

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 77
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet, four pages. Annotated by A.W. Howitt indicating letter has been forwarded to Mr Fison on two occasions. Content relates to marriage rules and much of information is obtained from Rev. Bulmer's informant, King Charley. Good condition; fold marks.
Primary Comments	Two annotations on reverse of document, forwarding letter to Mr.Fison: first annotation dated 15/01/1879; second dated 20/1/1879. [If sent, the letter has been returned to Howitt, MMorris, 7/7/2009]
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	Lake Tyers
Comments	Letter addressed from Lake Tyers.

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Named collection Fison
Registration Number XM 109
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. Three quarto sheets, six pages. Post script in margin on last page. Text 'struck through' [by Howitt] with vertical, blue-pencil lines. Content relates to Kurnai of Gippsland and Wiradjuri of New South Wales. Condition: small tears on edges; foxing.

Primary Comments A.L.P. Cameron responding to A.W. Howitt's queries and also commenting on Howitt's publication 'Kamilaroi & Kurnai', and the views of Dr Morgan and Dr Fison.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Mulurulu
Comments Letter addressed from Mulurulu, Balranald (For Mulurulu see <http://www.ga.gov.au/bin/gazd01?rec=22051>)

Acquired from

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 158
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, four pages. Description of a discussion between L. Fison and an Aboriginal man (from Melbourne) while in Wangaratta. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Lorimer Fison describes answers to questions posed to a Melbourne Aborigine in Wangaratta, including the man's response to being shown a tundun (bull-roarer). Reference also to Fison's reading on subjects including Greek history.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	Melbourne
Comments	Letter addressed from Taylor, St, Essendon, Essendon [Melbourne]
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 159
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. On letterhead of 'Institution Ethnographique de Paris. Le Delegeue Correspondant a Fiji'. Notes that he visited the Public Library in Melbourne; caught train from Essendon. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	On page two of the letter L. Fison notes that he had vistied the Public Library and 'put in an hour's reading or more ... I send you the results'. The summary sheet suggest that 'the notes appear to have been the result of this [visit]'. Secondary Comments
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Port Phillip
Specific Locality	Melbourne
Comments	Letter addressed from Taylor, St, M. Ponds [Moonee Ponds ?] [Melbourne]

Acquired from

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 160
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, three pages. Content relates to unrecorded group and discusses aspects of social organisation. Condition: pin-holes top left.
Primary Comments	Discusses aspects of social organisation, such as relationship terms and the division of classes into snakes and emus.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Port Phillip
Specific Locality	Essendon
Comments	Provenanced from address of letter.

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 191
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, two pages. Acknowledges receipt of a letter from A.W. Howitt to Robert Hislop's father, which had been forwarded to Hislop. Brief description of Hislop's knowledge of North Queensland's Aborigines. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Author notes that he had the pleasure of working with Dr W.E. Roth 'for whom I am now putting down what information I have collected before leaving Queensland. I have written asking his permission for me to give you the required information'. Includes reference to an Aboriginal ventriloquist. Notes that he had read A.W. Howitt's publication with Dr Fison some years before. Brief comment comparing North Queensland Aborigines with those in British
Secondary Comments	
Country	Papua New Guinea
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter provenanced to Tamata, Mambare River, British New Guinea.
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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 436
Object Details	Index
Object Description	Draft index, handwritten in ink, undated. Ten foolscap, ten pages. Annotations and corrections in red and blue pencil. A to W Index for the publication 'Kamilaroi and Kurnai', with 'Note to the printer' (first paragraph). Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	'Kamilaroi and Kurnai' was published in 1880 by Dr Lorimer Fison and A.W. Howitt.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 448
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, typed, undated. Three sheets: one typed slip; one foolscap sheet with slips adhered; one typed slip adhered to sheet of handwritten notes. With annotations and some hand written notes. Discussion of marriage rules and classes, with reference to Dieri and Waramunga groups. Condition: fragile; lightweight paper.
Primary Comments	Includes references to the original two-class system suggested by Dr Fison and A.W. Howitt; group-marriage; and, to the 'hypothetical undivided commune'.
Secondary Comments	Reference on second page to diagrams; these are not attached nor was there any reference to them in the Howitt Collection typed summary - indicating that they were not with this item upon acquisition or else they have been catalogued separately and the connection not yet made. (MM Sept 2009)
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 455
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in pencil, undated. Eighteen sheets, seventy pages. Some text in French. On letterhead of 'Institution Ethnographique de Paris. Le Delegee Correspondant a Fiji'. Notes comprising of titles of books, extracts, and comments. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Notes are from a number of publications including those by Robert Dawson (pastor), John McKinlay (explorer), William Landsborough (explorer), and others (see original Howitt Collection summary sheet). Comparisons drawn between Australian Aborigines and people from Fiji and New Hebrides (Tana). On page two of the letter (XM 159) L. Fison notes that he had visited the
Secondary Comments	The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet indicates that these notes were attached to a letter from by Lorimer Fison to A.W. Howitt dated 10 June 1884. This has been separately registered. Fison is identified as author of notes from the letter.
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	
Specific Locality	Melbourne
Comments	Notes associated with letter addressed from Moonee Ponds, Melbourne (see XM159)
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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 466
Object Details	Article
Object Description	Printed article. Cut into sections and adhered to a single foolscap sheet (one page). Response to a critique of "Kamilaroi and Kurnai" by Mr D. McLennan. Condition: marked; stains from adhesive.
Primary Comments	'Kamilaroi and Kurnai' was published in 1880 by Dr Lorimer Fison and A.W. Howitt.

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 507
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Three foolscap sheets, four pages. Third sheet is titled. Annotation on reverse of second sheet. Content relates to comparison of totems, classes and social organisation for a number of groups. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Annotation on the back of page two is "Howitt's notes on Origin and theory - Bulmer's letter on Twofold Bay Tribe". Title on page 3. is "Notes for L.F." L.F. is assumed to be Lorimer Fison.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 658
Object Details	Letter and Notes
Object Description	Notes including a letter, handwritten in ink. Seven sheets, twelve pages. Letter consists of one sheet, four pages. Notes are incomplete and have annotations in margins and on reverse of two sheets. Letter also contains corrections and annotations. Content relates to marriage customs. Condition: notes on thin paper; slightly brittle; foxing; stain from adhesive tape (no longer present).
Primary Comments	Letter is addressed to Walhalla [Victoria].
Secondary Comments	Corrections and annotations throughout letter possibly in Lorimer Fison's hand. Annotations throughout the notes possibly by Fison and/or Howitt?]. (R McWilliams 2009)
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 668
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two sheets and one slip of paper; three pages. Content relates to marriage rules, and other customs and beliefs relating to treatment of strangers, camp rules, and corroborrees. Range of questions and corrections of text, with page references. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	The Howitt collection typed summary sheet identified the author of these notes as Dr Lorimer Fison. The notes are possibly by Dr Lorimer Fison with a range of questions and corrections of text, with page references possibly for Howitt to check. (R McWilliams 2009)
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

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Named collection Fison
Registration Number XM 1063
Object Details Typed letter

Object Description

Primary Comments Copy of original letter to Fison from Spencer

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

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Named collection Fison
Registration Number XM 1075
Object Details Folder

Object Description

Primary Comments The notes include an envelope that contained letters from Spencer to Haddon and Fison.

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

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Named collection Fison
Registration Number XM 1163
Object Details Typed letter

Object Description

Primary Comments This manuscript is a copy of an original. Letter discusses arranging a pension for Fison.

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

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Named collection Fison
Registration Number XM 1928
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments The notes discuss references to Aboriginal names taken from studies by Howitt and Fison.

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Fison
Registration Number XM 1929
Object Details Map

Object Description

Primary Comments The maps illustrate Aboriginal group names in Victoria according to N.H. Scarlett and Fison.

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

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Named collection	Fison
Registration Number	XM 5867
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Single sheet, four pages.
Primary Comments	Annotation in ink at top of letter "Rec 5th Oct 1901"
Secondary Comments	See Notes Tab for complete transcript of this letter.
Country	Australia
State	Northern Territory
Region	Central Australia
Specific Locality	Tennant Creek
Comments	
Acquired from	Spencer, Sir Walter Baldwin

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 1928
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments The notes discuss references to Aboriginal names taken from studies by Howitt and Fison.

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 3967
Object Details Broadsheet

Object Description Complete; faded paper, dirty surface, creased folds, holes along upper horizontal fold, stain on centre left, holes at right side, part of column cut from back page.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments See Col. Doc. File:"Robinson"

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 3564
Object Details Broadsheet

Object Description Complete, part of top right corner missing from page 1.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments See Col. Doc. File:"Robinson"

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 3762
Object Details Broadsheet

Object Description Complete, paper surface dirty and contains foxing, right edge contains holes.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments See Col. Doc. File:"Robinson"

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 754
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two foolscap sheets, two pages. Content regarding Aboriginal beliefs in the 'All Father'. Condition: tears from edges of both sheets.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM754 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 11
Object Details	Notes and Map
Object Description	
Primary Comments	The notes - dated November 29th (no year) - are a key/legend to a map traced by H. Aldridge and sent to A.W.Howitt.
Secondary Comments	Aldridge appears to refer to this map in an earlier letter to Howitt dated November 7th, 1882: 'I will get a tracing of the district & mark the rivers & names on it' - see XM1, page 2 . (mmorris, Victorian Manuscript Project, 28/4/2009).
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	
Specific Locality	Maryborough
Comments	Document signed by Harry Aldridge. The provenance of the document - Maryborough - is not confirmed; it has been inferred from an earlier letter sent by Aldridge (XM1); see Secondary Comments (rmcw, 28/4/2009).
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 21
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, ink on letterhead. One foolscap sheet, two pages. Information on the decline in population due to epidemics of smallpox and measles. Includes comments on the Burke and Wills expedition. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Reply to A.W. Howitt questionnaire referring to decline in population due to epidemics of smallpox and measles.
Secondary Comments	Associated with two enclosures sent from Percy Fortescue. For full listing of individuals and specific localities see Collection Documentation File: XM 21, XM 163, XM 164.
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Wentworth
Comments	Letter addressed from Mollara Station, Wentworth, NSW
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 23
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, typed on letterhead with handwritten annotations at bottom of page. One sheet, two pages. Reply from the Board of Protection of Aborigines. On one half of the reverse of the sheet are more handwritten notes. Good Condition.
Primary Comments	Reply from the Board of Protection of Aborigines to A.W. Howitt. Draft of a Howitt letter on reverse. Mr Webb was the Superintendent of Police. Typed on Board for Protection of Aborigines letterhead. The report referred to is XM413.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Sydney
Comments	Letter addressed from Sydney.

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 28
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten on letterhead. One sheet, one page. Annotations top of letter in A.W. Howitt's hand. Covering letter with request for information to be returned. Good condition

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Sydney
Comments Letter addressed from Sydney.

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 32
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Booligal
Comments Provenanced from letter (7/5/2009)

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 33
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Goodooga
Comments Letter from 'Brenda, Goodooga'. [Other correspondence from May Benson from 'Brenda Station, Goodooga, Culgoa River', rmcw, 6/5/2009]

XM33 - There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order.
No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference (6 May 2009).

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 35
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments Response to A.W. Howitt enquiry regarding class systems and information about tribes living near Brenda Station, NSW.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Goodooga
Comments

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 51
Object Details	Transcript
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, two pages. Transcript of Miss Benson's original letter. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Transcription and notes by A.W. Howitt of Miss Benson's original letter, dated 20th October 1907. Ipatha was May Benson's informant and was 59 years old.
Secondary Comments	Second page contains notes not related to this document.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 52
Object Details Letter

Object Description Draft letter, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, one page. Number of questions for Miss Benson as to the relationship terms for the "Goornoo tribe" and the meaning of certain words. Top left hand corner torn otherwise in good condition.

Primary Comments Number of questions compiled by A.W. Howitt and Howitt making notes based on Benson's letter 02/10/1907.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM52 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 58
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet. Response to questionnaire and a recommendation that A,W. Howitt travel to Herbert River, Queensland. Pinholes in top left hand corner otherwise in good condition.
Primary Comments	J.A. Boyd states that if Howitt travelled to Herbert River he would obtain "more information in a few days that in years of correspondence"
Secondary Comments	The questionnaire referred to in the letter is also in the collection.
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	South Coast
Specific Locality	Eden
Comments	Letter written from Eden, NSW.

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 61
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet. Content relates to the social organisation of Aboriginal groups of Rockhampton and Port Mackay, Queensland. Good condition.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality Walsh River
Comments Letter addressed from Walsh River; Queensland identified from content of letter.

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 77
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments Two annotations on reverse of document, forwarding letter to Mr.Fison: first annotation dated 15/01/1879; second dated 20/1/1879. [If sent, the letter has been returned to Howitt, MMorris, 7/7/2009]

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality Lake Tyers
Comments Letter addressed from Lake Tyers.

XM77 - A number of unsuccessful attempts have been made to match this document to a Howitt Collection summary sheet or list. (Victorian Manuscript Project) XM 77 is clearly related to XM507 (also without a summary or list identified (July 2009))

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 81
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM81 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 86
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet, lined note paper. Information from Rev. Bulmer regarding an article and the health of a Lake Tyers resident. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	J. Bulmer writes to A.W. Howitt that Bob Cunan has sent Howitt 'a certain article called a Jo-e-i. I suppose from his description it is a Bulk'. Bulmer also notes that Jenny Cooper is getting better so he 'will be able to ask her the questions shortly'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	Lake Tyers
Comments	Letter addressed from Lake Tyers. XM86 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (11 May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 89
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Single folded sheet; three pages. Edge of one page has been repaired. Content relates to information Rev. Bulmer is receiving from his Aboriginal informants. Condition: some foxing.
Primary Comments	Refers to obtaining information for A.W. Howitt from King Charley and Bob Cunan.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	Lake Tyers
Comments	Letter addressed from Lake Tyers. XM89 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 92
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality Lake Tyers
Comments Letter addressed from Lake Tyers.

XM92 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 101
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM 101 - Compromise had occurred. Other part of this document was found within XM 257. Item reunited as XM 101. Item is now intact and in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection Summary sheet. (May 2009). Microfiche order not correct.

