

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION:	D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd
ACCESSION NO:	103/23
CATEGORY:	Business, organisations
ACTIVITY:	Publishers
DATE RANGE:	1920s - 1981
SIZE OF COLLECTION:	17 cms (one archives box)
DATE OF TRANSFER:	27 June 2003
ACCESS CONDITIONS:	Open
HISTORICAL NOTE:	<p>The firm was established by Daniel Wrixon Thorpe (1889-1976) in 1921 and founded book and stationery trade journals, which, from 1928, included <i>All About Books for Australian and new Zealand Readers</i>. In 1956 the firm introduced <i>Australian Books in Print</i>. D.W. Thorpe was active in professional bodies such as the Associated Booksellers' of Australia and New Zealand, of which he was Secretary from 1925-1949. His daughter, Joyce Nicholson, became Managing Director in 1968 and later sole owner. The firm was sold in 1987 to Macpherson's [sic] Pty. Ltd., who later sold it to Reed Books. While MD of the firm, Joyce helped found HOW, Hearing Other Women (1982), and Sisters Publishing (1978), and The Linen Press (1976).</p>
DESCRIPTION:	<p>Material relating to D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd including the transfer and sale of shares; material relating to the Australian Booksellers' Association and other professional bodies that D.W. Thorpe was involved in.</p>
NOTE ON COLLECTION:	<p>This material came to UMA via Special Collections It was donated by Joyce Nicholson at the time that Special Collections acquired her book collection.</p>
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DATE:	15 August 2003

Box No	Series No	Description	Dates
1	1	<u>D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd</u>	
		Documents relating to:	
1	1/1	Memorandum and Articles of Association [Photocopy]	1948
1	1/2	Balance sheets	1972 – 1976
1	1/3	Share transfers and sales. Incl share register	1948 – 1981
1	1/4	Advertising rates, production schedules	1960 – 1971
1	1/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuscript by D.W. Thorpe, <i>Looking back 70 years</i> [misc. pages only] • Typescript biography of D.W. Thorpe [author unknown] 	n.d.
1	1/6	Tributes to D.W. Thorpe. Incl dinner menu and verse by Maurice Cadsky.	1947 – 1959
1	1/7	384 Spencer St., Melbourne [business premises of firm].	1959 - 1965
1	1/8	Certificate of registration of a business name for 'All about books'.	1931
1	2	<u>Australian Booksellers' Association [ABA] and other professional bodies</u>	
1	2/1	Rules and Constitutions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABA, NSW branch • ABA, Qld branch • ABA, National branch • Association of Booksellers of Australia & NZ • The Stationers' Association of Victoria • NSW Booksellers' Association • Victorian Retail Booksellers' and Newsagents' Association 	n.d. n.d. 1951 1924 1925 1958 n.d.
		Conference reports of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victorian Newsagents' Association • Association of Booksellers of Australia & NZ • NZ Retail Booksellers Association 	1938 1925 1921
		Conference programmes for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Booksellers of Australia & NZ 	1925 & 1927
1	2/2	Publications giving accounts of the British Worshipful Company of Stationers and the early days of Melbourne bookselling [4 booklets]	

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1	2/3	Photographs of Australian booksellers' conferences [mainly group portraits of delegates] . <i>Photos need to be processed</i>	1920s
1	2/4	'Fellowship of Australian Booksellers': Photographic prints of biographies of early Australian booksellers [31 p] [Location of original unknown]	1949 - 1955
1	2/5	Miscellaneous: proformas of the ABA and the Publishers Association of Australia and the Publishers Association of Great Britain.	n.d.

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