

## **SAMPLE REPORT: AAGRA ACCREDITED RECORD AGENT**

### Research Report

MJD [full name redacted, initials will be used throughout report]  
for [client name redacted]

by [AAGRA Accredited Record Agent - name redacted] –

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**BRIEF:** To determine whether MJD was admitted to a mental institution in Melbourne or Geelong between 1930-1944.

**OBJECTIVE:** To locate MJD in the records of mental institutions in Victoria between 1930-1944.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** MJD *née* M was born on 13 May 1889. She was admitted to a mental institution in 1930-1932. No documents have been located suggesting institutional care. MJD previously lived in Mt Gambier, South Australia. She married MSD [full name redacted] in 1910 in Mt Gambier. They had 12 children. The first was born on 9 April 1911 and the last, on 22 February 1930. Apart from 2 or 3 of the oldest children, the family moved to Melbourne in 1930, possibly after the birth of the youngest child. All the family except for MJD returned to Mt Gambier in 1932. MSD visited MJD in 1935 and died during that visit, leaving the younger children in Mt Gambier to be fostered out. MJD returned to Mt Gambier in 1944 and died in 1957. Was the reason she didn't return to Mt Gambier in 1932 because she had been admitted to a mental institution? Many of the 12 children were secretive about their years growing up.

### **RESEARCH FINDINGS:**

The following record repositories were searched:

- GSV (Genealogical Society of Victoria) – The following results were located:
  - Hospital Admission, 29 April 1930, Mont Park, Victoria, Australia. [PROV, VPRS 17872/P0001]
- PROV (Public Records Office of Victoria) – The following results were located:
  - Physical Condition on Admission Register: Female Patients, 1924- 1935. [PROV, VPRS 18141]
  - Restraint and Seclusion Registers, 1905-1950. [PROV, VPRS 18153/P0001]

- Movement Register, 1929-01-01 – 1935 12-31 [PROV, VPRS 18153/P0001].
- Trial Leave Registers, 1920-1966. [PROV, VPRS 7450].
- SLV (State Library of Victoria) –
  - Name Search, full name of MJD - Result: No records located.
  - Name Search, first name, middle initial, surname of MJD – Result: No records located.
  - Name Search, first name and surname, no middle name of MJD – Result: No records located.

## CONCLUSION & SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The research objective was to discover details regarding the possible admission of MJD to a mental health facility in Melbourne or Geelong.

- MJD was admitted to Mont Park Asylum, Victoria, on 29 April 1930 a few months after the birth of her last child.<sup>1</sup>
- The PROV Admission and Discharge of Patients Register 1925-1931 noted confusional insanity, exhaustion pregnancy and overstrain, suggesting postnatal depression. It also mentions a possible admission in Mt Gambier in 1928. The handwriting is very hard to read. The full admission file document is closed due to the time frame covered by the volume. [PROV, VPRS 17872/P0001].
- The PROV Movement Register recorded her admission date which was 29 Apr 1930 [PROV, VPRS 18153/P0001].
- Little information was recorded in the PROV Register, Physical Condition on Admission: Female Patients: she had two small marks on her knees. [PROV, VPRS 18141].
- The PROV Restraint and Seclusion Register had no record [PROV, VPRS 18153/P0001].
- The PROV Trial Leave Register: Recorded that MJD was “boarded out” at 21 Kinkora Road Hawthorn. This indicates a period of leave from the institution starting 2 December 1938 and returning on 23 December 1938. Her guardian was recorded as L M Maleter. The writing is difficult to read, however it looks like it might be “After-care home”. It appears there was payment for her care. [PROV, VPRS 7450]
- The PROV Trial Register Notes also records an admission date as 29 April 1930 and a period of leave approved from 23 December 1938 to 30 June 1939. A further notice in the leave extended column has a date record of 30 June 1945 and then 30 June 1941.

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<sup>1</sup> Genealogical Society of Victoria, Register of Boarded Out, 2 December 1938.

