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Frederick Victor Grey Wymark,
(1872–1942)

by **Marjorie Wymark**

Frederick Victor Grey Wymark (1872-1942), bookseller, was born on 6 October 1872 at Stawell, Victoria, son of Frederick George Wymark, a schoolmaster from England, and his Victorian wife Ann, née Sykes. Brought to Sydney as a child, Fred grew up at Woolloomooloo. When **David Mackenzie Angus** established a bookselling business in Market Street in 1884, Fred became his first assistant, after fighting another boy for the job. **George Robertson** joined Angus in 1886. With **James Tyrrell**, Wymark delivered orders in a billycart; he was formally apprenticed to Angus in 1890. At the Castlereagh Street Congregational Church, Sydney, on 17 October 1894 he married Emily Sophia McCure.

Already in charge of the second-hand department, Wymark took over the expanding Australian section as Robertson's interest in buying and selling these books waned. On Angus's retirement in 1899, Wymark bought many of his shares and in 1907 became a director when Angus & Robertson Ltd was formed as a public company. In 1905 Robertson and Wymark had petitioned the Commonwealth parliament, seeking the amendment of copyright laws to protect Australian books from piracy in the United States of America.

'Tall, fair, blue of eye, big boned, quick-minded and quick-moving', Wymark combined 'the heart of a child' with a businessman's 'faculty of seeing instantly and clearly'. He persuaded his fellow directors to purchase the freehold of the Castlereagh Street shop and the adjoining building. In 1909 he instituted the firm's art gallery where his son Charles later worked.

Becoming an authority on books, prints, pictures, journals, letters and manuscripts relating to Australia and the Pacific, Wymark searched for treasures for **David Scott Mitchell** and later (Sir) William Dixson who freely acknowledged their indebtedness to him in building up their collections. He 'could sense an Australian rarity anywhere between Peru and Kamchatka, and knew its history, its value and its probable purchaser'. On his only business trip to Britain he persuaded many notable second-hand booksellers to give him first offer of rare items on Australasia and Oceania before the publication of their catalogues; he also dealt with European booksellers such as Mullers of Amsterdam. **Norman Lindsay** told Robertson that he always regarded Wymark's 'genius for barter, the prerogative of Phoenician piracy, with profound respect'.

Wymark's insistence on investigating any offer enabled him to secure such choice items as the original drawings in colour for **John Gould's** The Birds of Australia and **James Cook's** letter on naming the east coast 'New South Wales'. Wymark purchased some important libraries, including that of **James Norton** and the Colenso library from New Zealand for which he bid in person; among other rarities he obtained for the Mitchell and Dixson

libraries were maps, charts, manuscripts, signed letters, pictures, portraits, coins, medals and stamps.

An 'alert genius', Wymark loved old books and playing bowls. Survived by his wife, son and daughter, he died at Church Point on 19 October 1942 and was cremated.

Select Bibliography

J. R. Tyrrell, Old Books, Old Friends, Old Sydney (Syd, 1952)

A. H. Spencer, The Hill of Content (Syd, 1959)

Australian Booksellers Association, The Early Australian Booksellers (Adel, 1980)

A. W. Barker, Dear Robertson (Syd, 1982)

Biblionews, June 1976, p 27.

Wymark, Marjorie, 'Wymark, Frederick Victor Grey (1872–1942)', Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/wymark-frederick-victor-grey-9206/text16263>

WYMARK-McCURE.-October 17, at the residence of the bride's parents, 194 Castlereagh-street, city, by the Rev. E. Tremayne Dunstan, Frederick, second son of George Frederick Wymark, to Emily Sophia, eldest daughter of George and Sophia McCure. Melbourne papers, please copy. Family Notices. (1894, October 27). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 1. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article13974016>

Births:

Registration Number	Last Name	Given Name(s)	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District	Purchase Certificate
20239/1895	WYMARK	ADA	FREDERICK V G	EMILY S	BALMAIN NORTH	Buy Now
10091/1897	WYMARK	CHARLES F	FREDERICK V G	EMILY S	BALMAIN NORTH	

