

## WOLLASTON, John Ramsden, 1791-1856

Born in London on 28 March 1791, Wollaston was educated at the Charterhouse school where his father, The Reverend Edward Wollaston, was a Master and his grandfather, The Reverend William Ramsden, was Headmaster, and at Christ's College, Cambridge where he took his BA in 1812 and his MA in 1815. He was made Deacon in 1814 and ordained Priest in 1815. In May 1819, he married Mary Amelia Gledstanes and they had a family of five sons and two daughters.

In 1840, in response to advertisements by the Western Australian Land Company offering land for settlement at Australind on Port Leschenault, Western Australia, Wollaston decided to take up land there. He did this believing he would be appointed a colonial chaplain but the appointment did not eventuate and he decided to come out independently, although eventually the British Government assured him an official stipend if he went to Western Australia.

Wollaston arrived at Fremantle in April 1841 and took the initiative in reviving the organisation of the Colony's Church of England. In February 1842 he convened a conference of the colony's five clergy in Perth, where the church's problems were assessed and a statement drawn up urging Bishop Broughton to visit Western Australia and set matters in order. The sequel was discouraging; Broughton could not come and Wollaston could not implement his suggestion that clergy conferences should become annual. In May 1842, Wollaston and his sons, set about building St Mark's in Picton, which was opened on 18 September 1842.

In 1848, Wollaston was transferred to the Parish of St John's, Albany. Here he found the parish church, started in 1835, partially completed with only the walls and part of the tower complete; there was no roof. With characteristic determination and ignoring the parishioners' assertions that the parish could not afford it, he completed the nave in a few months just in time for the visit of Bishop Augustus Short and Archdeacon Hale of the new diocese of Adelaide. Short decided that enough of the structure was complete and on 25 October 1848 he consecrated the church.

Short, impressed by Wollaston's qualities, appointed him Archdeacon of Western Australia early in 1849. For the next seven years Wollaston covered many hundreds of miles on horseback throughout the settled areas of the colony in over-powering heat or pouring rain to supervise his archdeaconry. On 3 May 1856 Wollaston died.

Source: <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/wollaston-john-ramsden-2811>

MN	ACC	meterage / boxes	Date acquired	CIU file	Notes
880	265A	4 folders + 1 volume	1945	BA/PA/01/0856 and BA/PA/01/0857	
	266A	2 volumes	1945		
	275A	3 volumes	1946		
	695A	1 folder	1958		
	2467A	3 volumes	1975		
	2578A	8 folders	1975		
	3151A	1 volume	1981		
	5200A	2 folders	2000		
	7157A	1 volume	2009		
	8183A	1 volume	1985		

SUMMARY OF CLASSES

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Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	CORRESPONDENCE
2578A/1	8 October 1840. To Miss Webb. <i>Original and typescript</i>
2578A/2	29 October 1840. To William. <i>Original and typescript</i>
2578A/3	5 November 1840. To Mr Webb. <i>Original and typescript</i>
2578A/4	n.d. To Mr Webb. To Mr Webb. <i>Original and typescript</i>
2578A/5	11 November 1840. To Miss Webb. <i>Original and typescript</i>
2578A/6	25 December 1840. To Mr Webb. <i>Original and typescript</i>
2578A/7	4 August 1842. To Mr Webb. <i>Original and typescript</i>
2578A/8	15 August 1845. To Miss Webb. <i>Original and typescript</i>
	DIARIES and JOURNALS of John RAMSDEN WOLLASTON
265A/1.1 Shrt3	21 March 1840-19 November 1840. England, prior to embarkation. <i>Original pages of JR Wollaston diary. 2 sheets, 4 pages. See also typescript at 265A/1.2</i>
265A/2.1 Shrt3	26 November 1840-19 April 1841. Voyage to the Swan River aboard the "Henry". Original pages of JR Wollaston diary, some pages illustrated <i>Original pages of JR Wollaston diary. 23 sheets, some four-fold. See also typescript at 265A/2.2</i>
265A/3 Shrt3	3.1. 13 May-4 November 1848. Headed "Bunbury". <i>Original diary pages</i> 3.2. "Rough chart of journey to and from Perth to the Vasse". <i>Original, hand-drawn</i>
265A/4 Shrt3	27 December 1850-22 May 1851. Second archidiaconal visitation. <i>Original pages</i>
	TYPESCRIPTS of WOLLASTON DIARIES/JOURNALS
265A/1.2 265A/2.2	21 March 1840-19 November 1840; 26 November 1840-19 April 1841 <i>1 Volume, typescript of diary pages at ACC 265A/1.1 and ACC 265A/2.1</i>
ACC 266A/1	21 March 1840-Monday, 17 March 1856 Diary. This volume is a bound typescript of the original diary pages to be found at ACC 265A/1; 265A/2; 265A/3; 265A/4 At the rear of the volume, the index title page reads: "Index of five diaries of John Ramsden Wollaston..." Typed note inside front pages reads: "WOLLASTON REV. John Ramsden. Diary kept before and during the voyage to Swan River in the "Henry", March 1840 to April 1841; together with Journals kept during archi-diaconal visitations May to November 1848, December 1850 to May 1851, February to May 1853, and January to March 1856. Added, short life of Wollaston, introductory note on the first twelve years of the Church in Western Australia, and index, by Canon A. Burton. Perth 1933. Note. Typescript, copied from originals in the possession of the public library of Western Australia and the Mitchell Library, Sydney."

