



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	a'BECKETT, Thomas Turner (Sir)
ACCESSION NO	104/25
CATEGORY	Business, individuals
ACTIVITY	Lawyers, politicians,
DATE RANGE	1839 - 1883
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.0265 metres
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Thomas Turner a'Beckett was born in London on 13 Sep 1808, the second son of a solicitor. He was educated at Westminster School; studied law at Lincoln's Inn and was admitted as a solicitor and attorney in 1829. He practiced with his father in London until he emigrated to Victoria in 1850. In Melbourne he practiced as a solicitor and notary public and served as a MLC for over twenty five years. As a businessman a'Beckett served on numerous boards including the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company where he was chairman for more than twenty years. He was also registrar of the Anglican diocese from 1854 to 1887. He died at Brighton, Victoria on 1 Jul 1892.</p> <p>a'Beckett acted as a solicitor on behalf of the Montefiore brothers as their papers show.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	5 August 2004
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Correspondence (1851-1883), Legal deeds (1839-1875)
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	The deeds are not listed separately
LISTED BY	T J Hart
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	1/1	Correspondence and accounts re Montefiore brothers activities in Victoria. [Relates particularly to Jacob and Pristina Lydia Montefiore and Siebel and Montefiore]	30 May 1851 – 15 Dec 1875
	1/2	Legal Deeds – Australia [Crown grants, conveyances, agreements including property in South Australia, Melbourne and Portland]	10 May 1839 - 31 Dec 1853
		Legal Deeds – England [deeds relating to lands in Australia; bankruptcy documents Jacob & Joseph Barrow Montefiore]	2 Nov 1843 – 2 Aug 1852
2	2	Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway	
	2/1	Letters Inward to TT a'Beckett both personal and as chairman of the company [mostly from his wives' (1 st Elizabeth then 2 nd [Laura] Jane Stuckey) brother William Stuckey as London agent of the company. Stuckey's letters include personal matters. [Includes appeal by Samuel Thatcher, Sandridge, for financial assistance.]	15 Feb 1878 – 22 Mar 1883

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