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Advertising. (1931, May 30). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 -
1954), p. 3. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from [http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-
article16781746](http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16781746)

WYMARK.—October 19 1942 at Church Point Frederick Victor Grey
Wymark beloved husband of Emily and loved father of Ada and
Charles_aged 70 years _

Family Notices. (1942, October 20). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW :
1842 - 1954), p. 8. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17816524>

WY MARK Emily Sophia-January 9 1954 suddenly at Mona Vale
beloved wife of the late Frederick Wymark of Church Point and loved
mother of Ada and Charles and loved mother In law of Marjorie aged 82
years

Family Notices. (1954, January 11). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW :
1842 - 1954), p. 16. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article18403926>

Charles Frederick Wymark

1897 - 1985 (Windsor) 2 immediate family members including Lennox
Mary and Marjorie (remarried)

Wilberforce Cemetery – Wilberforce (Hawkesbury District)

WYMARK Charles F 19 Dec 1985 LC01.07

WYMARK Marjorie J 13 May 1985 LC01.08

WYMARK—LAWSON.—November 14, 1929, at St. Stephen's Church,
Sydney, by the Rev. Dr. Scott West, Charles Frederick, son of Mr. and
Mrs. F. V. G. Wymark, of Rose Bay, to Lennox Mary, youngest daughter
of the late J. R. and Mrs. Lawson of Turramurra.

Family Notices. (1930, February 1). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW :
1842 - 1954), p. 16. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16622395>

In divorce 1948:

LAW NOTICES FOR TODAY HIGH COURT.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Thursday 23
September 1948 p 4 Article

... Leslie Coupe re Frederick William Anderson ex parte Irene Nerida Stevens and Harold Raymond Stevens ... Tomllnson v Tomllnson Cation v Cation, Wymark Vs Wymark Blanch ard v Blanchard Ridgway v RIdgnay 12 ... 1457 words

I. LENNOX MARY LAWSON of Macleay Gardens Macleay Street, Potts Point heretofore called and known by the surname of LENNOX MARY WYMARK HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on the 19th day of January 1954 I renounced and abandoned the use of my surname of Wymark and assumed In lieu thereof the surname of LAWSON AND FURTHER that such change of name is evidenced by the instrument dated the 19th day of January 1954 executed by me and nttcst<xi and registered In the Registrar General's Department on the 20th day of January 1954 No 46876 Miscellaneous Register Dated this 20th day of January 1954 LENNOX MARY LAWSON formerly LENNOX MARY WYMARK Advertising. (1954, January 21;10 days after Emily Sophia's death). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 16. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article18405788>

Marriage to Marjorie:

18196/1951	WYMARK	CHARLES FREDERICK	MAYNE	MARJORIE	KIAMA
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INDUSTRIAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

(Before Mr. E. A. Prior, Chief Industrial Magistrate.)

CLAIM BY FERRYMAN.

Reginald K. Yaldwyn, marine motor driver, sought to recover from Charles Frederick Wymark (SON?divroced 1948 from marjorie ?), of Pittwater, storekeeper and launch proprietor, £87/16/, alleged by claimant to be due to him as balance of wages.

Complainant submitted that defendant had arranged for him to operate a launch, defendant undertaking to supply petrol and oil, and complainant to collect all fares. Defendant was to make up any difference between award rates and takings. Complainant had to carry mails, stores, and sometimes bricks, for which work he did not receive payment, In addition to maintaining a passenger service. He was taking only about £1 a week, and defendant declined to make up the difference.

Defendant denied that he had agreed to make up the difference between the takings and the award rates. He had supplied the launch, he contended, to Yaldwyn at a nominal rental of 6d a week, and undertook to supply oil and benzine. Complainant was to collect the fares for himself. He (defendant) had stipulated that complainant should carry defendant's stores and customers free of charge.

