



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd
ACCESSION NO	2007.0062
CATEGORY	Business, organisations
ACTIVITY	Manufacturers, clothing and textiles Retailers
DATE RANGE	1889-1988
SIZE OF COLLECTION	7 boxes, 6 items, photographs
HISTORICAL NOTE	The firm of retailers began when Mark Foy (1830-1884), a draper from Ireland who had owned various produce stores around the Bendigo district, set up a new drapery business in 1870 in Smith St, Collingwood. The business prospered and occupied six shops by 1880. In 1882 Foy settled the business on his son, Francis, and brought in William Gibson as Francis' partner. Francis soon departed to Sydney where he set up Mark Foy's on his own account, leaving Gibson with the Collingwood business. Gibson added manufacturing and direct importing to retailing, and acquired many subsidiary outlets in Victoria and other states. The firm was taken over by Cox Brothers Australia Ltd in 1955, which in turn was liquidated in 1968.
DATE OF TRANSFER	September 2007
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open Please note that objects (units 3-6) and other fragile items are only available by special arrangement
DESCRIPTION	Photographs c.1889-1959; catalogues 1902-1928; ledgers and letter books 1890s to 1920s; trophies and plaques; correspondence, including Service an in-house magazine c.1948-1958; employee photos. Also 'The Great War of 1914-1918 and How it Affected Foy and Gibson Pty Ltd', a hand drawn and typed bound analysis of how the war affected sales.
LISTED BY	Shirley Turner
DATE	11 December 2007, updated 31 March 2015 and 8 March 2016

Unit, Item or Image number	Description	Date
1	Correspondence – Various Includes various invoices, accounts and balance sheet for Foy & Gibson London 7 Oct 1910. Also Power of Attorney signed by William Gibson Junior appointing his father, William Gibson Senior, his Attorney, 2 Oct 1906.	1901-1911
	Correspondence – Various	1906-1912
	Many of the papers contained in these two files are in a state of deterioration with evidence of some papers having been affected by pest infestation.	
	The Great War of 1914-1918: How It Affected Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd Bound volume H: 27 x W: 21 cm	Undated
	Letter Book Includes copies of correspondence from Foy & Gibson regarding ongoing business matters. Bound volume H: 28.5 x W: 23 cm	12 Apr 1890-5 Jun 1907
	Letter Book - Private Copies of correspondence from William Gibson Senior written while overseas and interstate. Bound quarto size - H: 25.5 x W: 20.5 cm	26 Feb 1904-16 Sep 1909
	Foy's Collingwood Store Social Club Cash Book	16 Apr 1962-31 Dec 1962
	Union Bank of Australia Limited Cheque Book	1909-1910
	Union Bank of Australia Limited Collingwood Account With Messrs Foy & Gibson Bound volume H: 23.5 x W: 16 cm	13 Feb 1889-16 Apr 1890
	Rooks, Charles Ody, <i>Profit & Discount Tables</i> , Ward, Lock & Co., Limited, London and Melbourne [192-?] Inside cover printed with name, Mr L A Marshall. Includes Record of Payment Statement Month Ending 16 Sep 1967 addressed to Mr L Marshall, Store Manger, Foy's, Collingwood. Bound volume H: 22 x W: 15 cm Cover affected by mould and evidence of pest infestation.	Undated
	Foy's Dockets & Docket Holders Foy's Dockets dated Sept 1960. Two Docket Holders H: 23 x W: 13 cm One Docket Holder inscribed with 'Sunbeam. Package.'	Circa Sept 1960
2	Various Papers & Booklets Relating to Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd. Includes: Previously framed Foy & Gibson Receipt/Docket inscribed: From Foy & Gibson Late Mark Foy, To Pay: 'Other'? No: 11 Date: 11 September 1889 To: Mr Roberts, Ormwall Terrace George Street East Melbourne. Caption: Returned by Mrs E Furner 63 Church Road Carrum on 11 September 1939. (Picture framers: The Leighton Gallery of Art W & G Dean Pty Ltd, Paint & Art Merchants, Leighton House, 346 Little Collins Street, Melbourne C1. Order No. 4083); Foy's Long Service Award, awarded to Mr L Marshall for twenty-five years of	1889-1967?

