 fols
ACC 1396A/151		Nick’s relations 5 fols
ACC 1396A/131		Out beyond the fences 8 fols
ACC 1396A/132		Perils on the plain or Ken and Lil 7 fols
ACC 1396A/133		A pilot passes 7 fols
ACC 1396A/134		The pope’s statue 7 fols
ACC 1396A/135		Queer birds 7 fols
ACC 1396A/136		Roads and bridges 9 fols
ACC 1396A/153		Robins 9 fols
ACC 1396A/137		Ronnie Roundhead 4 fols
ACC 1396A/138		Son and father 12 fols
ACC 1396A/139		Truth rather than fiction 14 fols
ACC 3940A/64		The Vampire Mine Maud. Play set in the goldfields 1 vol and 7 fols
ACC 1396A/140		A wake or Did he? 10 fols
ACC 1396A/141		Who is Mr Symmons? 6 fols
ACC 1396A/142		Yoora 14 fols
ACC 3974A/1		The Fifth Sparrow Typed literary manuscript with handwritten corrections by Mary Durack Miller?

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ACC 3974A/2		Typed literary manuscript containing the corrections as suggested in the earlier manuscript, with further handwritten corrections
		MILITARY RECORDS 1864 – 1904
		<i>These records belonged to Mollie Skinner's father, Colonel James Tierney Skinner and were in the possession of Mrs Dora Law (nee Skinner) who was Mollie's sister. Colonel Skinner was Deputy Commissary for Perth and Fremantle when he met and married Jessie Rose Ellen Leake, daughter of George Walpole Leake of Perth. Although British troops had been withdrawn in 1863 some had stayed on in an administrative capacity with the Pensioner Force until 1878. James Skinner and his family went to Ireland in 1878 with the British Forces and did not return until 1900. He died in 1903.</i>
ACC 3940A/77	13 June 1864	Royal Military College. Granting Gentleman Cadet James Tierney Skinner a Commission in His Majesty's Forces Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/78	25 July 1864	Promotion to Ensign James Skinner Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/79	13 April 1865.	Ensign Skinner considered for higher rank. Extract from Battalion Orders 30 April 1865
ACC 3940A/80	24 June 1867	Appointment to Deputy Assistant Commissary – General Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/81	22 July 1868	A letter to James Skinner's father congratulating him on his son's promotion to Deputy Assistant Commissary. From Aldershot Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/82	27 April 1869	Orders to embark on board the steamer "Walrus" for duties in Melbourne, Australia Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/83	10 November 1869	From Crown Law Offices, Melbourne concerning Deputy Assistant James Skinner becoming a Justice of the Peace Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/84	23 January 1872	Certificate of Passing of your account, from Comptroller and Auditor General, London to JL Skinner, Control Department, Perth, WA Original 2 fols
ACC 3940A/85	21 March 1872	Settlement of JL Skinner's account (see above) Original 2 fols
	22 March 1872	Covering letter
ACC 3940A/86	23 April 1874.	From the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, London re a payment to JT Skinner of p23 April 1874. From the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, London re a payment to JT Skinner of £450 Original 2 fols (includes envelope)
ACC 3940A/87	28 December 1875	Appointment to Deputy Commissary Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/88	4 May 1878	Transfer of duties on leaving the colony for service in Ireland Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/89	16 October 1879.	From Fermoy, Ireland regarding duties Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/90	4 October 1880.	From the War Office, London to Assistant Commissary General JT Skinner in Fermoy, Ireland Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/91	25 September 1885	From the War Office requesting JT Skinner to be ready to embark on board "SS Decan" for duty in Egypt Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/92	1 October 1885	Voucher for Native Labor, Nile Expedition Original 1 fol

