

Reference Number: **1977.0068**Collection/Series Title: **RITCHIE FAMILY RECORDS**

<b>Creator</b>	Ritchie, Mr Robert Blackwood
<b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>	
<b>Creator's Historical Note</b> <p>Robert Blackwood Ritchie was born in Scotland in 1861 the first son of Daniel Ritchie and Janet Roy. After the completion of his education in Scotland, he settled in Australia in order to run the Blackwood property becoming a member of the Victorian Legislative Council for Western Province between 1903 and 1907. Robert had two children Robert (Robin) Blackwood Ritchie and Alan Blackwood Ritchie who he sent back to Scotland to be educated. He also resettled in Scotland in order to look after them passing on full responsibility for Blackwood to the farm manager Charles Coldham. Tragically, his eldest son Robin was killed fighting in France during World War 1. Following Robins death, he sold Blackwood (although the property was to later come back into family hands). He also made a donation of 30,000 pounds (in memory of Robin) to the University of Melbourne in 1927 for the establishment of a Chair of Economics and contributed 2,200 pounds to the establishment of a Penshurst Mechanics Hall. He died in Scotland in 1937.</p>	
<b>Date Range of Collection/Series</b>	1852-1950
<b>Size/Extent</b>	5 files
<b>Access Conditions</b>	Access: Open
<b>Scope and Content of Collection/Series</b> <p>Daniel Ritchie's Grand Lodge of Scotland membership certificate, 1852; school report 1904; letter from Coldham to R.B. Ritchie with a list of household effects, R.B. Ritchie 1950.</p>	
<b>Collection Category</b>	Business, organisations
<b>This document dated</b>	8/12/2014

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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range
1977.0068 Unit 1	1977.0068.0001	Daniel Ritchie's Grand Lodge of Scotland membership certificate	1852
1977.0068 Unit 1	1977.0068.0002	School Report	29 February 1904
1977.0068 Unit 1	1977.0068.0003	Letter from Coldham to RB Ritchie	5 July 1910
1977.0068 Unit 1	1977.0068.0004	List of use household furniture belonging to Mr. A.B. Ritchie, packed into 3 export cases at Jenners' Depository Edinburgh for shipment to Melbourne	19 July 1950
1977.0068 Unit 1	1977.0068.0005	Copy of Last Will and Testament and Relative Codicil of Robert Blackwood Ritchie	4 September 1950

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