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Edward Harold Fulcher Swain Collection

**Size**
1 box

**Contents**
Photographs, biographical notes, collected correspondence, poems, addresses, newspaper articles, and reports related to Edward Harold Fulcher Swain’s career as a forester.

**Date range**
1902 to 1972

**Biography**
Edward Harold Fulcher Swain was born 6 April 1883 in Glebe, New South Wales. He worked as a research consultant for Australian Paper Manufacturers from 1933 to 1934, was Chairman of the Queensland Forestry Board from 1924 to 1932 and Commissioner for Forests, New South Wales, from 1935 to 1948. He was United Nations forestry consultant to Ethiopia from 1951 to 1955. He died on 3 July 1970.

**Notes**
Open access
Formerly catalogued at F567 – F572.

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**Box 1**
‘E. H. F. S.: being a selection from the papers left by E. H. F. Swain on his death on 3rd July, 1970 arranged and edited by his daughter Mrs. Nancy Foote assisted by an officer and a retired officer of the N.S.W. Forestry Commission’, Feb 1971, 74p


**Folder 1**
Six photographs (identified by handwritten notes on back):


2) ‘E.H.F. Swain in last sulky, 1910’

3) ‘1907? Bellinger River, Woolgoolba?’

4) ‘E.H.F. Swain, Imperial Hotel, Fernmount, 6.7.1910’

5) ‘Crossing the flooded Bellinger River 1909? E.H.F. Swain with young pioneers’

6) ‘Top selection Bellinger River under Guy Fawkes Range 1907-9?’
Folder 2

Biographical notes, bibliography:


‘Biographical’, 5p [2 copies]


E. H. F. Swain, ‘This was forestry—E. H. F. Swain, some experiences, 1899-1908’, 13p typescript [with foreword by his daughter Mrs Nancy Foote] [note on carbon copy: ‘Probably written 1963’] [Lecture given to the Queensland Women’s Historical Association, 8 Jun 1972, by his daughter, Nancy Foote]

‘E. H. F. Swain’ [summary of his career], 1p

Folder 3

Some collected correspondence [typed copies of original documents prepared by his daughter, Mrs. Nancy Foote]:

Letter from E. H. F. Swain, Crown Hotel, Grafton to Mother, 30 Apr 1905, 5p


Letter from E. H. F. Swain, Coffs Harbour, to ‘Boy’ [his youngest brother], 25 Oct 1907, 3p [2 copies]

‘September (before 15th), Page from a diary – Fernmount, probably 1909 or 10’ [extract from E. H. F. Swain’s diary prepared by his daughter, Mrs Nancy Foote], 2p

Letter from E. H. F. Swain, District Forester, D.F.O. Narrabri, 17 Jul 1913, 1p

Letter from R.D. Hay, Director of Forests, NSW Forestry Department, to District Forester, Narrabri, 12 Jul 1913, 1p

E. H. F. Swain, ‘Proposal for a District Staff Meeting at Narrabri’, 4 Jul 1913, 4p

Letter from E. H. F. Swain to R. D. Hay, Director, 11 Jun 1913, 1p [with minute from Director to Inspector Wilshire, 12 Jun 1913, Inspector Wilshire’s reply, 18 Jun 1913 and a further minute from R.D. Hay, Director, 21 Jun 1913]

Letter from Gordon Burrow and others [officers of the North-west Forestry District] to E. H. F. Swain, 28 Apr 1915, 1p [congratulating him on his upcoming marriage]

Letter from W. G. Ashford, Parliament, NSW, to E. H. F. Swain, 26 Sep 1916, 1p

Letter from W. G. Ashford, Minister for Lands, NSW, to E. H. F. Swain, 6 Nov 1916, 1p

Extract from North Western Courier, 17 Nov 1916, ‘Forestry Staff: State Losing Good Men’, 1p

Letter from Edward Julius to E. H. F. Swain, 1 Dec 1916, 1p

Letter from W.M. Brennan, Forest Office, Moree, NSW to E. H. F. Swain, 2 Dec 1916, 1p

