

Jenolan Anthony ('Tant') Bradley Postcards

Anthony Harris Mosby ('Tant') Bradley came to Jenolan in 1916. His grandfather, then father, had both been 'keeper' of the Yarrangobilly Caves and Bradley himself had guided parties of visitors at Yarrangobilly since the age of 10. He also assisted in the discovery and exploration of a number of caves at Yarrangobilly, and in 1907-8 had built the major pathways of the area, many of which remain to this day (Middleton 1972, 1985a, 1985b). At Jenolan, he worked as a guide under the direction of J.C. Wiburd, and in 1932, succeeded him as chief guide and remained in that capacity until 1947. During part of that time (it is not clear exactly when or for how long) he produced postcards that were marketed at the caves kiosk. The very few dated cards we have seen come only from 1928-29.

[There was a story told to us by a director of the Department of Tourism that some years ago one officer at the caves had improperly produced and sold postcards, more or less as a private business. Action had been taken by the department to ensure that such a practice did not continue! We suspect this refers to Bradley, as there is no evidence of any other officer of the department doing so.]

We also have a series of Bradley's negatives, many of which have a superimposed title and were evidently used as the basis of postcards. It has also been possible to further place his work in context, and it appears that he was at least influenced by, and probably closely associated with, Harry Phillips. We list those cards that we have seen as the JB series below, then append a further listing of the prints we have taken from the negative collections, some of which are included in the JB listing.

There are probably many further cards that we have not yet seen, as many of the negatives listed in the file are missing and most of the known postcards are from other negatives not included in the file.



JB. A.H. BRADLEY SERIES. [n.l. 1928]

Ph, Pu & Pr A.H. Bradley

F As real photo prints with superimposed hand-lettered title in a characteristic style

- JB.1 Jenolan Caves House N.S.W. V K-D
Jenolan Caves House N.S.W. V [pm.8 June 1928; 28th July 1928] K-F
Sender of one example says "*We are having a lovely time. We went through the Temple of Baal Cave this morning and it is wonderful. They are all beyond description. We are going through the Lucas this afternoon. We could not book for the Orient Cave, it was full up when we arrived. This place is very flash, we have music for every meal.*"
- JB.2 Jenolan Caves House, N.S.W. V K-D
(Slightly closer view than JB.1)
- JB.3a Carlotta Arch / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. K-F
- JB.3b Carlotta Arch V (title pencilled on back) Blank
- JB.4 On the Road to / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H [pm.17 Jan.1929] K-B
N.B. This view has people standing at front of bus
- JB.5a On the Road to / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H K-D
- JB.5b The Road to / Jen Caves / N.S.W. H K-F
In these cards, there are people at both front and rear of bus. It appears that both photographs were taken on the same occasion.
- JB.6a Grand Arch / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H K-D
- JB.6b Grand Arch / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H K-B
(view from uphill of arch ; trees on left)
- JB.7 Grand Arch / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H K-D
(view from uphill, but closer - no trees on left)
Grand Arch / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H Blank
(view from uphill, but closer - no trees on left)
- JB.8a Minaret / R.C. Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. V K-D
- JB.8b Minaret, Riv. C. / Jenolan Caves. / N.S.W. V K-F
- JB.8c Minaret / River Cave V K-B
- JB.9a Grand Column / Riv Cave Jen / N.S.W. V K-F
- JB.9b Grand Column V K-B
- JB.10a River Styx / Riv Cave Jen. / N.S.W. H K-F
- JB.10b River Styx / River Cave Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H K-D
- JB.11 Cathedral Windows / Lucas Cave / Jenolan Caves N.S.W. V K-D
- JB.12 Shower of Shawls / Riv Cave, J C / N.S.W. V K-B
Message on back says ". . . This is the nicest place I have ever been to. The caves are wonderful. Went to the Orient Cave yesterday which has 1470 steps. This picture gives no idea of the wonderful colouring as they are lit up with electric light."
- JB.13 The Proscenium / L.C. Jenolan Caves. / N.S.W. V K-D
The Proscenium / L.C. Jenolan Caves. / N.S.W. V Blank
- JB.14.a The Mysteries / Temple of Baal / Jenolan Caves V Blank**
- JB.14.b The Mysteries / Temple of Baal / Jenolan Caves/ N.S.W. V K-D
The Mysteries / Temple of Baal / Jenolan Caves/ N.S.W. V Blank
- JB.15a Indian Chamber / O.C. Jenolan / N.S.W. V [p.m.5 Aug.1928]

