

1978.0050 PAPERS OF WALTER F. WELLS 1874-1936

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| Creator | Wells, Walter F |
| Biography: This collection of itemised accounts and other records kept by W.F. Wells of Victoria was accompanied by a manuscript note (kept with the collection) supplying the following information: When Walter Wells was eleven years he left school in Beechworth. He worked as a cook for a surveyor, and went droving into New South Wales to support the family. Over most of the period covered by the records, Wells worked as a repairer for the Victorian Railways, but also found work with farmers. The sums brought into the household from various sources by Wells, his wife and their children (a family of ten) are carefully recorded. In addition to the accounts, the collection includes some minutes of organisations in which Wells was interested, the Blue Ribbon Army (a temperance body) and the short lived Gapstead Brass Band. | |

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| Reference Number | 1978.0050 |
| Collection/Series Title | PAPERS OF WALTER F. WELLS |
| Date Range of Collection/Series | 1874-1936 |
| Size/Extent | 1 box (0.08m) |
| Access Conditions | Access: Open |
| Scope and Content of Series Household accounts; minutes of local organisations (area around Beechworth) In addition to the accounts, the collection includes some minutes of organisations in which Wells was interested: the Blue Ribbon Army (a temperance body) and the short-lived Gapstead Brass Band. | |
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| Unit/Box | Item number | Title | Date range | Description |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00001 | Fragment of memorandum book | 1874-1898 | Itemised expenditure and receipts (harvest wages) while employed by J J Munro 1874-76, and by other farmers in horse driving etc. to 1878; Things bought for Willie, for W F Wells and for J A Wells, 1898. At top right-hand corner of the first page is written wrongly in biro 1854. Previous Control Number: 1 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00002 | Memorandum book | 1892-1909 | Expenditure and receipts, January 1892 - January 1909; notes regarding sons earnings and paying off a debt; Minutes of Church, Stony Creek, a non-denominational Church to be used by any Evangelists, Blue Ribbon or Band of Hope Societies only, minutes consist only of resolutions as to purpose and control of building, one of which is dated 4 May 1885. Previous Control Number: 2 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00003 | Memorandum book | 1908-1916 | Expenditure and receipts on account of various customers, August 1908 - January 1916, work done consists of loading, weighing and unloading animals, wool, grain etc. for farmers. Previous Control Number: 3 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00004 | Memorandum book | 1923-1936 | Receipts and expenditure, 22 February 1923 - 18 June 1936. At back, note of Norman's bad fall from bicycle, interest and dividends due at Cobton, Rail stations, names and distances between Albury and Wagga and dates of railway openings Everton to Beechworth and Myrtleford, annual wool sales, cost of kerosene etc. Previous Control Number: 4 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00005 | Exercise book | 1891-1895 | Containing arithmetic exercises and dictation; copy of circular letter from office of Engineer for Existing Lines, Railway Department, 6 August 1895, to Gangers and Repairers, asking them to reply to questions concerning working hours, answers are inserted by Wells in the copy, a draft is loose in book; notes regarding Victorian Railway Passes and overtime received, grocers, butchers, lodge accounts, 1891, and settlements of accounts 1893-1895. Previous Control Number: 5 |

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| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00006 | Exercise book | 1888-1893 | Containing minutes of Public meeting at the State School No. 2240, 30 January 1888, resolving that Band be established and instruments brought by intending members, minutes taken by M Thomas Hall, School teacher, Palmerston; Minutes of members of the Gapstead Brass Band (at first called the Palmerston Brass Band) are recorded for monthly meetings to 18 May 1889 (decision had been made to amalgamate with the Myrtleford Brass Band); Note of General Election 1892 for Ovens; Results for Ferguson and G V Smith; copy of letter from Railway Office of Engineer of Existing Lines, 9 April 1892, to Repairer W F Wells and Gatekeeper J A Wells at No.7 gate, Bowman's Forest, regarding abolition of gates and construction of cattle pits, but offering Wells continued use of gate house for 7/- per week (W F Wells signifies willingness to pay), and copy is headed Gatekeepers Curse; loose item: memorandum that gate was pitted and removed mid July 1893, and notes regarding gauges on verso of application for refund of railway fare, 19 June 1891; list of things for a picnic of 100 persons; Credits and debits Stewards from Easter Sports Tilt at the ring Money Sub; Election results Ferguson and Isaacs (n.d.). Previous Control Number: 6 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00007 | Exercise book | 1884-1910 | Containing Minutes of Blue Ribbon Army, Stony Creek, 19 April 1884 - 18 April 1888 (in favour of local option); loose item: carbon copy of letter W F Wells to A D Western (Solicitor?), Porepunkah, 25/5/1908, querying request for payment of £1 a block for Crown Grant for his 65 holding at Palmerston, in connection with which Western appears to have done little; copy of follow up letter 13/6/1908, in which Western gives notice of intention to manage the application himself; order for groceries from Barnes, 6 November 1910. Previous Control Number: 7 |

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| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00008 | Claim form | 1917 | Signed blank claim form from Victorian Railways, on verso statement of time worked by W F Wells, weeks ending 6/1/1917 and 13/1/1917. Previous Control Number: 8 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00009 | Account | Undated | William G Wells, receipts and expenditure in connection with illness and death, on verso sketch of position of (presumably) graves. Previous Control Number: 9 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00010 | Receipted invoices | 1933 | Receipted invoices: J B Robertson Pty Ltd, General Storekeepers, Myrtleford, for boots, n.d. but 1900 or later; Chandlers Hardware Stores, 234-236 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, and Fitzroy, for grate, 1933, shows registered trademark of kangaroo carrying rifle. Previous Control Number: 10 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00011 | Rate notice | 1928 | Rate notice from Shire of Beechworth, December 1928, on house and land, 51-49-50 acres, Gapstead. Previous Control Number: 11 |
| 1978.0050 Unit 1 | 1978.0050.00012 | Directions for making a will | Undated | Printed pages 41 - 42 from an unknown book, no title or date. Previous Control Number: 12 |

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