D212 Reverend W.B. Clarke Research Collection

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Historical Note: This collection comprises newspaper articles and publications by and about the Reverend W.B. Clark (1798-1878), the ‘Father of Australian Geology’ and the Church of England minister at St. Thomas’s North Sydney.

Record Summary: Research records – publications, photocopies, notes.

Date Range: 1970 – 1980s

Quantity: 1.3 m (8 boxes)

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

Inventory: Compiled 4 February 1999. Last revised 12 October 2012
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1798- 1846
Notes, publications

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Box 5
- Reverend William Branwhite Clarke’s Diaries in Illawarra 1839-1840
- Sketch of W.B. Clarke

Box 6
- Clarke, Rev. William Branwhite- index to correspondents.
- Guide to the papers of the Clarke family, ML MSS 139/1
- State Library of New South Wales. Stack Slips
- Indexes, listings, catalogues and correspondence
- ‘Scientist of empire, Sir Roderick Murchison, scientific exploration and Victorian imperialism’ by Robert A. Stafford. Cambridge University Press
- W.B. Clarke – Journal articles
- The Scientific Bibliography of W.B. Clarke
- ‘The University of Sydney, Macleay Museum News’ Number 13, April, 1999.
- Correspondence

Box 7
- ‘The Annals and Magazine of Natural History,’ No. 132, September 1847.
- Correspondence
- “…a small fish in a small pond…” The Reverend W.B. Clarke (1798-1878): What did he actually do?’ Michael Organ.
- The University of Sydney Archives ‘Record’ Vol.1. no. 2, August 1973 and Vol 2, no. 1, May 1974.
- Research articles
- Newsclippings
- Correspondence
- Drafts of Article ‘…”a small fish in a small pond…” The Reverend W.B. Clarke (1798-1878): What did he actually do?” Michael Organ.
- List of Australian Trilobite Species Collected by the Rev W.B. Clarke 1839-78.
Box 8

A.J. Wright material

- Photocopy of ‘Recent geological discoveries Australasia’ The Rev. W. B. Clarke, 2nd ed. Sydney, Joseph Cook. 1861
- ‘Of Stones, from the manuscript of John Strachey’s proposed Somersetshire Illustrated’ by B. D. Webby, 1967 – Two copies
- ‘Some early ideas attributing easterly dipping strata to the rotation of the earth’ by B.D. Webby, 1969 – Two copies: on front ‘With the author’s compliments’
- Blue folder : Various correspondence (copies) from 1840s & 1850s. Letter from Aust. High Commission London to Michael Organ, listing correspondence of W. B. Clarke held by Natural History Museum in London & Cambridge University Library
- Manila folder with copies of correspondence dating 1850s and 1860s. Copies of journal articles by or with reference to W. B. Clarke
- BMR Journal of Australian Geology & Geophysics Vol.9 No.2, 1984 – Contains tribute to Armin Alexsander Opik (1898-1983) - including letter to A. J. Wright with original photos of Opik.
- Copy of the tribute to Opik in the above journal
- Copy of Records of the Australian Museum (Vol. XX no.1) with obit. Of Robert Etheridge Junior (palaeontologist)
- Copy of Obituary of John Mitchell, PLS NSW 1028 vol.53 pt.1
- Various journals / publications containing obituaries of, or tributes to Geologists
  - Thomas George Vallance (1928-1993)
  - Joseph Edward Carne (1855-1922)
  - Charles Oswald Hamblin (1893-1922)
  - George Israel Playfair (d.1922 aged 52)
  - John Shirley (1840-1922)
  - Ernest Clayton Andrews (1870-1948)
  - Tribute to Pawel Edmund Strezelecki (1797-1873)
  - Tribute of Edgeworth David
  - Essays in honour of Edwin Sherbon Hills
  - Obituary of William Rowan Browne (1884-1975)
  - Tribute to WR Browne (1966 – on his retirement?)
  - Obituary of Sir Douglas Mawson, 1882-1958
  - Memorial to Carl Adolph Sussemlch, 1875-1946
  - Obituary of John Mitchell, 1848-1928
- Articles on geological sciences in general