ACC 266A/2	<p>Journal. Title page reads:  “Journal kept by Rev. J. R. Wollaston. From November 1841 to January 1844. Copied by M. E. Wood from a copy* lent by the Rev. Canon Burton; the latter being a copy of the original journal now in the possession of the Mitchell Library, Sydney”. *See ACC 3151A for the original typescript</p> <p>First entry page headed by:  “Journal continued at intervals, from the time of landing at Swan River, but commenced from memory Novr. 18. 1841.”</p>
ACC 275A/1	<p>Wollaston’s Journals. Volume 1, typescript, with illustrations. “The Church in Western Australia. The first twelve years, 1829-1841”</p> <p>Contents page reads:  Historical sketch of the first 12 years of Church life in WA – Memoir of Thomas Hobbes Scott, first archdeacon of New South Wales – Biographical sketch of John Ramsden Wollaston – Journal of his voyage in the “Henry” to the Swan River Settlement in 1841 – Index</p>
ACC 275A/2	<p>Wollaston’s Journals. Volume 11, typescript, with illustrations</p> <p>Contents page reads:  Journal continued at Picton soon after his arrival in WA. Began 18<sup>th</sup> Novr. 1841, ended 10<sup>th</sup> Jany. 1844 – Index</p>
ACC 275A/3	<p>Wollaston’s Journals. Volume 111, typescript, with illustrations</p> <p>Contents page reads:  Albany journal 1848 – Bishop Short’s letters to SPG 1848 – Wollaston’s first tour 1850 – Bishop Short’s letter to SPG 1850 – Correspondence re memorial to Earl Grey 1850 – Report on native institution 1851 – Wollaston’s second tour 1851 – Bishop Short’s letters to SPG 1852 – Wollaston’s third tour 1853, official and private – Report on native institution 1853 – Statistics of fourth tour 1864 – Report on native institution 1855 – Albany Parish return 1855 – Wollaston’s fifth tour 1856 – Inscription in St John’s Church, Albany - Index</p>
ACC 3151A/	<p>Typescript, bound copy, 1841-1844.</p> <p>Information supplied by the seller of the typescript states: “Typescript, proof copy of ‘Wollaston’s Journal’, with corrections, later published as “Wollaston’s Picton Journal, 1841-1844” (see CIU file BA/PA/01/0856)</p>
ACC 7157A	<p>“John Ramsden Wollaston’s journal of his voyage from Gravesend to the Swan River 1840-1. In the ship “Henry (Capt. Todd). Begun 26<sup>th</sup> November 1840; ended 19<sup>th</sup> April 1841. Copied from the original m.s. by A. Burton, 1933”</p> <p>Handwritten, one volume</p>
ACC 8183A	<p>“Five journals of John Ramsden Wollaston, first Archdeacon of Western Australia, 1849 to 1856. Edited by A. Burton, Canon of St George’s, Perth W.A. 1933”</p> <p>Index at front of volume</p>
ACC 2467A/58	<p>1849 – 1856</p> <p>Wollaston's Journal edited by A Burton.    Typescript</p>
ACC 2467A/59	<p>7 Nov 1848 - 16 April 1855</p> <p>Letters and reports written by Bishop Short, Archdeacon Wollaston and Rev C Harper, (Typescript)</p>
ACC 2467A/64 Microfilm & original church register	<p>3 Jan 1856 - 28 Mar 1856</p> <p>Wollaston, J R, Diary - 5th visit</p>
	MISCELLANEOUS
ACC 2578A/9	<p>Two foolscap sheets, each with hand-written notes, dated 1925, referring to land lots in the Leschenault, originally in the name of Henry Mortlock Ommanney.</p> <p>Two published map strips, showing the area</p>

	<b>NOTEBOOKS</b>
5200A/1	Notebook, front cover marked: "Case 6. Book 10". Contains handwritten sermons (not dated), believed to be by the Rev. Wollaston, 1826-1832
5200A/2	Transcription, by Helen Wallace, of the notebook at ACC 5200A/1. Includes an explanatory note, by Julianne Pawsey, of the background of the notebook
	<b>REGISTERS</b>
659A transferred to ACC 3518A/1a	1841-1850. Handwritten transcripts of baptism registers at Vasse and Wellington and burial register at Bunbury
	<b>REMINISCENCES</b>
695A	10 July 1869. "Copy of the journal of Mary Amelia Wollaston, wife of John Ramsden Wollaston". Typescript + carbon copy (each 6p.) + copy of obituary notice of Mrs SC Mann, nee Sophy Wollaston (each 1p.)
	<b>SERMONS</b>
2553A/7	18 September 1845. Letter to the congregation at Picton from Archdeacon Wollaston. Letter from Archdeacon Wollaston to Mrs Ommanney. Photocopy

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