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AUSTRALIA IN RECORDS FROM COLONIAL
MISSIONARIES, 1808-1967

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AUSTRALIA The First Fleet

Australia...

This collection contains records compiled by the United Society Partners in Gospel (USPG), a UK-based Anglican missionary organisation that operates around the world.

From the 18th to the early-20th century, the USPG went by the name of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG).

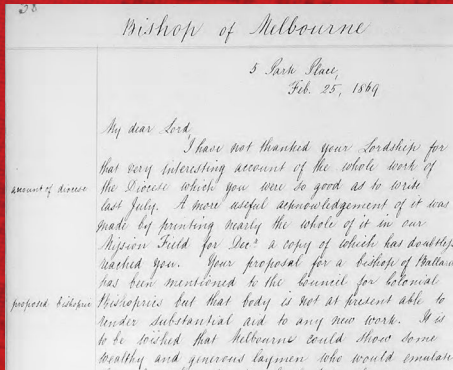


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Aboriginal Australians spirituality is known as the Dreaming, which emphasises the ancestral significance of the land. The arrival of Europeans disrupted traditional ways of life and the indigenous population declined over the following centuries.



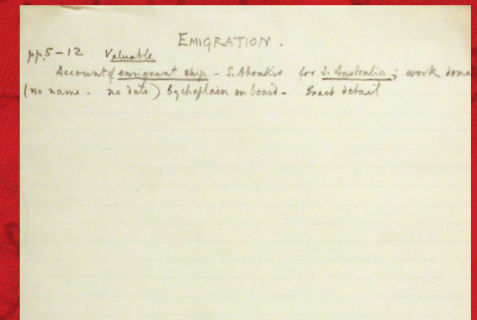
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In 1783 the British Government sent 1,500 people on a fleet of 11 ships, now known as the First Fleet, to establish a penal colony in New South Wales. The first missionaries from the SPG arrived a decade later in 1793. In the generations since the arrival of the mission, Christianity has become the main religion practiced in Australia.

This collection includes letters, journals and supplementary



This archive contains information on a large geographical region of Australia.



Documents include correspondence and journals written by SPG's chaplains ministering to emigrants.

material composed by the SPG's Australian branches during the period 1808-1967. These documents contain reports on the progress of the mission, relations with the indigenous people, the passage to Australia, and insights into how monetary grants were spent.

This collection provides an unparalleled insight into the establishment and subsequent development of the Church of Australia.

Sources include: Archives of the USPG

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