

Some papers of the Downie family were lent to the University History Department in 1958, for a survey of private historical documents, by F.C. Wolfhagen of Simmons and Wolfhagen, Solicitors. When the family letters etc. were returned; these papers, mainly financial papers, were retained in the University Library.

They may be consulted, provided acknowledgement is made to F.C. Wolfhagen in any publication.

#### ANDREW DOWNIE

Andrew Downie emigrated to Van Diemen's Land in 1822, arriving by the Skelton on 24 December 1822. He came of a Lowland farming family, but had been trained as a 'writer', or lawyer, by James Lucas of Stirling. Immediately on arrival in Van Diemen's Land he engaged himself as head shepherd to Thomas Wells, the owner of Allenvale in the Macquarie District. Thomas Wells was a cousin of Samuel Marsden, and had arrived in 1817 with Lieut.-Governor Sorell, to whom he was Private Secretary. Towards the end of 1823 Wells was in the Debtor's Gaol, but later became Accountant at the VDL Bank. Allenvale was sold to Major Thomas Fenton in 1820, and Wells died in 1833. By 1824 Downie had acquired some land of his own, by grant. This farm he called Thornhill, and during 1825 he cleared part of it and sowed crops, as well as running a flock of sheep. Early in 1826, in partnership with Philip Russell, then of Dennistoun, he leased Col. Sorell's grant, Norton Mandeville, meanwhile leasing Thornhill to John Furener. The partnership with Philip Russell lasted until late 1836, and during this time Thornhill had been added to until it became the substantial property Glenelg, still in the Downie family. The barns on Glenelg were built in 1833. In 1837 Andrew Downie returned to Scotland, where he married, and in August 1838 arrived back in Van Diemen's Land with his wife, and youngest brother, William. Another brother, Thomas had emigrated earlier, but he went to Port Phillip. Andrew Downie lived in Hobart Town, while William managed Glenelg. Later Andrew returned to Scotland, and when he died William inherited Glenelg. *Caplin*

#### PERSONAL PAPERS

D.2/

1. Apprenticeship indenture 28 November 1814.

Andrew Downie, eldest son of John Downie, farmer of Bankend, apprenticed to James Lucas of Stirling as writer, procurator, conveyancer, notary public for five years.

2. Power of Attorney, Thomas Graham of Sydney to Andrew Downie of the Macquarie District V.D.L. 2 April 1826.

3-14. Correspondence 1825 - 1830

Including letters from Thomas Scott about purchase of rum from Capt. Dixon of the "Skelton" (13 April 1825); H. Ross (arbitration 1827); F.M. Robertson (sheep 1828); W. Burn (sheep and supply of doors, chairs etc. 1828-30); reference for E.F. Bromley RN.

SHEEP & WOOL BUSINESS PAPERS

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15. State of the flock 1825-1828  
Shepherd's notes of numbers, branding, sales etc.  
(17 papers)
16. Wool 1826-1832  
Papers relating to wool, transport of bales, 1 bale shipped to  
London 1832.  
(10 papers)
17. Sheep shipped to Sydney December 1827 - January 1828  
(5 papers)
18. Notes of purchases and sheep sold for meat 1825 - 1836  
(22 papers)
19. Accounts for sheep sold 1832 - 1833  
Mainly W.J.T. Clark.  
(11 papers)
20. Sheep stealing cases 1823, 1826  
Subpoena and notes of expense in case of sheep stolen from  
Thomas Wells when Downie was acting for John Raisley of  
Kimbolton Park. Also note relating rumours of sheep stealing.  
1826.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

21. Hotel bills, receipted 1824 - 1836  
Accommodation, meals, wines and spirits.
22. New Norfolk ferry tolls 1829 - 1836.  
For self and horse, and man and sheep. Also boatman's bills  
for carrying parcels.  
(9)
23. Building barns, etc. Glenelg. 1832 - 1835.  
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24-29. Receipted bills 1825 - 1836

Miscellaneous household goods, clothing etc.

24. 1825 - 1827

25. 1828 - 1830

26. 1831 - 1833

27. 1834

28. 1835

29. 1836

(Bundles)

30. Bank deposit slips, Derwent Bank 1835  
(3)

31. Robert Pitcairn, Lawyer, accounts 1826 - 1833.  
(7 papers)

### MISCELLANEOUS

32. Notes of provisions under Downie's will ND (late 19th/early 20th century)  
Rough notes on scrap of paper, beginning: "By a will in Scots from Andrew Downie residing at Park Terrace, Stirling, dated 19 February 1869. Exhibited on affidavit by Wm Downie 20.3.79".

33,34 Miscellaneous items  
Poem on drunkenness, petition of John Coutts, convict to Govr. Arthur. ND