

FERRELL, JOHN, 1938-

John Ferrell was commissioned by the Boddington Shire Council to write a local history. The work, which was published as 'Becoming Boddington', celebrates 100 years of local government in the Boddington district. The book spans the period from 1830 to 1992 and covers all aspects of community life from pioneer subsistence to development of the Boddington Gold Mine.

Some of the early settlers mentioned are Batt, Farmer, Fawcett, and Pollard families, and an Aboriginal tracker, Dilvan, who was of great assistance to Sir John Forrest.

PRIVATE ARCHIVES MANUSCRIPT NOTE (MN 2155; ACC 5921A, 7485A, 10359A)

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	AUTOBIOGRAPHIES
5921A/2	1926 – 1952 An exercise book with reflections written by G. M. Prussian in 1952. Dedicated to her mother and called "Looking back to days on the farm. The Strange Family"
	BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES
	<i>Interviews and information about various families connected to Boddington and contributing to the research of 'Becoming Boddington'</i>
5921A/3	n.d. 'And after it all - peace.' Unknown source. Typescript
5921A/4	n.d. Some material is from unknown sources. "That book – Do you Remember?" The baby was Mrs Bertha O'Rourke (nee Lily) late of Boddington now at Denmark. Typescript

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5921A/5	n.d. Dilyan. An Aboriginal tracker associated with Sir John Forrest) Typescript
5921A/6	1970 – 1980s Batt family. Notes related to Batt families. Photocopy & Typescript
5921A/7	1980s Mrs. Doreen Gibson (nee Batt) former teacher.1980s Photocopy
5921A/8	1985 Ivor G.Batt and Charles Fawcett – interview Photocopy & Typescript
5921A/9	1950s David Cox Photographs & Typescript
5921A/10	1990 Dr. Richard Davy – interview. Typescript
5921A/11	1988 Ray Farmer - interview. Typescript
5921A/12	1980 - 1988 Charles Alfred Clement Farmer - interviews. Eulogy Typescript
5921A/13a	1980 Mary Jane Farmer - interview. Typescript
5921A/13b	1980 Mary Jane Farmer - interviews. Typescript
5921A/14	1986 Interview with Alan and Charles Fawcett. Includes a grocery list. Typescript
5921A/15	1980 - 1982 Interview with Grace Hall. Photocopy Typescript
5921A/16	1908 James G. Holroyd. Note of appreciation and thanks in the capacity of Head Teacher from people in the district. Photocopy
5921A/17	1982 Pollard family – interview and history. Photocopy
5921A/18	1982 Grace Prussian – interview 1982
5921A/19	1991 Dr. Neil Same – interview.
5921A/20	1991 Edna Stagbouer – interview.
5921A/21	1981 George Louis Stagbouer (known as Lou) – interview. Photocopy & Typescript

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5921A/22	1980 - 1981 Arthur James Thompson (Includes three references two dated 1927 and one 1928; envelope with three stamps – one partially torn; letter dated 1928 from Immigration Department in former envelope, Perth; Driver's License issued in 1955. Interviews. Photocopy & Typescript
5921A/23	1987 Wilkie family – interview. Includes; 'Line to Great Wealth – Kalgoorlie' and 'Line to Prosperity – Coolgardie.' Typescript
	CORRESPONDENCE
5921A/24	1904 – 1991 Correspondence relating to Marradong and Boddington. Photocopy
	DRAFTS
5921A/26A	n.d. Draft of 'From Mooradong to Boddington.' Photocopy & Typescript
5921A/26B	1991 Draft of 'From Mooradong to Boddington.' Photocopy & Typescript
	FAMILY TREES
5921A/27	1986 - 1990 Mention of family trees. Includes Pollard, Strange and Boddington families. Photocopy & Typescript
	FILES
5921A/28A	n.d. Details of photos copied for Boddington History Project. Names mentioned: S. Crane, C. Farmer, C. Ham, P. John, B. Patten, M. Peters and A. Thompson.
5921A/28B	n.d. Details of photos copied for Boddington History Project. Name mentioned: M. Peters.
5921A/28C	n.d. Details of photos copied for Boddington History Project. Names mentioned: M. Peters and A.J.T.
10359A	n.d.; 1991-1992 Book launch speech notes, guest list, marketing, congratulatory card, letter – agreements with Boddington Shire Council – book printing quote
	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
5921A/29	20/5/1960 – 21/7/1960 Statement of work done for the Marradong Road Board, description of work, who completed it and the cost. Some of the receipts have revenue duty stamps attached of various denominations e.g. one penny, two pence and three pence.
	HISTORIES
5921A/30	1976 - 1977 Interview with John Major regarding the Lions Club History at Boddington.

