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ZCR 31 Papers of the Brown Family of Upton, Cheshire

Select:

- 16 John Brown (London) to his family, 10 July 1849: voyage to India and back.
- 17 John Brown to his parents, 2 March: sending money home.
- 18 John Brown (Melbourne) to his parents, 2 Aug. 1853: disembarkation.
- 19 John Brown (Melbourne) to his parents, 16 Aug. 1853: prospecting for gold.
- 20 John Brown (Melbourne) to his family, 24 March 1854: prospecting.
- 21 John Brown (Ballarat) to his parents, 25 Sept. 1855: gold digging; his brother Jim.
- 22 John Brown (Ballarat) to his family, 24 Nov. 1855: no success in gold digging; growth of Ballarat.
- 23 John Brown (Ballarat) to his family, 24 Aug. 1856: no success in gold digging.
- 24 John Brown (Chinaman's Flat) to his family, 11 March 1857: move to Chinaman's Flat, which was said to be doing well, but arrived too late.
- 25 Brown (Ballarat) to his family, 16 Oct. 1858: trouble in claim with overflows of water.
- 26 Brown (Ballarat) to his family, 14 Aug. 1859: heard that his brother was in Melbourne but did not believe it. (Written on printed sheet headed 'Newsletter of Australasia')
- 27 Brown (Ballarat) to his family, 16 May 1860: failure of his claim; has heard of a new goldfield in Snowy River district.
- 28 Brown (Ballarat) to his family, 25 Oct. 1860: his failure so far; new goldfield in Snowy River district.
- 29 Brown to his family, 23 July 1862: claims have failed; decision to give up digging and go to New Zealand or return to England.
- 30 John Brown (Scarsdale) to his family, 24 Sept. 1862: no success; is working a claim for wages until he decides what to do.
- 31 John Brown (Scarsdale) to his family, 24 Nov. 1862: still working for wages; may come home without the money he had hoped to make.
- 32 John Brown (Hogburn, NZ) to his family, 12 Dec. 1863: prospecting during the winter; plans for future digging.

- 33 John Brown (Hogburn) to his family, n.d.: no success.
- 34 John Brown (Manuherikia) to his parents, 13 May 1864: starting a new claim outside gold rush area.
- 35 John Brown (Dunedin) to his family, 17 Jan. 1865: intends to return to Victoria.
- 36 John Brown (Dunedin) to his family, 18 May 1865: working on erecting a home; tired of goldrushes. (Enclosed with a letter dated 23 May from his parents to their son James.)
- 37 John Brown (Dunedin) to his family, 18 Aug. 1865: intends to move to the west coast as summer is approaching.
- 38 John Brown (Kareni) to his parents, 14 June 1866: gold still not paying; refers to Maoris.
- 39 John Brown (Nelson) to his family, 20 May 1867: a new claim.
- 40 John Brown (Brighton) to his family, 10 Nov. 1867: new claim has not been successful; apparent lack of work at home makes him reluctant to return.
- 41 John Brown (Nelson) to his family, 6 Jan. 1868: spending Christmas at Nelson.
- 42 John Brown (St Kilda, NZ) to his family, 2 July 1868: hopes for better gold finds in next six months.
- 43 John Brown (Charleston) to his family, 7 June 1869: a bad fall has made him unable to work; goldfields are quiet.
- 44 John Brown (Charleston) to his family, 27 Nov. 1869: not fully recovered from the fall; a very bad year.
- 45 John Brown (Charleston) to his family, 1 Nov. 1869: plans to work a large claim over three years; news of a goldrush in Queensland but doubts he could tolerate the heat.
- 46 John Brown (Charleston) to his family, 12 June 1871: quite settled in New Zealand although not making much money.
- 47 John Brown (Melbourne) to his family, 7 Nov. 1871: his return to Australia.
- 48 John Brown (Gippsland) to his family, 12 June 1872: a very poor area; plans to move soon.
- 49 John Brown (Forster) to his family, 5 Sept. 1873: prospecting in the bush for three or four months but has found no gold.
- 50 John Brown (Stockyard Creek, near Forster) to his family, 20 March 1874: not enough money to go to Queensland goldfields; wonders if he will ever be able to afford to return home.
- 51 John Brown (Stockyard Creek) to his brother James Brown, 8 July 1874: death of their mother; starting a new shaft.
- 52 John Brown (Stockyard Creek) to his brother and sister-in-law, 14 April 1875: hopes to leave Stockyard Creek shortly, but uncertain where to go.
- 53 John Brown (Melbourne) to his brother and sister-in-law, 16 May 1875: intends to go to Queensland diggings.

- 54 John Brown (Sydney) to his brother and sister-in-law, 29 Jan. 1876: has returned from Queensland diggings; many men, especially Chinese, had died from fever; intends to stay in Sydney; no new big rushes.
- 55 John Brown (Sydney) to his brother, 2 Oct. 1884: has worked near Sydney getting a steam boat off the reef; news of Chester people whom he has met in Sydney.
- 56 Newspaper cutting from *World News*, 20 Jan. 1907, with notice from *The Argus* (Melbourne) on death of John Brown, farmer of Yarroweyah, died 12 Oct. 1906; next-of-kin to claim with William Miller, c/- A.C. Tuthill, solicitor of Cobram. Also a letter from A.C. Tuthill to James Brown (Birkenhead), 29 May 1907: John Brown's will did not refer to James Brown.

ZCR 36 Records of Chester Blue Coat Hospital

1 Chester Blue Coat School

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- 44 Papers, 1905-8, concerning a bequest of Edward Davies of Melbourne, formerly of Chester, of £5 annually to the Chester Blue Coat School to be devoted to a prize for the best scholar in reading, writing and arithmetic and every fourth year for an essay on Imperial federation or similar subject. The papers include copies of essays and letters.

ZDJWW Records of Joliffe, Wickham and Wood, solicitors of Chester, 1638-1945

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- 685 Memorandum and articles of association of South Australian Development Syndicate Ltd, 3 April 1900, and three form letters.
- 686 William Precheville. Report on the Murninnie Mine, Spencers Gulf, South Australia, 14 Jan. 1901, and other papers.
- 687 Balance sheet and revenue accounts of South Australian Development Syndicate Ltd., 30 April 1903, 31 Aug. 1903.
- 688 Balance sheet and revenue account, 29 June 1901, with associated letters and papers including a list of shareholders of the South Australian Development Syndicate Ltd.
- 689 Particulars of search as to title of the Murninnie Mines, 12 Aug. 1902.
- 690 Simpson North & Co. (Liverpool) to R.V. Sharples, 28 Sept. 1903: transfer of title of the company.
- 691 Alexander Buchanan (Adelaide) to Mrs Sharples, 23 Aug. 1905: Murninnie Mine.

G/CH 14-16 Deeds relating to Port Pool Meadow

Deeds relating to Port Pool Meadow, a piece of land on the west side of the canal leading from Chester to Ellesmere, 1833-46. Philip Oakden, merchant, formerly of Liverpool and then living in Launceston, Van Diemen's Land, was a party to the deed of 11 April 1846.