

Q. & A. File No. 10-E-1

Wedding ring?
Did (Esw) wear, in
Australia?

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Dear Brother

You have made inquiry concerning the wedding ring and if Ellen G. White, while in Australia, wore a wedding ring. You tell us that it has been reported to you that she did so.

The report which has reached you on this point is without foundation ~~in~~ fact. Ellen White did not wear a wedding ring at any time in her experience, either in the United States, Europe, or Australia. It is altogether possible that the rumor may be based upon the experience of Mrs. White's daughter-in-law. Ethel ~~Mary~~ Lacey was a daughter of a British police officer who as a girl grew up in Hobart, Tasmania. It was there that the third angel's message reached the Lacey family. While attending the Bible School conducted in Melbourne, she met William C. White, a widower, and in due time they were married. The marriage took place in the Lacey's home town of Hobart, Tasmania, and the officiating minister was the Episcopalian minister of that city. We had no Seventh-day Adventist ministers in that area at that time. The marriage was with a ring, which is in conformity with British custom, and the wedding ring was worn for a few weeks after the marriage service, but very shortly after settling at Avondale, the ring was laid aside and never worn again by Mrs. W. C. White.

I have seen the ring, but I can testify that Mrs. W. C. White did not wear it here in the United States, and I have been informed, in harmony with the information I have given, that it was worn for only a very short time after her marriage in Australia.

Ellen White's practice was in full conformity with her statement found in Testimonies to Ministers on this point.

Sincerely your brother,

Arthur L. White, Secretary
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