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5921A/31	n.d. History of Local Government regarding the formation of Marradong and Boddington Road Board. Gives a list of chairmen, secretaries, presidents, shire clerks and board members from 1892 – 1980. Photocopy
5921A/32A	1989 Information relating to the history of Marradong, Mooradung, Bannister house and Boddington local information. Photocopy
5921A/32B	1980 Information relating to the history of Boddington. Includes local information by the shire council and the discovery of gold. Photocopy Typescript
	INDEXES
5921A/33	n.d. Index relating to the draft copy of 'Becoming Boddington'
7485A	n.d. Index to minutes of Marradong and Districts Road Board, 1890-1910
	LEASES AND BILLS OF SALE
5921A/34	4/10/1986 – 24/4/1989 Application for Lease or License of Pastoral Lands in Western Australia by Henry Boddington. Photocopies
	MANUSCRIPTS
5921A/35A	1991 Draft of 'Becoming Boddington.'
5921A/35B	1991 First printing of 'Becoming Boddington.'
	MAPS
5921A/36	1986 Various maps obtained to show the development of the Boddington area and identities who purchased the land. Map showing how Worsley Alumina Pty. Ltd. Planned to mine and treat the gold at the plant site and surrounds. Includes a road and fire map produced by the shire of Wandering. Photocopy
	MEMORABILIA
5921A/37	n.d. Possum snare from Charles A. C. Farmer (per Ethel Ham).
	MINUTES
5921A/38A	6/10/1900 – 2/06/1906 Minutes of the Marradong district Roads Board. Photocopy
5921A/38B	3/09/1910 – 2/12/1912 Minutes of the Marradong district Roads Board. Photocopy
5921A/38C	24/11/1924 – 20/01/1935 Minutes of Committee meeting held at Boddington. Minute book.

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5921A/38D	17/2/1939 – 14/11/1941; 31/07/1980 - 1/9/1980 Minute Book for Boddington Hall Committee Decisions of meetings to inaugurate a community history project, Boddington over which John Ferrell presided. Typescript
	NEWSLETTERS
5921A/39	1990 - 1991 Three newsletters relating to the Shire of Boddington. General news of the area and local happenings. Newsletter Number 31, 32 and 34. Photocopy
	NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
5921A/40	1958 - 1993 Articles relating to the local area of Boddington of everyday events and news of the local people. Taken from The Narrogin Observer, The West Australian, The Observer, and other unnamed and undated sources. Photocopy
5921A/25	Mid 1980s Information about Boddington to become one of Australia's largest gold producers.
	NEWSPAPERS
5921A/41	n.d. The first edition of the school newspaper at Boddington School. Photocopy
	NOTES
5921A/42	n.d. Notes about Isaac Bailey.
5921A/43	1991 Information collected about the Churches in Boddington. Parish of Williams, Burial records, Baptist Church in Boddington, Catholic Church, Anglican Church. Marradong Church Photocopy & Transcript
5921A/44	1989 Notes related to schools in the Boddington area – Quindanning, Crossman, Marradong, Camballing, Farmers Crossing, Hotham River, and other aspects. Attitudes to education. Number of children attending schools. A name of former teachers and head teachers. Remembering what school was like. Old identities remembering school in the early days. Photocopy
5921A/45	1978 Notes related to schools in the Boddington area – Quindanning and Hotham. Past pupils buried at Quindanning Cemetery and Marradong Cemetery. Visitors to school. Names of visiting inspectors and their report. Letters of E.C. Flint, Principal Photocopy & Typescript
5921A/46	n.d. List of Service Men killed in Action 1914 – 18, District Service Men 2 nd AIF 1939 – 45, District Service Men 1939 – 45 R.A.N and R.A.N.
5921A/47	n.d. Handwritten rewriting in lead pencil of the Main Road Boddington minutes from 1923 - 1960
5921A/48	1987 Notes relating to Boddington Gold Mine Tour.

