

WOMBEGAN

Wombeyan Caves said to have been discovered in 1828 by the then Surveyor-General, John Oxley. Although the caves did not attract the same attention as at Jenolan, the area was reserved by the Government of the day in 1865. It has a number of well-decorated caves and is a popular tourist site. Members of the Sydney Speleological Society (Dyson et al. 1982) comprehensively described the area in a very useful book.

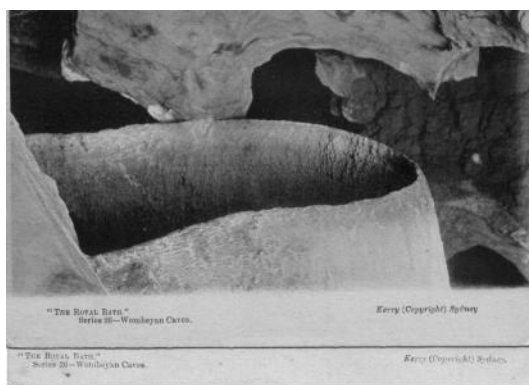
1. KERRY SERIES 26 [n.l.1905]

Ph Charles Kerry

Pu Kerry & Co.

Pr In Germany by collotype

F Photograph with title in wide white margin at lower edge (if V) or R.H. edge (if H). We have only seen one style of back. However, titles appear both with (A) and without (B) quotation marks. There are also several distinct (although sometimes difficult to distinguish) patterns in the relative location of the title and series imprint.



We distinguish these below by adding a letter to the serial number and where cards have been readily available, we have indicated by underlining the letter beneath which the 'S' of Series is located. See also illustration below.

- 1A 1A.1a "The Museum." [Koorringa Cave] H [pm.3 Mar.1906]
1A.2a "The Royal Bath." H [pm. 12 Jun 1906, 17 Sep.1906]
1A.2b "The Royal Bath." H [20 Nov 1908]
1A.3 "Mermaid's Home." H [pm.3 Mar.1906]
1A.4a "The Church." [now Victoria Arch] H
1A.4b "The Church." H [now Victoria Arch] [pm.18 Jul.1906]
1A.5a "The Sentinel." V [pm.13 Jul.1906]
1A.5b "The Sentinel." V [pm.11 Dec.1913]
1A.6a "Lot's Wife." [Wollondilly Cave] V [pm.26 Jun.1906]
(This card is titled as Series 25, but this is clearly a typographic error: Kerry's series 25 is entitled 'Studies from Life'. We also have one example printed on exceptionally lightweight card.)
1A.6b "Lot's Wife." [Wollondilly Cave] V
1A.7 "The Mantel Drape." [Koorringa Cave] V
1A.9a "The Pantheon." [Wollondilly Cave] V

(We have one copy overprinted 'For T.A.F. Darker, Brisbane-Street, Ipswich. pm.9 Jan.1906)

SAME [6 Mar 1906]

1A.9a "The Pantheon." [Wollondilly Cave] V

1A.10 "Jacob's Ladder." [Junction Cave] V [pm., in London, 26 Jan.1906]

1A.11a "Fairies' Grotto." [Mulwaree Cave] H

1A.11b "Fairies' Grotto." [Mulwaree Cave] H

1B 1B.1 The Museum. [Koorringa Cave] H

1B.3 Mermaid's Home. H [pm.23 Jan.1907]

1B.7 The Mantel Drape [Koorringa Cave] V [pm.6 Oct.1908]

1B.8.a Shawls. [Wollondilly Cave] V [pm.3 Mar.1906]

1B.8.b Shawls. [Wollondilly Cave] V [pm.15 Dec.1911]

1B.12.a The Long Corridor. [Wollondilly Cave] H

1B.12.b The Long Corridor. [Wollondilly Cave] H

2. PHILCO SERIES [n.l. 1907]

Pu Philco Publishing Co., London (Byatt 1978, p. 199)

F Photograph with title and imprint (Philco Series 1041D) in lower edge of all-round margin. Printed in both B & W (A) and colour (B).