JB.15b	Indian Chamber Orient Cave V (title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.16	Indian Canopy / O.C. Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. V Indian Canopy / O.C. Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. V	K-D Blank
JB.17	Grand Arch / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H Depicts arch with five pedestrians on roadway	K-D
JB.18	Caves House / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H	K-D
JB.19	Wallabies / at Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. V	K-D
JB.20	Nellies Grotto H	K-B
JB.21	Shawls / Lucas Cave V	K-B
JB.22	[Mystery, Left Imperial] V	K-B
JB.23	Indian Chamber / Orient Cave V	K-B
JB.24	Gabriels Wing V	K-B
JB.25	Angel's Wing / Temple of Baal / Jenolan Caves, N.S.W. V Angel's Wing / Temple of Baal / Jenolan Caves, N.S.W. V	K-B Blank
JB.26	Gem of the South V	K-D
JB.27	Cars leaving / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. V [ms.10 Jan.1929]	K-D
JB.28	Blue Lake at Jenolan V (title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.29	[Grand Arch] V	Blank
JB.30	On the five-mile hill H (Very like JB.4, JB.5, but without bus; title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.31	Down Jenolan River (title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.32	[Caves House] V (view from uphill)	Blank
JB.33	[Caves House] V (view from concourse)	Blank
JB.34	Blue Lake / Jenolan Caves H Blue Lake / Jenolan Caves H	Blank K-D
JB.35	Wallaby / at Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. V	Blank
JB.36	Kanangra Walls near Jenolan H (title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.37	Clouds over Jenolan V (title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.38	Caves House / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H (view from above Arch)	Blank
JB.39	[Grand Arch] H (view looking outwards)	Blank
JB.40	Crystal Cities / Right Imp Cave / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H	Blank
JB.41	Gem of the West / Right Imp Cave / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. H	Blank
JB.42	Nellies Grotto / Right Imp Cave / Jenolan Caves N.S.W. H	Blank
JB.43	[Broken Column] V	Blank
JB.44	Minaret River Cave V (title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.45	Cascades R.C. / Jenolan Caves / N.S.W. V	Blank
JB.46	Grand Column River Cave V (title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.47	Gem of the South / Temple of Baal / Jenolan Caves N.S.W. V	Blank

JB.48	Gabriel's Wing Temple of Baal (title pencilled on back)	Blank
JB.49	Snow at Jenolan 8 inches deep V (title pencilled on back ; shows Caves House from uphill)	Blank
JB.50	Snow at Jenolan 8 inches deep V (title pencilled on back ; shows Caves House from concourse)	Blank
JB51	Persian Chamber/OrientCave V	Velox

Prints from Negatives

Jenolan Caves House, N.S.W. V (similar to but not identical with JB1)
 Caves House/ Jenolan Caves/N.S.W. V (5 views)
 Caves House/ Jenolan Caves NSW H
 Cars leaving/Jenolan Caves/N.S.W. V (2)
 Blue Lake/Jenolan Caves/N.S.W. V (3)
 Black Swan V
 Road to Jenolan Caves H
 The Grand Arch H (2)
 The Grand Arch V
 Wiburd feeding Rock Wallabies V
 Nellies Grotto/Rig Imp Cave Jen N.S.W. H
 Nellies Grotto/R.I.C. Jenolan Caves/N.S.W. H
 Lot's Wife/R.I.C. Jenolan Caves, N.S.W. V
 Crystal Cities H
 Grand Stalactites V
 Cathedral Windows, Lucas Cave V
 Sculptor's Studio/Nettle Cave, Jenolan Cave, N.S.W. H
 Jenolan Wier (sic)/N.S.W. V R.I.C. Jenolan Caves, N.S.W. V (3)
 Indian Canopy, Orient Cave V
 The Mystery, Chifley Cave V
 Angel's Wing and Altar, Temple of Baal V
 Indian Chamber, Orient Cave (2)
 Fine Speleothem Photographs (4)