

Reference Number: **1972.0048**

Collection/Series Title: **BRODNEY, ALFRED TENNYSON**

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| <b>Creator</b>  | Brodney, Alfred Tennyson |
| <b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>  | Lawyers                  |
| <b>Creator's Historical Note</b>  |                          |
| <p>A.T. Brodney was born in Melbourne in 1896, the son of journalist Maurice Brodzky. He spent much of his early life in the United States, returning to Australia in 1918, whereupon he joined the Australian Socialist Party. In 1920 he helped to found the Communist Party of Australia and in 1924, with his wife May (nee Francis), assisted in re-establishing the defunct Melbourne branch. Disillusioned with the Party's increasingly doctrinaire stance, both resigned from the Party in 1925. Brodney was employed as a clerk at the legal firm, Maurice Blackburn &amp; Co. whilst studying law at the University of Melbourne. After graduating LL.B. in 1939, he began a long career in labour litigation, and became a senior partner in Balckburn's firm and later a solicitor to the Australian Council of Trade Unions.</p>            |                          |
| <b>Date Range of Collection/Series</b>  | 1908-1971                |
| <b>Size/Extent</b>  | 17 archives boxes        |
| <b>Access Conditions</b>  | Access: Open             |
| <b>Scope and Content of Collection/Series</b>   |                          |
| <p>The Victorian Society of Journeymen Brushmakers minutes 1922- 1925; Australian Brushmakers' Union minute book 1925-1928; Royal Commission into the State Coal Mines material 1923-1937; papers regarding property disputes 1935-1944; miscellaneous arbitration material 1939-1965; 40 Hour Wage Case files 1946-1947; Basic Female Wage Case 1948-1951; Federated Clerks' Union arbitration case files 1948-1951; Shop Assistants and Warehouse Employees' Union case files 1957-1960; miscellaneous union award decisions 1922-1971; reports 1933-1956; publications 1917-1957.</p> <p>Boxes 1-17 in the attached list are now boxes *1427-1442 of the Maurice Blackburn collection Reference Number 1970.0003. Please quote both the 1972.0048 box number and the Maurice Blackburn Co. box number from the list when requesting this material.</p> |                          |
| <b>Collection Category</b>  | Business, organisations  |
| <b>This document dated</b>  | 31/10/2016               |

Maurice Blackburn and Co. Collection  
A.T. Brodney Case Files

**SERIES 1**      **CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, TRANSCRIPTS, NOTES AND MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS**

**BOX 1**            **Miscellaneous Union Material 1922-1937**

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\* The Victorian Society of Journeymen Brushmakers'

Minute Book, 12 April 1922 - 22 January 1925

- The Australian Brushmakers' Union Minute Book, 22 January 1925 - 9 August 1928

**Note:** these Minute Books were given to Brodney from W.F. Ryan, Secretary of the Union

\* Royal Commission into the State Coal Mine 1923-1937 Including:

- Correspondence, proposed statements, brief for hearing, notes for union case, statement for inquiry, statements on behalf of the union and generalisation of matters affecting members regarding the Royal Commission organised to investigate the State Coal Mine disaster in Wonthaggi on 15 February 1937

Date Range: 1923-1937

**BOX 2**            **Miscellaneous Legal Cases 1935-1939**

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Including:

- Correspondence, receipts, reports, notes, contracts regarding I.E.M. Kendall property and Maurice Blackburn and Tredinnick who acted as trustees

- Material regarding Dickman Brothers Orchestra, estate of Rowcliffe, Wood and Taylor Mortgage

- Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in the matter of the Timber Merchants and Sawmillers Association of Others

1935 -1939

**BOX 3**            **Property Disputes 1935-1944**

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Including:

- Financial material regarding property disputes 1935-1938

- Correspondence, notes and transcripts of the Proceedings between W.G. Hutchenson and A.S.E. Poole, statements, photographs, newspaper clippings, 1944-1945

- Voters' Roll for the Hampton Ward, 1943-44

**BOX 4**            **Miscellaneous Arbitration Material 1939-1953**

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Including:

- Associated Power Seals, 1946

- Correspondence and extracts from Proceedings of Gas Employee Agreement,

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Manufacturing Grocers' Employees Federation, Vehicle Builders Application, AEU. Also notes on decision, affidavits, "History of Loadings", miscellaneous Minutes 1948 - 1950

- Index of Exhibits for Transcripts, 1952 - 1953
- International Labour Review, Nov 1939
- Report of the I.L.O. Conference, 1949

**BOX 5**

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**40 Hour Wage Case Files 1946-1947**

Including:

- Correspondence, notes, drafts, reports, transcripts, newspaper clippings regarding the 40 Hour Wage Case and ACTU 1946 - 1947

**BOX 6**

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**The Basic Female Wage Case 1948-1951**

Including:

- Notes from the Female Minimum Rates Case, memorandum of advice, judgement for the interpretation of Basic Wage 1948
- Adult Female Rates (1948) Extracts from various Federal Awards
- "Equal Pay for the Sexes", survey by Muriel Heagney Sections one to three, 1948
- Notes of Meeting of Commercial Clerks Wage Board, Correspondence, Transcripts from the Proceedings in the Industrial Appeals Court, Copy of the "Government Gazette", 1951

**BOX 7**

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**Federated Clerks' Union Arbitration Case Files 1949**

Including:

- Correspondence, notes, memorandum of advice, Transcripts from the Proceedings regarding an election in the Victorian Branch of FCU, orders of the Court, alterations to rules. Also copies of Federated Clerks' Union Rules and Standing Orders, 1949

**BOX 8**

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**Federated Clerks' Union Arbitration Case Files 1948- 1951**

Including:

- Correspondence, extracts, case files notes, proposals, drafts, summary of fees, transcripts regarding Federated Clerks' Union 1948 - 1951

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**Federated Clerks' Union Arbitration Case Files 1950-1951**

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- \*1436** Including:  
- Federated Clerks' Union "Nowra" Conference Case correspondence, arbitration transcripts, notes,  
Minutes and Brief for Counsel 1950 - 1951

**BOX 10**      **Shop Assistants and Warehouse Employees' Union 1957-1960**

- \*1435** Including:  
- Correspondence and Supreme Court documents involving P.B. Wearne, A. Fletcher, S. Green and The Shop Assistants and Warehouse Employees' Federation of Australia and A.Storey, 1959-1960  
- Defence of Arthur Storey  
- Answers to Interrogation, A. Storey, 1959  
- Copies of Documents of Defendants, Correspondence, SAWEU Rules and Divisional By-Laws, The Shop Assistants Annual 1960, Copies of "the Shop Assistant of Australia" 1957, Agreement between P.B. Wearne and SAWEU

**BOX 11**      **Shop Assistants and Warehouse Employees' Union 1959-1960**

- \*1438** Including:  
- Extract from Minutes of the State Council Meetings, 2 October 1957 and Arthur Storey's statement  
- Correspondence, 1958  
- Fletcher and Green material  
- Correspondence, notes and documents involving Wearne versus Fletcher and Ors.  
- Documents regarding Phillip Bennett Wearne  
- Agreements, Minutes, Proofs and Correspondence, 1960

**BOX 12**      **Shop Assistants and Warehouse Employees' Union 1959-1960**

- \*1437** Including:  
- Correspondence, Subpoena, Supreme Court Proceedings, Terms of settlement, affidavit of documents and all relating documents involving P.B. Wearne, A. Fletcher, S. Green and The Shop Assistants and Warehouse Employees' Federation of Australia and A.Storey, 1959-1960  
- Documents Fletcher and Green, 1959  
- Plaintiffs' Documents, 1959  
- Miscellaneous Documents of Shop Assistants and Warehouse Employees' Union and Arthur Storey, 1959-1960

**BOX 13**      **Miscellaneous Arbitration Material**

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- \*1439** Including:
- Wages Book (Union unknown), 1941-1945
  - Reasons for Judgement of the Supreme Court proceedings between Williams and Others versus Hursey, 1959
  - Transport Workers Union of Aust. correspondence, 1960
  - Australian Nursing correspondence and assorted material, 1963
  - Drafts, file brief, writ, interrogatories delivered on behalf for the defendant, statements, medical report and miscellaneous briefs regarding Supreme Court proceedings between Harold Arthur Young and Donald Engineering Co. Pty. Ltd., 1965

**SERIES 2**      **PRINTED MATERIAL**

**BOX 14**      **Proceedings before the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and Proceedings before the Public Service Arbitration**

- \*1440** \* Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration
- Including:
- ASE Award, 1922
  - ACSEF and others Award, 1939
  - MSGA Award, 1939
  - Federated Clerks' Union Award, 1947
  - The Clerks (Airway Operating Industry) Award, 1947
  - The Clerks (Shipping) Award, 1948, 1950
  - Tanning Industry Award, 1949
  - CPSCA Award, 1949
  - Fruit Growing Industry Award, 1949
  - The Clerks (Oil Companies) Award, 1950
  - Storemen and Packers Award, 1950
  - ATWU Award, 1950
  - Federated Coopers of Australia Award, 1951
  - VBEFA and ARU Award, 1952
  - FSPUA Award, 1971
  - \* Public Service Arbitration Determination
    - APEU Award, 1939
    - APEU Award, 1941
    - CPSCA Award, 1946 and 1947
    - AAESDA and others Award, 1947
    - Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association, 1949
    - AESDA and others Award, 1950
    - ADSTE and others Award, 1950

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- AEU Award, 1951
- ABCSOA Award, 1952
- AAPA Award, 1953
- Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union, 1953
- AFULE and others Awards, 1955
- AJA Award, 1955
- ATDTPCU and others Awards, 1955

Also

- Extract from the Public Acts of New Zealand, 1908-1931
- Miscellaneous Industrial Appeals Court material

**BOX 15**

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**Reports 1933-1957**

Including:

- International Labour Conference Report of Proceedings, Geneva 1933
- The Australian Association of Professional Engineers Transcript of Arbitration Case, 1951
- AEU Transcript of Arbitration Case, 1951
- Report on United States Senate by J. Rodgers, 1956
- Ministry of Labour Gazette, June, July, August 1956
- Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission Basic Wage Judgement, 1957

**BOX 16**

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**Reports 1938-1956**

Including:

- International Labour Conference Reports of Proceedings, Geneva 1938 and 1939
- International Labour Organisation Conference Report of Proceedings, New York 1941
- Report of the Board of Inquiry into The Landlord and Tenant Acts, 1956

**BOX 17**

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**Publications**

Including:

- U.S. Department of Labor - Decisions of Courts and Opinions Affecting Labor, 1917 and 1919-1920
- Department of Labor - Activities and Functions of a State Department of

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Labor, 1928

- "The Victorian Press - A Survey", the first Arthur Smith Memorial Lecture in Journalism by Sir Edward Cunningham, 1936
- The International Labour Office Yearbook, 1937-1938
- The Companies Act, 1938
- Social Insurance and Allied Services, Report by Sir William Beveridge, 1942
- Copy of The Annals, January 1946
- Copies of Victorian Parliamentary Debates (Hansard) 26 September 1949, 12 August 1950, 19 August 1950, 7 October 1953, 24 April 1954, 1 May 1954, 14 May 1954
- Arbitration at the Crossroads by Muriel A. Heagney, 1954
- Graphic Arts Award, 1957

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