2A.1 Wombeyan Caves Road, N.S.W. H (Depicts a sandstone tunnel which was cut through a ridge in 1899 to facilitate access to the caves)

2B.1 Wombeyan Caves Road, N.S.W. H

3. GRAPHIC SERIES [n.l. 1907]

Pu Collins Bros. & Co. (Cook 1986, p. 132)

Pr In Great Britain

F Printed in bluish-green with title in lower margin.
(see also Jenolan 36)

3.1 "The Mantle," Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. H

3.2 "The Throne," Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. H [pm.30 Apr.1907]

4. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU - LIMESTONE CAVES SERIES [n.l. 1913]

Pu N.S.W. Government Tourist Bureau

F Printed in purple (A), or B & W (B) half-tone with title superimposed on view. This is part of same series as Jenolan 40.

4A.1 Lot's Wife and Cockatoo/Wollondilly Cave, Wombeyan V

4A.2 Mystery Chamber/Wollondilly Cave, Wombeyan H

4A.3 The Throne/Koorringa Cave, Wombeyan


4A.4 Archway/On the road to Wombeyan Caves V

4A.5 Judgement Seat/ Figtree Cave, Wombeyan

4A.7 Victoria Arch/Wombeyan Caves V

- 4B.3 The Throne / Koorringa Cave, Wombeyan H
 4B.6 Grotto/Wollondilly Cave, Wombeyan H [pm.28 Dec.1913]
 4B.7 Victoria Arch/Wombeyan Caves V

5. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU - WOMBEYAN CAVES SERIES

	<p>Pu N.S.W. Government Tourist Bureau</p> <p>F View enclosed in broad ornamental frame with floral decoration; printed on heavy card with perforation along longer edge (formerly in booklet?); title is superimposed on view. (design comparable to Jenolan 56C, Yarrangobilly 5B)</p>
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- 5.1 The Petticoat, Junction Cave,/Wombeyan Caves. V
 5.2 The Throne, Koorringa Cave, Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. H
 5.3 The Grotto or Enchanted Grove, Enchanted Corridor, Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. H
 5.4 Lot's Wife &/the Cockatoo/Wombeyan Caves/N.S.W. V
 This is s.n.a. the illustration on p. 303 of Johnson et al., 1911.

5.5 Judgment Seat. Fig Tree Cave./Wombeyan Caves V

6. KERRY UN-NUMBERED CARDS [n.l. 1913]

Ph Charles Kerry
 Pu Kerry & Co.
 Pr in Germany by Collotype
 F Title and Kerry imprint printed in sepia on white strip along bottom of card ; back as Jenolan 4C

- 6.1 Museum, Korringa(sic) Cave, Wombeyan H (s.n.a. 1.1) [pm.30 Apr.1913]
 6.2 Royal Bath, Wollondilly Cave, Wombeyan H (s.n.a. 1.2)
 6.3 Mermaid's Home, Wollondilly Cave, Wombeyan H
 6.4 Entrance, Wombeyan Caves H (s.n.a. 1.4) [pm.9 Sep.1913]
 6.5 The Sentinel, Fig Tree Cave, Wombeyan V (s.n.a. 1.5)
 6.6 Lot's Wife, Wollondilly Cave, Wombeyan V (s.n.a. 1.6)
 6.7 Mantel Drape, Koorringa Cave, Wombeyan (s.n.a. 1.7) V
 6.10 Jacobs Ladder, Junction Cave, Wombeyan (s.n.a. 1.10) V
 6.11 Fairies Grotto, Woolondilly (sic) Cave, (s.n.a. 1.11) Wombeyan H
 6.12 Long Corridor, Woolondilly (sic) Cave, Wombeyan (s.n.a. 1.12) H
 [pm.28 Jan.1913]

