



GUIDE TO THE ALLEN E. BAX COLLECTION

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title:	Allan E. Bax collection
Collection dates:	1812 - 1968
Creator:	Unknown
Languages represented:	English
Repository:	Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/
Extent:	3 boxes; Manuscript items 77,78, 81, 96-98 on shelf are shelved with the published monographs Bax 20 – 110
Genre and Forms:	Manuscripts, photographs, typescripts, news clippings.
Abstract:	The Allan E. Bax collection comprises 19th century ships' logs and other documents relating to maritime history and shipping

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance

Unknown.

Access

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Biographical note

Allan Bax was Honorary Treasurer (1951-1954) and Honorary Secretary (1957-1958) of the Royal Australian Historical Society.

Scope and content note

The Allan E. Bax Collection is a collection of 19th century ships' logs, midshipman's diaries, a ship's commission, typescripts of 2 books and unrelated miscellaneous documents. Published works are included in the collection but are listed separately in the library catalogue.

Local Catalogue Headings

Bax, Allan E.

Shipping -- Australia -- History -- Sources.

Logbooks.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Series I. Ships Logs

- Item 1** Ship's Log. HMS Firebrand, 8 December 1849 - 15 July 1850
1 volume manuscript journal
His Majesty's Steam Frigate Firebrand. Captain Thomas D. Knox. Kept by Thomas B. Legh, Mate.
- Item 2** Ship's Log. Royal Saxon, 14 February 1843 - 6 May 1843
1 volume manuscript journal
Log of the Bark Royal Saxon on a voyage from Sydney to India. Lt. W. Lodge, Commander. W. Charlesworth, Mate.
- Item 3** Ship's Log. HMS St. Vincent, 2 May 1842 - 7 August 1842
1 volume manuscript journal
A log of the proceedings of HMS St. Vincent, H. J. Codrington C.B. Captain, bearing the flag of Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, Admiral of the White. Kept by Thomas B. Legh, Volunteer 1st Class.
- Item 4** Ship's Log. Albion, 4 April 1848 - 1 March 1849
1 volume manuscript journal
Log book on board the Schooner Albion of the Port of Sydney, New South Wales. Joseph Shaw, Master. April 4th 1848. Left Sydney on 11th of April 1848. Arrived at the Fiji Islands, April 19th 1848.
- Item 5** Passenger's account. Clipper Ship Sobraon, 1890 - 1891; SS Waichora, 1891; Royal Mail Steamship Coptic, 1891
2 volumes manuscript, typescript, print, newspaper cuttings, sketches, maps, silver halide prints.
Passenger's account compiled by Thomas Parkin, Hastings, Sussex on a voyage around the world. Volume 1, England to Australia: London to Melbourne via Cape of Good Hope in the Clipper Ship Sobraon. Volume 2, Australia to New Zealand: Melbourne to Lyttelton, New

Zealand via Tasmania in the SS Waichora; New Zealand to England: Lyttelton to London via Cape Horn, the Brazils and Canary Islands in RMS Coptic.

Series II. Journals and Charter

- Item 6** Midshipman's Journal. Robert Morris Haynes. Log of the His Majesty's Ships, Sultan, Temeraire, Hibernia, Tamar and Immortalite, 1 January 1889 - 31 December 1891
1 volume manuscript journal
- Item 7** Midshipman's Journal. Robert Morris Haynes. Log of His Majesty's Ships Immortalite and Active, 1 January 1892 - 14 July 1893
1 volume manuscript journal
- Item 8** Diary kept at the Manning River Pilot Station, 15 May 1863 - 13 November 1871
1 volume manuscript journal
- Item 9** Charter for the Ship Augusta, Southern Whale Fishery Company, 22 October 1849
8 pages manuscript

Series III. Books

- Item 10** HMAS Australia, Steam Manual for His Majesty's Fleet containing regulations and instructions relating to the machinery of His Majesty's ships, London, 1910 - 1924
1 volume printed with manuscript annotations, carbon typescript, typescript
Ship's Copy printed in 1910, with annotations and details of repairs to 1924. The Hull of HMAS Australia was sunk off Sydney Heads on April 1924 after she had been dismantled at Garden Island, Sydney, Australia. This Manual came into my hands on December 27th, 1934. Signed, Rupert Hale. Includes correspondence relating to the Contract of Sale of HMAS Australia in January 1924.

Series IV. Typescripts

- Item 11** Wooldridge, Captain E., Reminiscences of my sailing ship days, undated
1 volume, 115 pages, typescript
- Item 12** Bax, Allan E., The Wreck of HMS Guardian, undated
7 pages, typescript with manuscript annotations, incomplete

Series V. Correspondence

- Item 13** Bax, Allan E., Correspondence, 1955
4 letters, typescript
Letters relating to voyages of ships.

Series VI. Miscellaneous

Item 14 Trade Ledger, March 1812 - July 1812

1 volume manuscript

Record of sale of goods in Sydney, New South Wales. No covers or identifying marks of the Company name are present.

Item 15 Sketches, ca. 1932

2 manuscript pen and ink sketches

Sailor's Rest, Hobart, pen and ink, signed Harold Byrne, 1932. Design for Christmas card, pencil.

Item 16 Photographs of HM Bark Endeavour, undated

5 black and white photographs

5 photographs of paintings and models of HM Bark Endeavour with manuscript annotations.

Item 17 Photographs of Cullenborn (property), Mudgee, New South Wales, undated

2 silver halide prints

2 photographs with 6 miscellaneous invitations to Allan Bax, November 1968.

Item 18 Blue Mountains Historical Society. Addenda, historical notes and commentary, December 1955 - November 1959

1 folder typescript

Includes Some Irish Australian Links of 100 Years Ago, published by the Embassy of Ireland, Canberra.

Item 19 Album of photographs relating to the early settlement of Mount Wilson and Mountain Lagoon, Blue Mountains, New South Wales, ca. 1890 - 1900

1 album

Item 77 Ships & Shippings. No.1

Scrapbook. Includes log of ships, including arrivals and losses at sea. Also includes press clippings and typed notes about ships and shipping in Australia, dated between 1863 and 1931, arranged alphabetically by ship name.

Item 78 Ships. No. 2 Ships of the Mercantile Marine and Master Mariners

Scrapbook. Includes press clippings about ships and shipping in Australia, dated between 1903 and 1931, arranged alphabetically by ship name.

Item 81 Diary by Major Parkins Hearle

One volume manuscript journal. Letts's Australasian Almanac and Diary for 1896.

Item 96 [WHALING] Photograph album relating to the Costa Rica Packet.

Album containing original photographs of the whaling ship 'Costa Rica Packet', including many images taken on board including hauling whales aboard, dismembering whales, rendering the oil in the tryworks etc.

In 1887 Costa Rica Packet was purchased by a syndicate of Sydney citizens and was registered as owned by shipping company Messrs Burns Philp & Co. Her maiden voyage as a whaler was undertaken in 1888.

However, even though the size of the catch made the voyage very profitable, an incident occurred which had unforeseen consequences: ie. the total demise of the Sydney whaling fleet and the re-writing of maritime law.

Item 97 Mr Parkin's journey to Australia

Photograph album. Contains 131 photographs of Thomas Parkin's travels, including to Australia in 1887, and of his home town Hastings, England.
(Related to Bax item 5)

Item 98 Ships' signals.

Manuscript volume illustrated with signals and their meanings. Undated