Acquired from

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 103
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Draft letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets; three pages. Annotation: 'Sent 1/9/92'. Seeking information from Mr Byrne at Charlotte Waters, South Australia on the Aroondah (Arrernte) tribe. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Content of draft written by A.W. Howitt describes the social organisation of the 'Aroondah tribe' and 'Kurnai tribe'. Content also refers to initiation practices, "pointing of the bone" (in Victoria); and class structures.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM103 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 106
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Information related to the 'Unghi', group of Queensland. Content discusses "Bora" ceremony. Condition: some foxing.
Primary Comments	Response to correspondence and questions from A.W. Howitt. Content discusses ceremony and restrictions regarding who could be present at the "Bora" ceremony. Also discusses beliefs relating to afterlife.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mossgiel
Comments	Letter provenanced to "Canoble" Mossgiel, NSW. XM106 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 107
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, two pages. Content relates to A.L.P. Cameron's movement to a new station at Balranald, New South Wales. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Letter informing A.W. Howitt that he has left his district and is now managing a station in the Balranald district. He hopes to renew his correspondence with Howitt. Brief reference to 'Barkunjee tribe'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mulurulu
Comments	Letter addressed from Mulurulu, via Balranald, NSW (For Mulurulu see http://www.ga.gov.au/bin/gazd01?rec=22051) XM107 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 108
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, five pages. Content relates to the Unghi of Queensland and some parts of Western Australia. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Response to A.W. Howitt's questions including information on message sticks and marriage. Final paragraph describes initiation practice A.L.P. Cameron had heard of from some parts of West Australia. Cameron asks Howitt if he has heard of the practice.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mulurulu
Comments	XM108 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 110
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Annotated '[illegible] language vocabulary' in blue-pencil, top left. Covering letter for return of questionnaire on language and relationship terms (not attached). Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Mulurulu
Comments Letter addressed from Mulurulu, Balranald (For Mulurulu see <http://www.ga.gov.au/bin/gazd01?rec=22051>)

XM110 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 121
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One quarto sheet, two pages. Communication concerning a paper on Aborigines prepared by A.L.P. Cameron. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Mulurulu
Comments Letter addressed from Mulurulu [via Balranald]

XM121 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 122
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One quarto sheet, two pages. Annotation top left by A.W. Howitt 'Reply 10/11/83'. Relates to a paper being prepared for the Anthropological Institute. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Concerning a paper on Aborigines prepared by A.L.P. Cameron - for the "Anthropological Institute" - being edited by A.W. Howitt.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mulurulu
Comments	Letter addressed from Mulurulu [via Balranald] XM122 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. Item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 125
Object Details Questionnaire

Object Description

Primary Comments Group has not been recorded however there are 129 relationship terms or 'call names' given in the table. Annotation "ALP Cameron" by A.W. Howitt.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM125 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 132
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes; handwritten in ink. One sheet, one page. Content includes a list detailing nine relationship terms and their English equivalents for an unrecorded group/groups in the Mildura District of Victoria. Condition: good.

Primary Comments A.W. Howitt Collection Summary sheet describes the notes as a letter from Sergeant Carter of Mildura to A.W. Howitt. Notes contain a vocabulary list of relationship terms for a group/groups from the Mildura District, Victoria.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Northwest (Victoria)
Specific Locality Mildura
Comments XM132 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 133
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, three pages. Seeking information on Ta-ta-thi and Leitchi-leitchi relationship terms. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 136
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Draft letter, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, one page. Draft notes for a letter. Content relates to relationship terms. Wyalay, an informant is also mentioned. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	Questions for Sargeant Carter posted 16/04/1907. Note that the actual letter is registered as XM133; it was sent to Sergeant Carter and returned to Howitt with Carter's answers.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 155
Object Details Diagram and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Notes are authored by A.W. Howitt based on C.E Doyle's information. "Kunopia" is mentioned as a place in New South Wales. However, the name cannot be found in the Gazetteer.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM155 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 170
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, black and red ink. One sheet, four pages. Red ink used to write further information vertically over main body of the letter. Content relates to group from Herbert River, Queensland. Condition: good
Primary Comments	Reponse to A.W. Howitt's queries and discussion of boundaries and beliefs relating to the Bungin/Hinchinbrook tribe of Queensland.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	Southeast Australia
Specific Locality	Grafton
Comments	Provenanced from address of letter. Sandringham, Grafton.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 171
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes, handwritten, ink and pencil, undated. Two sheets, two pages. Content relates to groups from Queensland. Condition: marked and slightly tattered.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 174
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Content also discusses, and lists, items being sent to A.W. Howitt. Notes headed 'Remarks'; begin 'Re. the fire-making articles ...'. Last page of notes headed 'List of articles forwarded (Chepara tribe)'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality
Comments Letter addressed from Stanmore.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 177
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, three pages. Content regarding J.W. Gibson's informant, 'Diafur', and a 'Bribbun' [bull-roarer] made by him which was sent to England. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality

Comments Letter addressed from Stanmore.

XM177 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 178
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, two pages. Content discusses J.W. Gibson's attempts to arrange for his informant, 'Diafur', a Chepara man to visit. Condition: light foxing.

Primary Comments J.W. Gibson also thanks A.W. Howitt for a copy of the latter's pamphlet "On Some Austral. beliefs".

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region

Specific Locality Brisbane

Comments Letter addressed from Stanmore, Yatala, Brisbane.

XM178 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches a one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 185
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two foolscap sheets, two pages. Includes strips of paper pasted together. Annotations in left hand margins. Comparison of property inheritance between a number of groups. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Annotations in left hand margins of pages are: "Chepara", Yualaroi or Wallaroi", "Kaiabara", "Turribil" "Bigambil" Notes compiled by A.W. Howitt based on information supplied to him from a number of informants.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM185 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 191
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, two pages. Acknowledges receipt of a letter from A.W. Howitt to Robert Hislop's father, which had been forwarded to Hislop. Brief description of Hislop's knowledge of North Queensland's Aborigines. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Papua New Guinea
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments Letter provenanced to Tamata, Mambare River, British New Guinea.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 192
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, ink and pencil. Three foolscap sheets, six pages. Annotation in margin of notes. Text difficult to decipher. Description of an Aboriginal "seance" and includes a description of ventriloquism. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Notes by A.W. Howitt from "Queenslander" c.30.05.1896, of an account by Mr Hislop. Annotation by Howitt in margin of notes 'Wrote to Mr Hislop, 10/9/[19] 00'.
Secondary Comments	These notes are particularly difficult to decipher.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM192 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 194
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Tooralie mentioned in the letter is known as "Toorale" in the gazetteer.

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region Northeast Riverine
Specific Locality Brewarrina

Comments Letter addressed from Brewarrina Station.

XM194 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 198
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region Southeast Queensland
Specific Locality Brisbane
Comments R.B. Howard's letter addressed from Brisbane, Queensland. Howitt's notes from Metung [Victoria].

XM198 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 199
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, typed. One foolscap sheet, one page. Acknowledges letter written by Miss Howitt; provides name of Protector of Aborigines, Maryborough Queensland. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Note that Alfred Howitt died on 7th March 1908. Source: http://adbonline.anu.edu.au/biogs/A040489b.htm (Victorian Manuscript Project, 14/9/ 2009;)
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	Southeast Queensland
Specific Locality	Brisbane
Comments	Letter addressed from Brisbane, Queensland. XM199 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches a one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 200
Object Details Notes and Table

Object Description

Primary Comments Notes most likely compiled by A.W.Howitt with annotations in margins by A.N. Hughes. Three columns of the table on the first page are headed 'Male class', 'Marries', 'Children are'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 205
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, one page. Ink stamped "Geological Survey of Queensland" Covering letter from Robert Jack discussing the completion of questionnaires by Mr Price. Good condition
Primary Comments	Mr Robert Jack thanks A.W. Howitt for the paper on the Initiation ceremonies of the Kurnai and mentions that Mr Price has completed the enclosed questionnaires (See XM 460)
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	
Specific Locality	Townsville
Comments	Letter stamped Townsville, Queensland.
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 229
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 230
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Twenty sheets, twenty-three pages. Notes present further discussions regarding the disagreement between Andrew Lang and A.W. Howitt. Condition: foxing
Primary Comments	Presents A.W. Howitt's criticisms of A. Lang's work "The Secret of the Totem". Howitt argues that the social advance of groups is directly connected to the availability of a more plentiful supply of food in better watered districts.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 234
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Three sheets, six pages. Content relates to A.W. Howitt's criticism of Andrew Lang's theory on religious beliefs expressed in 'The Secret of the Totem'. Condition: rust stains; marked
Primary Comments	Notes by A.W. Howitt relates to the ongoing disagreement between Andrew Lang and A.W. Howitt on the theories of social organisation of Australian groups.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 235
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments The notes discuss references to Aboriginal names taken from studies by Howitt and Fison.

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 237
Object Details	Broadsheet
Object Description	Complete; faded paper, dirty surface, creased folds, holes along upper horizontal fold, stain on centre left, holes at right side, part of column cut from back page.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Col. Doc. File:"Robinson"
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 246
Object Details Broadsheet

Object Description Complete, part of top right corner missing from page 1.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments See Col. Doc. File:"Robinson"

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 250
Object Details Broadsheet

Object Description Complete, paper surface dirty and contains foxing, right edge contains holes.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments See Col. Doc. File:"Robinson"

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 254
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two foolscap sheets, two pages. Content regarding Aboriginal beliefs in the 'All Father'. Condition: tears from edges of both sheets.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM754 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 256
Object Details	Notes and Map
Object Description	
Primary Comments	The notes - dated November 29th (no year) - are a key/legend to a map traced by H. Aldridge and sent to A.W.Howitt.
Secondary Comments	Aldridge appears to refer to this map in an earlier letter to Howitt dated November 7th, 1882: 'I will get a tracing of the district & mark the rivers & names on it' - see XM1, page 2 . (mmorris, Victorian Manuscript Project, 28/4/2009).
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	
Specific Locality	Maryborough
Comments	Document signed by Harry Aldridge. The provenance of the document - Maryborough - is not confirmed; it has been inferred from an earlier letter sent by Aldridge (XM1); see Secondary Comments (rmcw, 28/4/2009).
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 260
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, ink on letterhead. One foolscap sheet, two pages. Information on the decline in population due to epidemics of smallpox and measles. Includes comments on the Burke and Wills expedition. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Reply to A.W. Howitt questionnaire referring to decline in population due to epidemics of smallpox and measles.
Secondary Comments	Associated with two enclosures sent from Percy Fortescue. For full listing of individuals and specific localities see Collection Documentation File: XM 21, XM 163, XM 164.
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Wentworth
Comments	Letter addressed from Mollara Station, Wentworth, NSW
Acquired from	

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 262
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, typed on letterhead with handwritten annotations at bottom of page. One sheet, two pages. Reply from the Board of Protection of Aborigines. On one half of the reverse of the sheet are more handwritten notes. Good Condition.
Primary Comments	Reply from the Board of Protection of Aborigines to A.W. Howitt. Draft of a Howitt letter on reverse. Mr Webb was the Superintendent of Police. Typed on Board for Protection of Aborigines letterhead. The report referred to is XM413.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Sydney
Comments	Letter addressed from Sydney.

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 263
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten on letterhead. One sheet, one page. Annotations top of letter in A.W. Howitt's hand. Covering letter with request for information to be returned. Good condition

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Sydney
Comments Letter addressed from Sydney.

Acquired from

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 264
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Booligal
Comments Provenanced from letter (7/5/2009)

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 268
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Goodooga
Comments Letter from 'Brenda, Goodooga'. [Other correspondence from May Benson from 'Brenda Station, Goodooga, Culgoa River', rmcw, 6/5/2009]

XM33 - There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order.
No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference (6 May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 270
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments Response to A.W. Howitt enquiry regarding class systems and information about tribes living near Brenda Station, NSW.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Goodooga
Comments Letter from 'Brenda, Goodooga'. [Other correspondence from May Benson from 'Brenda Station, Goodooga, Culgoa River', rmcw, 6/5/2009]

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 273
Object Details	Transcript
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, two pages. Transcript of Miss Benson's original letter. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Transcription and notes by A.W. Howitt of Miss Benson's original letter, dated 20th October 1907. Ipatha was May Benson's informant and was 59 years old.
Secondary Comments	Second page contains notes not related to this document.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 274
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Draft letter, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, one page. Number of questions for Miss Benson as to the relationship terms for the "Goornoo tribe" and the meaning of certain words. Top left hand corner torn otherwise in good condition.
Primary Comments	Number of questions compiled by A.W. Howitt and Howitt making notes based on Benson's letter 02/10/1907.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM52 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 275
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet. Response to questionnaire and a recommendation that A,W. Howitt travel to Herbert River, Queensland. Pinholes in top left hand corner otherwise in good condition.
Primary Comments	J.A. Boyd states that if Howitt travelled to Herbert River he would obtain "more information in a few days that in years of correspondence"
Secondary Comments	The questionnaire referred to in the letter is also in the collection.
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	South Coast
Specific Locality	Eden
Comments	Letter written from Eden, NSW.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 288
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet. Content relates to the social organisation of Aboriginal groups of Rockhampton and Port Mackay, Queensland. Good condition.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality Walsh River
Comments Letter addressed from Walsh River; Queensland identified from content of letter.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 295
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments Two annotations on reverse of document, forwarding letter to Mr.Fison: first annotation dated 15/01/1879; second dated 20/1/1879. [If sent, the letter has been returned to Howitt, MMorris, 7/7/2009]

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality Lake Tyers
Comments Letter addressed from Lake Tyers.

XM77 - A number of unsuccessful attempts have been made to match this document to a Howitt Collection summary sheet or list. (Victorian Manuscript Project) XM 77 is clearly related to XM507 (also without a summary or list identified (July 2009))

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 306
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM81 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 333
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet, lined note paper. Information from Rev. Bulmer regarding an article and the health of a Lake Tyers resident.
Condition: good.

Primary Comments J. Bulmer writes to A.W. Howitt that Bob Cunan has sent Howitt 'a certain article called a Jo-e-i. I suppose from his description it is a Bulk'. Bulmer also notes that Jenny Cooper is getting better so he 'will be able to ask her the questions shortly'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality Lake Tyers
Comments Letter addressed from Lake Tyers.

XM86 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (11 May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 364
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Single folded sheet; three pages. Edge of one page has been repaired. Content relates to information Rev. Bulmer is receiving from his Aboriginal informants. Condition: some foxing.
Primary Comments	Refers to obtaining information for A.W. Howitt from King Charley and Bob Cunan.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	Lake Tyers
Comments	Letter addressed from Lake Tyers. XM89 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 372
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality Lake Tyers
Comments Letter addressed from Lake Tyers.

