

***Diary of a voyage on the Dirigo:  
Liverpool, UK to Rocky Creek, NSW***

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Among the large collection of books at NFHS we have some of extra interest because of their rarity. One of these, the *Dirigo* diary, was donated to the NFHS for safe-keeping in 2003.

The diary was found on the top of a wardrobe after the death of Mary Jane Gill née Foster. Mary Jane married George Gill in 1850. It is assumed that the diary came from the original author and had been given to Mary's father-in-law Silas Gill who in turn passed it to his eldest son George, Mary's husband. The diary was given to the Society by Mary Jane's great-granddaughter, Society member Barbara Sharp.

An original transcription was made in 1979 by Raymond Terrace transcriber Leo D. Geer, who noted that the diary was difficult to decipher due to its age and condition. Brian Engel of the Society scanned and digitised the diary to enable its reproduction.

