

# Studwell Archive

1841 - 1963

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The archive refers to the Bower family and is divided into 3 sections

Personal (family)

### **1. Letter sent from Madras India 1841**

From Lt. Col. John Bower (noted as Jock but could be Jack)

To His mother

Primarily regarding his brother Jim and his involvement in "the China business" Relays news re Jim's wound (not too serious). "cut over left knee may spoil walking".

Enclosed piece from the Gazette (missing) re "her gallant son".

Jim is seeking help in obtaining promotion (insight into how important family and friends were to this at the time).

### **Enclosed Buddha illustration**

**2.** Jim Bower and his death; 4 documents.

**Letter to Admiral Bower**, Edinburgh 1880. Condolences re death of Jim. Blames orders from Exeter Hall (colonial office? Admiralty?)

**Chit for supplies** 1879 signed Lieut. In Command (Jim?) Bower.

**Letter to (John?) Bower from brother James Bower**. Possibly from Sydney. No date- start missing. Chatty, informal re social life.

**Telegram to Bower**, Droxford re 'nephew killed' Solomon Island

**3.** Graham Bower Gunnery Lieut. Certificate 1896

**4.** Cordwalles (school). 4 documents

### **Exam paper 1895 'Bower'**

**Letter from Jim Bower** (James) to brother Jack (no year)

Secret! Affectionate; don't be a sailor – say government instead!

### **Letter from Jim (no year) to Daddie**

No letter since Daddie returned to England; looking for news of his examination (Graham Bower? Ref to Rhodes enquiry?) Offer of help by learning Dutch and talking to the 'black men' to sort everything out...

**Letter 28 Feb 1896** from Jack to Mother with note to sister Maudie.

**A pedigree** – child's attempt at Bower family history.

**5. Letter 1898 to to Col (John Bower)** - thanks for the walnuts and problem with "the Baron".

### **Supper bill 1900**

**6. Letter March 1917 Jim Bower to Graham** Bower (father)

Recounts his reasons for leaving Jo'burg mines and recall to the regiment. Unclear where stationed but likely SA.

7. **2 Letters Edinburgh no year.** To Graham Bower from JW Bower, sends love to Maud and the Governor (Cape?). Happy Birthday and congratulations to young John.

8. **3 letters – 2 private 1 official to Lour.**

To Graham Bower from Lour - Thanks for the card and gifts. New chancellor installed St Andrews (part of family story).  
Research into family history – suggests Bodsey(?) Bower taught Byron – could have been Alexander Bower who taught in Edinburgh.  
Lour informed re coat of Arms 1947

9. **5 documents, 2 letters Uncle Sandy Cheltenham,** to Jim re possible family connections. Black sheep Bob and Eurasian children. Tony Murray at Cheltenham college. Betrothal stone at Lour Alexander Bower and Margaret St Clair. **Note** written on the back of part draft re genology Graham Bower ? **2 letters Buntie** (?) St Clair sent to Sandy as referred to in his letters. Eurasian connection (India). Letter 20<sup>th</sup> March has last sheet missing.

10 **Letter April 1947 enquiry re genology.** Response by Graham Bower to letter from ? Bower. Note from (Buntie?) re Admiral Paterson Bower

11. **Letter 1951** to Graham Bower from FA Farquar (?) re general health

12. 2 documents **Letter 1963 from Midge to Jim Bower** Bower coat of arms details required for funeral. Surtax receipt James G Bower 1963.

Graham Bower and South Africa

Graham Bower Political