XM92 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 379
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM 101 - Compromise had occurred. Other part of this document was found within XM 257. Item reunited as XM 101. Item is now intact and in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection Summary sheet. (May 2009). Microfiche order not correct.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 380
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Draft letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets; three pages. Annotation: 'Sent 1/9/92'. Seeking information from Mr Byrne at Charlotte Waters, South Australia on the Aroondah (Arrernte) tribe. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Content of draft written by A.W. Howitt describes the social organisation of the 'Aroondah tribe' and 'Kurnai tribe'. Content also refers to initiation practices, "pointing of the bone" (in Victoria); and class structures.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM103 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 385
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Information related to the 'Unghi', group of Queensland. Content discusses "Bora" ceremony. Condition: some foxing.
Primary Comments	Response to correspondence and questions from A.W. Howitt. Content discusses ceremony and restrictions regarding who could be present at the "Bora" ceremony. Also discusses beliefs relating to afterlife.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mossgiel
Comments	Letter provenanced to "Canoble" Mossgiel, NSW. XM106 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 393
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, two pages. Content relates to A.L.P. Cameron's movement to a new station at Balranald, New South Wales. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Letter informing A.W. Howitt that he has left his district and is now managing a station in the Balranald district. He hopes to renew his correspondence with Howitt. Brief reference to 'Barkunjee tribe'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mulurulu
Comments	Letter addressed from Mulurulu, via Balranald, NSW (For Mulurulu see http://www.ga.gov.au/bin/gazd01?rec=22051) XM107 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 397
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, five pages. Content relates to the Unghi of Queensland and some parts of Western Australia. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Response to A.W. Howitt's questions including information on message sticks and marriage. Final paragraph describes initiation practice A.L.P. Cameron had heard of from some parts of West Australia. Cameron asks Howitt if he has heard of the practice.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mulurulu
Comments	Letter addressed from Mulurulu, Balranald, NSW (For Mulurulu see http://www.ga.gov.au/bin/gazd01?rec=22051) XM108 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 214
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Annotated '[illegible] language vocabulary' in blue-pencil, top left. Covering letter for return of questionnaire on language and relationship terms (not attached). Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Mulurulu
Comments Letter addressed from Mulurulu, Balranald (For Mulurulu see <http://www.ga.gov.au/bin/gazd01?rec=22051>)

XM110 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 403
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One quarto sheet, two pages. Communication concerning a paper on Aborigines prepared by A.L.P. Cameron. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Mulurulu
Comments Letter addressed from Mulurulu [via Balranald]

XM121 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 407
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One quarto sheet, two pages. Annotation top left by A.W. Howitt 'Reply 10/11/83'. Relates to a paper being prepared for the Anthropological Institute. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Concerning a paper on Aborigines prepared by A.L.P. Cameron - for the "Anthropological Institute" - being edited by A.W. Howitt.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mulurulu
Comments	Letter addressed from Mulurulu [via Balranald] XM122 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. Item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 408
Object Details Questionnaire

Object Description

Primary Comments Group has not been recorded however there are 129 relationship terms or 'call names' given in the table. Annotation "ALP Cameron" by A.W. Howitt.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM125 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 411
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes; handwritten in ink. One sheet, one page. Content includes a list detailing nine relationship terms and their English equivalents for an unrecorded group/groups in the Mildura District of Victoria. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	A.W. Howitt Collection Summary sheet describes the notes as a letter from Sergeant Carter of Mildura to A.W. Howitt. Notes contain a vocabulary list of relationship terms for a group/groups from the Mildura District, Victoria.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Northwest (Victoria)
Specific Locality	Mildura
Comments	XM132 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 413
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, three pages. Seeking information on Ta-ta-thi and Leitchi-leitchi relationship terms. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 414
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Draft letter, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, one page. Draft notes for a letter. Content relates to relationship terms. Wyalay, an informant is also mentioned. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	Questions for Sargeant Carter posted 16/04/1907. Note that the actual letter is registered as XM133; it was sent to Sergeant Carter and returned to Howitt with Carter's answers.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 415
Object Details Diagram and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Notes are authored by A.W. Howitt based on C.E Doyle's information. "Kunopia" is mentioned as a place in New South Wales. However, the name cannot be found in the Gazetteer.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM155 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 417
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, black and red ink. One sheet, four pages. Red ink used to write further information vertically over main body of the letter. Content relates to group from Herbert River, Queensland. Condition: good
Primary Comments	Reponse to A.W. Howitt's queries and discussion of boundaries and beliefs relating to the Bungin/Hinchinbrook tribe of Queensland.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	Southeast Australia
Specific Locality	Grafton
Comments	Provenanced from address of letter. Sandringham, Grafton.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 419
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes, handwritten, ink and pencil, undated. Two sheets, two pages. Content relates to groups from Queensland. Condition: marked and slightly tattered.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 421
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Content also discusses, and lists, items being sent to A.W. Howitt. Notes headed 'Remarks'; begin 'Re. the fire-making articles ...'. Last page of notes headed 'List of articles forwarded (Chepara tribe)'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality
Comments Letter addressed from Stanmore.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 448
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, three pages. Content regarding J.W. Gibson's informant, 'Diafur', and a 'Bribbun' [bull-roarer] made by him which was sent to England. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality

Comments Letter addressed from Stanmore.

XM177 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 450
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, two pages. Content discusses J.W. Gibson's attempts to arrange for his informant, 'Diafur', a Chepara man to visit. Condition: light foxing.
Primary Comments	J.W. Gibson also thanks A.W. Howitt for a copy of the latter's pamphlet "On Some Austral. beliefs".
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	
Specific Locality	Brisbane
Comments	Letter addressed from Stanmore, Yatala, Brisbane. XM178 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches a one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 455
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two foolscap sheets, two pages. Includes strips of paper pasted together. Annotations in left hand margins. Comparison of property inheritance between a number of groups. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Annotations in left hand margins of pages are: "Chepara", Yualaroi or Wallaroi", "Kaiabara", "Turribil" "Bigambil" Notes compiled by A.W. Howitt based on information supplied to him from a number of informants.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM185 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 457
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, two pages. Acknowledges receipt of a letter from A.W. Howitt to Robert Hislop's father, which had been forwarded to Hislop. Brief description of Hislop's knowledge of North Queensland's Aborigines. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Papua New Guinea
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments Letter provenanced to Tamata, Mambare River, British New Guinea.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 466
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, ink and pencil. Three foolscap sheets, six pages. Annotation in margin of notes. Text difficult to decipher. Description of an Aboriginal "seance" and includes a description of ventriloquism. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Notes by A.W. Howitt from "Queenslander" c.30.05.1896, of an account by Mr Hislop. Annotation by Howitt in margin of notes 'Wrote to Mr Hislop, 10/9/[19] 00'.
Secondary Comments	These notes are particularly difficult to decipher.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM192 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 468
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Tooralie mentioned in the letter is known as "Toorale" in the gazetteer.

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region Northeast Riverine
Specific Locality Brewarrina

Comments Letter addressed from Brewarrina Station.

XM194 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 469
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region Southeast Queensland
Specific Locality Brisbane
Comments R.B. Howard's letter addressed from Brisbane, Queensland. Howitt's notes from Metung [Victoria].

XM198 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 471
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, typed. One foolscap sheet, one page. Acknowledges letter written by Miss Howitt; provides name of Protector of Aborigines, Maryborough Queensland. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Note that Alfred Howitt died on 7th March 1908. Source: http://adbonline.anu.edu.au/biogs/A040489b.htm (Victorian Manuscript Project, 14/9/ 2009;)
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	Southeast Queensland
Specific Locality	Brisbane
Comments	Letter addressed from Brisbane, Queensland. XM199 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches a one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 488
Object Details Notes and Table

Object Description

Primary Comments Notes most likely compiled by A.W.Howitt with annotations in margins by A.N. Hughes. Three columns of the table on the first page are headed 'Male class', 'Marries', 'Children are'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 501
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, one page. Ink stamped "Geological Survey of Queensland" Covering letter from Robert Jack discussing the completion of questionnaires by Mr Price. Good condition
Primary Comments	Mr Robert Jack thanks A.W. Howitt for the paper on the Initiation ceremonies of the Kurnai and mentions that Mr Price has completed the enclosed questionnaires (See XM 460)
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	
Specific Locality	Townsville
Comments	Letter stamped Townsville, Queensland.
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 508
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 536
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Twenty sheets, twenty-three pages. Notes present further discussions regarding the disagreement between Andrew Lang and A.W. Howitt. Condition: foxing
Primary Comments	Presents A.W. Howitt's criticisms of A. Lang's work "The Secret of the Totem". Howitt argues that the social advance of groups is directly connected to the availability of a more plentiful supply of food in better watered districts.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 538
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Three sheets, six pages. Content relates to A.W. Howitt's criticism of Andrew Lang's theory on religious beliefs expressed in 'The Secret of the Totem'. Condition: rust stains; marked
Primary Comments	Notes by A.W. Howitt relates to the ongoing disagreement between Andrew Lang and A.W. Howitt on the theories of social organisation of Australian groups.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 540
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes including a diagram, handwritten in ink, undated. Three quarto sheets; three pages. Content and diagram describing marriage rules, customs and relationships for the Ta-ta-thi Tribe. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	A.W. Howitt notes that the informant was 'mukwara, from opposite [illegible]'. Topics include table of marriage rules, betrothal, exchanging of wives, promiscuity, and pirrauru (group marriage).
Secondary Comments	Notes by Howitt regarding the 'Ta-ta-thi' used in 'Native Tribes of South-East Australia', including references from A.L.P. Cameron 'Notes on Some Tribes of NSW' (1885); see Howitt's 'Native Tribes', p.195.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM540 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 546
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, typed and handwritten, undated. One sheet, two slips adhered with glue. Annotations in left hand margin. Content regarding the the 'Wembaio' and description of items that were bartered. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	Description of items traded include mulga wood for spear points; slabs of stone for pounding and grinding seeds and tubers; nets, twine and fish hooks. A.W. Howitt acknowledges in the annotation that information received from Rev. John Bulmer.
Secondary Comments	The handwritten notes appear to be the basis for the typed notes.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM546 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 554
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Draft letter, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, one page. Annotations throughout. Seeking information on customs of the Aborigines in the region. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	A.W. Howitt refers to language terms for Wilcannia, Paroo River and Bourke areas, as listed in Curr's 'The Australian Race'. Annoation top of page states: 'Letter posted 26/4/07'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM554 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 565
Object Details Map and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM565 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 566
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes and diagrams, handwritten in ink, undated. Two foolscap sheets, two pages. Two diagrams illustrating classes and totems, with questions by A.W. Howitt numbered 1 to 7. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM566 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 576
Object Details Questionnaire

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 577
Object Details Questionnaire

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 580
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes, typed, undated. Seven sheets, seven pages. Cover sheet. Handwritten annotations. The notes are a critique of work by Mr Andrew Lang. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 595
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM595 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order. Annotation on reverse of page 2 not recorded on summary sheet (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 608
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Seven foolscap sheets, seven pages. Content describing legends from a number of groups, including the Dieri, Jaurorka/Yaurorka, Wonkanguru, and Ngarabana [Urabunna]. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM608 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 611
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, one page. List of questions numbered 1 to 4, 5 is blank. Request to have tribal boundaries marked on a map which A.W. Howitt had obtained Mr Craig of Cardwell. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Map referred to in notes is not attached/identified.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM611 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 616
Object Details Draft

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM616 - Compromise had occurred. Originals reorganised during Manuscript Project (2009); follows microfiche record, and Emu edited. Details no longer exactly match details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 617
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM617 - Item matched to Howitt Collection summary sheet, there has been no compromise but reverse of sheet not referred to in summary (perhaps not related). Images of both pages are on the microfiche record (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 619
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One quarto sheet, one page. Incomplete document. Content referring to criticisms of A.W. Howitt made by Mr Mathews. Condition: foxing; small tear from bottom edge.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM619 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 622
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Draft notes, typed, undated. Four sheets, four pages. Handwritten annotations and corrections throughout. Content predominantly describing customs of the Kulin. Condition: light foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM622 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 624
Object Details	Newspaper Article
Object Description	Newspaper article and notes. Four sheets, five pages. Annotation on reverse of first sheet. Includes two copies of a Letter to the Editor adhered to a single sheet. Content regarding the social organisation of the 'Moma' group. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record. As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (Victorian Manuscript Project 2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 635
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, incomplete, handwritten in ink, undated. One small sheet; two pages. Content regarding relationships. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Informaion recorded by A.W. Howitt under headings including "Gundil; Moogee-moogee; Yunghi; Boothary; Que-ah-sa; and Bulliang".
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM635 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 642
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, with hinged slip of paper attached to lower left edge. Content relating to the Gringai, Tukala, Ungorri and Riverina groups. Condition: piece torn from upper edge; small tears from edges; foxing.
Primary Comments	Information from a number of named sources including McRae, Muirhead, James Lalor, and ALP Cameron. Howitt has question marks next to the names of McKinlay and Hook. Reference in margin to 'Barrington' with 'Tukala (or Jukala?) tribe'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM642 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 653
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, incomplete, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, one page. Sheet numbered page 2. Content regarding marriage customs as related by 'Old Nancy' from the Gippsland region. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Incompleteness of notes was also noted by the Howitt collection typed summary indicating a missing part upon acquisition. (MM Sept 2009)
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM653 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 666
Object Details Questionnaire

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality Cloncurry River
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 689
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record (Victorian Manuscript Project, 20/5/2009).

