**D209 Michael Organ Research Collection**

Creator: Michael Organ 1956-

Historical Note: Research notes compiled by local historian Michael Organ as part of publishing a history of the Organ Family as well as many other research articles and publications on the local area, including his 1990 book *A Documentary History of the Illawarra and South Coast Aborigines 1770-1850*.

Record Summary: Research records – family history and other research areas

Date Range: c1770-2008

Quantity: 1.5 m (10 boxes) plus additional boxes not yet processed

Access Conditions: Available for reference. Contact Archivist in advance to arrange access.

Note: See also related publications: *Pioneers of the Illawarra: a history of the family of Elias Organ in Wollongong, 1839-1869* / compiled by Michael Organ and Robert Hardy

Item List

1. Organ Family History Research Files

Box 1 – Organ Family History

1. Organ Family Trees
2. Correspondence and research materials
3. Research notes and guides
4. Research notes and guides

Box 2 – Organ Family History

5. Births, Deaths and Marriages
6. Research Notes

Box 3 – Organ Family History

7. Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record – ‘Biographical Detail Forms’
8. Local History papers and Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record – ‘Biographical Detail Forms’
9. CD-ROM – M.Organ, POL111, 8 April 2008

Other Research Files

Unless otherwise noted, all newspaper clippings are photocopies.

2. Pioneer Oil Shale American Creek 1865-1878 [1 Box]

1. The Pioneer Kerosene Works at American Creek (Mt Kembla, N.S.W) with a brief reference to the succeeding companies—by A.P. Fleming, Illawarra Historical Society, 1976 [x2].
3. Publication Draft, M. Organ—Introduction and prior to 1865: including copies of maps, plans, aerial photographs, images, chronology draft and bibliography.
4. Research Notes—1865: newspaper clippings, some annotated by Michael Organ, in order according to date (range 17th March, 1865-16th December, 1865).
5. Research Notes—1866-7: newspaper clippings (including advertisements), some annotated by Michael Organ, in order according to date (range 11th January 1866 to 20th August 1867); Incorporation of Hartley Kero Company Bill; Legislative Assembly of NSW correspondence and evidence relating to the existence of petroleum in NSW.
6. Research Notes—1868-70: newspaper clippings in order according to date (range 16th April 1868 to 15th October 1870); handwritten notes by Michael Organ about Pioneer Kerosene Works production each year during period covered.
7. Research Notes—1871-75: newspaper clippings in order according to date (28th October 1871 to 19th October 1875); handwritten notes by Michael Organ regarding Pioneer
Kerosene Works production 1871-1874, number of employees of works 1875, location and approximate placing of buildings; image ‘Scene on the American Creek near Wollongong’, Illustrated Sydney News, 30.9.1871 [photocopy].

8. Research Notes—1876-78: newspaper clippings in order according to date (range 29th February 1876-31st December 1878); Handwritten notes by Michael Organ regarding production (1877-1878), employee numbers (1876-78) and names and dates of managers of Works; handwritten letter from Andrew Armstrong (manager of Works, 1877-78) to Mr Weston, editor of Kiama Independent, dated June 1st, 1877 [photocopy].


3. Aborigines [2 Boxes]

Aborigines

1. The Sydney Language, by Jakelin Troy, Canberra: Produced with the assistance of the Australian Dictionaries Project and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, 1993, pp. 3-116. [photocopy]

2. Vocabulary of the language of N.S. Wales in the neighbourhood of Sydney: (native and English but not alphabetical), [no author, no date]. [photocopy]
4. Aerial map view of Cataract [3x photographic reproductions].
6. Wollongong City Council, Aboriginal Heritage Planning Study: Invitation for Aboriginal Input [no date].
8. AIATSIS Brochures/Publications: relating to Librarianship, Aboriginal records/community access and reconciliation.
11. Jervis Bay National Park and Botanic Gardens as Aboriginal Land: a final report to the Minister on the significance of the land and water in the Region of Jervis Bay Territory to indicate the appropriateness of a grant under the Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986 (as amended), by Brian J. Egloff (University of Canberra Cultural Heritage Conservation Studies Research Centre), Kerry Navin and Kelvin Officer (Archaeological Resource Management) Includes note to M. Organ from B. Egloff.
12. Our Culture, Our Future: Proposals for the recognition and protection of Indigenous cultural and intellectual property, Terri Janke, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, 1997. [monograph]
15. Correspondence-- dated between 6.10.1991 and 22.5.1996, relating to articles and other publications by M. Organ [1 file].
17. Reproduction of artwork “Thullinbah” [Oversized item]
18. Gang-Man-Gang [Oversized item]

Aboriginal Heritage


23. *Mu: nu: ñur “Mununja” the butterfly: the first storybook in traditional Aboriginal language from south-eastern Australia*, as told by ñu: nu: wul Elder Don Bell, with bilingual text and commentary by Chris Illert.


### 4. History of Wollongong Aboriginal Chapter [1 Box]


2. Research Notes and manuscripts relating to *A History of Wollongong*—proof version, *Illawarra Aborigines* manuscript, Michael Organ and Carol Speechley [x3], annotated; handwritten notes relating to chapter; email correspondence relating to project; proposal regarding *Illawarra Aborigines* chapter; proposals/outlines, drafts etc related to other chapters within the book; copies of newspaper articles and other research regarding Aborigines in the Illawarra, including *Coastal Aborigines of New South Wales*, National Parks and Wildlife NSW [monograph]; meeting minutes related to the project; contract between Wollongong City Council and James Hagan & Andrew Wells relating to book.

3. Folder relating to Aboriginal Sites of Illawarra/NSW Carol Sefton

### 5. Alexander Harris/Illawarra Garden NSW [1 Box]


6. Email from Mary Wall regarding Alexander Harris, 29th July 2000.


6. Brighton Hotel Site Wollongong Harbour [1 Box]

1. Historical archaeological report on Brighton Hotel Site, cnr Cliff Road and Harbour Streets, Wollongong. Damaris Bairstow, Consultant Archaeologist, Saxon Building Projects, September 1994. Included are slides and photographs of the site, and 37 artifacts recovered at the site.

7. Illawarra History Research Notes [1 Box]

3. Balgownie Hotel—Summary of developments to date [undated, no author]; Balgownie Hotel 1959, images [photocopied, no photographer credited]; Datasheets regarding reasons for Heritage Listing of Balgownie Hotel and Butcher’s Shop Precinct, Balgownie [no author, undated]; Newspaper clippings relating to history of Balgownie, the Balgownie Hotel; History of Balgownie, Vince Ward, [handwritten date attributing it to the 1980s, photocopy]; letter from Colin Markham, MP to Rod Oxley, General Manager, Wollongong Council, regarding Balgownie Hotel, dated 16th October 1995; letter from Tarrawanna Soccer Club to Friends of Balgownie Hotel, dated 30th November, 1995.