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Papers and correspondence on linguistics. 128 items. Photocopies.

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Photocopies made from originals loaned by Dr. R.Y. Mathew, Dr. A.G. and Mr. J.B. Mathew, Oct. 1977.

Contents:

- (A) Letters to John Mathew about Aboriginal names, many with notes of replies by John Mathew.
- (1) 1900: Letter, dated 19 Mar.
  - (2) 1911: 2 letters, dated 23 Mar. and 25 May
  - (3) 1912: 3 letters, dated 18 and 21 June, 16 Sep.
  - (4) 1913: 3 letters, dated 12 Jan., 25 Feb., 13 Mar.
  - (5) 1917: Letter, dated 11 Jan.
  - (6) 1918: Letter, dated 30 Jan.
  - (7) 1920: 4 letters, dated 7 Aug., 19 Sep., 4 and 14 Oct.
  - (8) 1921: 11 letters, dated 20 and 23 Jan., 6 Mar., 25 Apr., 12 June, 5 Aug., n.d. [reply dated 8 Aug.], 2, 5, 12 and 24 Sep.
  - (9) 1922: 15 letters, dated 11, 21 and 27 Jan., 13 Mar., 1 Apr., 22 May, 25 and 27 (2) June, 1 and 6 July, 1 Aug., 21 and 23 Oct., 15 Nov.
  - (10) 1923: 15 letters, dated 25 Jan., 6 Feb., 26 Mar., 10, 16 and 23 Apr., 2 and 10 May, 5 June, 2, 3 and 8 July, 6 Aug., 15 Oct., 8 Nov.
  - (11) 1924: 15 letters, dated 6 Jan., 16 Feb., 6 Apr., 17 and 20 May, 16, 20 and 21 June, 22 July, 3 and 19 Aug., 9 Sept., 20 Oct., 2 and 22 Dec.
  - (12) 1925: 2 letters, dated 30 June and 30 July.
  - (13) 1926: 6 letters, dated 27 Apr., 18 May, 1 June, 10, 20 and 28 Sept.
  - (14) 1927: 5 letters, dated 30 June, 19 July, 8 Aug., 2 and 11 [incomplete] Sept.
  - (15) 1928: 2 letters, dated 15 Feb. and 21 Sep.
  - (16) 1938: Letter, dated Nov.
  - (17) n.d. Undated letter.
- (B) Notes on Aboriginal words, some in reply to requests to name a house, explain the name of a geographical feature etc. - 19 notes, dated 24 July 12, 13 Feb. 19, 22 Nov. 20, 29 Nov. 20, 19 May 21, 15 Dec. 22, 18 Apr. 23, 7 June 23, 1 May 24, 20 May 24, 30 Aug. 24, 18 Dec. 24, 29 May 25, 19 Oct. 25; 4 undated.
- (C) Clippings from newspapers and periodicals, all dealing with Aboriginal words. 12 newspaper clippings, dated 24 July 12, 7 Feb. 20, 15 Apr. 20 [?], 3 May 24, 12 Jan. [no year], 16 Jan. [no year], (6) [n.d.]

## A2;B2 (D) Clippings from periodicals.

- (1) Aboriginal names [pt 1] W.S. Campbell. Garden Mag. 1 Aug. 1926: 422
- (2) An Australian legend (...taken from Wilson's "Prehistoric man"), n.d.
- (3) Our Blackfellows' dialects, Qld. Guardian, Mar. 1883: 39

## (E) Vocabulary lists

- (1) Poolamacca dialect, Broken Hill, NSW.; taken down by M. Grace, May 1928, 2 p.
- (2) Mackay district; from a 'gentleman at Longreach', 1 l.
- (3) Place names Queensland, on Manumbar cattle station, 2 p.
- (4) Words applied to Sir Matthew Nathan, 15 Oct. 1923, 2 p.
- (5) Vocabulary of Australian Aboriginal language: Kirama, Herbert River, Qld.; supplied by an informant at Barambah, 8 Oct. 1924, 4 p.
- (6) Vocabulary of Australian Aboriginal language: Wulili, Auburn and Roma districts, Qld., 4 p.
- (7) From An Australian language... by Fraser, 2 p., incl. newspaper clipping on a lecture 'The Aborigines of Australia' by J. Mathew.
- (8) Vocabulary of Tasmanian language, 3 l.
- (9) Vocabulary of a dialect spoken in the neighbourhood of Sydney, 7 p.
- (10) List of words from different districts in NSW., Qld., S.A., Vic., W.A., 13 p.
- (11) Primitive word for black man, 1 p.