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ACC 3940A/93	25 November 1886	Appointed new rank – Lt Col Skinner, Commissariat and Transport staff. Member of the Distinguished Service Order. Printed leaflet attached – Statutes of the Distinguished Service Order Original 1 fol – damaged
ACC 3940A/94	25 September 1893	Appointed most Honorable Order of the Bath – third class Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/95	15 September 1896	About transfer of shares Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/96	9 April 1903	Written by his wife Jessie Skinner after his death about the sale of shares Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/97	April – July 1904	Re JT Skinner’s Estate Original 3 fol
ACC 3940A/98	6 October 1896 – 12 April 1900	Receipts and notifications about shares – Col. JT Skinner, Eltham Original 11 fols
ACC 1396A/160		Map of Wyndham – Sheet 18 – topographical series. Lands and Surveys, Western Australia 1 fol
ACC 1396A/161		Sketch – artist unknown 1 fol
		A miscellaneous collection sent to the Sydney University Press for information and possible inclusion in “The Fifth Sparrow”
ACC 2282A/1		A handwritten family tree of the Leake family signed H. Margaret Wilson 16 January 1969 Original 1 fol
ACC 2282A/1.1		Shorter, typed version of the above Typescript 1 fol
ACC 2282A/1/4	25 May 1829	Photocopy of the typescript of the original letter written by George Leake to his brother John on his way to Western Australia and posted in Rio de Janierio. George Leake was Mollie Skinner’s grandfather Photocopy 11 fols
ACC 2282A/1.5	5 November 1971	Microfilm of a few pages from Mollie Skinner’s unpublished novel of the Goldfields “Eve in the Land of Nod” Microfilm 5 pages
ACC 3940A/99		Sketch in pencil. Torn Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/100	13 January 1923	The Daily Times. Written by a child Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/101		An entry for the ABC National Feature Competition “Grey Martin” Sr ML Skinner Typescript 1 fol
ACC 3940A/102		Notes from the archives. Noel Stewart. Broadcast text Typescript 5 fols
ACC 3940A/103	11 February 1882	Designs for various applications of Embroidery. Page from supplement to “The Queen” Printed sheet 1 fol
ACC 3940A/104		Resolution of Ministers of Religion and Church People’s Commission Australian Peace Congress [1958] Typescript 2 fol
ACC 3940A/105		An English translation by CF Ashton of “The Magna Carta, 1215AD”. Printed Sheet 1 fol
ACC 3940A/106		Phoenix II. Uncollected, unpublished and other prose works by DH Lawrence, Heineman, London, 1968 Photocopy 4 fols
ACC 3940A/107	18 October 1976	Letter from H Leaver to Mrs Durack Miller about the initials GMD on stone at Rocky Bar Crossing on the Hodgson River. Includes reply and photograph (Donated by Dame Mary Durack) Original 1 fol, typescript 1 fol, photograph 1 fol
ACC 3940A/108		Packet of Photographic Corners. Made in Australia Original 1 fol (envelope)
ACC 3940A/109		[n.d.] Mrs JRE Skinner (Mollie’s mother) “Applecross”, near Perth WA. Original 5 fols (envelopes)

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ACC 3940A/110	9 June 1937	Sister ML Skinner, Leithdale, Darlington, WA
ACC 3940A/111	9 January 1947	Ms ML Skinner, Brook Cottage, Darlington, WA
ACC 3940A/112	9 April 1950	Addressed originally to Miss Molly Skinner, Darlington. Re-addressed and sent on many times, including the Australian Peace Congress in Melbourne 1950
ACC 3940A/113	29 [?] 1969	Mrs D Law, Claudia Hicks Lodge, Hill View Terrace, Bentley WA
		NOTEBOOKS
		Three school exercise books containing writings
ACC 1396A/162		"Ten minute dramas from the lives of our pioneers" cover torn
ACC 1396A/163		"Thomas Hurting" – Naval man who became a non-fighting Quaker. At the back of the book are a few pages telling the story of ML Skinner's life. Many loose pages
ACC 1396A/164		School pad containing some of the chapters of ML Skinner's biography of Sir John Forrest. Loose papers
		PAMPHLETS
ACC 2271A/46		"The Tragedy of Native Affairs" to all men and women of Goodwill. The original owners of our land and their descendants of mixed blood call for our help to save them from moral degradation. Issued by the Native Council of WA [c.1944] 1 fol
ACC 2271A/47	26 October 1944	With this pamphlet is a letter written by Mark Knight, Superintendent of Moore River Native Settlement, Mogumber in defence of some of the charges laid against him in the above pamphlet 3 fols
ACC 2271A/48		Aboriginal Sunday, February 3, 1946 Published by the National Missionary Council, WA Branch, Perth. Proposed survey by Professor AP Elkin 2 fols
		PERIODICALS
ACC 1396A/165		"Meanjin" 10 th birthday issue. Summer 1950 Contains ML Skinner's article entitled DH Lawrence and the Boy in the Bush
		PHOTOGRAPHS
		Some photographs from Acc 2282A and Acc 3940A are held in the photographic collection. They are listed here under their photographic accession numbers and may be requested by those numbers.
ACC 2282A/2		Illustrations layout for the book "The Fifth Sparrow"
ACC 2282A/2.1		Second copy of the above 8 fols
ACC 2282A/2.2		Layout for the letter to Mary Durack from Mollie Skinner to be included in the book
ACC 2282A/3		Photograph of the letter by DH Lawrence to Mollie Skinner which was included in the book 1 fol
ACC 2282A/3.1		Photograph of a page of manuscript included in the book with alterations in DH Lawrence's handwriting 1 fol
		Photographs donated by the University of Sydney Press. (Acc 2282A) Held in Pictorial Collection BA 1034/1-11 and other accession numbers.
		See Acc List for BA 1034 where all accession numbers have been noted as some were duplicates of photographs already held.