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	service with Foy & Gibson Ltd (see also, Record of Payment Statement Month Ending 16 Sep 1967 addressed to Mr L Marshall, Store Manger, Foys, Collingwood); Certificate: Life Governor of the After Care Hospital 45 Victoria Parade Collingwood, 6 December 1959; Smith Street Traders Association Constitution and Rules 29 Nov 1948; Memorandum and Articles of Association of Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, printed 1936; Foy and Gibson Limited Personnel Department Training Centre – Induction Training 1963? (includes Company History) Two copies; Flyer for Gibsonia (Social) Golf Club Annual Dinner 6 Dec 1950; Flyer for Staff Reunion & Menu for Foys Male Reunion Club 25 th Anniversary Dinner; Photocopied photographs of City corner site of Foy & Gibson when purchased in 1926 and contrasting current day photograph of the Foy & Gibson Bourke Street Store, undated. Newspaper cutting from <i>The World</i> , 25 Nov 1906, regarding financial markets.	
	Newsletters Includes, <i>Foys Melbourne Central: News Service of the Month</i> , monthly news sheets Vol. 1 No. 8 November 1959 – Vol. 7 No. 5 June 1965. Published at Gibsonia House, 226 Swanston Street Melbourne. Nineteen copies and five duplicate copies; <i>Cox Bros: Newsletter</i> , February 1960 (issued from Head Office, 75 Flinders Lane Melbourne); <i>Woolies News</i> , Series 67/4 Aug 1967. Two copies.	Nov 1959-Aug 1967
	1902 Winter Catalogue No. 20 Foy & Gibson, Collingwood, Melbourne, Hay Street, Perth Some damage to spine of bound volume.	1902
	Summer Catalogue No. 57 New Series, Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, Smith Street Collingwood and Fitzroy - 1919-20. Bound volume.	1919
	Reprint of Original Catalogue – 1923 Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, Smith Street Collingwood and Fitzroy, Melbourne. Bound volume.	1923
	Spring & Summer Fashions 1924-5 Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, Smith Street Collingwood & Fitzroy, Melbourne – Catalogue. Bound volume. Evidence of damage due to pest infestation.	1924
	Spring & Summer Catalogue No. 78 1928-9 Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, Collingwood & Melbourne Bound volume. Cover & binding torn and evidence of mildew damage.	1928
	Catalogues. Includes: How to Furnish - The New Way. Suggestions tendered by Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, Smith Street Collingwood; Foys 98 th Winter Fair; Foys Christmas Catalogue.	Undated
	'Service' – Cox Brothers (Australia) Limited Bi-monthly	Oct 1947-Feb 1959

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	Publication. Booklet. Twenty-eight copies and eleven duplicate copies.	
	Addimult Addmaster £sd Mechanical Calculating Device, Serial number 806889, In steel desk case with stylus, 9 slides, 9 digit displays, Subtraction on reverse (accessed by hinging case forward), H: 18.5 x W: 12 cm	Circa 1950s?
	Foy Necktie - Brown with yellow-gold 'Foy's' embroidery. Bel-Merino Pure Wool by Trend. Made in Australia.	Undated
	Stainless-Steel Ashtray, Engraved with F&G. Underside stamped 'Paramount Ware K G Luke Melbourne'. H: 1 x D: 10 cm	Circa 1960s?
	Leather Strips, Small metal hooks attached at either end of leather strips, two. L: 12.5 x W: 1.5 cm One imprinted with 'Bussell Robson Pty Ltd (Drapers) Bourke Street Melbourne' and the other with 'Bussell Robson Pro Ltd Melbourne – Popular Drapers'. The Bussell Robson Department Store was included in the purchase of Foy & Gibson's Swanston and Bourke Streets corner site in 1926. It was the tall building to the right next to Hoyts Cinema in Bourke Street (see caption for photocopied photograph of City corner site of Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, 1926).	Circa 1920s?
3	Annually Presented Shield Engraving: Gibsonia Social Club Annual Picnic Competition – Gents One Mile Relay Race Traditional shape Australian oak shield with six engraved record shields. H: 42 x W: 40 x D: 3 cm Evidence of cracking and repair with glue on reverse side of shield.	1948-1966
4	Silver Plated Trophy Cup Engraving: Gibsonia Cup Presented By Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd 1936 Window Dressing Competition H: 31 x W: 26 cm Diameter of base of cup 14 cm Some damage to rim of cup, i.e., approximately 3 cm indentation.	1936
	Silver Plated Trophy Cup With Lid Engraving: Foy's Annual Picnic Tug-O-War Trophy Presented By F X McMahon For Annual Competition. Listing of nine winning stores 1937 – 1967. Cup: H: 38 x W: 26 x Diameter at base: 15 cm Maker's mark: P N SAM? Lid: H: 11 x Diameter at rim: 9.5 cm Brown Bakelite base: H: 8 x Diameter: 15 cm Maker's mark: A P Co. Design no.10393 (7)	1937 - 1967
5	Silver Plated Trophy Cup With Lid Engraving: Foy's Combined Social Club – The J N Watt Cup For Ladies – 75 Yards Championship – Annual Picnic. One engraved record shield attached to base: 1966 Morsheads W Widdison	1966