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 690
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Subjects and group names have been entered from the Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (Victorian Manuscript Project, 20/5/2009). See Collection Documentation File: "XM690" for a more detailed content capture of this item.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM690 - Compromise had occurred. Other part of this document was found as XM537 and XM564. Item reunited as XM690. Item is now intact and in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 694
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Draft notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet with slip of paper adhered, one page. With reference to the Dieri and the custom of having a 'Yutchin'. Condition: foxing; tattered lower edge.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM694 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 698
Object Details	Draft
Object Description	Draft notes, handwritten ink, undated. Four foolscap sheets and a slip of paper; five pages. References the practice or non-practice of cannibalism by a variety of groups. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	Informants identified by A.W. Howitt include: J.W. Boulton -Tongaranka; [Rev] Bulmer - Wolgal; [illegible] Yuin; Dr McKinlay - Adelaide tribe; Mr Hugh Murray [illegible/not identified; see 'Secondary Comments']; and, Thos. Petrie - Turribul.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM698 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 705
Object Details Article

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM705 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 717
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	
Primary Comments	Printed article by A.W. Howitt entitled 'The Jeraeil, or Decadence of Initiation Ceremonies in other Victorian Tribes'.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File - "XM 328". Transcription in German [two typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 719
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Draft notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Seven foolscap sheets, seven pages. Subheading in margin. Descriptions of initiation ceremonies: including Bora, Kuringal (Port Stephens), and Kabbarah (Port Macquarie). Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM719 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 725
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Three foolscap sheets, three pages. Description of a male initiation ceremony - a Purbung - at Euston in 1870. Condition: some foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Howitt's publication 'The Native Tribes of South-East Australia', p.590 (Victorian Manuscript Project, 31/8/2009). Page order of originals reorganised for better reading order during Victorian Manuscript Project (2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM725 - Originals reorganised for better reading order during Manuscript Project (2009). Details no longer exactly match details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 728
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, one page.
Description of a male initiation ceremony of the Wakelbura. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM728 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 735
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Six blue foolscap sheets, six pages. Content comprising the burial practices of three groups - Kulin of Victoria, Wakelbura of Queensland, and the Dieri of South Australia. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	A.W. Howitt provides a definition of 'tribe', and notes that a number of tribes are connected by language to form a nation.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM735 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 736
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Slips of paper adhered to form one sheet, one page. Content regarding Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi mortuary practices and beliefs concerning the after-life. Condition: slightly tattered.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM736 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 745
Object Details	Notes and Diagram
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two foolscap sheets, with four small note-pad sheets adhered. Content regarding a ceremony held at Bega, near Bombala, New South Wales. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	Events and descriptions related to a Kuringal. Features sketches of a bull-roarer made by Howitt and shown to Jacky, Bega Charly, and Mragula; and, figures showing body decoration.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM745 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 764
Object Details Notebook

Object Description

Primary Comments No relevancy to Indigenous content. The largest section of entries begins 'Sale, March 17 1863, Meeting of Arbitrators'; the other begins 'Correspondence AW Howitt, Sale' with first entry 'Sale Feby 24/63'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM764 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 768
Object Details Notebook

Object Description

Primary Comments Contains miscellaneous notes and drawings/directions concerning the East of Victoria. Heading on second page: "List of Party A.W. Howitt Leader".

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM768 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 792
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two blue foolscap sheets, two pages. Sub-headings and additional notes in margins, and references from A.W. Howitt's reading. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Notes by A.W.Howitt from J.H.G. Gray, who was [according to the heading on the notes] an 'Archdeacon of Hong Kong'. Notes added in left hand column refer to Chinese mythology.
Secondary Comments	
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM792 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. Item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 841
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 869
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Family news and personal correspondence. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	The letter to [?] Howitt from his brother Richard discusses family news, including note by Richard that he sent a book of poetry for Edward 'by the last mail', and reference to the death of Howitt's brother-in-law, Robert.
Secondary Comments	
Country	England
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from Edingley, Southwell, Notts. XM869 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 870
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, three pages. Family news and personal correspondence. Condition: paper loss; staining along folds in paper.
Primary Comments	Family news from Charlie Howitt to 'Papa' [Godfrey Howitt] re. exams. Charlie notes that he is 'going to Nottingham today to see Frank Howitt'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Address letter sent from cannot be deciphered due to paper loss. XM870 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 878
Object Details	Receipt
Object Description	Receipt from E.W. Janson, Natural History & General Agent and Bookseller. Receipt for publications. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	An account from Janson to Godfrey Howitt. Including publication 'Transactions of Entomological Society of London'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	England
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	London
Comments	Receipt addressed fro 30 Museum Street, London. XM878 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 991
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Letter appears to be incomplete - finishing mid-discussion (?) re. the establishment of a Chair of Anthropology. If there is a further sheet it will begin "better" (Victorian Manuscript Project, 16/10/2009).

Country Australia

State Victoria

Region

Specific Locality

Comments Letterhead of 'State Rivers and Water Supply Commission'; attributed with author to Victoria (Victorian Manuscript Project, 16/10/2009)

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 1015
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Some names of individuals could not be entered into 'Individuals Mentioned' due to upper limit on data entry.

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality Melbourne
Comments Lecture at National Museum of Victoria, Melbourne.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 1016
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Some names of individuals could not be entered into 'Individuals Mentioned' due to upper limit on data entry.

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality Melbourne
Comments Lecture at National Museum of Victoria, Melbourne.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 1021
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Draft notes, handwritten in ink. Eleven sheets, eleven pages. Content relating to a history of ethnology in Australia, in which A.S. Kenyon acknowledges the work of more than 60 'anthropologists'. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Some names of individuals could not be entered into 'Individuals Mentioned' due to upper limit on data entry.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Lecture at National Museum of Victoria, Melbourne.
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4721
Object Details Newspaper, Broadsheet

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Uncertain as to relevance of the newspaper other than perhaps the one article described (rmcwill, 30/1/2007)

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region
Specific Locality Adelaide
Comments XM4721 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4764
Object Details Map

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4765
Object Details Map

Object Description

Primary Comments 'Map 3' printed top left. Printed inscription bottom right reads ' (signed) A.W Howitt, Leader of Victorian Exploring Party March 17/62'. The map tracks the expedition route and notes the camps - from number 25 at Cooper's Creek to 35 at Jacob's Station.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4766
Object Details Map

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 5716
Object Details	Map
Object Description	
Primary Comments	Label attached to map with a plastic clip states: " Map showing camps and tracks of prospecting party. Leader A.W. Howitt 1860 Wentworth, Dargo, Wonnangatta Moroka Rivers"
Secondary Comments	Author of label is unclear or where the uinformation about a "Prospecting Party" comes from. Could be that map was attached to a letter however a number of items were separately rehoused as a result of the Conservation assessment of 1996"
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM5716 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. Map allocated registration number during Registration Project (2008). Matched to 'listing' during Victorian Manuscript Project (2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 701
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments See Collection Documentation File "XM 701" for handwritten (pencil) transcript of these notes. Transcript contains 21 pages of notes.,

Country Australia

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM701 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 168
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, two pages. Annotation top left. John Gaggin offers to answer questions concerning the Herbert River, Hinchinbrook, and Cardwell groups. Condition: foxing.

Primary Comments J. Gaggin also thanks A.W. Howitt for offering to read his paper at '[the] institute'. Requests copies of the manuscript; would like to send one to his friend J.A. Boyd of Eden, Two-fold Bay, who lived on the lower Herbert River for 15 years.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality Bridgewater
Comments Letter addressed from Bridgewater.

XM168 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 195
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, typed. One sheet, one page. Response to A.W. Howitt's enquiries regarding H.E. Hockey's informants. Also dicusses population numbers of the Brewarrina Aboriginal Station, New South Wales. Condition: good

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region Northeast Riverine
Specific Locality Brewarrina
Comments Letter addressed from Brewarrina. (MM 2009)

XM195 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 447
Object Details Article

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM447 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 502
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Draft by A.W. Howitt for Chapter V of 'The Native Tribes of South-East Australia'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM502 - Pages have been re-ordered or reading order using the page numbers top right of the originals. Details no longer match the first and last line of the Howitt Collection summary or the Microfiche. (Victorian Manuscript project MM Sept 2009)

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 114
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One quarto sheet, one page. Acknowledgement of invitation to visit Gippsland for the New Year. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Refers to invitation to Sale by A.W. Howitt. A.L.P. Cameron hopes to be able to make the trip. Not able to leave Melbourne before 1st January. Notes that unless rain falls would have to return home as soon as possible.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Mulurulu
Comments	Letter addressed from Mulurulu, Balranald. XM 114 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. Item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 69
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality Walsh River
Comments Letter from 'Walsh Camp, Cooktown'.

XM69 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 55
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet. Acknowledgement of A.W. Howitt's letter with offer of information regarding the "Herbert River Aboriginals". Ink has smudged and pinhole in left hand corner - otherwise in good condition.
Primary Comments	Ornithology rather than Ethnology is Boyd's area of expertise but will attempt to answer questions about the "Herbert River Aboriginals". Annotation from Howitt (top left): 'Put away with Herbert River Papers'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	South Coast
Specific Locality	Eden
Comments	Letter written from Eden, NSW.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 88
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. Single folded sheet; three pages. Content relates to Kurnai group of Gippsland. Discusses language and translates several words. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality Lake Tyers
Comments Letter addressed from Lake Tyers.

XM88 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 591
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Draft notes, typed, undated. 71 sheets, 73 pages. Handwritten annotations and corrections throughout. Content regarding mythological beings eg Bunjil, all Father Goruki, Pupperimbul. Condition: foxing; slightly tattered edges.
Primary Comments	Draft manuscript by A.W. Howitt for publication 'The Native Tribes of South-East Australia', Chapter VIII - 'Beliefs'.
Secondary Comments	Large Number of localities, groups and Individuals are mentioned. See Collection Documentation file - "XM591" for a complete summary.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM591 - Matched to original Howitt Collection summary sheet. Some compromise of order of pages. Details of 'last line' no longer match summary sheet (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 594
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM594 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 1027
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Some names of individuals could not be entered into 'Individuals Mentioned' due to upper limit on data entry.

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality Melbourne
Comments Lecture at National Museum of Victoria, Melbourne.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4763
Object Details Map

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 145
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. Two pages mounted on backing sheet. Content relates the locations of several groups from Queensland and refers to a map. Condition: some warping of adhered papers, but stable and in good condition.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality
Comments Letter sent from Robert Christison of Lammermoor [Station, Queensland] to Alfred Howitt Esq, Sale, Gippsland.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 559
Object Details Map and Notes

Object Description Map, hand-drawn in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet. Annotations in ink. Includes a legend/key with the names of fourteen groups, and notes. Condition: large pin-hole top left; tear and creases on right edge; slightly yellowing.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten. One sheet, four pages. Discusses Maryborough area, Queensland. Good Condition

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality Maryborough
Comments Letter is from Boorall, Maryborough (not Boonall as recorded in typed summary sheet).

XM 4 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 5
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten. One sheet, two pages. Content acknowledges A.W. Howitt's letter and is not sure how useful the information will be. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Acknowledgement of A.W. Howitt correspondence, mentions articles by John Mann in the "Sydney Mail" and is doubtful of the value of the information.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	
Specific Locality	Maryborough
Comments	Letter is from Boorall; identified as Maryborough, Queensland from other letters to Howitt from Aldridge (mmorris, 29/4/2009) XM 5 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 102
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet, three pages. Sheet has almost separated in half. Content discusses information provided by P.M. Byrne's informants. Refers to enclosed information relating to Arrente. Condition; poor.
Primary Comments	Letter also discusses whether A.W. Howitt requires more collection items such as stone knives.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Northern Territory
Region	Central Australia
Specific Locality	Charlotte Waters
Comments	Letter addressed from Charlotte Waters.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 9
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten. Three sheets, three pages, possibly incomplete [see Commentary]. Discusses groups from and around Maryborough, Queensland. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Letter contains a table of relationship terms, and discusses ceremonies for adolescents. It also makes mention of a map of Maryborough possibly printed, and marked with red ink which was posted to A.W. Howitt prior to this letter.
Secondary Comments	Map is yet to be located [mmorris 7/11/01]. Map is still to be located [mmorris 2/4/09]. Summary of this item lists an enclosed map, and records four pages however there are only three now. The map is most certainly what's missing [29/4/2009].
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	
Specific Locality	Maryborough
Comments	Letter from Baddow (sic), Maryborough. XM 9 - Compromise had occurred - item is incomplete. Howitt Collection summary states that a map is enclosed - yet to be located (29/4/2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 14
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, undated. Fourteen foolscap sheets, fourteen pages. Content discusses family structures, kinship and marriage customs, dances and corroborees regarding Maryborough, Queensland area. Condition: fair.
Primary Comments	Information based on H. Aldridge. Notes in the margins are by A.W.Howitt.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 173
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter; handwritten in ink. One sheet, three pages. Content relates to the Chepara tribe. Discusses and describes restricted items related to male initiation ceremonies. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality

Comments Letter addressed from Stanmore.

XM173 - Compromise had occurred - extra sheet found with this document; removed and stored with XM174. Item is now in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (22 June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 183
Object Details Notes and Map

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 13
Object Details Notes and Map

Object Description Notes, handwritten. Including letter, vocabulary listing and relationship terms. Forty-four foolscap sheets. Annotations in purple pencil throughout. Cover page has hand drawn map. Annotations in pencil above and below map. Fair condition.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 220
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, one page. Annotated top left. Brief letter offering assistance. Author is happy to provide whatever information he can. Condition: foxing.

Primary Comments Annotation by A.W. Howitt top left of letter: 17/1/83'

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality Roma
Comments Letter written from Roma, Qld.

