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Rev. W. H. MacFarlane was an Anglican missionary who, with his wife Mrs Gwen MacFarlane, worked in the Torres Strait Islands from 1917 until 1933, mainly at the Darnley Island Mission. During his service he kept detailed diaries and notes on the work of the Mission as well as on the culture of the Islanders, their legends and history, which included many references to individual Islanders and families. The MacFarlanes wrote and broadcast about their experiences and Torres Strait Island culture in a series of magazine articles and on ABC radio, until Rev. MacFarlane's death in 1963. While at the Mission, Rev. MacFarlane contributed notes and photographs to Dr A. C. Haddon, which were incorporated in the ethnography volume of the Reports of the Cambridge Anthropological Expedition to Torres Straits, Cambridge, 1935. Mrs MacFarlane's memoirs, "Smoke, sand and sail: a home with 'the happy people'", written some years after leaving Torres Strait, are held as an unpublished manuscript in the AIAS Library (MS 2140).

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