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	<p>Cup: H: 29 x W: 21 x Diameter at base: 9 cm Maker's mark: Triple Plate Du...rry by Paramount EP NS AI Lid: H: 9 x Diameter: 11 cm Evidence of silver plating wearing off lid. Brown Bakelite base: H: 9 x Diameter: 15 cm 3 cm chip damage on rim of Bakelite base</p>	
6	<p>Silver Plated Trophy Cup Engraving: Use More Wool Window Dressing Comp'tn 1934 First Prize General Display, Suburban Section won by L Marshall. Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd. H: 21 x W: 17.5 x Diameter at base: 8.5 cm Evidence of silver plating wearing off base.</p>	1934
	<p>Silver Plated Trophy Cup Engraving: Smith St Traders carnival September 1936 Window Dressing Competition First Prize Dry Goods Display, Dressed by L Marshall. H: 27 x W: 17.5 x Diameter at base: 11 cm Measurements include Bakelite base. Evidence of silver plating wearing off cup.</p>	Sep 1936
	<p>Silver Plated Trophy Cup Lid H: 11 x Diameter: 10 cm</p>	undated
7	<p>Glass Framed Certificate of Appreciation presented to Laurence Askam Marshall by the Smith St Traders & the Chamber of Commerce 5 December 1967 on severance of Mr Marshall's long connection with Foy & Gibson Ltd and consequently with Collingwood & Fitzroy Chamber of Commerce. Mr Marshall entered the service of Foy & Gibson Ltd 6 January 1928 and in January 1960 to the command of the Smith Street store. H: 53 x W: 36 cm</p>	5 Dec 1967
	<p>Three framed under glass black & white photographs/newspaper prints? depicting Foy & Gibson furniture transport vehicles Caption: We Travel The Road – 1890, 1914 & 1941. Frame: H: 17.5 x W: 53.5 cm Photographs/newspaper prints: H: 9.5 x W: 14.5 cm</p>	Circa 1940s
	<p>Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd The Department Store Hay Street Perth? – see delivery van depicted at front of store, has signage, 'Foy & Gibson Propty Ltd The Department Store Hay St Perth' [Photographer: C E Farr Photo, Perth, WA]. 'The Valley Store, Brisbane' written on back of mounting. H: 15 x W: 20.3 cm</p>	Undated
	<p>Black & white photograph – Delivery Van, Foy & Gibson Propty Ltd The Department Store Hay St Perth [Photographer: C E Farr Photo, Perth, WA] H: 15 x W: 20.3 cm</p>	Undated
	<p>Black & white photograph – Delivery Van, Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd Smith St Collingwood Store</p>	Undated

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	H: 15 x W: 20 cm	
	Sepia tone photograph – Foy & Gibson, Rundle Street Adelaide H: 19.2 x W: 23.8 cm	Undated
	Sepia tone photograph – Foy & Gibson Extensions, Perth, two copies. H: 14.5 x W: 20 cm	Undated
	Sepia tone photograph – Foys, Furniture Factory, Perth [Photographer: Edgar Evans, 636 Hay Street] H: 14.5 x W: 20 cm	Undated
	Sepia tone photograph – Foy & Gibson New Furniture Factory, Perth WA H: 15 x W: 20.7 cm	Undated
	Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson, The Valley Store, Brisbane [1903 inscribed on building signage] H: 15 x W: 20 cm	Undated
	Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson, Eagley Mills, Collingwood [staff photograph inscribed with staff names] H: 15 x W: 20 cm	Undated
	Sepia tone photograph – Scouring & Willey House Staff [Collingwood?] H: 15.5 x W: 20.5 cm	Undated
	Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson, Football Team Members H: 29.5 x W: 37.5 cm	1922
	Black ink? Portrait of adult male signed by Fetwah? Collings London. W. H: 35 x W: 25.5 cm	Undated
	Sepia tone photograph – Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, Department Store Hay Street Perth WA [Photographer: Greenham & Evans, Perth] Two Copies H: 23.5 x W: 29 cm	Undated
	Sepia tone photograph – Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, Department Store Hay Street Perth WA [Photographer: Greenham & Evans, Perth] Three Copies H: 26.5 x W: 22 cm	Undated
BWP 9832	Sepia tone photograph – early model automobile [Collingwood?] H: 15 x W: 20 cm Photograph in poor condition. Appears to have been subjected to mould & water damage.	Undated
BWP 9833	Black & white photograph– Foy & Gibson Hay Street Perth Horse Drawn Delivery Carriage Caption on reverse side: First Prize Delivery [Photographer: Webb & Webb, Hay St Near Barrack Street Perth]. H: 11.5 x W: 16 cm	Undated

