

PITCAIRN ISLAND

Leeson, Ida. "The Mitchell Library, Sydney. Historical and Descriptive Notes". Sydney, Public Library, 1936.

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Pitcairn Island. For Pitcairn the records include John Adam's Narrative of the Mutiny of the 'Bounty', given to officers of H.M.S. Blossom in 1825;

- (2) a description of the island, with names and ages of the inhabitants, etc., in 1836, contained in Remarks on Places Visited in 1837-8, by Sir A.P. Ryder;
- (3) the Pitcairn Island Recorder, Ja.-May, 1838, kept by the Rev. G.H. Nobbs, including Remarks made at Pitcairn's Island by William Gunn during a visit paid in H.M.S. 'Curacoa' in 1841;
- (4) a list of the inhabitants in 1855.

Nobbs' Journal gives a good account of the daily life of the Pitcairners.

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PALMER'S INDEX to THE TIMES:

? 1864, Oct-Dec., Bounty. The - Bounty Jumper's Revenge 1n, 12c.

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1874, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island(ers) - 10j, 12a

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1876, April-June, Pitcairn Island - 20a, 12a

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1877, April-June, Pitcairn Island - 12a, 10b

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1878, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island - 7d, 12b; 12d, 12a; 14d, 10f; 17d, 3f;  
Report about 4d, 9f.

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1879, Pitcairn Islanders (Jan-March) Aid to - 13f, 6e; 15f, 10e; Pitcairn Island  
(Oct-Dec) - visit to, 19n, 5e; notes on 22n6d, 25n, 8c.

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1880, April-June, Pitcairn Island(ers) - note on 10j, 6e.

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? 1881, April-June, Pitcairia Island, 28a, 11d.

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? 1882, Jan-March, visit of H.M. Thetis to Pitcairn Island, 27f, 6d.

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1883, April-June, Pitcairn Island - Islanders note on 4a, 6f; a Lady's Account of,  
19d, 4a.

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1884, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, 21j, 10b; Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island, 6n, 10c.

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1889, April-June, Pitcairn Island, centenary anniversary of the Mutiny of the Bounty, 29a, 6a; account of 14m, 10a.

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? 1890, July-Sept., Capt. Smith's visit to Pitcairn Island, 14a, 9b.

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? 1898, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Islander sentenced to death, 8n, 4e.

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1899, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, visit to, 4m, 11f.

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1901, July-Sept., Pitcairn Island(ers), 28a, 5a; Oct-Dec, letter on, 12d, 12f.

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1902, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island, 15d, 10f.

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? 1905, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island(ers) 22f, 10b; April-June, Islanders the plight of the, 9j, 6a.

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TIMES ANNUAL INDEX:

? 1909, Pitcairn Island, Flora H.M.S., visit announced, April 7, 14d.

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? 1911, Pitcairn Island, natives speak with barque Wendur, Feb 20, 12c.

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1912, Bounty, The (under Navy) - mutiny of 1789 (leading article "The Mutiny of the Bounty"), April 27, 11d.

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OFFICIAL INDEX TO THE TIMES:

? 1917, April-June, Pitcairn Island, Letter from chief inhabitant quoted April 10, 4b.  
(Christian, Gerard R.B., on Pitcairn Island - conditions).

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? 1920, July-Sept., Pitcairn Island, population statistics, Sept. 25, 9f.

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? 1921, July-Sept., Pitcairn Island, particulars, July 19, 9g(1.e.);

Accident, boating: natives killed, July 19, 9g(1.e.);

Rodwell, Sir Cecil - official visit, July 19, 9g(1.e.).

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? 1922, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, conditions, Sir C. Rodwell (report),

Dr. H.W. Mann (report), Jan 12, 9a.

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? 1923, April-June, Pitcairn Island, corrugated iron sheeting, supply landed by  
Remuera, May 3, 10c.

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? 1927, July-Sept., postal agency established by N.Z. Govt., Aug. 9, 9g.

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? 1928, July-Sept., wireless transmitter presented, Sept. 4, 10d.

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1936, April-June, Christian, Fletcher - correspondence, May 18, 10c;

Christian family: correspondence May 11, 8d; correspondence May 8, 12d;

13, 12e; 18, 10c; 22, 10b; 27, 12e.

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1937, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, Fairclough, Mr. R.B. (1.), Mar. 23, 10g.

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1938, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island, official study: report, Oct 7, 16e.

? 1941, July-Sept., article Aug. 19, 3d(4<sup>✕</sup>), (Mr. Fred Christian, biographical)

1943, Jan-March, Bounty, The, Mutiny of the - Moffat papers, see Rhodesia, southern.  
(Rhodesia, southern - Moffat papers, further acquisition, Mar 8, 3c and  
3e, 4<sup>✕</sup>).