Part of this record is difficult to decipher. The remarks column has the following details recorded: HJD [full name redacted], Son, Commercial St, Mt Gambier. It appears that following the trial leave with a guardian, MJD was required to have a further period of trial leave at home. [PROV, VPRS 7450]

- The PROV Discharge Register recorded that MJD was discharged on 1 October 1941. [PROV, VPRS 17873/P0001]

All documents from PROV were ordered, viewed and scanned. These documents, as well as the one from GSV are attached to the email with this report.

#### **FURTHER RESEARCH:**

Admission to Mt Gambier institution in 1928

[Name Redacted]

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ATTACHMENTS THAT WERE SENT BY EMAIL (therefore in a larger format for the client than what is shown below).

Trial Leave Register – [Name redacted in document]

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Physical Condition on Admission 1930 [Name redacted in document]

ADMITTED	NAME	REMARKS	ADMITTED	NAME	REMARKS
23. 4. 30.	Lilias Christina Cornwall.	no mark.	8. 5. 30	Alice Mary Fitzgerald	no mark.
23. 4. 30.	Mary Ann Barclay.	Scar Loc. on left ankle. A. Ryndel	18. 5. 30.	Helena Hannah.	old scar on Right Knee. W. Hannah
29. 4. 30.	[Redacted]	Two small marks on knee. A. Ryndel	19. 5. 30.	Edith Rose Barnett.	Scar on chest. Brown marks on feet. A. Ryndel
29. 4. 30.	Edith Hannell	no mark. A. Ryndel	21. 5. 30.	Selina Jane May.	Bruises on Right Leg. A. Ryndel
29. 4. 30.	Theresa Gertrude Adams	no mark. A. Ryndel	21. 5. 30.	Ruth Muriel Bellin	Scars on Left Leg. scratches on Chest & body. A. Ryndel
29. 4. 30.	Jean Fitzgerald	no mark. A. Ryndel	23. 5. 30.	Rose Lee Sammons	Bruises on both legs. on right hand. W. D. Adams
1. 5. 30	Mabel Emma Mitchell.	old scars on back. small operation mark on stomach. P. Adams on Head. A. Ryndel	24. 5. 30.	Annie Charlotte Donchin.	Bruises on body & legs. P. Churchers
8. 5. 30.	Alice Vera Cornwall.	operation mark on stomach. A. Ryndel	24. 5. 30.	Annie Robinson	Bruises on Right leg. W. D. Adams
8. 5. 30	Janie Elizabeth Brown.	no mark. A. Ryndel			

