**NAME OF COLLECTION**  
WOOD-JONES, PROF. FREDERIC

**ACCESSION NO**  
1993.0168

**CATEGORY**  
University, individuals

**ACTIVITY**  
Academics - Anthropology

**DATE RANGE**  
1932-1934

**SIZE OF COLLECTION**  
1 box

**HISTORICAL NOTE**  
Professor Frederic Wood Jones, 1879-1954, following work under Grafton Elliott Smith on the Egyptian Archaeological Survey of Nubia in 1907 FWJ obtained a series of academic posts in Britain before obtaining the Chair of Anatomy at Adelaide, 1919-26, developing the Board for Anthropological Studies there; he undertook the Rockefeller Professorship in Physical Anthropology at Hawaii 1927-30, moving to Melbourne University from 1930. In March 1934, he organised an expedition to Lake Tyers with Dr Ford and Donald Thomson as assistants to undertake a physical anthropological survey of the remaining Victorian Indigenous population of the mission.

**DATE OF TRANSFER**  
Sep 1993

**ACCESS CONDITIONS**  
Access: Part restricted

**DESCRIPTION**  
Letters from J.H. Gray to Frederic Wood Jones discussing physical traits of Australian Indigenous People, 1932; anthropometric sketches and sixty-four "Race Type" photographs of Lake Tyers population taken by D.F. Thomson as Jones's research assistant, the Victorian Museum holds a set of about twenty of these; the photographs have some annotations of names and kinship relations of the subjects; one photograph of skeletal remains in situ, Barmah Lakes, n.d.
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Materials Received Into Custody

Professor Frederic Wood-Jones:- Anatomy Department:
Physical Anthropology Materials

1 Letter from JH Gray to Professor Frederic Wood-Jones concerning findings and opinion as to a possible environmental cause of an indigenous hair formation characteristic [hair tracts]. 1934

2 Four Anthropometric comparative sketches, body and arm proportions. nd

3 Four anthropological bibliographical index cards. nd

4 Copies of six nineteenth century photographs of Victorian indigenous People. nd

5 A set of sixty-four 'Race Type' portrait photographs of People from Lake Tyers, one annotated "28 September 1934, The Argus", some annotated with name and kinship relations; mention of both Professors Frederic Wood Jones and Donald Thomson. One smaller photograph attributed to a different photographer (MacKintosh) and dated at 1932, also noting absence of the individual from Lake Tyers at the time of visitation. See F Wood-Jones "The Aborigines of Victoria", in Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science, Handbook for Victoria, (ANZAAS, 1935), for a report of the project.

6 MS list of names of those photographed, notation on back probably commenting on disposal of Victorian indigenous stone houses.

7 One photograph annotated "Aboriginal skeleton, [in situ] young female, Barmah Lakes Vict." nd

8 Also held but with different source:- One short piece of black and white (negative) nitrate footage, c.1934, showing the then Professor of Anatomy, Professor Frederic Wood-Jones, feeding and cavorting with a [Fjordland] crested penguin at his home in Albert Park. Footage also copied on Super-VHS and VHS videos, with other nitrate materials. [Nitrate in safe, video in Labour Archivist’s Room.]