1949, Jan-March, Bounty, The, Bounty Bible return see Pitcairn Island:  
Pitcairn Island, Bible belonging to Bounty to be returned by U.S., Jan. 18,  
3b (and 3<sup>✕</sup>); in London Mar 31, 2b.

1950, April-June, Bounty, The, Bounty Bible, returned to Pitcairn Island  
(See Pitcairn Island).  
April-June, Bounty Bible returned; report on islanders, April 22, 5c,  
(and 5d, 5<sup>✕</sup>).

1951, Jan-March, Christian, F., suggested preservation of birthplace,  
Jan 23, 2c.

1957, (Sept-Oct, Pitcairn Island, castaway on Henderson Island identified as  
U.S. national, Sept. 13, 9c(3<sup>✕</sup>).

Nov-Dec, Bounty, The, remains found, see Bligh, W.

(Bligh, William - remains of Bounty found, Dec 2, 8e (and 10f, 5<sup>✕</sup>);  
photos 11, 18).

1958, May-June, Bounty, The (See under Navy)

Navy: Bounty (Mutiny, 1789) - minutes of court martial sold, June 17, 7d.

1960, Pitcairn Is, May-June, light article, May 16, 14f; correspondence 23, 13d.

ADDITIONS

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1910, Pitcairn Island, Mails for (additional information to be obtained).

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1927, July-Sept, Pitcairn Island, postal agency established by N.Z. Govt.,  
Aug 9, 9g.

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1928, July-Sept, Pitcairn Island, wireless transmitter presented Sept 4, 10d.

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1930, April-June, Pitcairn Island, stamps (additional information to be obtained).

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1938, Jan-March, Pitcairn Island, wireless apparatus, Mar 9, 13d;  
April-June, Pitcairn Island, shipping calls resumed, July 27, 13c.

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1940, Oct-Dec, Pitcairn Island, see under War 1939- gift of walking sticks for  
wounded soldiers, Dec 24, 3f; 27, 3e (4<sup>✱</sup>).

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1941, April-June, Pitcairn Islanders, men volunteer for war service,  
June 3, 3f (4<sup>✱</sup>); July-Sept, war effort (Pitcairn Island), Aug 19, 3d (4<sup>✱</sup>).

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1947, Jan-March, Christian, Mr. F., meets Duchess of Gloucester, Feb. 22, 3e;  
Pitcairn Island, visit of Duchess of Gloucester, Feb 22, 3e.

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1948, Pitcairn Island, Oct-Dec, children's gift to Corinthic, Nov 19, 2a.

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Buffett's Diary.

Mr. Blackly (Asst. to Judge Simpson), who lived in Norfolk Island for 11 years, states that Buffett's manuscript diary is in the possession of Young Evans.

2. Apparently a former Administrator asked the Norfolk Islanders to hand over any material in their possession of historical value for safe keeping and presentation, but instead of depositing what he thus collected in the Mitchell or other library he took everything himself. The islanders are therefore loth to show (and still more to lend) anything that still remains in their possession.

3. Nevertheless Mr. Blackly thinks that if suitable guarantees were given to Mr. Evans he might be willing to loan his diary for photostating. Mr. Blackly would be willing to help himself by reassuring Mr. Evans as to my bonafides.

Naval Anecdotes, Commercial Adventures,  
Recollections etc. p 454

Mutineers of the Bounty

Extract from log-books of Captain Folger,  
of American Ship Lopez, of Boston.

"There are now some grown up men & women,  
children of the mutineers, on the island, the  
whole population amounting to about 35,  
who acknowledge Smith as father & commander  
of them all. They all speak English, & have  
been educated by him, Captain Folger  
represents, in a religious & moral way."

Naval Anecdotes & Selections p. 20

"When about 2 miles from the shore, some  
natives were observed bringing down their  
canoes on their shoulders, dashing through  
a heavy surf, & paddling off to the ship;  
but their astonishment was unbounded,  
on hearing one of them, on approaching  
the ship, call out in the English language,  
"Won't you leave us a rope, now?"

p. 21 If the astonishment of the captain  
was great on hearing their first salutation  
in English, their surprise & interest were not  
a little increased on Sir Thomas Staines taking  
the youths below, & sitting before them  
something to eat; either one of them arose,  
& placing his hands together in a posture of  
devotion, distinctly repeated, & in a pleasing  
tone & manner - "For what we are going to  
receive, the Lord make us truly thankful"



Journal of a Voyage from London to  
New South Wales & Van Diemen's Land,  
1820-21 (ship 'Survey') Owen.

