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NAME OF COLLECTION	Camden Harbour Pastoral Association
ACCESSION NO	1962.0007
CATEGORY	Business, organisations
ACTIVITY	Pastoral investment companies
DATE RANGE	1862-1928
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1 cm.
HISTORICAL NOTE	The Association was founded in 1864 by Hugh Murray of Geelong and others to promote the settlement and stocking of four million acres around Camden Harbour in the Kimberleys, Western Australia. The project failed shortly after settlement.
DATE OF TRANSFER	Jun 1962
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Western Australia Government Gazette 1862; correspondence 1864-1928; Preamble and rules of Association; Memoranda.
LISTED BY	Frank Strahan
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY

NAME: CAMDEN HARBOUR PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

ADDRESS: Defunct.

MAIN ACTIVITY: Association formed in 1864 for the settlement and stocking of 4,000,000 acres in Camden Harbour area, W. A.

DATE OF TRANSFER: June 1962.

NOTE: These records were found in a lot obtained from Strachan and Co., woolbrokers, Geelong. They were papers of Hugh Murray, a partner in the Company when Strachan, Murray and Shannon, and a promoter of the Camden Harbour scheme.

LIST OF RECORDS

1. West Aust. Government Gazette (Extra).
Notification Camden Harbour area available for lease and purchase.
2 p. printed.
23 Dec. 1862.

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2. Copy letter Secretary of Association to Col. Sec. Western Australia.
Advises of formation of Association and requests pre-emptive right of occupation over 4,000,000 acres.
1 p. ms.
17 Aug. 1864.
Note. On same sheet notes concerning livestock and agricultural produce of Timor, Bali, Lombok, and other nearby islands.
 3. Preamble and Rules of the Camden Harbour Pastoral Association confirmed at a meeting of depositors held in Melbourne on 8 Aug. 1864, T. W. Sellars, Chairman.
1 p. printed.
 4. Description of Camden Harbour: its climate and adjoining country, with map, Ferguson and Moore, 48 Flinders Lane East, Melbourne, 1864.
 5. Copy pamphlets and memoranda Camden Harbour.
Document so labelled being description of the District of the Glenelg and extracts from Mr. Panter's report.
19 p. ms. (10 sheets).
No date.
 6. Memo, Young and Martin to Nankivell Esq.
Offer to supply buffalo and ponies from Timor and Madura at £7 per head, and cattle and sheep. These to be landed at Camden.
1 p. ms.
No date.
 7. Letter William Harvey, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, 85 Flinders Street West, to Hugh Murray, Berongarock, Colac.
Concerns application to Western Australian government and suggested amendment of original scope of scheme to 100 shares of £100 if insufficient shares taken up. From letter seems that Hugh Murray, his brother Andrew, and Harvey are among the promoters. No. of shares taken to date, 53.
4 p. ms. (1 sheet).
31 Aug. 1864.

8. Letter Andrew Murray, Melbourne, to Hugh Murray.
"Mr. Barker....does not believe the W. A. government will give us what we ask". Barker says "it is as fine a country as Victoria". Subscribers now 119 of which 55 paid up.
4 p. ms. (1 sheet).
2 Sept. 1864.
9. Letter Edward Tanner, Winchelsea, to Hugh Murray.
Discusses merits of purchase or charter of a ship, proposes neither and suggests freighting the stock to Camden - preferably by one Mr. Hart. Wants to get on permanent committee of the Association. Mentions agreement between self and T. Murray. Scheme at present too Utopian - "too much of French frivolity and not enough of real English hard thought and work... don't let anyone feel his success depends upon any one or combination of men, but upon his own strong arm and determined will." Stock should be sheep and not cattle.
8 p. (2 sheets).
7 Sept. 1864.
10. Copy letter of Hugh Murray, Melbourne, to (? J. Meadon, M. D.).
On reflection Murray has decided not to act as agent for the Association and asks that Board of Management be acquainted with his refusal.
1 p. ms.
17 Nov. 1864.
11. Letter Andrew S. Murray, Colac, to Hugh (? Strachan).
Has decided not to write recollections of Camden Harbour but forwards papers of his father concerning the venture.
1 p. ms.
13 March 1928.
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