XM220 - There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order. No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 713
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Five foolscap sheets, five pages. With reference to a number of groups, particularly the Yuin. Additional notes are on body scarring - headed 'Cicatrices'; with sketched illustrations. Condition: foxing; rust stains.
Primary Comments	Notes on ceremonies - including the Kuringal and customs of the Yuin people. Information provided to A.W. Howitt on body scarring by Thomas Petrie and Merriman.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM713 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 623
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments On the upper left hand side of most of the pages of this item there is pencilled page numbers ie: "p.10" Unsure who did this however it was done post the microfiche project as the page numbers are not photographed. (MM 2009)

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 746
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM 746 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 4741
Object Details	Newspaper Article
Object Description	Single column newspaper article cut from 'The Argus'. The item is inscribed with the date (slightly obscured) '1?/11/22'. Lightly yellowed and creased.
Primary Comments	Brief history of the Henty family in Western Australia, Tasmania and Portland, including the arrival of Major Mitchell (explorer), and a listing of Mrs James Balfour, daughter of James Henty. The article is dated, in pencil, either 11/11/22, or 14/11/22.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4728
Object Details Publication

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4727
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4729
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4731
Object Details Newspaper, Tabloid

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4732
Object Details Newspaper, Tabloid

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4734
Object Details Newspaper, Broadsheet

Object Description

Primary Comments Newspaper article reviewing "The Hentys" by Mrs Walter Bassett published in 1954. The article provides historical information on the Henty family, and biographical information on the author.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4739
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description Article comprising of two printed columns cut from 'The Argus', June 18, 1921. The number '60' is inscribed in pencil and circled, near top edge. Creased.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4743
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description One paragraph cut from a newspaper. The number '63' is handwritten in pencil in the left margin, and two crosses are inscribed next to the heading. A pencilled inscription on the reverse appears to read 'Argus 26 Sept 1922'.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 4744
Object Details	Newspaper Article
Object Description	Newspaper article (single column) dated 1924, and featuring a drawing of Edward Henty. The number '64' is handwritten and circled on the top margin, and a circled 'x' is next to the heading. The paper is creased and worn.
Primary Comments	Brief article - written by Marsden Maddock, F.R.C.I. - on the anniversary of Edward Henty's arrival, in Victoria, on November 19, 1834.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 4745
Object Details	Newspaper Article
Object Description	Single column; six paragraphs. A pencilled inscription reads 'Herald 5/6/39'. The number '65' is handwritten and circled, right of the heading.
Primary Comments	Letter to the Editor - from J.H. Balfour - discussing the Henty Family, John Street and John Mccarthur and the origins of Merino sheep in Australia.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4737
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4740
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 18
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten and reverse typed, undated. One foolscap sheet, one page. Left hand top corner torn off. Content records language information provided by H.E. Aldridge. On reverse is typed notes containing information by William Barak. Fair condition.
Primary Comments	The front page is handwritten and discusses language information provided by H.E. Aldridge. The On reverse is typed notes containing information by William Barak.
Secondary Comments	According to Howitt Collection typed summary for this item - the handwritten side was considered the relevant page and there is no mention of the typed information relating to W. Barak on the back of this sheet. (May 2009)
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 34
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten. One sheet, two pages. Discusses the information M. Benson is providing. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Answers to A.W. Howitt's enquiries, discusses information being sent and who M. Benson's informant was.
Secondary Comments	The notes mentioned in this letter are registered separately. The letter is difficult to decipher but Howitt has completed a transcript.
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Goodooga
Comments	Brenda Station. (provenanced from letter)

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 37
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Seven sheets, seven pages. In some instances A.W. Howitt's transcriptions of certain words is present directly below the word. Content relates to the impact of colonisation on customs and laws. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Ipatha, aged 59 was Miss Benson's informant and she calls the Kurnu - Guarnoo. A list of family names is also given.
Secondary Comments	There are other groups mentioned but the writing is difficult to decipher. Howitt has completed a transcript of this letter.
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	
Specific Locality	Goodooga
Comments	Address on letter: 'Brenda'. Provenance inferred from other correspondence from Miss Benson from Brenda Station, Goodooga (Culgoa River) (rmcw, 6/5/2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 43
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Howitt has completed a summary of this letter.

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality
Comments State of NSW inferred from other correspondence from Miss Benson (rmcw, 30/4/2009)

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 46
Object Details	Transcript and Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, ink. Two foolscap sheets. Transcript of Miss Benson's letter and one page (foolscap) of notes discussing relationship terms. Good condition with some edge damage.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	The smaller sheet is a transcript of Miss Benson's letter. The foolscap sheet contains notes by A.W Howitt on relationship terms and most probably relates to the Murrowari group. It also appears to have some annotations by Benson.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 47
Object Details	Transcript and Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, ink, undated. Three sheets including a transcript by A.W. Howitt based on Miss Benson's information on the Guamo. Additional page contains a list of relationship terms. Good condition.
Primary Comments	The notes discuss the "Guamoo" and "Muriwarri" groups.
Secondary Comments	Transcript based on Miss Benson's letter dated 26/09/1906. However Howitt has only transcribed the text not the table of terms. The additional larger sheet is transcription of relationship terms.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 48
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, ink. Seven sheets, eight pages. Originally authored by A. W. Howitt with annotations by Miss Benson throughout. Content relates to groups in New South Wales. Condition: edges are fragile with tearing and pin holes.
Primary Comments	These notes contain information on marriage, marital terms and relationship terms relating to groups in New South Wales mainly around Moree. Discusses Ipatha and her family. Ipatha was 59 years old and was May Benson's informant.
Secondary Comments	The notes are by Howitt and have been annotated by Miss Benson.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 50
Object Details	Transcript
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, two pages. Partial transcript of Miss Benson's original letter. Refers to the time before settlement occurred in the area. Good condition.
Primary Comments	From information received from M. Benson 25/08/1907. Ipatha was May Benson's informant and was 59 years old at the time. Second page on reverse of sheet has unrelated notes regarding the Gamatch and Gurigitch groups, (Victoria)
Secondary Comments	Howitt transcribing and making notes based on Benson's original letter. Howitt did not transcribe the whole letter.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 70
Object Details Questionnaire

Object Description

Primary Comments A.W. Howitt's relationship questionnaire/circular completed by Jocelyn Brooke. Contains relationship terms for eg husband, mother's sister also lists what one individual calls another. Also presents several lists of Aboriginal words.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality
Comments State - Queensland - inferred from author (J.Brooke) and group (Kiabburra)

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 75
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet (blue), three pages. Content relates to social organisation of Gippsland groups. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Response to A.W. Howitt's questionnaire. Letter contains information on social organisation and includes a chart illustrating relationship terms with Aboriginal words however next letter (XM76) corrects some of this information.
Secondary Comments	Summary version describes this item as two letters from Bulmer ...Part of continuing correspondence between Howitt and Bulmer.
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	Lake Tyers
Comments	Letter addressed from Lake Tyers

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 76
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten, ink. Single sheet (blue), two pages. Content relates to social organisation of Gippsland groups. Good condition.
Primary Comments	Response to A.W. Howitt's questionnaire. Letter mentions relationship terms with Aboriginal words correcting some information in previous letter (XM75).
Secondary Comments	Summary version indicates that this letter and XM 75 were originally housed together. Describes this item as two letters from Bulmer ...Part of continuing correspondence between Howitt and Bulmer.
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	Lake Tyers
Comments	Letter addressed from Lake Tyers

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 98
Object Details Notes and Table

Object Description

Primary Comments Seems to be a response to A.W. Howitt's questionnaire. Listing of individuals, place of origin and relationship terms. Provides a table with the following headings: Names, Native Place, Division of Tribe, and Wife's Division of Tribe.

Secondary Comments See Collection Documentation File XM 98 for full list of individuals. Although this appears to be a letter as it is signed by Bulmer, there is no addressee at top but it is definitely a letter to Howitt.

Country Australia

State Victoria

Region Gippsland

Specific Locality

Comments Provenance has been inferred from general correspondence. (MM 2009)

XM 98 - Compromise had occurred - The other part of document found as XM 693 and has been reunited with XM98. Item is now intact and in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection Summary sheet (May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 99
Object Details Diagram and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record. As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (Victorian Manuscript Project 2009).

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 134
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter or a copy of a letter; handwritten in ink. One sheet, one page. Reply to information provided by Sergeant Carter. A.W. Howitt refers to informant, Wyalay, and asks Carter further questions regarding relationship terms. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Letter to Sergeant Carter, Mildura, dated 11 June 1907. [Draft of this letter is registered as XM135.]

Secondary Comments

Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	
Specific Locality	Metung
Comments	Letter addressed fom Metung, Victoria.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 135
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Draft letter, handwritten, ink. One sheet, one page. Annotated 'sent 11/10/1907' (sic). Content relates to questions regarding relationship terms. Condition: tattered edges.
Primary Comments	A.W. Howitt's draft letter with questions for Sergeant Carter.

Secondary Comments

Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	
Specific Locality	Metung
Comments	Provenance attributed based on address of XM 134 (MM 2009)

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 179
Object Details Letter and Table

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments The original letter was sent by Howitt to Gibson on June 19 1880 from Sale, Vic. and then sent back to him with notes and corrections added by Gibson on July 18 1880.

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality Sale

Comments Provenanced from address of letter.

XM179 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 181
Object Details Table

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Most probably compiled by A.W. Howitt based on information provided to him.

Country Australia

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM181 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 203
Object Details Diagram and Notes

Object Description Diagrams, hand-drawn, undated. One sheet, two pages. Two diagrams indicating family relationships. Notes on the reverse related to Mr Tyler on class names and totems. Condition: slightly tattered lower edge; light foxing.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM203 - There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order. Matched to Howitt Collection summary sheet (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 225
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, eight pages. On letterhead: Alleyne House, St Andrews, Scotland. Content relates to a discussion of the theory of totemic development and social organisation of Aboriginal groups of Australia. . Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See also partial transcription of this letter by Howitt.
Country	Scotland
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter is written on letterhead "Alleyne House, St Andrews, Scotland"
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 226
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	
Primary Comments	Response to Andrew Lang's origin of totemism theory and a general discussion of social organisation.
Secondary Comments	Letter written by Howitt, sent to Lang, annotated by Lang and sent back to Howitt.
Country	England
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	Kensington
Comments	Letter addressed from Kensington.
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 231
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 252
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, two pages. Lower section of page has been torn off/ is not present. Entitled 'Mathews. American Antiquity'. Reverse however refers to report by the Supt. of Police, Bourke. Condition: fair
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM252 - Originals reorganised during Manuscript Project (2009), and Emu edited. Item is intact and has been ordered according to microfiche. Details no longer exactly match details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (Sept 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 253
Object Details	Notes and Diagram
Object Description	Notes and diagram, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, two pages. Content regarding classes and descent of Gamutch and Krokitch [and/or Gurogitch?], with reference to work of Mr Mathews. Condition: good, section torn from the bottom.
Primary Comments	A.W. Howitt's notes include reference to works by [R.H.] Mathews including 'Aboriginal Tribes of NSW and Victoria', Sydney, 1904.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM253 - There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 276
Object Details	Letter and Notes
Object Description	Letter and notes, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, five pages. Content discusses a range of topics related to the 'My coolon and surrounding tribes in this Gulf district'. Condition: some foxing; slightly tattered edges.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	This document is part of a group of letters sent to Howitt, and of notes by Howitt, related to the Gulf of Carpentaria.
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	Gulf
Specific Locality	Cloncurry River
Comments	Letter addressed from Conolie, Cloncurry River.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 277
Object Details Letter and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments This item is part of a group of letters sent to Howitt, and a group of notes by Howitt, related to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region South Coast
Specific Locality Parramatta
Comments Letter addressed from Linden, Parramatta.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 278
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two quarto pages, four pages. Content provides descent and kinship information and includes tables and diagrams for My-coolon group. Condition: good; though creased and slightly faded.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	This document is part of a group of letters sent to Howitt, and a group of notes by Howitt, related to the Gulf of Carpentaria.
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	South Coast
Specific Locality	Parramatta
Comments	Letter addressed from Linden, Parramatta.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 279
Object Details Notes and Table

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments This document is part of a group of letters sent to Howitt, and a group of notes by Howitt, related to the Gulf of Carpentaria. These notes appear to be copies of a draft for an article or chapter. Annotations/comments in margins 'may' be in another hand.

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 280
Object Details	Notes and Table
Object Description	Notes and table/diagrams, handwritten in ink, undated. Seven foolscap sheets (two white & five blue), seven pages. Content relates to information on marriage classes relating to groups from Carpentaria.. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	This document is part of a group of letters sent to Howitt, and of notes by Howitt, related to the Gulf of Carpentaria.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 281
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One blue foolscap sheet, one page. Annotations in the margins: 'graves' (twice); and 'corpse'. Notes on mortuary practices on the Barclay Tablelands; and on the Flinders River. Condition: good

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 292
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, two pages. Page one is in German, with an English heading and an annotation 'Killapaninna Dec 30 1903'. Page two is in English. Condition; good
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Appears to be a transcription 'in German' by Howitt of a letter from Reuther, and then a translation into English.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM292 - There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 302
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Text in German. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	O. Siebert appears to switch from German to English - difficult to decipher. Howitt was fluent in German. See Collection Documentation File "XM302". Transcription in German [two typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul. See also Howitt's translation.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Killalpanina XM302 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 305
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, incomplete, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Text is in German. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Addressed to Howitt. Unsigned. possibly an incomplete letter. Almost certainly from Otto Siebert. See Collection Documentation File "XM 305". Transcription in German [two typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Killalpanina XM305 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; only a one-line listed reference. The item appears to match the listing - four pages - but as it appears to be unsigned it may be incomplete (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 308
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Text is in German. Condition: very light foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt has completed a transcript of this letter and there is an associated map. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 308". Transcription in German [two typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Killalpanina XM308 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order. Note however, the listing does not refer to the map identified in Relationship tab (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 309
Object Details	Letter and Diagram
Object Description	Letter and diagram, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, three pages. Text is in German. Features a genealogical diagram on page two. Page one annotated in blue pencil '23' (top right); page three annotated '24'. Condition: good
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt has completed a transcript of this letter. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 309". Transcription in German [two typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Bethesda, Killalpanina. XM309 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 310
Object Details	Letter and Diagram
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet; two pages. Text is in German. Features two genealogical diagrams with kinship terms. Condition: tattered along right edge.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt has made notes based on this letter. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 310". Transcription in German [two typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from Bethesda, Killalpanina. XM310 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 311
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, eight pages. Text is in German, English and Aboriginal. Page two of letter contains a vocabulary listing with 60 terms. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt has made a translation/notes of this letter. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 311". Transcription in German [five typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Bethesda, Killalpanina. XM311 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 314
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Text is in German.
Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region Eyre
Specific Locality Killalpanina
Comments Letter addressed from Bethesda, Killalpanina.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 315
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, incomplete, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Text is in German. Includes a genealogical diagram. Condition: some loss of paper (and text) from one edge; paper is yellowing.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region
Specific Locality Port Pirie
Comments Letter addressed from Pt. Pirie.

