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HENRY HARDING

Journal, 1853

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Henry Harding (1829-1899) was the son of Joseph Harding (1805-1876), a Somerset cheesemaker known as 'the father of Cheddar cheese'. Henry Harding emigrated to New South Wales in 1853 but returned to England in 1856. In 1860 Thomas Sutcliffe Mort acquired the Bodalla estate on the south coast of New South Wales and by the 1870s butter and cheese were the main products of the estate. Mort engaged Harding as his cheesemaker and together they introduced many of the latest processes to Australia. Harding left Bodalla in 1890.

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Journal kept by Henry Harding on the *Ida* on a voyage from Birkenhead to Melbourne, 24 March – 9 July 1853.

The journal contains short entries referring to sea-sickness, the weather, a funeral at sea, the deaths of children, church services, meals, the shooting of an albatross, the sighting of Cape Otway and the arrival at Port Phillip. There are no references to cheese.

Owing to ink seeping through from the reverse page, the diary is difficult to read.