The magistrate declined to make an order against defendant, and directed complainant to pay costs totalling £6/2/6.

INDUSTRIAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT. (1930, August 27). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 10. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16705133>

Charles Frederick Wymark for extension of term of Special Lease 1927/9 Metropolitan area about 26 perches purpose Boatshed and Wharf situated at Church Point Pittwater Parish Narrabeen County Cumberland
Objections may be lodged with Land Board Office Sydney C T WEBB
Metrop District Surveyor.

Advertising. (1948, June 21). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 8. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article18075185>

WANTED 6 to 10 ROWING BOATS must be in first class condition Mr F WYMARK 113 O Sullivan rd Rose Bay or co/- Church Point Post office Pittwater_

Advertising. (1930, March 22). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 2. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16635623>

IAUNCII 23ft HC £275 6 cyl. Push Button Wymark Church Point Marine Service Station

Advertising. (1954, November 20). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 14. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article18460942>

I, ort b \L,tL beautiful cedar Canoe decked both ends lift length Inspect Wymark's Shed Church Point Rtn" UJ3594_

Advertising. (1937, May 22). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 2. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17370209>

Advertising

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Wednesday 26 May 1954 p 16 Advertising

... h.p. Hall Engine, excellent boat. £ 170, or nearest offer. Mr. Wymark, Boat- shed, Church Pt. or ... at such last mentioned meet- ing Frederick John Green of 92 Pitt Street Sydnev was appointed ... 11112 words

DAMAGED Cruiser. Thornycroft engines ply hull, for sale on be- half of the concerned "as and where she lies " For Inspection contact Mr Wymark Pittwater Marino Service, Church Point Scaled quotes will be received by Innes Burch and Gray. Marine Surveyors 3 Spring St, Sydney, closing 9am 4/3/'54_.

Advertising. (1954, February 27). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 18. Retrieved October 18, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article18412289>

Advertising

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 5 October 1935 p 2 Advertising

... TAYLOR GAWLER SOUTH AUSTRALIA_ CHARLFS F WYMARK CHURCH POINT PITT WATER OFFERS TOR SALE THE FOLLOWING ... 6in 5 h p Victor £105 Good MOORINGS AVAILABLE WYMARK Y9007 r r JAY l8 Erskine st city Established 1878 ... 83981 words

Advertising

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 11 December 1937 p 2 Advertising

... Launch, 29ft x 0ft, suit passengei cr cargo, twin Stacy marine engine. £125. WYMARK. Church Point. ... 47691 words

Text last corrected on 20 February 2011 by [mccorden](#)

Advertising

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 22 April 1933 p 1 Advertising

... Wonderful buying at £90. WYMARK Church Point. Mona Vale 7._ EAISED-DECK Cruiser. 5 bunks, galley, complete. ... 65043 words

Advertising

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 21 September 1935 p 1 Advertising

... ... 101670 words

Advertising

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 10 August 1935 p 2 Advertising

... Wymark Church Point E foster Brool lyn J Shci BiooKlyn Barnej Simmons Brool lyn MaysBoitshcd Brooklyn ... Fred Bonner, and a great cast of favourites. Producer: Frederick Blackman. Musical Director. Andrew ... 78062 words

Marjorie Wymark (2nd wife)

[Governor Macquarie and the case for the court-house portrait / \[by\] Marjorie Wymark](#)

by [Wymark, Marjorie, 1910-1985](#)

Ebenezer, N.S.W. : M. Wymark, 1975

Available from Ms. M. Wymark, "Coromandel", Ebenezer, N.S.W. 2756.