XM315 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (25 June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 316
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, eight pages. Text is in German. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt has completed a translation of this letter. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 316". Transcription in German [three typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Killalpanina. XM316 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 319
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Text is in German. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	There is an incomplete translation of this letter by Howitt. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 319". Transcription in German [two typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Killalpanina. XM319 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 323
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, six pages. Text is in German. Condition: tear from right edge of each sheet.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt has completed a translation of this letter. Howitt's 'remarks' on the letter are a separately registered item. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 323". Transcription in German [three typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Bethesda, Killalpanina. XM323 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 325
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, three pages. Text is in German.
Condition: good

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region Eyre
Specific Locality Killalpanina
Comments Letter addressed from Bethesda, Killalpanina.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 326
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Text is in German. Condition: good
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt has completed a translation of this letter. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 326". Transcription in German [one typed sheet] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	Eyre
Specific Locality	Killalpanina
Comments	Letter addressed from Bethesda, Killalpanina. XM326 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists. There does not appear to have been any compromise of this item (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 328
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, eight pages. Text is in German. Condition: foxing on upper edges.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Information from this letter used in other Howitt documents. Transcription provided by K. McCaul - See Collection Documentation File - "Siebert".
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from Etadaina [?] XM328 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (26 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 353
Object Details Notes and Diagram

Object Description Notes and diagrams, handwritten and hand-drawn in ink. Three sheets, four pages. Notes are a translation of a letter from Rev O. Siebert. Diagrams depicting descent and relationships were hand-drawn by Rev. Siebert. Condition: significant foxing on sheet.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM353 - Matches Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (26 June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 356
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink. One foolscap sheet, one page. Translation of a letter from Rev Siebert. Notes re: relationships and marriage are numbered (2) to (6). Condition: fragile; tears from edges in a number of places; foxing.
Primary Comments	Reference in notes to two individuals: Samuel and Bertha.
Secondary Comments	Notes are actually translation of Siebert's letter to Howitt, however the original is not in this collection.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM357 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 358
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink. One sheet, one page. Translation of a letter from Rev. Siebert relating to the Dieri of South Australia and discusses marriage relationships. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Notes are actually an incomplete translation of Siebert's letter to Howitt. See Collection Documentation File - "XM 319". Transcription in German [two typed sheets] provided by K. McCaul.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM358 - Compromise had occurred - extra sheet found with this document during the Victorian Manuscript Project; removed and stored with XM527. Item is now intact and in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 391
Object Details Diagram and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 392
Object Details Notes and Table

Object Description

Primary Comments The notes provide relationship terms or 'call names'. e.g. number 1 on the genealogical table calls numbers 2 and 5 Porlean - my child; numbers 2 and 5 call number 1 Nanghai - my father etc.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region
Specific Locality Point McLeay
Comments XM392 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 400
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink, partially dated. One sheet (folded), two pages. Covering letter refers to a questionnaire filled in and sent to Mr Macleod. Condition: foxing.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 402
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments Letter explains the numbers of Aborigines remaining in the groups and the reasons for their populations decreasing. From Alfred Walker, Innaminka (sic) Station, in reply to Howitt's letter of 16 September.

Secondary Comments Spelling of group names in letter is unclear. Howitt Collection typed summary sheet records groups as 'Zandrawandra', Dieru' and 'Zarrawalea'.

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region Eyre
Specific Locality Innamincka

Comments Letter addressed from Innaminka Station.

XM402 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 404
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region Northwest Riverine
Specific Locality Mount Howitt
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 405
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments This document is part of a group of letters & a questionnaire sent to Howitt by W.J. O'Donnell of Mt Margaret, Wilson River Queensland, but completed by Arthur P Wall of Mt Howitt.

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region Northwest Riverine
Specific Locality Mount Howitt
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 406
Object Details	Notes and Table
Object Description	Notes and table, handwritten in ink with pencilled annotations, undated. Two half sheets, 3 pages. Content relates to social organisation of Kunandaburi, Mount Howitt, Cooper's Creek. Fair condition.
Primary Comments	Further discussion of class systems, marriage and totem names relating to the Kunandaburi, Cooper's Creek
Secondary Comments	This document relates to a group of letters & a questionnaire sent to Howitt by W.J. O'Donnell of Mt Margaret, Wilson River Queensland, but completed by Arthur P Wall of Mt Howitt.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 418
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality Boyne Island
Comments Letter addressed from Boyne Island, Port Curtis, Queensland

XM 418 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise: item is intact and in order cf. summary, but see Primary & Secondary Comments re. pamphlets (26 June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 428
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, typed. One sheet, one page. Annotations in ink and post script re Mr Newman. Refers to an enclosure regarding explorations of Mr Babbage, and to a sketch by J. Hergott sold to Sydney museum. Condition: foxing; paper loss (torn) from left edge.

Primary Comments Annotation states: 'Ack. 28/1/07'; 'List sent to Mr T Hall 14/2//07'. Letter discusses sale of a sketch by J. Hergott 'when with Stuart'; sold to 'the Sydney museum'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region Spencer
Specific Locality Adelaide
Comments Letter addressed from Adelaide.

XM428 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (26 June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 434
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Draft letter, handwritten in ink. One foolscap sheet, one page. Proposing the preparation of joint papers with Rev Siebert on beliefs and legends regarding Mura-muras, on the sky and land, and on initiation ceremonies. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Letter identified as one of a number of letters drafted by Howitt for correspondence to 'Rev. Otto Siebert' (though not specifically identified).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM434 - Item is one of six rough drafts of letters by Howitt to Siebert - XM325, XM329, XM337, XM364, XM365, XM434 - sharing a one-line listed reference. There does not appear to have been any compromise of this item (25 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 435
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments The first sheet of this group of three pages was not recorded on the Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (1968/70) (see Documentation Notes).

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 436
Object Details	Index
Object Description	Draft index, handwritten in ink, undated. Ten foolscap, ten pages. Annotations and corrections in red and blue pencil. A to W Index for the publication 'Kamilaroi and Kurnai', with 'Note to the printer' (first paragraph). Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	'Kamilaroi and Kurnai' was published in 1880 by Dr Lorimer Fison and A.W. Howitt.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM436 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 440
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet identifies these notes as related to Chapter V, of Howitt's 'Native Tribes of South East Australia', 'Marriage Rules'.

Country Australia

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM440 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 453
Object Details Article

Object Description

Primary Comments Response to articles by R.H.Mathews relating to social organisation and marriage rules. Other headings are : "Tribes of Western Victoria" p.3, p.14 "Remarks on the present condition of the Tribes in question" p.9 "The Kamilaroi Tribes" p.13.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM453 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order. Last two pages of microfiche reordered to reflect order of original document and summary sheet (18 May 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 473
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Typed notes. Two sheets, two pages. Content regarding the Howitt Expedition in search of Burke and Wills. Condition: creased; tear from bottom of sheet one; light foxing.
Primary Comments	Description from Camp Poria Creek, 2nd September, 1861.
Secondary Comments	Appears to be a copy of a despatch from Howitt, published in "The Argus".
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM473 - Item shares a one-line listed reference with XM472 and XM474; totalling 25 sheets (27 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 484
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM484 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 492
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Discussions of relationship terms and social organisation of individuals of the Dieri, in particular a woman called Judith and her son Samuel.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM492 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 500
Object Details	Diagram
Object Description	
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (c.1968/70) identifies Rev Siebert as the source of the information (Victorian Manuscript Project, 5/8/2009)
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM500 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 509
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Eleven sheets, eleven pages. Response to a review by E. Sidney Hartland of A.W. Howitt's "Native Tribes of South East Australia". Condition: good
Primary Comments	Reference to article by E. Sidney Hartland in 'Folk Lore'.
Secondary Comments	Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (Victorian Manuscript Project 2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM508 - Compromise had occurred. Originals reorganised during Manuscript Project (2009) to follow microfiche order, but details no longer exactly match details (i.e. 'first line') on Howitt Collection summary sheet (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 512
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. 20 sheets, 25 pages. Cover sheet with title. Discussion of marriage relationships with references to a number of groups, but particularly to the Dieri. Includes critique of work by Andrew Lang. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record. As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (Victorian Manuscript Project 2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 521
Object Details	Draft
Object Description	Draft notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Five foolscap sheets, six pages. Content comparing beliefs and legends related to a number of groups. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Comparison of beliefs of Lake Eyre, Arunta, and Victorian groups including Wotjoballuk, Kulin and Kurnai, and Yuin in NSW. Identification of similarities. References to Murra-muras, Alcheringa, and Bunjil Borun.
Secondary Comments	The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet identifies this item as containing draft notes for part of Chapter VIII of Howitt's 'Native Tribes of South-East Australia'.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM521 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 522
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink. One foolscap sheet, one page. Story of how fire was stolen from the Kurnai by Bulum-baukun, and retrieved. Condition: reverse is marked from handling.
Primary Comments	Notes describing how fire was stolen from the Kurnai by Balum-Baukun. Crow and swamp hawk attacked Balum-Baukan, and a piece of fire fell back to earth.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM522 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 526
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten, ink, undated. Eleven sheets, small and lined, eleven pages. Content relates to Kurnai (Victoria) creation stories and legends (eight in total). Paper is brittle and slightly yellowing with some edge tearing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt collection typed summary sheet indicates 12 pages however there are only 11 and every legend listed on the typed summary has been accounted for. This document seems complete - perhaps a mistake on the typed summary. (May 2009)
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 527
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink. One foolscap sheet, two pages. Translation. Numbered '44' in blue pencil top right corner. Content regarding pronunciation and orthography of words. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	The Howitt Collection typed summary identifies the author of the original letter as Otto Siebert. The original letter has not yet been identified within the collection (28 May 2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 542
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Howitt had met 'Wyalung' [or Wyalay'?] on a visit to Mildura, and corresponded with Sergeant Carter asking for further information. These letters are registered separately. (Victorian Manuscript Project, 11/8/2009).

Country Australia

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM542 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 548
Object Details	Notes and Table
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One blue foolscap sheet, one page. Annotations in left hand side. Description of tribal boundaries, and two tables containing marriage, class and totem names for the Yualoroi. Condition: staining.
Primary Comments	Notes regarding the Yualoroi. Annotations in left hand side: "Tribe and boundaries"; "Language"; and (in pencil) 'What does Yual mean "No"?'.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM548 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 551
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Four small sheets; four pages. Content regarding social organisation and customs for an unrecorded group. Condition: rust stain on first sheet.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM551 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 552
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two foolscap sheets, two pages. List of 15 words for parts of body, sun moon etc. Content relating to childbirth, and description of a string game similar to 'cat's cradle'. Condition: light foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM552 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 558
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 571
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 584
Object Details Table

Object Description

Primary Comments Tables with marriage and descent information related to class names - Bunda, Therwine, Balgoin, Parung.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM584 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 586
Object Details	Listing
Object Description	Listing, handwritten, undated. Single sheet, one page. Original sheet has been adhered to backing paper. Vocabulary List with three columns. Content relates to "Gourno" tribe, NSW.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	There are also printed versions of this circular in the A.W. Howitt collection.
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	Central West Riverine
Specific Locality	Wilcannia
Comments	Letter written from Dunlop, Wilcannia. (assigned based on XM 137) (MM May 2009)
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 588
Object Details Notebook

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (c.1968/70) suggests 'possibly the words came from a number of Victorian dialects', but there is no explanation of how Victoria is identified (Victorian Manuscript Project, 18/8/2009).

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM588 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 597
Object Details	Draft
Object Description	Draft notes, typed and handwritten in ink, undated. Three foolscap sheets, third sheet with five slips adhered. Content relating to beliefs regarding the earth and sun. Condition: foxing; rust stains.
Primary Comments	Widespread belief in existence of human spirit after death. General reluctance to use the name of a deceased person; examples from Jajau'rung of Upper Lodden River; Wembaio; and Maryborough [from H. Aldridge; therefore Queensland?]
Secondary Comments	Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (c.1968/70) identifies notes as draft for sections of Chapter VIII of 'Native Tribes of South-East Australia', particularly pp.433-4, and 439-441 (should include p.438).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM597 - Matched to original Howitt Collection summary sheet. One image to be added (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 598
Object Details	Draft
Object Description	Draft notes, handwritten and typed, undated. 10 sheets, 11 pages. Annotations and corrections throughout. Content regarding various beliefs in 'supernatural beings'. Condition: foxing; rust stains.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt Collection typedsummary sheet (c.1968/70) identifies notes as draft for sections of Chapter VIII of 'Native Tribes of South-East Australia', particularly pp.499-508.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM598 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 615
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	
Primary Comments	Detailed notes regarding various class systems, and the approximate geographical range of types of systems.
Secondary Comments	Howitt refers to a sketch map of boundaries of the systems; not attached or identified. Opening sentences suggest that the document was a draft, by Howitt, of a paper to the Anthropological Institute.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM615 - Compromise of page order appears to have occurred. Microfiche re-ordered to follow page numbers on the originals. As a result does not match last line of typed summary. One frame not on m-fiche; to be added (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 626
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet (blue). Discussion of kinship/relationship terms of Gippsland and Kunandaburi [?] groups; three numbered points (i-iii). Condition: good.
Primary Comments	The document discusses the origin of kinship terms, and includes references to 'Gippsland blacks', and to the 'Kurnandaburi' [?].
Secondary Comments	This document is part of a group of letters & a questionnaire sent to Howitt by W.J. O'Donnell of Mt Margaret, Wilson River Queensland, but completed by Arthur P Wall of Mt Howitt. Identification of 'Kunandaburi' is from association with related material.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 629
Object Details	Questionnaire
Object Description	Printed questionnaire, handwritten responses in ink, unsigned, undated. One sheet, three pages. Spirit-duplicated. Content regarding relationship terms for an unrecorded group. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Although unsigned and incomplete it would seem through association with another item that the questionnaire was completed by Hebe and Jeannie Telford (of 'Thule'), and sent to A.W. Howitt via Mr Macleod.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 630
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Genealogy and notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, two pages. Diagram and notes on the front; notes on the reverse. Harry Penton's genealogy'. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet notes - from the handwriting - that the Rev. Julius Kuhn may have compiled this genealogy. This has not yet been confirmed (Victorian Manuscript Project, 18/5/2009).
Country	Australia
State	South Australia
Region	
Specific Locality	Point Pearce Mission
Comments	Possibly 'Point Pearce Mission', but provenance not stated, and identity of author not yet confirmed (Victorian Manuscript Project, 18/5/2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 631
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Further details and relationship terms for Harry Penton's genealogy.