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		The author about the time of her meeting with DH Lawrence in 1922 (with ACC 2282A/2)
BA1034/1	c1871	Mrs George Leake and her family (c1871). Daughters Amey, Connie, George, Mary, Jessie, Jane, Rose and Blanche
BA1034/2		The Swan River from the back garden of the Leake residence, circa 1875
BA1034/3	1872	Double wedding of the Leake sisters. Perth 27 July 1872. Jessie Ross Ellen to James Tierney Skinner. Amey Katherine to Stephen Henry Parker
BA1034/4		The two brides, Amey Katherine and Jessie Rose Ellen (author's mother)
		The author's birthplace. Officers quarters, St George's Terrace (with ACC 2282A/2)
BA1034/7	1882	Col. and Mrs James T Skinner with five of their seven children, Ireland, August 1882. Muriel, Mollie, Estelle, Jack and Bob
BA1034/6	c1898	Mrs JT Skinner, London c1898
BA1034/5		Col JT Skinner
BA1034/8		The author with her brother and sisters, Aldershot, c1891, Mollie, Jack, Muriel, Estelle, Bob with baby Nazel, Dollie
BA1034/9	1904	The Leake Sisters, 1904
BA1034/10	1901	Reception at Government House, Perth for the Duke and Duchess of York in 1901
		Sir John and Lady Hackett at the time of their first meeting with the author around 1900 (with ACC 2282A/2)
ACC 2282A/2		Two copies of the layout of the illustrations 1. Mollie Skinner, about 1922 2. Mollie Skinner seated in garden 3. Officers quarters. St George's Terrace, Perth, Author's birthplace 4. Sir John Hackett c1900 5. Lady Hackett c1900 6. Col and Mrs J Skinner with five of their children. Ireland 1882 7. Letter from DH Lawrence 15 November 1923
BA1034/14-22		Photographs donated by Mr Frank Maxwell Law (Acc. 3940A) Held in Pictorial Collection
		PHOTOGRAPHS
BA1034/14	c1871	Photograph of five men – marked S Alfred and J Skinner (he came to Perth about 1871). Photo marked "about 1869"
BA1034/15-17		Photographs depicting a group playing croquet, and 2 young ladies in a garden (prob. the Leake sisters)
BA1034/18		Group of military men and their ladies, Col. Skinner and Major Carlton Smith; BA1034/19 young lady with umbrella; BA1034/21 Group of young men – Frederick Burt, Max Law, Bill Shaw, Ted Francisco?
BA1034/23	2 April 1873	Photograph album belonging to Mollie Skinner's mother Jessy Rose Ellen Skinner. Views collected on her travels with her husband Colonel James Tierney Skinner. Contains one photograph taken in Fremantle, WA.
BA1034/24		Photograph album – more view of places where Col Skinner was stationer Max Law, Frank Law's son Unidentified negatives, Law Family [returned to donor Nov. 1994. See letter in Pictorial donor file: Law]
BA1034/12		Bunbury in Western Australia. On verso has the words "London Illustrated News?"

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BA1034/13		Presentation to "Yours Truly" at a Junior Debs Ball in aid of the Silver Chain Association. Portrays Mr & Mrs Henry Grieg
		POSTCARDS
ACC 3940A/114	n.d.	A collection of souvenir booklets from Melbourne, Townsville, Geelong and Brisbane
		PRESS CUTTINGS
ACC 1396A/166		A small collection of press cuttings that cover subjects that interested ML Skinner. There is one by the author herself from the Australian Worker, 15 December 1928 entitled A Lone-hand Nurse. Also a Centenary Book Exhibition catalogue 1934 in which ML Skinner's books are listed
ACC 2271A/49-50	4 June 1955	Two press cuttings on the death of Mollie Louisa Skinner 2 fols
ACC 2282A/4		Scrapbook of press cuttings of "The Boy in the Bush" written in collaboration with DH Lawrence. Published 1924
ACC 3940A/115		Probably collected by Mollie Skinner's sister, Dollie Law. Reviews etc. 15 fols
		TESTIMONIALS
ACC 3940A/116	19 August 1913	Re Miss ML Skinner, from Dr Lauzin-Brown to the Matron, Maternity Nursing Association, London Original 1 fol
ACC 3940A/117	1908 - 1916	29 April 1908. From Anthony Corley, MA. MD Western Australia typescript 2 fols 25 September 1913. Maternity Nursing Association, London 10 November 1916. Fremantle Hospital – Matron M Balding 6 December 1916. M Corry. Civil Surgeon, Delhi Province India
		WILLS
ACC 2271A/51	1 June 1947	Last Will and Testament of Mary Louisa Skinner of Darlington in the State of Western Australia – Spinster 3 fols
ACC 2271A/52		Copy of the above document 3 fols
ACC 2271A/53	July 1954	An account re professional charges relating to a will from Parker, Byass and Schlam 1 fol
ACC 2271A/54	1 February 1955	Receipt for payment of about account 1 fol
ACC 2271A/55		Envelope marked "Mollie's Will" 1 fol

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