

**MS 4022**

## **Papers of Jim Stuckey**

### **Finding Aid**

#### **Access**

Open Access – reading. Open copying and quotation. Not for Inter-Library Loan.

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Date range: 1901-1986

Extent: 36 cm (2 boxes)

The Uniting Church of Australia deposited this collection in the AIATSIS Library in 1988. The Church received the papers from the Rev. Jim Stuckey in the same year. Photographs and tapes received with the collection have been passed to the AIATSIS Audiovisual Program.

The collection contains drafts of a book by Stuckey called 'Bill, Gerrie and the Aurukun family'. William and Geraldine MacKenzie, who were stationed at Aurukun from 1925 until 1965 are the subject of this book. In addition there is correspondence by and about the MacKenzies, a chronology of the MacKenzies' time at Aurukun, lists of deaths, births and staff at Aurukun and notes, articles, and other papers relating to the MacKenzies and Aurukun.

'Diaries, papers and photographs relating to the forty years at Aurukun of the Rev. Bill and Mrs Geraldine Mackenzie' (1901-1977) is held by the AIATSIS Library at MS 2483. The Library also holds Papers of the Aurukun Mission (1891-1958) at MS 1525.

Geraldine MacKenzie's book *The Aurukun diary* (1981) is held by the AIATSIS Library at B M156.42/A1.

The AIATSIS Audiovisual Archives holds photographs of the MacKenzies and Aurukun as well as an oral history by Bill MacKenzie.

The National Library of Australia holds a small collection of William MacKenzie's papers at MS 7172 and pen and ink illustrations for four of Geraldine MacKenzie's books in 'Illustrations of Francis Derham' at MS 3653.

For a complete listing of material held by the Institute on the MacKenzies, and on Aurukun, consult the Institute's Mura online catalogue at <http://unicorn.aiatsis.gov.au/index.html>. To access any audiovisual materials contact the [Audiovisual Archives Program](#).

## Name index

An index of selected names from this collection is available. To access these names contact the AIATSIS Family History Unit on 1800 730 129 (free call for family history enquiries only) or by email at [family@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:family@aiatsis.gov.au).

## Biographical note

The Reverend James (Jim) M. Stuckey was born in China. His father was a medical missionary. He received a BA (University of Melbourne) in 1928 and went to Ormond College Theological Hall, being ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1934.

He married Hannah 'Janie' Whightman in 1934 and retired in 1981.

The couple served as missionaries in Korea from 1935 until 1939. Stuckey then served as a minister in Victoria at Toorak, Ararat, Parkville and Footscray from 1940 until 1953 and later in the Croydon-Mitcham area.

Stuckey was the foreign mission secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria from 1953, served for a further eighteen months in Korea, became the general secretary of the Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions in 1960 and was a rural strategy and planning officer between 1973 and 1978.

During the 1960s and early 1970's he became involved in issues relating to the treatment of the Indigenous people of Australia.

### Reference

Obituary in *Great Scot* at <http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/Gscot/GSdec00/>

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## **Series Descriptions**

### **1. 'BILL, GERRIE AND THE AURUKUN FAMILY' - Drafts**

This series consists of drafts of 'Bill, Gerrie and the Aurukun family: the story of the service of the Rev. William F. and Mrs Geraldine MacKenzie at Aurukun from 1925 to 1965', written by Jim Stuckey. This work does not appear to have been published.

Also included is background material for the book, for example, correspondence, including some of the MacKenzies' own correspondence, much of it the result of a questionnaire about the MacKenzies, notebooks, notes, a chronology and lists of births, deaths and staff at Aurukun.

William (Bill) MacKenzie was born in Ambrym, New Hebrides in 1897 and died in 1972. After working in the public service, he served in the A.I.F. during World War 1 and completed his theological studies in 1925.

Geraldine (Gerrie) Adelaide Prospting Storrs became engaged to MacKenzie in 1921. After completing an arts degree at Melbourne University, and obtaining her Teacher's Diploma she taught at Lowther Hall until McKenzie completed his studies.

The McKenzies married in 1925 and shortly afterwards travelled to Aurukun where they served for 40 years.

#### Item

- 1-2 First draft. Typescript, one chapter is a photocopy
- 3-4 Draft. Typescript

### **2. CORRESPONDENCE, 1901-86**

The first item in this series contains a summary of Geraldine MacKenzie's letters to her family and the second is a file of Bill and Geraldine's correspondence, including several other papers.