Extract from P.J. Journal of NSW, 1 Jan 1917, ‘New South Wales Loss is Australia’s Gain, by Blue Gum’, 2p

Letter from E. H. F. Swain, District Forestry Office, Narrabri, NSW, to the Under Secretary for Lands, Brisbane, 13 Oct 1916, 2p

Letter from the Institute of Foresters of Australia to E. H. F. Swain, 9 Aug 1963, 1p [awarding him the N.W. Jolly Medal for 1963]

E. H. F. Swain, 'Pioneers of the Present', [1907-8], 5p [some of this material was used in an article in The Sydney Mail, 17 May 1911, entitled 'A Coastal Never-Never']

E. H. F. Swain, 'A Coastal Never Never', Oct 1907, 5p [some of this material was used in an article in The Sydney Mail, 17 May 1911, entitled 'A Coastal Never-Never']

E. H. F. Swain, 'Scripta – Taree, on the Manning River', 6 Jan 1905, 2p

Letter from E. H. F. Swain, Taree to Dad, early 1905, 1p

'Diary Notes—Taree (early 1905), 3p

Letters from Cootamundra (1903 & 1904) and Taree (1904), 10p


Letter from E. H. F. Swain, Indooroopilly to the Hon. V.B. Sullivan, Minister for Lands and Forests, Brisbane, Sep 1969, 17p

Letter from E. H. F. Swain, Indooroopilly to the Hon. Secretary, Colong Committee, 30 Apr 1970, 8p

Folder 4

Poems, some published in newspapers [typed from mss by his daughter, Mrs Nancy Foote]:

‘Three Maidens’, Gosford, 4 Jul 1902 (for the Gosford Times), 1p [3 copies]

‘Xmas Bells’, Gosford, 12 Dec 1902 (for the Gosford Times), 1p

‘Our Christmas Number’, Gosford, 12 Dec 1902 (for the Gosford Times), 1p

‘Narara Creek’, Gosford, Mar 1902, 1p [2 copies]

‘Henri Heine’, Gosford, 1902, 1p [2 copies]

‘A Rural Maiden’, 5 Jul 1902, 1p [2 copies]

‘The July Wind’, 5 Jul 1902, 1p [2 copies]

‘Mirth’, 18 Jul 1902, 1p [2 copies]

‘Then’, [no date but an early one], 1p

‘Spring’s Carnival’, Aug 1906, 1p

‘The Complexion of Things’, 16 Jun 1907, 1p

Folder 5

Addresses and newspaper articles, on trees and forestry, conservation, etc.:

Sheet with three newspaper clippings: ‘Sir W. M. Manning’s Presentation Plate’, 'Monument to the Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell', and ‘The Brands Registration Act’, 1p

Newspaper cuttings [typed copies]: ‘Forestry’ [24 Oct 1912], ‘Imperial Timber Bureau’ [no date], ‘Uniform Timber Royalities’ [no date], 2p

Newspaper cutting [typed copy]: ‘Forest Policies’ [about 1912 or 1913], 2p


‘The A.B.C. of Forestry’ [no date], 2p

‘Conservation! And All That!’ [broadcast from Radio Station 2KY – 17 Apr 1945 – 3 p.m.], 5p

‘Folks and Forests’ [A.B.C. broadcast of 12 Oct 1947], 4p

‘Forest Service for Lambing Flat’ [address on 7 Mar 1945 under the auspices of the Rotary Club and Municipal Council of Young, and the Shire Council of Burrangong], 17p

‘National Parks (Federal Talks)’ [no date], 2p

‘The Seven Services of the Bushlands’ [an address to the Sydney Federation of Bushwalkers, 18 May 1945], 13p

Handwritten notes, 1p

Newspaper cutting: ‘Forest Science—Brilliant Queenslanders—Successes Abroad’, Brisbane Courier, 9 Aug 1929, p. 19

‘Forestry in the North-West’ [being a series of articles published in the N.W. Champion, Moree, N.S.W. extending over three months, and taken from a lecture given in Narrabri at the request of the P.S.T. Assn., 1913 (probably April)], 19p

‘Woolgoolga’ [photocopy of newspaper cutting, no date]