



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Grice Family
ACCESSION NO	1965.0020
CATEGORY	Business, Individuals
ACTIVITY	Importers, Lawyers
DATE RANGE	1839-1927
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 cm [1 box]
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Richard Grice was importing merchant and his son, Sir John Grice a lawyer and businessman. Richard Grice (1813-1882) from Cumberland migrated to Port Phillip in company with Mr Heape in 1839. In partnership with Heape, he began business as an import merchant in 1840, and also took up land at Mt. Alexander. In 1842, the partners purchased Parker and Boadle's grocer shop in Melbourne. Richard Grice married Anne Lavinia, daughter of James Hibberson of NSW on 21 August 1844. Sir John Grice, Knt. Bach. 1917 (Vic.), son of Richard Grice, was born in Melbourne in 1850. He graduated LL.B. and BA at the University of Melbourne and was called to the Bar in 1872. He was a member of Melbourne University Council 1888-1923, Vice-Chancellor 1918-1923, President of Melbourne Hospital, Chairman of the National Bank of Australasia and numerous other companies. He married Mary Anne, daughter of David Power, in 1878. Two of Sir John's four sons were killed, one in the Boer War in 1901 and the other in France in 1916. John Grice died in Melbourne on 27 February 1935.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Richard Grice: Copies of letters to his family in Cumberland 1839-1845. Sir John Grice: Diaries 1869, 1902, 1908, 1918-1924, 1927.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	

NOTE ON LISTING	This list does not include box numbers, please discuss your inquiry with an archivist.
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NAME: GRICE FAMILY

ADDRESS:

MAIN ACTIVITY: Richard Grice: Merchant.
Sir John Grice: Lawyer and businessman.

NAME OF TRANSFEROR:

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GENERAL NOTE: RICHARD GRICE of Bootle, Cumberland, emigrated to Port Phillip in company with Mr. Heape in 1839. In partnership with Heape he began business as an import merchant in 1840, and also took up land at Mt. Alexander. In 1842 the partners purchased Parker and Boadle's grocers' shop in Melbourne. Richard Grice married Anne Lavinia, daughter of James Hibberson of N.S.W., in 1844 or early 1845.

Sir JOHN GRICE, Knt. Bach. 1917 (Vic.), son of Richard Grice, was born at Melbourne in 1850. He graduated LL.B and B.A. at Melbourne and was called to the Bar in 1872. He was a member of Melbourne University Council 1888-1923, and Vice-Chancellor 1918-1923. President of Melbourne Hospital 1906-18, he was also Chairman of the National Bank of Australasia and of many public companies. He married in 1878 Mary Anne, daughter of David Power. Two of his four sons were killed - one in S. African War 1901, the other in France 1916. He died in Melbourne 27 Feb. 1935.

LIST OF RECORDS

The records have been classified into two groups:

1. Letters from Richard Grice.
2. Diaries of Sir John and G. Grice.

GROUP 1. Letters from Richard Grice, Port Phillip, to his relatives at Bootle, Cumberland, 1839-45. (Xerox copies of typescript copy of originals)

1. Rochdale - to his brother John.
Preparations for the trip to Port Phillip.
May 17, 1839. 2pp.
2. On board ship Alice Brooks, then Adelaide - to his father.
Description of voyage and of Adelaide.
June 10 - Sept. 25, 1839. 4pp.
3. Port Phillip - to his sister Elizabeth.
Sale of goods. Starts for bush tomorrow with Tho. Myers.
Jan. 4, 1840. 1p.
4. Launceston - to Elizabeth.
Harvest. Buying sheep. Prophecies general smash among speculators at Port Phillip. Description of Port Phillip and V.D.L.
Feb. 2, 1840, 6pp.
5. Port Phillip - to John
Land.
April 7, 1840. 5pp.

6. To his brother Thomas.
Beginning business. Thomas to engage two men and send them out.
May 15, 1840. 4pp.
7. To his father.
Has not yet found a station. Missing letters. Heape's business. Price of flour. Melbourne's rapid growth. Description of countryside.
July 2, 1840. 7pp.
8. To his brother J.S. Grice.
Intends to settle at Mt. Alexander. Trouble with blacks. Description of life in the bush. Business doing well. High wages.
Sept. 28, 1840. 7pp.
9. To his father.
Method of exploring the bush. Price of flour. Sheep paste for the scab killing the sheep. Need for labour in colonies. Presents for family. Black Protector. Investments.
Dec. 30, 1840. 8pp.
10. To John.
Scab in sheep. Attack by blacks. Sale of goods from England. Paid out £350 in cottages.
May 17, 1841, 5pp.
11. To his brother W. Grice.
Re goods from England. Sending back the sheep dip composition. Advise on type of goods to send out for sale.
July 10, 1841. 4pp.
12. To John.
Re goods sent out by "Lady Raffles". Opinion of Port Phillip markets. Arrival of emigrant ships. Agreement with Parker and Boadle for share in their retail trade. Type of goods to send out.
July 27, 1841. 6pp.
13. To John.
Advice on type of goods to send out. News of Station.
August 1, 1841. 3pp.
14. To John.
Market. Profitable trip by Heape to V.D.L. Auctions.
May 7, 1842. 4pp.
15. To John.
Commencing building 2 houses on account of W. Grice & Co. Business. Bought Parker and Boadle's grocers' shop. Station work.
Nov. 4, 1842. 3pp.
16. To J.S. Grice.
Re family in England. News of friends. Business dull.
Dec. 29, 1842. 3pp.
17. To John.
Market, Harvest.
Jan. 31, 1843. 3pp.

18. To Thomas.
"Times a re getting worse". Market.
June 1, 1843. 3pp.
19. To John.
Purchased a sheep station adjoining land at Mt. Alexander. Prices.
Oct. 7, 1843. 3pp.
20. To J.S. Grice.
Mr. Heape's intended visit to England.
Feb. 9, 1844. 2pp.
21. To Elizabeth.
Description of his living quarters. Profit from station. Election for Leg.
Council. Emigrants.
April 17, 1844. 4pp.
22. To his father.
Business. Prices.
July 13, 1844. 3pp.
23. To his father.
Price of wool. Harvest.
Jan. 12, 1845. 2pp.
24. 'Betty', Newlands Arborfield Reading, to 'Dick'
Death of mother. War.
August 17 ? 2pp.

GROUP 2: DIARIES.

1. Diaries of Sir John Grice (11 vols.) :
 - 1869 (May - Sept) (also list of expenses for 1873)
 - 1902
 - 1908
 - 1918
 - 1919
 - 1920
 - 1921 (scattered entries)
 - 1923 (Jan. - June)
 - 1923 (August - Dec.)
 - 1924
 - 1927
2. Diary of G. Grice (?son of Sir John)
 - 1900 (Boer War)