7. VALENTINE'S GENUINE PHOTOGRAPH SERIES

Pu Valentine's Publishing Co.
 F Photogravure card with title in white strip at bottom

of picture and white margin all around

7.1 The Grotto, Wombeyan Caves/N.S.W. V V10


8. BINNS SERIES

Ph & Pu H. Binns, Mittagong

F Full-frame collotype with superimposed title in red

8.1 Wombeyan Caves Road V (depicts road tunnel)

9. TRICKETT REAL PHOTO SERIES

	<p>Ph Oliver Trickett</p> <p>F Full-frame real photo with title superimposed in capitals (Italics in 9.7, 9.8, 9.9 ; Roman in others)</p>
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| 9.1 The Grand Stalagmite/The Tree Cavern, Wombeyan Caves/ N.S. Wales, Australia H | K-D |
| 9.2 Victoria Arch, Wombeyan Caves,/N.S. Wales, Australia V | K-D |
| 9.3 The Shawl, Junction Cave, Wombeyan Caves/N.S. Wales, Australia H | K-D |
| 9.4 The Petticoat,/Junction Cave,/Wombeyan Caves,/N.S. Wales, Australia H | K-D |
| 9.5 The Rapids, Junction Cave/Wombeyan Caves, N.S. Wales, Australia V | K-D |
| 9.6 The Basin's Cave/Wombeyan Caves/N.S. Wales, Australia V | K-D |
| 9.7 The Enchanted Groves,/Junction Cave, Wombeyan Caves/N.S. Wales, Australia H | K-D |
| 9.8 Wombeyan Caves House/N.S. Wales, Australia H (view from entry road) | K-D |
| 9.8 Wombeyan Caves House/N.S. Wales, Australia H (view from overlooking hill) | K-D |

10. Valentine Series



Only one of the cards that we have is on the Valentine back (V10), but the remainder are of exactly the same format, several of them with the V number on the card so we assume all are by Valentine. Those which have the number shown on the card are identified below by the inclusion of the letter V in our numbering.

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| 10.V3 | Victoria Arch, North Entrance/ Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. | V | Blank |
| 10.V5 | The Grotto, Wombeyan Caves/ N.S.W. | V | V10 |
| | SAME (ms. 1972) | | K-H |
| 10.V7 | The Fortifications, Wollondilly Cave/ Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. | H | Blank |
| 10.V11 | Junction Chamber, Junction Cave/ Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. | H | Blank |
| 10.V13 | Lot's Wife and Cockatoo, Wollondilly Cave/ Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. | V | (ms.27.i.65) K-? |
| 10.?? | Chalker Blanket, Junction Cave/ Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. | V | Blank |

Series nos 11-14 not used at this time.

Then I have only a very few of the post-1950s colour photographic cards:

15. Murray Views

- 15A.1 Wombeyan Caves / Victoria Arch V
With Green border and superimposed title

With Caves Reserve Trust logo at lower RH; title on back

- 15B.1 Kooringa Cave/ V
15B.2 Fig Tree Cave / Grand Stalagmites H
15B.3 Wollondilly Cave V
15B.4 Junction Cave / Chalker's Blanket V

16. Garrick Press

F Deckle edge

- 16.1 Lot's Wife and Cockatoo in the Wombeyan/ Caves/ Southern Highlands, N.S.W. V
16.2 The Rice Fields or Fortifications/ Wombeyan Caves/ Southern Highlands, N.S.W. H
16.3 Colandes (sic) in the Wombeyan Caves,/Southern Highlands, N.S.W. V

17. Goodwill Products

17.1 “Lot’s Wife” in Wollondilly Cave/at Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. H

18. Scancolor

18.1 Three images on a single card: Chalker’s Blanket in the Junction Cave,
Wollondilly River, Road Tunnel

19. Australian Collectors Choice

19.1 Mares Forest Creek H

19.2

Finally, there are the cards that cannot be assigned to any photographer or publisher:

	<p>May be by Hurley The Grand Stalagmites, Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. H on K-D</p> <p>The Grotto, Wombeyan Caves N.S.W. V On K-D ?</p> <p>Lot’s Wife and the Cockatoo, Wombeyan Caves, N.S.W. V on K-D</p>
	<p>Only card seen in this format On blank back with ms.1972</p>
	<p>Only card seen in this format On blank back, ms. 1972.</p>