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BUNBURY, H.W. (HENRY WILLIAM), 1812-1875

A soldier and explorer, Henry Bunbury arrived in Western Australia in March 1836 as Lieutenant of the 21st Regiment. He was stationed at York, Pinjarra and Busselton and discovered the Bunbury district on a pioneer overland journey from Perth to the Vasse River settlement (later Busselton). He led a punitive expedition against Aborigines in the Avon Valley after the murder there of white settlers. Lt. Bunbury left Western Australia in 1837.

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| | | DIARIES | |
| 327A | | 1834 – 1837 | |
| | ORIGINAL HELD IN SECURITY STACK. USE MICROFILM OR TRANSCRIPT | Includes sketches, accounts, memos. Contains notes on Aborigines of Western Australia, the York district, also entries pertaining to New South Wales. List of Swan River native words and English equivalent | ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPT MICROFILM |
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| | | CORRESPONDENCE | |
| 6895A/1 | OSM | 1834 – 1837 | |
| | | Letters addressed to “My dear Father”, and two to his brother Charles. Written from Freshford; “on board the <i>Susan</i> convict ship”; at sea; Parramatta; Sydney; Eagle Hawk Neck (Van Diemens Land); Hobart Town; George Town; Port Phillip; Swan River; York; Fremantle; Canning River and Mauritius | PHOTOCOPIES 25 LETTERS |
| | | Transcriptions | |
| 7146A/1 | | 3 February 1834, Freshford (England). | |
| 7146A/2 | | 2 and 7 March 1834, off Sheerness, on board the convict ship <i>Susan</i> , Two letters, that of 7 March to his brother, Charles. | |
| 7146A/3 | | 21 March and 5 April 1834, at sea, on board the <i>Susan</i> . Two letters. | |
| 7146A/4 | | 27 July and 14 August 1834, at Sydney. Two letters. | |
| 7146A/5 | | Dec. 1834 and 24 January 1835, at Parramatta. Two letters, and a draft of 23 January. Aide-de-camp to the Governor. | |
| 7146A/6 | | 2 April 1835, from Government House, Sydney. | |
| 7146A/7 | | 14 June 1835, from Hobart Town, to his brother Charles. | |
| 7146A/8 | | 16 August, 16 October, and 16 December 1835 from Eagle Hawk Neck, Van Diemens Land. Three letters | |
| 7146A/9 | | 4, 15, and 27 January 1836, Hobart Town. Three letters. | |
| 7146A/10 | | 14 February 1836, George Town (en route to Port Philip). | |
| 7146A/11 | | Extract of a letter from Port Philip (February 1836?) | |
| 7146A/12 | | 6 May 1836, Swan River Colony. Describes Fremantle and land to Guildford and his assignment to establish a post at Williams. | |
| 7146A/13 | | 10 July 1836, York. Describes patrol duties against Aborigines and general situation of the colony. | |

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| 7146A/14 | | 26 August 1836, Swan River. Describes the shooting in the colony. | |
| 7146A/15 | | 8 November 1836, Fremantle. About to go to Pinjarra as Magistrate | |
| 7146A/16 | | 12 March 1837, Canning River. En route to the Vasse to establish a new military post. | |
| 7146A/17 | | 13 December 1837, Port Louis, Mauritius. En route to England. Describes the problems faced leaving Swan River colony. | |
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| | | JOURNALS | |
| 6895A/2 | | 1837 | |
| | SECURITY STACK | "Western Australia 1837 : from the Murray River to the Vasse". | ORIGINAL 2 VOLUMES |
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