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BWP 9834	Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd Smith St Collingwood Store H: 17.5 x W: 24 cm	1895
BWP 9835	Sepia tone photograph – Foy & Gibson Outlet, Perth Show H: 15.5 x W: 20.7 cm Photograph in poor condition. Subjected to water stains? & tearing.	1907
BWP 9836	Sepia tone photograph – Delivery Van, Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd Smith St Collingwood Store H: 15.3 x W: 20.5 cm	Undated
BWP 9837	Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd Smith St Collingwood Store H: 18 x W: 24.5 cm	Undated
BWP 9838	Black & white photograph – Welcome to the Duke & Duchess from the Smith St Traders Association H: 16.5 x W: 20.5 cm	Undated
BWP 9839	Black & white photograph – Foys Christmas Sale [Photographer: C J Frazer, 154 Little Collins Street Melbourne] H: 13.5 x W: 19.3 cm	Undated
BWP 9840	Sepia tone photograph – Foy & Gibson New Extensions, Perth H: 14.5 x W: 20 cm	Undated
BWP 9841	Sepia tone photograph – Foy & Gibson Street Parade? H: 7.7 x W: 13.5 cm	Undated
BWP 9842	Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd, Corner Bourke and Swanston Streets Store H: 15.8 x W: 11.5 cm	Undated
BWP 9843	Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson Pty Ltd Smith Street Collingwood Store? [1895 inscribed on building facade] H: 19 x W: 24.5 cm	Undated
BWP 9844 & 9845	Black & white photograph – Donation of Ambulance by the Staff of Foy & Gibson 176 Smith Street Collingwood Two copies. H: 19.3 x W: 24.8 cms & H: 14 x W: 19 cm	Undated
BWP 9846 & 9847	Black & white photograph – Staff Group Photograph H: 15 x W: 24.7 cms & H: 14 x W: 24.3 cm	Undated
BWP 9848	Black & white photograph – Foy & Gibson Member of Staff Presenting Bouquet to Lady Richardson. H: 19 x W: 24.5 cm	Undated
BWP 9849	Black & white photograph – Group of Seven Suited Men Toasting With Full Beer Glasses. H: 18.5 x W: 24.5 cm	Undated
BWP 9850	Black & white photograph – Family Function in the Park Group Photograph H: 12.5 x W: 18 cm	Undated
BWP	Black & white photograph – Foys Red Cross Drive ('Help	Undated

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9851	Us To Help The Boys'). [Photographer: C J Frazer, 154 Little Collins Street Melbourne] H: 14 x W: 19 cm	
BWP 9852	Black & white photograph – Social Function Group Photograph H: 15 x W: 20.5 cm	Undated
Item 1	Ledger, Two large bolts binding volume protrude additional 3-4 cm H: 62 x W: 50 x D: 8 cm Includes, news cuttings; correspondence; invoices; balance sheets; photographs of social events, sporting club members and a National Bank of Australasia cheque for one million one hundred and fifty-six thousand and six hundred and fifty-five pounds, payer G J Coles & Coy Limited, payee Foy & Gibson Ltd, dated 22 June 1951; ephemera such as, advertising posters; store catalogues; passenger ship tickets; and program flyers for various Foy & Gibson social events and clubs. Papers and photographs have been glued to ledger pages. There is substantial evidence of water damage and pest infestation.	1890-1988
Item 2	Large Volume, Inscribed with 'Foys Saturday 16 Nov 1963 to ...' Holds news cuttings advertising Foy & Gibson's forthcoming sales. Significantly affected by mould. H: 63 x W: 54 D: 8 cm	1963-1965
Item 3	Glass Framed Staff Group Black & White Photographs Includes seven photographs. Significant crack in glass and substantial water & mould damage to lower photographs and mount. H: 77 x W: 49 cm	Undated
Item 4	Glass Framed News Cuttings Includes three news cuttings from <i>The Herald</i> evening edition 30 January 1935, announcing intention to construct new Foy & Gibson store on the corner of Bourke and Swanston Streets, Melbourne and subsequent 'Foys Great Rebuilding Sale'. Also, second news cutting with caption, 'Foy's New Store to Cost £250,000' and third news cutting with caption, 'Foy & Gibson's Contracts For New Stores – Now let for £160,000, work to proceed at once' Significant crack in glass and substantial water & mould damage to lower photographs and mount. H: 74 x W: 75 cm	30 Jan 1935
Item 5	Glass Cabinet Holding Silver Plated Trophy Cup with Bakelite Base Inscribed with: Foy & Gibson Ltd Gibsonia Cup; FLOOR COVERINGS & TOYS JULY 1962; FURNITURE JANUARY 1963; FLOOR COVERINGS JULY 1963; FURNITURE JANUARY 1964. Glass cabinet: H: 53 x W: 41.5 D: 52 cm	Jul 1962 – Jan 1964

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