

4. *Pacific Islands*

FIJI GOVERNMENT Micro MS Coll 1
Central Archives of Fiji, 1819-1965. 74 reels.

Provenance

Purchased from the National Archives of Fiji, 1972.

Contents

The collection is divided into two series: the Library (L) series and the Archives (A) series.

The L series contains material from a variety of sources relating to Fiji, Pitcairn Island and the British Consulates in the Western Pacific. It includes private journals, corporate records, reports of British consulates and periodical publications. Items of note include the journal of Rev. David Cargill, 1842-1843; Planters' Association of Fiji. The land tenure of Fiji . . . , 1882 and Fiji. Council of Chiefs. Proceedings . . . , 1875-1960.

The originals of the material in the L series are held by several institutions in addition to the National Archives of Fiji.

The A series contains archives held by the National Archives of Fiji. The bulk of the records relate to the Fiji Immigration Department but there are also records relating to Pitcairn Island. It includes: Fiji. Immigration Department. Central register of immigrants (Polynesians), 1870-1911 and Pitcairn Island. Records of the local government, 1819-1948.

Finding aids

The inventory for the collection contains a separate listing for each series, accompanied by author and title indexes.

Not all of the reels listed in the inventory have been acquired by the Library. Several reels not purchased by the Library are held by the Parliamentary Library. Holdings are indicated in the inventory. Microfilms containing printed material are held by the Reference Section.

Research value

The collection contains material on a wide range of topics relating to the history of Fiji, Pitcairn Island and parts of the Western Pacific and should be investigated by researchers studying these areas.

PACIFIC MANUSCRIPTS BUREAU Micro MS Coll 8

Records of the Pacific area. 1070 reels.

Provenance

The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau was established in April 1968 'to promote the preservation of unpublished documents of value relating to the Pacific Islands.' A non-profit making organisation, it is sponsored by four libraries specializing in Pacific research: the Mitchell Library, Sydney; the National Library of Australia, Canberra; the Library of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu and the National Library of New Zealand represented by the Alexander Turnbull Library.

The original collections are located in many Pacific countries including Australia and New Zealand but also in the United States and Europe.

Contents

Journals, letters, memoirs and other papers of explorers, navigators, missionaries, botanists, nurses, doctors, teachers, businessmen, diplomats, whalers and the military who were active in the Pacific. Archives of both Pacific-based organisations and others having an influence here.

The largest group is the New England Whaling Project (420 reels).

An associated collection, PMB Doc[uments] contains printed material; books, newspapers and periodicals and is held by, and accessed through, the Reference Section (440 reels).