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Ernest Gribble Collection

Size
1 box

Contents
Press clippings, diary extracts, correspondence, ledger, papers

Biography
Ernest Gribble followed his father, J.B. Gribble, to Western Australia in 1886. He worked at various occupations including mission worker and bricklayer at Carnarvon and surveyor's offsider and school teacher in Perth. In around 1892 J.B. Gribble went to re-establish the mission at Bellendenker (Yarrabah). Ernest became a drover until he came under the attention of the Bishop of Golbourn. He was ordained in 1893. In 1894 he took over his father's position at Yarrabah and remained in Queensland until illness forced him to accept the rectory at Gosford, where he attracted the young radicals of the clergy. In 1913 Gerard Trower, Bishop of the North West of Western Australia, asked Gribble to take control of the Forrest River Mission northwest of Wyndham (now Oombulgurri). He remained as priest/superintendent/protector until 1928 when he was relieved of his position. He returned to Queensland and worked at Yarrabah and Palm Island until his death around 1958. He was honoured by the Queen with an O.B.E.

Notes
Open access
Photocopies of originals in possession of Rev. J. Gribble of Rockhampton. This collection may contain culturally sensitive words or descriptions, some of which might not normally be used in certain public or community contexts.

Box 1
Photocopied newspaper and radio reviews of *Forty Years with the Aborigines*, dated Jul to Oct 1930 from
- Sunday Sun
- Australasian Tribune
- Wellington Gazette
- Sunday Pictorial
- A.B.M Review
- Sunday Guardian
- Cummins and Campbell’s Monthly Magazine
- Gosford Trib?
- The Australian Women’s Mirror
- Radio – IYA Station, Auckland, NZ
Photocopied newspaper reviews of *Problem of the Australian Aboriginal*, dated 1932 from
- *The Northern Churchman*
- *Church Standard*
- *The World’s News*
- *Church Gazette*
- *Argus*
- *Sunday Sun*
- *Herald (Melbourne)*
- *Weekly Courier (Tasmania)*
- *The British Australian*
- *New Zealander*

Photocopied newspaper reviews of *A Despised Race: The Vanishing Aborigines of Australia*, dated 1933 from
- *Northern Churchman*
- *Courier Mail*
- *Adelaide Advertiser*
- *Townsville Bulletin*
- *Argus*
- *Church Standard*
- *The West Australian*
- *Melbourne Herald*

Photocopied newspaper cuttings re Forrest River Mission particularly an incident involving the murder of a group of Aborigines in Wyndham and subsequent investigation and trial. Reference is made to Rev. Gribble, who was in charge of the mission and led official inquiries into the incident, dated 1925 to 1929 from
- *Cummins & Campbell’s Monthly Magazine*
- *The West Australian*
- *West Australian Church News*

Photocopied newspaper cuttings re Gribble’s life and service with particular attention to the Palm Island Mission, dated 1927 to 1935 from
- *The Northern Churchman*
- *Mackay Daily Mercury*
- *Townsville Daily Bulletin*
- *Rockhampton Daily Bulletin*
- *Church Standard*
- *The Herald*
Photocopied newspaper cuttings re Celebration of Diamond Jubilee and visit by the Primate of Australia and Archbishop of Sydney to the Yarrabah Mission station, dated 1953 from

- Cairns Post
- Townsville Daily Bulletin
- The Age Literary?

Photocopied newspaper cuttings re general lawlessness and/or brutal treatment of Aborigines, several make reference to Gribble, dated 1928-1932 from

- The Sun
- Adelaide?
- Townsville Daily Bulletin
- Sunday Pictorial
- Sydney Morning Herald

Photocopied newspaper cutting “Native Names, What They Mean”, 1932

Photocopied excerpts from Missionary Notes, 17 Oct 1908. Excerpts consist of news from the various missions; a small segment (including a photograph) is devoted to the “White Mission Staff at Yarrabah and the Roper River Missionaries”. Reference is made to Mr. Gribble.

Photocopied excerpts from Missionary Notes, 15 Oct, 1902. Large article devoted to Yarrabah Mission. Also included is notice of Yarrabah Oil Launch and Yarrabah Christmas Parcels, and excerpts from the “Diary of the Late Rev. J.B. Gribble”, dated Aug to Oct 1892

Excerpts from the North-West Australia Diocesan Association Paper, Oct 1920

Photocopies of chapters 2 (1884 to 1887) through 11 of The Setting of the Sun

Photocopies of Gribble’s assessments and evidence given to the Royal Commission inquiry into an Aboriginal murder trial.(Western Australia ? 1906)


Photocopies of ledgers showing accounts, cost of rations issued, profits and losses of different mission stations
Correspondence/ Addresses

Incoming

Letter to Gribble from Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association, n.d.
Letter to Gribble from Neville Green thanking him for his help and offering to publish a history of the Forrest River Mission, Jan 1969
Letter to Gribble from Neville Green, content as above, 1967
Wedding invitation to Gribble from Mr. And Mrs. J. Hannaford, 18 Feb 1928
Letter to Gribble from Walter Iver? re Gribble’s book, Feb 1931
Letter to Gribble from ? re Gribble’s book, 6 July 1930
Telegram to Gribble from the Archbishop in Melbourne advising him of annual meeting and praising him for his courageous work, 31 ? 1927
Letter to Gribble from Fred Thompson re condition of half-castes at Myilly Point, 21 Apr 1930
Letter to Gribble from the President of the Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association re the reinstatement to service of two policemen implicated in violence against Aboriginals, 5 Jan 1928

Outgoing

Letter to the Australian Board of Missions from Gribble ? re inadequacy of funds allocated to the Mission by the Government of Queensland and the Board. 24 Feb 1898

Other

Memorandum for the Rev. E. H. B. Gribble, 11 Feb 1927
Letter to ? from Authur S. Lilley, 14 Apr ?
Statement from the United Missionary Council of New South Wales protesting the reinstatement of two constables to police service after being implicated in violence against Aborigines in the Kimberly District, n.d.
Possible sermon notes re the meaning of and history behind Catholicism, n.d.