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5921A/49	n.d. Notes about Henry and Ellen Boddington. Mention when they died and where they are buried. <p style="text-align: right;">Photocopy</p>
5921A/50	1988 Interview with Mrs L. J. G. Batt in connection with Marradong.
5921A/51	1988 Notes about Assay (Atomic Absorption Spectro Photo Meter) Lab.
5921A/52	1990 Notes about the Firns Family obtained from Margaret Peters (nee Firns).
5921A/53	n.d. Notes with 15 points referring to members of Council of Boddington about the history of Water Supply and concerns. Meeting appears to have taken place in 1980. <p style="text-align: right;">Photocopy</p>
PHOTOGRAPHS	
<i>Photographs related to book 'Becoming Boddington' collection.</i>	
5921A/56	n.d. B & W photograph of Susannah M. Henrickson
5921A/57	n.d. B & W photograph of a girl and boy standing in front of a tree.
5921A/58	1908 B & W photograph of a group of teachers and children in front of Marradong School in 1908. Located near the turn - off to the bauxite mine.
5921A/59	n.d. B & W photograph of a group of men and women. Repertory Group outside Marradong Hall.
5921A/60	n.d. B & W photograph. The old road through Marradong skirted the Laura Hotel before crossing the brook on the way towards Quindanning. City visitor, Les Wearne on horseback.
5921A/61	n.d. B & W photograph of a group of Marradong people outside church after Harvest Thanksgiving, probably 1930. All of the females are wearing a hat.
5921A/62	n.d. B & W photograph with Marradong School students, nineteen twenties.
5921A/63	n.d. B & W photograph with a small building with a water tank.
5921A/64	n.d. B & W photograph of a young gentleman wearing a tie.
5921A/65	n.d. B & W photograph of a group of Marradong people outside church after Harvest Thanksgiving, probably 1930.
5921A/66	n.d. Pictures of Margaret and Robert Herron; Outside Boddington School about 1930; 'Springfield'; The Cowcher family – Camballing 1909; Mr & Mrs Holroyd – children and Arthur and Ethel.
5921A/67	n.d. B & W photograph of an elderly lady seated on fold up beach chair.
5921A/68	n.d. B & W photograph of an elderly lady wearing steel rimmed glasses and a pearl necklace.
5921A/69	n.d. B & W group photograph.