The rest of the series consists of correspondence from people who worked at Aurukun between 1925 and 1965. Included are some completed short questionnaires from people who knew or worked with the MacKenzies, many with quite extensive attached responses, notes and papers. The questionnaires covered such topics as memories of the MacKenzies, opinions about their work, confrontations, and also outstanding incidents that sum up the respondent's view of the MacKenzies' work. There were also questions about the respondent's relationship with the MacKenzies, for example how long they knew or worked with them and it asked for other contacts. As well, there are some letters from the MacKenzies.

Several other papers are included in this series, for example notes of conversations, *Nungalinya news* (annotated), no. 23, 1981 and a farewell poem by Walter Elliott 'To the Reverend Bill MacKenzie' (1972). Also copies of a hymn and songs and some

photocopies of newspaper clippings, for example, an obituary for MacKenzie's father and 'A memorial to Rev. Bill McKenzie of Aurukun'.

Item

- 1 Summary of Geraldine MacKenzie's letters to family. Handwritten, in chronological order
- 2 Geraldine and Bill MacKenzie's correspondence, 1901-80. Includes several other papers such as notes, MacKenzie's Intermediate Certificate, the MacKenzie's wedding invitation and an address at the funeral service for Geraldine MacKenzie in 1980
- 3 Correspondence, A-D
- 4 Correspondence, E-J
- 5 Correspondence, K-N
- 6 Correspondence, O-Z

**3. 'BILL, GERRIE AND THE AURUKUN FAMILY' - Background material, 1942-81**

This series contains a wide variety of material relating to the MacKenzies and to Aurukun.

Item

- 1 'The MacKenzies of Aurukun chronology'. Handwritten in foolscap account book with a number of inserts glued into the book
- 2 Lists of births and deaths at Aurukun Mission between 1955 and 1969 and list of staff at Aurukun 1924-65. Also list of sites located on Aurukun. All photocopied
- 3 Index cards containing notes
- 4 Three notebooks, handwritten chronology and handwritten copy of inscription from headstone for J.W. MacKenzie. Also includes the MacKenzies' marriage certificate (photocopy) and extract from the New Hebrides Register of British subjects entry for the Mackenzie Family (photocopy) and other notes, including notes from taped interviews about the Aurukun family
- 5 'The Aurukun story' (photocopied typescript);  
'Aurukun Mission' (incomplete, roneoed);  
'1942 some incidental results of the 'Brisbane Line' (carbon copy);  
'To the Missionaries of Aurukun' from members of the Royal Australian Airforce when leaving Archer Bay;  
'How the cattle work began at Aurukun', by W.F. Mackenzie (carbon copy of an article);  
'The Rev. William Frederick MacKenzie, CBE, B.A.', handwritten biography;  
'Early history of Aurukun', by MacKenzie (photocopied typescript)  
Memorial minute on the late Rev. W.F. MacKenzie (roneoed)  
'Resolutions of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland June 1976 re Aboriginal affairs' (roneoed)  
'Recording from Doug Belcher's book of the section of his time at

- Aurukun' (typescript);  
 'The men of Ambrymm';  
 Hymn 1186 from Sankey's 'Sacred songs and solos' (carbon copy) and  
 poem, 'A lament', annotated 'Doug Sydney?' (photocopy);  
 Two maps (photocopied);  
 Newspaper clippings (some photocopied) and cartoon  
 'The Miracle of Mapoon', by J.R.B. Love;  
 'Adventures in Indonesian cooking', by F. Wattimena (1958);  
 'A primitive method of making a wooden dish by native women of the  
 Musgrave Ranges, South Australia', by J.R.B. Love, reprinted from  
*Transactions of the Royal Society of South Australia*, v.66, no.2, 1942,  
 inscribed 'To Bill' by Love  
*Names and naming in the Wik Monkan Tribe*, by Donald F. Thomson  
*Guide to the Aurukun Mission papers in the Library of the Australian  
 Institute of Aboriginal Studies* (Canberra, 1981)  
*Christianity confronts Aboriginal culture*', by Barbara J. Sayers,  
 supplement to *Alata*, v.5, no. 1, 1980  
 7 'The Mapoon people demand their land back'. Poster, held in the  
 AIATSIS Library's Poster Collection

#### **4. PHOTOGRAPHS - Captions and index**

This series contains a computer printout of the captions for photographs held in the AIATSIS Audiovisual collection and a typed index to the captions.

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