 Book,  Online - [Google Books](#)

 Available

[The History of the Macquarie Schoolhouse 1820 and Saint John's Church 1859 / Marjorie Wymark](#)

by [Wymark, Marjorie, 1910-1985](#)

[Wilberforce, N.S.W.?] : Marjorie Wymark, [1970]

 Book,  Online - [Google Books](#)

 Available

[Governor Macquarie and the case for the court-house portrait / by Marjorie Wymark ; \[edited by John Miller\]](#)

by [Wymark, Marjorie, 1910-1985](#)

Windsor, N.S.W. : J. Miller on behalf of Windsor Business Group, 2007

 Book

Creator [Wymark, Marjorie](#)

Title Marjorie Wymark papers relating
to her work on portrait of Macquarie, 1973-1975
Level of Description Collection
Date of Work 1973-1975
Type of Material Textual Records

Call Number MLMSS 3114
Physical Description 0.02 metres of
textual material (1 folder)

Information transferred from Manuscripts Leaf
Catalogue No. 2 as part of the eRecords Project,
2010-2011

Name Macquarie, Lachlan, 1761-1824
Read, Richard, ca.1765-1827?
Subject Governors -- New South Wales.

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Ada;

THE GIRLS' REALM GUILD.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 4 July 1914 p
8 Article

... played, by Misses Marjorie Roberts, Dorothy Wilson, and Agnes
Milne. Among those present were Mesdames ... Hurt, M. AV. Beckett',
.Misses Milne, E. B. Murray, Streatfield, Marjorie Roberts, Allson Brass,
Ella England, Mnggle Ross, Florence Underbill, Beatrice Kelly, Olive
Hurt, Edna Adams, Ada Wymark, AV. ... 312 words

NEAR AND FAR.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Wednesday 9 July
1924 p 8 Article

... the Misses Flts hardlнге, Marjorie Fenwick, Etta Milne, Ann!« Payne,
Constance Thornton, Kathleen Martin, Enid Holt. Dorothy Horne,
Rosalind Spriggs, Ada Wymark, Mosers. R. Thornton, M. A. H. ... 394
words

Birth 1895

Death:

36922/1967	WYMARK	ADA	FREDERICK VICTOR G	EMILY SOPHIA	ST LEONARI
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IMAGES:

Photo with dogs (Rose Bay to 1918?): 53. Frederick Victor Wymark of
Angus & Robertson

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Church

Point
;
Church

Point
(N. S.W.)
CREATED [1925?]
FORMAT 1 photograph
ACCESSN 287434
DISCNAME Manly, Warringah and Pittwater in Pictures

Title

Mr F. Wymark [walking down Martin Place]

Date of Work pre 1942

Digital order no.a1528164

[Portraits of the Royal Family and Sir Frederick Darley, E. W. O'Sullivan,
Sir William Dixson, A. H. Spencer, F. V. G. Wymark] [Album view]

25. F. V. G. Wymark

Digital Order No. a1322006



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Creator **Harnett, Cecil S.**
Title (MM) Pittwater foreshore - boatshed and slipway in the distance
Level of Description Series
Type of Material Graphic Materials
Call Number Government Printing Office 1 - 04883

Physical Description Photographs : Film. 13.8 x 8 cm. L.

General Note GPO original locations or series - Macleay
Museum: Harnett 102

Place [Pittwater \(N.S.W.\)](#) Digital order no. d1_04883

Title [Scenes of Pittwater, N.S.W.]

Level of Description Series

Date of Work ca. 1900-1927

Sydney & Ashfield : Broadhurst Post Card Publishers

Type of Material Graphic Materials

Call Number PXA 635 / 741a-746

Physical Description Photographs : 6 postcards, (1 hand col.) ;
8.8 x 14 cm.

Contents 741a. Church Point, Pittwater Digital Order No.
a106164

Source Presented 1970

Title Church Point

Level of Description Series

Date of Work 1/1945

Type of Material Graphic Materials

Call Number Government Printing Office 1 - 39711

Physical Description Photographs : Dry plate. 6.5
x 4.75 in. L.

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Lindsay, Lionel, Sir, 1874-1961.

[Bookplate for Charles F. Wymark] [picture]

[1923] 1 print : wood engraving ; 7.4 x 5.2 cm.

Part of [Bookplates](#) [picture] [1921?-1954]