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5921A/70	n.d. B & W photograph of a young baby, young mother and elderly lady.
5921A/71	n.d. B & W proof sheet and negatives.
5921A/72	1988 A note referring to photographs copied from Mrs L. J. Batt.
5921A/73	1936 B & W photograph of factory office, Ranford. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/74	n.d. B & W photograph of figure on horse cart with two children. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/75	n.d. B & W photograph with a group of people. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/76	1909 B & W photograph at Freshwater, the Isle of Wright. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/77	1926 B & W photograph from Porchfield during the summer with a group of cricketers and a young boy. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection
5921A/78	n.d. B & W photograph of a wedding party. The men are dressed in army uniform. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/79	1937 B & W photograph with a group of men. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/80	n.d. B & W photograph of Hotham River Bridge in flood. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/81	1948 B & W photograph of the Marradong Road Board Office members. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection. Names found in /87.
5921A/82	n.d. B & W photograph of a woman, man in an army uniform, young child seated on a bike and a Collie dog sitting on the ground. Photograph from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/83	n.d. B & W photograph of a woman wearing a hat in a field and standing beside a harvester.
5921A/84	n.d. B & W proof sheet Photographs from Arthur Thompson Collection. .
5921A/85	n.d. B & W proof sheet. Photographs from Arthur Thompson collection.
5921A/86	n.d. Photocopy of B & W photographs with some reference to names. Blade shearing at Hope Cottage; Hotham River. Boddington Rifle Club; Two men on a horse cart; Thomas Farmer, of Hillside Farm, early settler on Hotham River; Early settler Eliza Farmer (nee Hancock) with grandson Robert; Charles H. and Emily Farmer in an early T – model Ford; Wheat harvest at Clover Glen farm before tractors; Logging with a pole – whim. Robert (Big Johnny) Farmer holding the horses; Hope Cottage, built 1889, for Charles H. and Emily Farmer; Invitation to the opening of Industrial Extracts' factory in Boddington; Thomas Farmer's homestead, built during the 1870s.

Photocopy

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5921A/87	n.d. Photocopy of B & W photos. A group in the forest felling a giant; A couple of men outside a tent; Group photograph outside the Marradong Road Board Office January 1948. Standing, left to right, Jerry Carroll, Bill Pollard, Harry Firns, Deage Farmer. Seated, left to right, David John, George Batt, Lou Stagbouer, Walter Farmer and Horace Pollard; Early log – hauling truck's trailer; Group outside Boddington Hotel with car (mid nineteen thirties); Boddington School, 1923; Hay – carting at The Junction, October 1930. Arthur Thompson (senior) pitching, Reg John loading. Brian John, as a child, tries to up – stage the workers. Photocopy
5921A/1	1926 – 1957 Photograph album. Variety of black and photos belonging to Mrs. G. Prussian of Boddington entitled 'Memories.' Also invitation to Mrs. G. Prussian to attend a day of Pioneers 20 Photographs
	PLANS
5921A/54	n.d. Plan of Roads Board Office Boddington.
5921A/55A	n.d. Three sketch plans of proposed clubhouse for Boddington golf club.
5921A/55B	1960 Proposed clubhouse for Boddington Golf Club. Specifications included. Photocopy & Typescript
5921A/55C	1960 Price list for bricks, window sashes and materials required for building of the Boddington Golf Club. Typescript
	POEMS
5921A/88	n.d. Two poems written by Gay Prism titled: The flood – 1926 and The Old Farm. One poem called 'Backward Glances' written by Grace M. Prussian. Typescript
	PUBLICATIONS
5921A/89	1967, 1981 Includes Changeover Bulletin 1981 and article on Bannister house titled 'Coaching Inn nears its centenary.' Photocopy
	REFERENCES
5921A/90	n.d. Reference of Mining in Western Australia
	REMINISCENCES
5921A/91	1970 Reminiscences of Grace Prussian, Un-named source, Hurtle G. Cowin and Ean McDonald Photocopy & Typescript
	REPORTS

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5921A/92	1985 - 1986 Worsley Alumina Joint Venturers Boddington Gold Mine Proposal: Report and Recommendations by the Environmental Protection Authority. Geochemical patterns in the laterite profile at the Boddington gold deposit, Western Australia. <div style="text-align: right;">Photocopy</div>
	SPECIFICATIONS
5921A/93	n.d. Specifications of Road Board Office at Boddington.
	STATISTICS
5921A/94	1885 - 1974 Report of monthly and yearly rainfall for Bannister Station. <div style="text-align: right;">Photocopy</div>
	SURVEYS
5921A/95	1979, 1987, 1989 Various surveys conducted in the Boddington area. <div style="text-align: right;">Photocopy</div>

Holdings = cm.