



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	WILLIAM SYDNEY ROBINSON
ACCESSION NO	2001.0070
CATEGORY	Other, individuals
ACTIVITY	Company directors, Mining managers
DATE RANGE	1882-1963
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 boxes
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>W.S. Robinson was one of Australia's most influential businessmen. He and W.L. Baillieu were the major figures behind the giant Melbourne and London based empire of base and noble metals industries, the Collins House Group. As well as serving as adviser to several Australian Prime Ministers he was closely involved with many leading Australian, British and American politicians and businessmen. Through his career he was associated with all aspects of the Barrier Mines and associated industries. He travelled widely on commercial and Australian Government related matters.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	1977
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	<p>This list is the shorter summary-version of the full finding aid to the Robinson collection. It allows access to the collection by file title and date range, and is easier to navigate in a brief search than the full finding aid.</p> <p>This summary-version also functions as an index to the full finding aid.</p> <p>In the full finding aid, each letter in the first one hundred subject files has been abstracted and individually listed. The remaining 133 files are listed by file title and brief description of file content. It is best used by those researchers wishing to identify correspondence to specific people. The finding aid is searchable.</p>

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