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April 11th . . . . at 8 o.m. saw Pitcairn  
Island . . . . we hauled down the  
ensign to show the south-east point,  
in a little while to our great astonishment  
we saw the British flag hoisted, we  
immediately laid along that part of the  
Island, & in a few minutes after a canoe  
came alongside with two men, who asked  
us in good English "how you all do" . . . .  
here we saw the features of Englishmen  
and heard them talk our native tongue  
and their colour was . . .

Note re Motini

from "The Flora of Rarotonga, the chief Island of the Cook Group", by Thomas F. Cheeseman.

in Transactions of the Linnean Society of London  
Second Series - Volume VI - Botany, Part VI,  
London (May 1903)  
Pages 261 - 313.

p.281

Curcubitaceae

Melon Family

Lagenaria .....  
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"Luffa Cylindrica, Roem., var. insularum, Cogn. -  
Native name Motini. Not uncommon in the lower portions  
of the island, climbing trees.  
Throughout Polynesia, also in Australia and the Malay  
Archipelago."

But Cheeseman ~~has~~ lists it as  
an indigenous plant,

p.311.

Filices

Ferns

<sup>¶</sup> Angiopteris Evecta, Hoffm. - Native name Anae. Very  
abundant in the valleys of the interior, and attaining a large  
size.

Warm regions of the Old World."

Here again he lists it as one of the indigenous  
plants.

SG Sat. June 2, 1821, 2b.

Surry (from Valparaiso, Sydney arr. "this morning" - see Ship News above) "touched on return hither at Pitcairn's Island, where the descendants of the celebrated Christian (of the Bounty) live in undisturbed security, and apparently are blessed with every possible happiness. Captain Raine assures us, that contentment, joy, and perfect innocence, pervade this little colony; as evil has not yet sullied their hemisphere. We are promised by Captain Raine much pleasing information relative to his late <sup>u</sup>expedition<sup>s</sup> and fortunate voyage, in which Pitcairn's Island will be combined; ....."

[Surry left Valparaiso 10 March - see immediately under heading SYDNEY, 2b].

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The following two documents may be found in  
Central Archives:

A transcript of correspondence Cowell - Christian, 1961-5.  
Extracts from the records of the Local Government of Pitcairn Island  
1903-48 edited by T.R. Cowell.

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A Chronological list of Reports on Pitcairn Island

(\* in Central Archives : in some cases working copies are held in SPO)

1. 1905 \*Simons : administrative : WPHC 252/1898
2. 1916 \*Routledge, Mrs : general : WPHC 324/16
3. 1921 \*Rodwell : administrative : CR Misc. No.93, WPHC 2543/21
4. 1929 \*Pilling : administrative : CR No.53
5. 1932 \*Maxwell-Andersen : general : WPHC 897/32, PITTO
6. 1937 \*Neil and Cook : administrative and medical : WPHC 2234/37
7. : entomological : WPHC 328/37
8. \*HMS Leander : survey of Henderson, Ducie and Oeno : WPHC 3326/37
9. 1940 \*Maude : historical :
10. 1941 \*Maude : administrative :
11. 1944 \*Maude : administrative :
12. 1950 \*Morerly ; economic : WPHC 10/2/15
13. \*Dobbs : administrative : WPHC 10/2/13
14. \*Doran : medical : SPO H.1/2/6
15. 1953 \*Sanders : thesis. Our Island
16. 1954 \*Claydon : administrative : SPO V.1/2/2
17. 1958 Twyford : soil resources : SPO A.1/1/2
18. \*McLoughlin : legal : SPO V.1/2/4
19. Development Plan 1958-60 : SPO C.6/1/2
20. 1959 Deering : agricultural : SPO A.1/1/2
21. Schubert : administrative : SPO O.3/3/2
22. Toganivalu J.N.B : summary of information on land : SPO L.1/2/2
23. 1960 Brocklehurst : civil engineering : SPO S.1/1/1
24. Development Plan 1960-65 : SPO C.6/1/2
25. 1961 Howse : administrative : SPO O.3/3/2
26. 1962 \*Fogg: medical : SPO H.1/2/4
27. 1963 \*Toganivalu D. : administrative : SPO V.1/2/2
28. Bradnam : development works : SPO B.2/2/6
29. 1964 \*Cowell : administrative : SPO V.1/2/2
30. Marsek : medical : SPO H.1/2/7
31. Carter : water resources : SPO P.5/3/1
32. \*Gathercole : archaeology : SPO R.3/1/1
33. Development Plan, 1964 : SPO C.6/1/2
34. 1965 \*Cowell : administrative : SPO V.1/2/2
35. Harré : sociological : SPO R.3/1/2
36. Cameron : forestry : SPO A.1/1/2
37. 1966 \*Ululakeba : administrative : SPO V.1/1/2
38. Fraser : Henderson survey : SPO S.4/11/1
39. Development Plan, 1966 : SPO C.6/1/2

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