Secondary Comments The Howitt Collection summary sheet notes - from the handwriting - that the Rev. Julius Kuhn may have compiled these notes, and genealogy (XM630). This has not yet been confirmed (Victorian Manuscript Project, 18/5/2009)

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments Possibly 'Point Pearce Mission', but provenance not stated, and identity of author not yet confirmed (Victorian Manuscript Project, 18/5/2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 633
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in pencil, undated. Four folded sheets, thirteen pages. One sheet is an envelope with date stamps for June and July 1906. Lists of relationship terms for a range of cultural groups. Condition: slightly tattered.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Howitt Collection Typed Summary records the "Titric tribe - Forster Bay area". The spelling in Tindale is Titnie. For 'Titnie' group; see Tindale's list http://samuseum.australia.sa.com/tindaletribes/t.htm (Victorian Manuscript Project, 20/8/2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM633 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 637
Object Details	Notes and Table
Object Description	Table, hand-drawn in ink, with explanatory notes, undated. One foolscap sheet, two pages. Content regarding classes and totems. Cultural group not recorded. Condition: light foxing; one tattered edge.
Primary Comments	Classes and totems stated: Bulcoin - Carpet Snake; Baring - Turtle, Rock Carpet Snake; Bunda - Native Cat, White Eaglehawk; and, Torowine - Bat, Black Eaglehawk.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 638
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One blue foolscap sheet, one page. Content regarding classes, sub-classes, and totems. Cultural group not recorded. Condition: repair to upper edge; yellowing.
Primary Comments	Totems recorded include: Carpet Snake, Black Eagle Hawk, and White Eagle Hawk.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 639
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM639 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 641
Object Details Draft

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 644
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. 13 sheets (and two slips), 16 pages. Annotations and corrections throughout. Content describing Dieri marriage rules and customs, with brief references to other groups. Condition: foxing on some sheets.
Primary Comments	Notes also reference the work of Mr Andrew Lang, 'The Secret of the Totem'.
Secondary Comments	Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record. As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (May 2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 648
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two foolscap sheets, two pages. Explanatory notes for a 'Diagram III' on marriage rules, with reference to a number of identified individuals and some genealogical information. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Discussion of marriage rules and regulations, with reference to an unidentified 'Diagram III', which is not attached and a number of identified individuals, including 'Baptismal' and Aboriginal names, and names of women's husbands.
Secondary Comments	The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet identifies Rev. Otto Siebert as the author. The notes are written in 1st person; possibly Howitt's transcription of information from Rev. Siebert (Victorian Manuscript Project, 24/8/2009).
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM648 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 651
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet identifies the notes as related to Chapter V of Howitt's publication 'Native Tribes of South-East Australia'.

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM651 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 654
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet. Content regarding marriage and class systems. Condition: good
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet suggests that these notes are a translation of a letter from Rev. Otto Siebert to A.W. Howitt.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM654 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 656
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record. As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (Victorian Manuscript Project 2009).

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 660
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Last sheet is a table headed 'Filial Terms', compaing terms used in 14 different groups.

Secondary Comments Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record Victorian Manuscript Project, 5/8/2009). As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (May 2009).

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 668
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM668 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 670
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Nine sheets, ten pages. Notes from A.W. Howitt's reading of an unidentified by Mr Andrew Lang regarding the evolution of customs and behaviour, with reference to the Dieri and Urabunna. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (Victorian Manuscript Project 2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM670 - Some compromise in the order of pages of this document has occurred. The current order follows that recorded on the Howitt Collection microfiche. Details no longer exactly match details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (May 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 671
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Two sheets, two pages. Legends regarding the bat ('nunde') and the owlet ('derela'). Cultural group not identified. Condition: rust stains; faint foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	The Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (c1968/70) suggests that the provenance of the stories is 'probably Gippsland'
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM671 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 675
Object Details Draft

Object Description Draft text, typed and handwritten, undated. 25 foolscap sheets, 35 pages. With annotations and corrections throughout by A.W. Howitt and another hand. Content regarding marriage. Condition: foxing, and tears from edges, of some sheets.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 682
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Howitt Collection typed summary records the cultural group as the "Barkinji".

Country Australia

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM682 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 683
Object Details Draft

Object Description

Primary Comments Envelope headed 'Chapter 2 Tribal Government'.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM683 - Item has been matched to an original Howitt Collection summary sheet, however the page order may have been compromised. The originals are currently in the microfiche order.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 684
Object Details	Draft
Object Description	Draft notes, typed and handwritten, undated. 44 sheets, 50 pages. With annotations and corrections throughout. Content regarding marriage and descent in a number of groups. Condition: foxing; tattered edges.
Primary Comments	Information relating to consideration of class divisions, treatment of cases of elopement, subclasses and totems and their influence on marriage and descent in a number of groups.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 687
Object Details	Envelope
Object Description	Envelope; sleeve with an additional sheet with A.W. Howitt written on front. Annotation top left. Date on reverse of sheet. Tattered and torn edges. Adhesives and yellowing visible.
Primary Comments	Headed Chapter II. In addition annotation top left reads "Ask Berak about the Buffalo tribe (a) its name (b) where he saw them (c) when. Date on the back 11/7/1899. Envelope relates to Howitt's chapter notes on Social Organisation.
Secondary Comments	The annotation referencing "Berak" is repeated in the other notes in the Howitt Collection.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 707
Object Details Listing

Object Description Handwritten listings, pencil and ink, undated. Seven half-sheets, fourteen pages. English 'relationship/kinship' terms listed by A.W. Howitt, with Aboriginal equivalents in an unidentified hand. Cultural group(s) not specified. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM707 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. Item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 741
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments Relationship diagrams include names of individuals, and terms such as Kami, Nadada and noa amongst others, with definitions at the bottom of second sheet.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 747
Object Details	Questionnaire
Object Description	Printed questionnaire/circular, handwritten responses in ink. One small sheet, two pages. Spirit duplicated. Stamped 'Institution Ethnographique. Delegation of Sale'. Questions regarding message sticks. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Respondent indicates that they have no knowledge of message sticks being used by local Aborigines, though sticks are used to indicate locations of camps. Addressed to [illegible], Blanchewater, South Australia.
Secondary Comments	Howitt Collection typed summary identifies Howitt's respondent as 'Mr Gaw', however this is not clear/confirmed (Victorian Manuscript Project, 1/9/2009)
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM747 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 752
Object Details	Notes and Diagram
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, two pages. Includes four sketches illustrating body scarring. Unrelated but relevant information on the reverse. Condition: minor paper loss, top left corner.
Primary Comments	Notes include sketches of men [possibly Yerkla] with 'scars cut by the Mobunybai' on upper chest and arms. Illustrations of scars [for four sub-classes of the Yerkla]: Budera, Kura, Budu, and Wenung. The reverse discusses kinship systems in Gippsland.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM752 - Matched to Howitt Collection summary sheet. Note that 'First & Last lines' on the summary refer to the 'reverse' of the page described in this EMu record. The item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 753
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, typed, incomplete, undated. One foolscap sheet; page numbered 17. With handwritten annotations. Legend of the Wonkanguru concerning a male initiation rite. Condition: two small pieces torn from right edge of sheet.
Primary Comments	Draft for a section of text in Howitt's 'Native Tribes of South-East Australia'. Includes information on the preparations for the rite.
Secondary Comments	Identification of cultural group as 'Wonkanguru' from A.W. Howitt, 'The Native Tribes of South-East Australia', pp.652-3.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM753 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 879
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Regarding entomology (Coleoptera). Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information on James Martin, including biographical information on Martin by Tim Willing, 13 Oct 1993.
Country	Australia
State	Western Australia
Region	Northwest (Western Australia)
Specific Locality	Champion Bay
Comments	Letter addressed from Champion Bay, West Australia XM879 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 880
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, and post script on a slip of paper, ten pages. In reply to G. Howitt's letter of 26th July. Regarding entomology. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information on James Martin, including biographical information on Martin by Tim Willing, 13 Oct 1993.
Country	Australia
State	Western Australia
Region	Northwest (Western Australia)
Specific Locality	Champion Bay
Comments	Letter addressed from C Bay [i.e. Champion Bay], West Aust. XM880 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 881
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One small sheet, two pages. Regarding entomology. Condition: good
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information on James Martin, including biographical information on Martin by Tim Willing, 13 Oct 1993.
Country	Australia
State	Western Australia
Region	Northwest (Western Australia)
Specific Locality	Champion Bay
Comments	Letter addressed from Geraldton, Champion Bay XM881 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 882
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. In reply to G. Howitt's letter of August 27th. regarding entomology. Condition: good
Primary Comments	Martin notes that he hopes to visit Melbourne in 1868.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information on James Martin.
Country	Australia
State	Western Australia
Region	Northwest (Western Australia)
Specific Locality	Champion Bay
Comments	Letter addressed from Champion Bay XM882 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 883
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, three pages. Communication regarding entomology. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	Provides details of planned destinations for a trip James Martin had just begun.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information on James Martin.
Country	Australia
State	Western Australia
Region	
Specific Locality	Fremantle
Comments	Letter addressed from Fremantle XM883 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 884
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages, seven columns. Entomology. Condition: slight yellowing; some foxing.
Primary Comments	The notes contain a list of insects and provenances.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 885
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes or letter, incomplete, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. No opening salutation, or closing by sender. First line begins mid-sentence. Condition: good
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Colletion Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM885 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 886
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Paper imprinted top left corner. In reply to G. Howitt's letter of the 25th Inst. Condition: good
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from Palace Gardens Villas, Kensington W. XM886 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 887
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink. Five sheets, fourteen pages. List of 662 insects by Godfrey Howitt. Condition: fragile paper; pages are marked and stained.
Primary Comments	List of insects sent to Mr Pascoe of London.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File:"Howitt, Godfrey" for further information. Mr Francis Polkinghorne Pascoe was a London entomologist (Victorian Manuscript Project, July 2009).
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM887 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 888
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One small sheet, four pages. Acknowledges receipt of a 'little box of insects'. Condition: light staining along folds in paper.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments Letter addressed from 12 Bedford Road, W.C

XM888 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 889
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One small sheet, three pages. Acknowledges receipt of 'the [illegible] collection' and 'letter of the 22nd'. Condition: pest damage (?) to last page; light foxing.
Primary Comments	The letter discusses insects, New Ireland is also mentioned.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from 12 Bedford Road, W.C XM889 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 890
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One small sheet, four pages. With inscription top left corner 'Box. No. 3.' Regarding entomology. Condition: text is faint.
Primary Comments	The letter discusses different species of insects. Featuring list of items numbered from 102 to 337 (but not consecutively).
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from 12 Bedford Road, W.C XM890 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 891
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One small sheet, three pages. Regarding entomology. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	The letter discusses different species of insects. Featuring list of items numbered from 101 to 221 (but not consecutively).
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from Burlington Road, Westbourne Park, W. XM891 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 892
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One small sheet, four pages. Regarding entomology. Condition: light foxing.
Primary Comments	Discusses different species of insects from different parts of Australia. Contains sketch of insect (page 3). Featuring sketch of insect (page 3), and list of items numbered from 234 to 257 (consecutively).
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from Burlington Road, Westbourne Park, W. XM892 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 893
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten in ink. One small sheet, three pages. Regarding entomology. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Discusses species of insects in Australia.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	Letter addressed from Burlington Road, Westbourne Park, W. XM893 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 894
Object Details	Pamphlet
Object Description	Advertising pamphlet, undated. One sheet, two pages. Red printed lettering: 'Caution. Battle's Vermin Killer ... Poison ...'. Reverse: black printed text describing use of the poison. Condition: foxing.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM894 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. Re-ordered microfiche images to match details recorded in listing (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 895
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, one page). Regarding entomology. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	The notes contain a list of insects.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM895 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 896
Object Details	Illustration
Object Description	Drawings of two specimens, undated. One sheet, one page. On thick paper. No inscription; species not identified. Condition: paper is marked from handling; one black (ink?) stain.
Primary Comments	Superb illustrations of two beetles.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM896 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 897
Object Details	Table
Object Description	Printed table, scientific classifications, undated Single sheet, printed one side only. Condition: extensive foxing.
Primary Comments	Pamphlet contains a list of insect Genera. Number of further headings including 'Genus Euryscaphus', 'Genus Scaraphites' etc.
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM897 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 898
Object Details	Listing
Object Description	Listing, handwritten in ink, undated. One sheet, four pages. Condition: watermarking, staining (foxing?)
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM898 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; (tentatively) matched to one-line listed reference re. insects (four pages)(June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 899
Object Details	Listing
Object Description	Listing, handwritten in ink. Two sheets, three foolscap pages. Lists in three columns. Items numbered consecutively 1 to 300. Signed by Edward W. Janson. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	See Collection Documentation File: "Howitt, Godfrey" for further information.
Country	England
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	London
Comments	Addressed from Alma Road, Highgate Hill, London XM899 - No Howitt Collection summary sheet exists; matches one-line listed reference. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4756
Object Details Map

Object Description

Primary Comments Grid map showing tribal boundaries in Gulf of Carpentaria region: from Nicholson River in the west to areas just north of the Mitchell and Palmer Rivers in the north and east.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 4757
Object Details	Map
Object Description	Hand-drawn map, small, undated. On page of lined paper. Content related to the Dieri, South Australia. Condition: tears on each edge; slightly marked.
Primary Comments	Grid map of region surrounding Lake Eyre.
Secondary Comments	Listed under 'Howitt Papers' in typed document 'Anthropology Department Manuscript Collection, Inventory for new storage system, Compiled by Jen Dorward, Conservation Department, April-June 1994 (rmcwill, 13/2/2007).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 5714
Object Details Map

Object Description Printed map. Printed inscription on right hand side. Inscription bottom left of map. Depicting expedition route, camps, and descriptions of environments. Showing the route of the Victorian Exploration Expedition. Good Condition

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 444
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, typed, undated. Seven slips of paper. No complete pages. Information relating to social organisation, population, customs and beliefs - from a number of informants from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	Page order of the originals reorganised to follow microfiche record As a result details no longer exactly match Howitt Collection typed summary sheet (Victorian Manuscript Project 2009).
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 553
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. One foolscap sheet, one page. Annotation at foot of page. Content regarding marriage of young girls on the mission. Condition: good.
Primary Comments	Notes relate to missionary Reverend James Gunther's attempt to identify 'suitable partners' for girls to marry, and objections from elder men. Annotation at foot of page states: 'James Gunter [sic; James Gunther] Mission'.
Secondary Comments	Notes by A.W. Howitt from his reading. Difficult to read handwriting.
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM553 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4738
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description Undated, and unsourced, small newspaper article headed 'It Happened Today - Nov.19'. The number '59' is inscribed in pencil and circled, top right corner.

Primary Comments Brief historical information on the settlement at Portland by the Hentys, Nov 19, 1834.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 514
Object Details Notes and Table

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments XM514 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. Two pages not image-captured on microfiche (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 441
Object Details Questionnaire

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments The page order of this item is based on the order identified from the Howitt Collection typed summary sheet. The microfiche images have been re-ordered to reflect this. (June 2009).

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality Sale

Comments XM441 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. The microfiche images have been re-ordered to reflect the original order of the document as identified from the summary sheet (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 750
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, handwritten in ink, undated. Four purple foolscap sheets, seven pages. Answers to questions (numbered 5 to18). Content regarding social organisation for the 'Kiabara' (White Osprey or Eagle Hawk). Condition: pale yellow staining, or fading.
Primary Comments	
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM750 - Compromise had occurred - extra sheet found with this document; removed and re-allocated registration number XM743 Item is now in order. Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet (9 June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 366
Object Details Diagram and Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments Original Howitt Collection typed summary describes this item as a 'translation' of a letter to Howitt from Siebert however this yet to be verified. (MM Jan 2010). Transcription provided by K. McCaul - See Collection Documentation File - "Siebert".

