



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	105/102 (formerly NAA M2048)
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers, Politicians, Farmers
DATE RANGE	1957–1967
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.08 metres (1 box)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>John Malcolm Fraser was born in Toorak, Melbourne on 21 May 1930.</p> <p>His grandfather, Sir Simon Fraser (1832–1919), had emigrated from Canada in 1853, initially to work as a prospector, but later moving into business, farming and politics. He was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly in 1874 and later served as a delegate to the Australasian Federal Convention (1897–1898) and a senator representing the Free Trade Party (1901–1913).</p> <p>Malcolm’s father, John Neville Fraser (1890–1962), studied law at the University of Oxford, but on his return to Australia concerned himself largely with his work as a pastoralist. In 1926, he married Una Woolf. Neville and Una had two children: Lorraine (1926–) and (John) Malcolm (1930–).</p> <p>The Fraser family lived at Balpool-Nyang near Moulamein in New South Wales before moving to ‘Nareen’, a station in western Victoria, in 1943. During this period Malcolm attended Tudor House School in New South Wales (1940–1943) and Melbourne Grammar (1944–1948). In 1949, he was admitted to the University of Oxford to study ‘Modern Greats’ (Politics, Philosophy and Economics).</p> <p>After graduating, Malcolm Fraser returned to Victoria and decided to embark on a political career. He succeeded in being elected as Liberal member for the seat of Wannon in western Victoria at his second attempt in 1955. A backbencher under Menzies for ten years, Fraser gained his first cabinet post as Minister for the Army under Prime Minister Harold Holt in 1966. He went on to become Minister for Education and Science (1968–1969 and 1971–1972) and Minister for Defence (1969–1971).</p>

	<p>Following the Labor government's election win in 1972, he served as Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations. He became leader of the Liberal Party in March 1975 and in November became caretaker Prime Minister after the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, dismissed the Whitlam government. He was returned to office through election victories in 1975, 1977 and 1980, before losing to Bob Hawke at the 1983 election. He resigned from politics in March 1983.</p> <p>Following his formal political career, Malcolm Fraser has continued a presence on the world stage, as Chair of the United Nations Panel of Eminent Persons on the Role of Transnational Corporations in South Africa (1985); as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Group of Eminent Persons campaigning for an end to apartheid in South Africa (1985–1986); and Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Issues (1989–1990). In 1987 he founded CARE Australia, the country's largest non-political and non-religious overseas aid organisation and was president of CARE International from 1990 to 1995. In 1997, he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections.</p> <p>Malcolm Fraser remains actively interested in issues associated with human rights, multiculturalism and reconciliation with indigenous Australians. He has been highly critical of the Howard government's involvement in the war in Iraq, as well as of its treatment of asylum seekers.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	March 2005
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	<p>This series consists of two books which apparently belonged to former Prime Minister, J M (Malcolm) Fraser, and one (an atlas) that may have belonged to his son, Mark Fraser. They are:</p> <p>Noack, Rev. FW, <i>The Theory of Evolution in the Light of Scripture and Nature</i>, 2nd ed, 1957 (21.5 x 14.0 cm, orange cover, inscribed)</p> <p>Noack, Rev F W, <i>The Theory of Evolution in the Light of Scripture and Nature</i>, 3rd ed, 1958 (21.5 x 14.0 cm, red cover)</p> <p>Fullard, Harold, ed., <i>Philips' Modern School Atlas</i>, 65th ed., 1967 (28.5 x 22.5 cm, blue cover, inscribed)</p> <p>Apart from the two inscriptions the books are not otherwise annotated.</p> <p>The two books by Rev F W Noack were given to Malcolm Fraser by the</p>

	author's father J F Noack, a resident of Horsham, in 1958 (see Fraser, John Malcolm, Acc. No. 105/73, file 92 for correspondence between J M Fraser and J F Noack).
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	Not listed; all titles are recorded in 'Description' above.
LISTED BY	Peter Bode; amended by Caitlin Stone
DATE	16 October 2008