

Leather quart pot pouch and quart pot

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Description

This set of quart pot and quart pot saddle bag was used by Thomas Lloyd Forster Rutledge.

By the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, Rutledge was already a commissioned officer of one of Australia's oldest mounted volunteer regiments, the 3rd (later 11th) Australian Light Horse. In November 1914 he left for Egypt as a member of the 7th Light Horse of the Australian Imperial Force. Rutledge returned to Australia in December 1918, after fighting in Gallipoli, Egypt and France. He turned his attention to running sheep and cattle at Gidleigh.

In 1940, with Australia again at war, Rutledge rejoined the 11th Light Horse and assisted with training new recruits at a camp on the New South Wales coast.

Physical description

A metal quart pot and leather quart pot pouch set. The brown leather quart pot pouch with two buckles at the front and one adjustable strap. The pouch is an oval cylindrical shape with riveted straps on the main body of the pouch and machine sewn seams. The long strap has a one prong, roller buckle fastener and an additional fixed strap is on the proper left side attached with fold back metal studs. The quart pot is also an oval cylindrical shape with metal wire folding handles at the back and a rounded lip and soldered flat base. It has a detachable lid. The pot is heavily encrusted with an unknown black substance on the surface and has indentations over the main body of the pot. The pouch leather flap is curling and the leather is dry and scuffed and the fixed strap has dislodged from the back.

Statement of significance

This collection comprises over two hundred objects belonging to the Rutledge family of 'Gidleigh', a pastoralist property first established near Bungendore, NSW, in 1855. The collection includes tools used for agricultural practices, animal and household management, and equipment used for fly-fishing and horse-riding. Collectively, these objects illustrate aspects of rural life and domestic activities undertaken most notably by Jane (Jean) Ruth Morphy Forster Rutledge (1853-1932) and her son Thomas Lloyd Forster Rutledge (1889-1958) during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

This collection is illustrative of broad areas of Australian social history including pastoralism, medicine and veterinary science, and domestic and recreational lives. The land at 'Gidleigh' was first granted to Admiral Philip Parker King (1791-1856) in 1834, and was subsequently purchased in 1855 by Irish settler Thomas Rutledge (1817-1904) to run sheep and cattle. The family owned and managed the property for 150 years until 2005. This collection offers significant research potential into both rural self-sufficiency, and agricultural and veterinary technologies.

Object information

What

Type	Saddlebags
Collection	Gidleigh collection
Dimensions	W 162mm x H 160mm x D 100mm
Material	Leather. Metal - non specific. Cotton thread. Unidentified material

When

Associated period

[1880-1950](#)

The collection spans the late nineteenth to mid twentieth centuries.

 Who

[Mrs Jane \(Jean\) R. Forster Rutledge](#)

The collection is associated with three generations of the Rutledge family.

[Mr William S. Rutledge](#)

[Mr William F. Rutledge](#)

User

[Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. Rutledge](#)

 Where

Associated place

[Bungendore, New South Wales, Australia](#)

This collection was used at 'Gidleigh', near Bungendore, NSW.

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