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JOHN REYNOLDS

John Reynolds (1899-1986) was educated at Friends' School, Hobart, and Hobart Technical School, where he studied chemistry. He had a distinguished career as a metallurgist, starting with the E.Z.Co., and played a leading role in the establishment of the Australian aluminium industry with its beginnings at Bell Bay following the discovery of bauxite at Ouse in 1943. In 1939, at the beginning of the War, he was seconded to the Public Service as Commerce Officer, Department of Agriculture, Commerce & Industry Section, Hobart, to advise on the production of industrial charcoal for carbide manufacture. He was involved in making a contract for the sale of wolfram and tungsten to the British Government. He held a number of advisory and official posts in Tasmania during the next two decades, including responsibility for the implementation of the Grain Reserve Act 1950.

John Reynolds main interest, however, lay in journalism and historical research. He won a Commonwealth Literary Fund Award for his biography of Toby Barton. He wrote a life of William Lawrence Baillieu, *Launceston - the history of an Australian City* (1969); *Men & Mines* (1974) and articles for the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* and the *Transactions of the Tasmanian Historical Research Association*. His last book, *Countries of the mind*, a biography of Edmund Morris Miller, completed in collaboration with Margaret Giordano, was published in 1987 after his death.

DIARIES

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- 1 Desk diaries 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1976
 Appointments and memoranda.

MINING & BUSINESS

- 2 Australian Magnesium Co. 1932-1939
 Correspondence relating to the Tasmanian Magnesium industry from C.H. Grant and John Reynolds, Managing Directors Australian Magnesium Co., to the Minister for Mines etc.
 (1 file)
- 3 Federal Grants to States and Taxation 1934-1935
 Correspondence and notes.
- 4 Wolfram & Scheelite 1939-1940
 Correspondence relating to production and sale of Tasmanian wolfram and scheelite for the production of tungsten metal and contract for sale to U.K., some written by John Reynolds as Commerce Officer, Dept. of Agriculture & Industry.

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- 5 Limestone 1939
Correspondence - Premier & Chief Secretary's Office.
- 6 Silicon carbide, aluminium oxide etc. ND. c 1942-58
Notes on production and uses.
(1 file)
- 7 History of wheat stabilisation in Australia 1944
(duplicated, bound, 80 pp. plus tables)
- 8 Tin mining etc. 1957-1958
- 9 Tasmanian Tin Producers Committee 1960-1963
Correspondence
(1 file)
- 10 Tin smelting, silica, etc. 1960-1963
John Reynolds & Associates - correspondence.
(1 file)
- 11-13 Scamander Mineral Exploration Co. 1967-1968
Correspondence (2 files); newscuttings etc. 1957, 1969 (1 folder)
- 14-15 Jane River Mining c 1977-1978
Correspondence, copy of 1935 report. Also correspondence on vibrating screens.
(2 folders)

HISTORICAL STUDIES & BIOGRAPHIES

- 16 Mining Biographies ND.
Biographies of James Harcourt Smith (1864-), Government geologist; William Renison Bell (1840-1915); Guillaume Daniel Delprat (1856-1937), Manager Broken Hill P.C.; John Walter Gregory (1864-1932), geologist; Patrick Hannan (c 1843-1925), Kalgoorlie Goldfield; Edward Hammond Hargreaves (1816-1891), goldminer; Henry Yorke Lyell Brown (1844-1928) geologist; Sir Tannatt William Edgeworth David (1858-1934), geologist; William Arthur Pretyman (1863-), Chief Clerk Mines Dept., Hobart. Also miscellaneous newscuttings and notes.
(1 folder, ts. & ms.)
- 17 "The silver boom" ND
(ts. 26 pp.)
- 18 "Eastern gold mines 1870-1914"
(ts, 30 pp.)
- 19 "The red metal - copper" ND
(ts. 27 pp.)
- 20 "A study of the Federation movement in Tasmania 1825 - 1900"
(ts. 41 pp.)

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- 21 "History of Launceston: fluctuating fortunes in commerce" 15 Nov. 1968
Lecture for Adult Education Board
(ts 13 pp.)
- 22 "Campbell Town in the 19th century 1821 - 1900"
(ts. 2 pp.)
- 23 "Countries of the mind" 1981
"The biographical journey of Edmund Morris Miller 1881-1964", John Reynolds
and Margaret Giordano (published 1987)
(ts. draft, 202 pp.)
- 24 Tasmanian Parliamentarians ND
Draft introduction and biographies of: William Robert Giblin, Lyndhurst Falkinder
Giblin, Sir Richard Dry of Quamby, James Milne Wilson, James Whyte, Charles
Meredith, Francis Villeneuve Smith, Frederick Maitland Innes, Thomas Daniel Chapman
of Sunnyside (1815-1884), Alfred Kennerley (d.1897 age 88), William Lodewyk
Crowther.
(1 folder)
- 25 The inaugural session of the Federal Council of Australia held at Legislative Council
Chambers, Hobart, 26 Jan. - 5 Feb. 1886.
(ts. 23 pp.)
- 26 Miscellaneous biographies ND.
(1) Isaac Alfred Isaacs (private notes ms.)
(2) John West (1809-1873) (ts.)
(3) Sir John Franklin, the Colonial Governor 1837-1843, address at Franklin
Centenary Meeting of the Royal Society of Tasmania 7 Feb. 1937 (ts. 13 pp.)
(4) Launceston's Dictator 1811 (Johnathan Burke McHugo) (ts. 15 pp.)
(5) James Rule (1830-1901), educationist.
(6) A.I. Clark - "The Clarks of Rosebank". (ts.)
- 27 Australian Dictionary of Biography 1962 1976
Correspondence and papers relating to Tasmanian Working Party, including
suggested lists, rough notes on Thomas Jerome Kingston Bakhap ? born Ballarat; also
cabinet photograph by E.M. Grimley, Birmingham [U.K] of Edwardian gentleman.
(1 folder)
- 28 Broadcast talks and film scripts
(1) Sir Edmund Barton 28 Jan. 1950
(2) Prospectors - Western Tasmania ND
(3) Trip by road from Hobart to Wynyard via the West Coast 1969
- 35 *National Australasian Convention 1891*
Draft of description of proceedings

CORRESPONDENCE

- 29-31 Correspondence and notes c 1950 - 1970
Miscellaneous correspondence and notes, including draft of "A.I. Clark's American
sympathies and his influence on Australian Federation" and of "The Clark's of Rosebank"
(29).
(3 folders)

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- 32 Philately c 1950 - 1960, 1974
 Correspondence relating to Philatelic Societies and stamps. Also certificate of Life Membership of Tasmanian Philatelic Society awarded for distinguished service 24 Jan. 1974 (formerly in frame).

MISCELLANEOUS

- 33 Hobart Repertory Theatre Programmes 1927-1942
 Scrapbook of programmes 1927-37 compiled and donated to the Hobart Repertory Theatre Society by Maisie Fulton, and a few additional programmes 1938-42)
 (scrapbook)
- 34 "An account of the whaling and sealing industries of Van Dieman's Land" by Leonard C. Murray.
 (ts. 63 pp.)
- 35 Copy of interview by Mr. Jim Adnum with Mr John Reynolds (ABC, 1979).
 Topic: David Collins, first Lt. Governor, Col.