April 1930			
Admitted			
37-30	Edwards, Roy	12-30	Malone, Rufus
38-30	Edwards, Roy	13-30	Malone, Rufus
39-30	Edwards, Roy	14-30	Malone, Rufus
40-30	Edwards, Roy	15-30	Malone, Rufus
41-30	Edwards, Roy	16-30	Malone, Rufus
42-30	Edwards, Roy	17-30	Malone, Rufus
43-30	Edwards, Roy	18-30	Malone, Rufus
44-30	Edwards, Roy	19-30	Malone, Rufus
45-30	Edwards, Roy	20-30	Malone, Rufus
46-30	Edwards, Roy	21-30	Malone, Rufus
47-30	Edwards, Roy	22-30	Malone, Rufus
48-30	Edwards, Roy	23-30	Malone, Rufus
49-30	Edwards, Roy	24-30	Malone, Rufus
50-30	Edwards, Roy	25-30	Malone, Rufus
51-30	Edwards, Roy	26-30	Malone, Rufus
52-30	Edwards, Roy	27-30	Malone, Rufus
53-30	Edwards, Roy	28-30	Malone, Rufus
54-30	Edwards, Roy	29-30	Malone, Rufus
55-30	Edwards, Roy	30-30	Malone, Rufus
56-30	Edwards, Roy	31-30	Malone, Rufus
57-30	Edwards, Roy	32-30	Malone, Rufus
58-30	Edwards, Roy	33-30	Malone, Rufus
59-30	Edwards, Roy	34-30	Malone, Rufus
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109-30	Edwards, Roy	84-30	Malone, Rufus
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111-30	Edwards, Roy	86-30	Malone, Rufus
112-30	Edwards, Roy	87-30	Malone, Rufus
113-30	Edwards, Roy	88-30	Malone, Rufus
114-30	Edwards, Roy	89-30	Malone, Rufus
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121-30	Edwards, Roy	96-30	Malone, Rufus
122-30	Edwards, Roy	97-30	Malone, Rufus
123-30	Edwards, Roy	98-30	Malone, Rufus
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No.		Name of Patient.	No. in Admission.		Period of Leave Allowed.	Leave Extended.	Returned to Hospital.	Remarks.
No.	R.		No.	R.				
563		Ruff James Michael	2734		21.12.38 30.6.39		31.12.38	Mr. J. Ruff (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's
564		Thompson Stanley John	2338		21.12.38 30.6.39		27.12.38	Mr. J. Thompson (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's
565		Mc Donnell Geoffrey Herbert	28530		21.12.38 30.6.39			Mr. J. Mc Donnell (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's
566		Driggs William Henry	10731		21.12.38 30.6.39		19.1.39	Mr. J. Driggs (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's
537		Loock George May	27731		21.12.38 30.6.39		9.1.39	Mr. J. Loock (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's
538		Stibbel John Stephen Linda	21231		21.12.38 30.6.39		18.1.39	Mr. J. Stibbel (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's
567		Koprowski Joseph	21231		26.12.38 30.6.39		10.7.39	Mr. J. Koprowski (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's
568		Lindsay Mary Gordon	191031		21.12.38 30.6.39		21.1.39	Mr. J. Lindsay (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's
539		[REDACTED]	29430		23.12.38 30.6.39			[REDACTED] (Ruff's son) Ruff's Ruff's



# Trail Leave 1938

Name		Admitted	Boarded Out	Released	Comments	Remarks
13	Reynolds, John	192	24 <sup>th</sup> February 1927	19 <sup>th</sup> April 1937	Mr. E. Baker 193 <sup>rd</sup> Lonsdale Rd Kendal	Hand
15	Liddy, Humphrey May	192	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1930	11-4-38	Mr. L. Smith 193 <sup>rd</sup> Lonsdale Rd Kendal	Hand
17	Bottle, Stephen	200	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 1912	19-12-33	Mr. L. Smith 193 <sup>rd</sup> Lonsdale Rd Kendal	Hand
16	Smith, Thomas	200	1-7-35	3-10-35	Mr. L. Smith 193 <sup>rd</sup> Lonsdale Rd Kendal	Hand
14	Smith, Thomas	"	25-10-35	25-11-35	Mr. L. Smith 193 <sup>rd</sup> Lonsdale Rd Kendal	Hand
20	Swales, Richard	200	17-7-37	1-12-38	Mr. L. Smith 193 <sup>rd</sup> Lonsdale Rd Kendal	Hand
21	Reynolds, John	192	1-8-37	12-6-47	Mr. E. Baker 193 <sup>rd</sup> Lonsdale Rd Kendal	Hand
18	[REDACTED]	"	2-12-38	23-12-38	Mr. L. Smith 193 <sup>rd</sup> Lonsdale Rd Kendal	Hand

# Discharge 1941

Name		Admitted	Boarded Out	Released	Comments	Remarks
204	1. October 1931	29-10-31	[REDACTED]	1	1/10/31	EC 3A
202	1. October 1931	29-10-31	1/10/31	1	1/10/31	EC 3A
203	1. October 1931	29-10-31	1/10/31	1	1/10/31	EC 3A
205	1. October 1931	29-10-31	1/10/31	1	1/10/31	EC 3A
206	1. October 1931	29-10-31	1/10/31	1	1/10/31	EC 3A
207	1. October 1931	29-10-31	1/10/31	1	1/10/31	EC 3A
208	1. October 1931	29-10-31	1/10/31	1	1/10/31	EC 3A
209	1. October 1931	29-10-31	1/10/31	1	1/10/31	EC 3A
210	1. October 1931	29-10-31	1/10/31	1	1/10/31	EC 3A

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