Country Australia

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments XM366 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4742
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4736
Object Details Newspaper, Broadsheet

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 925
Object Details Notes

Object Description Notes, incomplete, handwritten in ink, undated. 48 sheets, 116 pages. Includes and incomplete letter. Autobiographical recollections and observations of Aborigines in Victoria by Rev. John Bulmer. Condition: fragile; extensive foxing; tears from edges.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from Bulmer, Mr Ian R

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 658
Object Details	Letter and Notes
Object Description	
Primary Comments	Letter is addressed to Walhalla [Victoria].
Secondary Comments	Corrections and annotations throughout letter possibly in Lorimer Fison's hand. Annotations throughout the notes possibly by Fison and/or Howitt?]. (R McWilliams 2009)
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM658 - Compromise of this item had occurred. The letter was found with XM 466 and has now been reconciled with XM658 (Victorian Manuscript Project, 18 May 2009). Item is now intact and in order.
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 313
Object Details Letter

Object Description Letter, handwritten in ink. One sheet, four pages. Text is in German. Text 'struck through' [by Howitt] with pencil lines. Condition: good.

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region Eyre
Specific Locality Killalpanina
Comments Letter addressed from Killalpanina.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 355
Object Details Notes and Diagram

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality

Comments XM355 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 757
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Typed notes, undated. 67 sheets, 73 pages. With handwritten annotations and corrections throughout. Cover sheet and a table of contents. Condition: foxing; staining from adhesive; some sheets with tattered edges; envelope badly torn.
Primary Comments	Envelope/cover sheet is headed 'Medicine Men. Rough copy'
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	XM757 - Matches details on Howitt Collection summary sheet. There has been no compromise - item is intact and in order (June 2009).
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 30
Object Details Letter

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State New South Wales
Region
Specific Locality Sydney
Comments Letter addressed from Sydney.

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 6
Object Details	Letter
Object Description	Letter, handwritten. Two sheets, two pages. Discusses Maryborough area, Queensland. Content details environmental management and resting of resources and the "Bunya Feast". Good Condition
Primary Comments	Letter discusses "Bunya Feast". Letter also negates that cannibalism occurred. H.E. Aldridge also describes how Aboriginal people would exploit one area for meat and then leave it alone for 3 -4 years to allow repopulation of species.
Secondary Comments	This letter had been recorded as incomplete in 1968 - however the second page has since been located amongst other pages of the Howitt papers and has now been restored as a whole document. (MM June 2009)
Country	Australia
State	Queensland
Region	
Specific Locality	Maryborough
Comments	Letter addressed from Maryborough.
Acquired from	

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Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 10
Object Details Notes

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments This item had been recorded as incomplete in 1968 - however the second page has since been located amongst other pages of the Howitt papers and has now been restored as a whole document. (MM June 2009)

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality Maryborough
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4730
Object Details Newspaper Article

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number XM 4733
Object Details Newspaper

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number X 000983
Object Details Charm

Object Description Rainforest charm. Painted with ochres; in the shape of a face

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region Rainforest
Specific Locality Herbert River
Comments

Acquired from Gaggin, John

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt

Registration Number XP 9820

Object Details Negative

Object Description Glass plate. Silver gelatin emulsion. Full plate.

Primary Comments Original glass plate sleeve (handwritten annotation): "Bret. Kurnai."
Original print (handwritten annotation)

Secondary Comments Mounted Print Caption: 'Bret. Or dead hand. Kurnai. Fig. Howitt, N.T. Of S.E. Aust. Pg.460'

Country Australia

State

Region

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from Spencer, Sir Walter Baldwin

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Named collection Howitt

Registration Number X 001317

Object Details Ceremonial object

Object Description

Primary Comments Described in register as "the stone with which the coradjees or doctors worked enchantment".
Gippsland, Vic. (Register)
Local name - Bulk.

Secondary Comments Old label has date 23 Aug 1966 on back - on the front the label says "Magic, 1317 Bulk. stone 1888. Coradjies or witch doctors Gippsland, Vic, Aust.
Pres. A.W. Howitt."

Country Australia

State Victoria

Region Gippsland

Specific Locality

Comments

Acquired from Howitt, Mr Alfred William

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XP 19418
Object Details	Photograph
Object Description	Black and white print. Mounted on card. Studio portrait. Handwritten annotation in black ink on reverse of mount. Accompanied by original tissue paper. Condition: Good, some marks on surface of image.
Primary Comments	Annotation handwritten in black ink on reverse of mount: "Howitt enlargement by Kricheldorff from photo. supplies by [?] 1921". Photograph is accompanied by original tissue paper.
Secondary Comments	Godfrey Howitt was born in 1800 and died in 1873.
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	Unrecorded

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XP 19403
Object Details	Photograph
Object Description	Black and white silver gelatin print. Mounted on board. Portrait. Handwritten annotation in black ink on reverse of mount. Condition: Stable. Surface scratches and various accretions. Image has extensive silvering out.
Primary Comments	Annotation on reverse of mount handwritten in black ink: "Dr. Godfrey Howitt. Great uncle to Mrs. Whittakers of Loy Lang, Gippsland, and great neice [sic] of Dr. Godfrey Howitt, who lent the original from which this was enlarged 8/11."
Secondary Comments	Godfrey Howitt was born in 1800 and died in 1873.
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Southeast Australia
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	Unrecorded

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XP 19404
Object Details	Photograph
Object Description	Black and white print. Mounted on board and further mounted in a black frame behind glass. Signed in black ink on bottom right of mount. Pencil signature illegible beneath ink signature. Condition: Good.
Primary Comments	Signature in black ink below the photograph: "A W Howitt".
Secondary Comments	Alfred William Howitt was born in 1830 and died in 1908,
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Southeast Australia
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	Unrecorded

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Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XM 524
Object Details	Notes
Object Description	Notes, typed and handwritten, undated. Five sheets, six pages. Stories and beliefs regarding totems, predominantly from identified members of the Kurnai and localities in eastern Victoria, Condition: paper loss from bottom corner of one sheet; foxing.
Primary Comments	A number of the stories were collected by Rev. Bulmer.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	
Region	
Specific Locality	
Comments	
Acquired from	

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	XP 9739
Object Details	Negative
Object Description	Glass plate. Silver gelatin emulsion. Quarter plate.
Primary Comments	Original glass plate sleeve (handwritten annotation): "Urabunna man showing Wilyaru marks. The Peake Station in Lake Eyre." Original print (handwritten annotation): No print
Secondary Comments	Mounted Print Caption: 'Man of the Urabunna tribe, showing the cuts made on the back during the Wilyaru ceremony. Peake Station, Lake Eyre, 1902. See NTCA, p. 336 Also see AA p. 18 and Howitt NTSEA, p. 659 Fig. 39' 1903?
Country	Australia
State	Northern Territory
Region	Central Australia
Specific Locality	Peake Station
Comments	
Acquired from	Spencer, Sir Walter Baldwin

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 19942
Object Details Stone implement

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15135
Object Details Shield

Object Description Wood. Ornamented with zig-zag incised design.

Primary Comments Local name - Turn-mung.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments 21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	5667
Object Details	Club
Object Description	Carved wood club tapering to points at both ends. Insect infestation [borer] over the whole club. Material: Wood. Form: The club is in one piece and fusiform. The section is circular. The overall shape is pointed at both ends of the club. Assymetrical. Technique: Carved and with a smooth finish. Undecorated. Condition: Complete, with insect infestation of borers
Primary Comments	Stick, fighting. Kunin or Konung Victoria. Presented by Mr. A.W. Howitt Kurnai Tribe, Gippsland. (Register)

Secondary Comments

Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	
Comments	01 Jul 1899

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15139
Object Details Spear

Object Description Head of hardwood, plain, reed shaft.

Primary Comments Local name - Waal

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments 21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15129
Object Details Club

Object Description Boomerang club, round and pointed at ends. (Register)

Primary Comments Local name - Kandri.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State South Australia
Region Eyre
Specific Locality Cooper Creek
Comments 21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15130
Object Details Club

Object Description Almost straight, flattened and grooved. (Register)

Primary Comments Local name - Wuna
Possible a digging stick. Woman's.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments 21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15138
Object Details Spear

Object Description All solid, six barbs on one side. (Register)

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments 21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15137
Object Details Shield

Object Description Wooden shield handle attached (stick), flat cut off ends, the shield face is incised all over with rows of a wavy pattern. Material: Wood. Form: Two piece. Pippette shape handle attached, handle free standing from surface. The ends are truncated. Longitudal and transverse sections are plano-convex. Technique: Carved, incised. Colour: Natural. Decoration: Parallel rows

Primary Comments Old label stuck on shield with "Bamaruck. Gippsland" written on it. Local name - Bamaruk.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality
Comments 21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 5666
Object Details Club

Object Description Wood. For fighting.

Primary Comments Stick, fighting. Kunin or Konnung Victoria. Presented by Mr. A.W. Howitt
Kurnai tribe, Gippsland. (Register)
Local name - Kunin or Kannung

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality
Comments 01 Jul 1899

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15134
Object Details Spearthrower

Object Description Wood. Spindle-shape. Nib - carved from shaft. Handle - carved (shaped).

Primary Comments Local name - Murriwun.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments 17/03/1905

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15131
Object Details Club

Object Description Carved wooden club, handle decorated. Material: Wood. Form: One piece, overall shape is single curve, distal end looks much like a boomerang and the handle is truncated. Section of body is long oval. Section of handle is elliptic. Technique: Carved and sanded to a smooth finish. Colour: Natural. Decoration: The main body of the club is plain but the handle has a concentric

Primary Comments Club "Kudjerung" or "Kallak", short and curved with carved handle Kurnai Tribe, Gippsland, Victoria. Presented by A.W. Howitt. Date stamped on back of old label is 10th December 1965. Local name - Kudgerong/Kallak.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region Gippsland
Specific Locality
Comments 21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 1552
Object Details Historica

Object Description Photograph of Tulaba. An aboriginal of the Brabralung clan of the Kurnai or Gippsland tribe. (Register)

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments 11 Jan 1892

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 19943
Object Details Stone implement

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 20680
Object Details Stone implement

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	15133
Object Details	Club
Object Description	Carved wood club, looks much like a boomerang. Fairly flat and thin in shape, it has patterns on the main body of the club. Material: Wood. Form: Of one piece, main body bent with a pronounced curve in it. Main body looks like a boomerang. Section: Elliptic, the handle is pointed with roughly carved with a rough oval section. Technique: Carved and incised. Colour: Natural, medium.
Primary Comments	Club. "Tundiwung" Boomerang - shaped with handle. Kurnai Tribe Gippsland, Victoria. Presented by A.W. Howitt. {Register}. On old label 10th December 1965 was stamped. Local name - Tundiwung.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	
Comments	21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 5668
Object Details Fire utensil

Object Description Fire stick.

Primary Comments Representing the fixed piece over which another piece is rubbed. One end is split and a wedge is inserted. (Register)

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region
Specific Locality
Comments 01 Jul 1899

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	5665
Object Details	Spearthrower
Object Description	Wood. Spatula-shape. Nib carved from shaft. Handle roughened. Documented: L.Adams, July 1991.
Primary Comments	Spearthrower "Muriwun", Kurnai Tribe, Gippsland, Victoria. Presented by Mr. A.W.Howitt.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	
Comments	01 Jul 1899

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 39104
Object Details Stone implement

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 39105
Object Details Stone implement

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 39106
Object Details Stone implement

Object Description

Primary Comments

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	1317
Object Details	Ceremonial object
Object Description	Heavy stone object, sacred stone. Egg shaped. Material: Stone, iron stone, red ochred. Form: Oval, egg shaped, symmetrical [evenly formed]. Colour: Red, traces of colour left on the surface. Decoration: Red ochre. Condition: Complete, remnants of old label and glue on the surface of the stone. Documented: L.Adams, July 1991.
Primary Comments	Described in register as "the stone with which the coradjees or doctors worked enchantment". Gippsland, Vic. (Register) Local name - Bulk.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	
Comments	02/03/1905

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	15132
Object Details	Club
Object Description	Wood club, dark in colour, ornamented and quite heavy. Pointed at] distal end of club. It has a large elliptic head. Material: Wood. Form: The section of the head is oval. The section of the handle is circular. One piece. Proximal end enlarged slightly, tapering head. The head is elliptic and pointed - distal multiple plane expansion. Technique: Carved and incised. Colour:
Primary Comments	Club. "Kudjerung" Head much swollen and flattened, ornamented with incised arrow head design. Kurnai Tribe Gippsland Victoria. Presented by A. W Howitt. (Register Local name - Kudgerong.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	
Comments	21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	15136
Object Details	Spearthrower
Object Description	Carved wooden spearthrower, fairly flat, slightly concave shaft on both sides, peg carved from shaft. Handle rounded, heavy carved from solid. Material: Wood. Form: Spearthrower is in one piece. Elliptic handle is differentiated by a ridge. The middle section of the spearthrower is elliptic shape tapering to a distal pointed end. The peg of the spearthrower is carved in
Primary Comments	Spear thrower "Murriwun" flat and heavy, cut out of solid. Used at the Kurnai "Jereil" and considered to be very strong magically. Kurnai tribe, Gipps-land Victoria. Presented by A.W. Howitt (Register) 13th May 1966 was stamped on back of old label.
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	Victoria
Region	Gippsland
Specific Locality	
Comments	21/12/1903

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 12139
Object Details Bag

Object Description Animal skin pouch.

Primary Comments Collected on Burke and Wills Relief Expedition. (Register) Opossum skin pouch.

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Queensland
Region Eyre
Specific Locality Coopers Creek
Comments

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection	Howitt
Registration Number	6218
Object Details	Ceremonial object
Object Description	Bullroarer. (Register)
Primary Comments	Used by the Chipara tribe of the Tweed River, North Queensland at initiation ceremonies. This is the smaller of two used on the occasion and represents the female one. The knotch at one end represents the cavity out of which a tooth has been knocked. (Register)
Secondary Comments	
Country	Australia
State	New South Wales
Region	North Coast (New South Wales)
Specific Locality	Tweed River
Comments	16 Oct 1899

Acquired from

Museum Victoria Fison and Howitt collections

Named collection Howitt
Registration Number 15140
Object Details Spear

Object Description Head of hard wood, plain, reed shaft.

Primary Comments Local name - Waal

Secondary Comments

Country Australia
State Victoria
Region
Specific Locality
Comments 21/12/1903

Acquired from