



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Howden and Lyell</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	<b>66/18</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Business, organisations
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Accountants
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1863 - 1921
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	7 boxes, plans and objects
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	J. McAlister Howden joined the Melbourne accounting firm of Gowan and Lyell in 1868. In succeeding years, notably the land boom years of the 1880s, the firm was increasingly drawn into company flotation and land speculation, before being taken over in 1885 by B.J. Fink, reconstructed as Mercantile Finance Co. and becoming one of the spectacular failures of the 1890s. Both Howden and Lyell continued their involvement in the profession.
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	29 Nov 1966
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Accounts and legal deeds of the firm 1867-1905; private correspondence and accounts of Howden, 1867-1898; family papers and photographs.</p> <p>Altona Beach estates: Correspondence and legal agreements 1900, 1911-1912; scrip and debenture certificates 1910-1916; register of prospective purchasers 1917-1918. Melbourne and Altona Colliery Co.: Cash book 1908-1921; plans and maps 1887, 1920. Mercantile Finance Trustees &amp; Agency Co. of Australia Ltd.: Letterbook 1889; report of liquidators, 1894. Melbourne &amp; Hobson' Bay United Railway Co.: Newspaper cuttings 1863. Metropolitan Electric Tram and Estate Corporation: Correspondence 1911-1912.</p> <p>Andrew Lyell (also in partnership with Isaac Younghusband during the 1870's buying and selling pastoral properties around Benalla): Letter of trip to England, 1869; partnership legal deeds and correspondence, 1872-1880.</p>

<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	
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<b>LISTED BY</b>	<b>Richard Burt</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Aug 2005</b>

<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Series date range</b>
		<i>Box listing.</i>	
1		Andrew Lyell, obituaries from <i>The Journal of Commerce</i> , 26 Dec 1897; [Melbourne Herald, Saturday evening edition, 18 December 1897]; <i>The Melbourne Herald</i> , 19 December 1897 ( <i>sic</i> ); [torn and part missing – Untitled]	Dec 1897
1		John McAlister Howden – proof copy of a biographical entry [untitled]	After 1919
		<b>Publications</b>	
		Handbook: <i>The Accountant's Compendium</i> , Sidney Stanley Dawson, London, 1898	1898
		The Incorporated Institute of Accountants, Victoria, History, Reports 1907 [includes photograph of Andrew Lyell, who was president in 1894]	1907
		<b>Photographs</b>	
1		J. McA. Howden & wife (Charlotte née Lyell) with the son and grand-daughter	
		J. McA. Howden & wife “soon after marriage”	c. 1881
		“Parana” Brighton, with child in foreground - occupied by the Howden's between 1886 and 1893 {J.P. Lind photo}	c. 1886-1893
		Princes Street [Edinburgh?] – street scene with traffic [Photo by J.P. Lind, Chapel St. Windsor]	
		City of Melbourne Rifle Club – Ashburton & Glen Iris	7 Jun 1915
		Ditto? Ashburton and Glen Iris	31 July 1915
		Andrew Lyell [copy by Sidney Riley?]	nd., but published in 1907
		Three children in garden [presumably at “Parana”, Brighton]	c. 1892
		Mrs. Howden with her four children in garden at “Parana”	c. 1892
1		Scotch College ephemera [all four Howden sons attended Scotch College, Melbourne] Old Scotch College Collegians' Club – annual reports 1917-19; prospectus for War memorial; Centenary celebrations (1951); photograph of masters, with key (c1900)	c 1900
		City of Melbourne Rifle Club / Reserve Forces – Lyell McAlister Howden; includes Howden's appointment to Reserve Forces, Universal Training Regulations; Foundation of Citizens Rifle Club; Members listing and office bearers;	1915 - 1928

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		Marksman's Certificate	
		Lyell Family Certificates – Marriage 1859, Andrew Lyell and Charlotte Owens; Birth 1872, Jessie Ada Lyell [7 <sup>th</sup> child]	1859 -
		John Howden Endowment – Kilmore Presbyterian Church	1888 - 1965
		Lyell McA. Howden – Application for registration as Trustee under Insolvency Act	1913
		Lyell McAlister Howden – History notes relating to family firm and notes of an interview conducted by Frank Strahan in 1968. Includes typescript of a letter dated 2 June 1893 from L McA. Howden to Col. Templeton.	1951- 1968
1		Ledger – (f.1) Profit and Loss Accounts and Balance Sheets; (f.102) Capital Accounts for partners; (f.305) Leasehold titles as examined by A. Lyell as at 30 Mar. 1874; (f.309) Leases granted by C.H. & Co. (1874-75); ( <i>back page</i> ) Abstract of Deed signed 15 Mar 1875 transferring interest of A. Cummings to surviving partners.	1 Aug 1872 – 12 Feb 1876
1		Ledger – Balance Sheets and various journal and ledger accounts	31 July 1875 – 31 Jan 1880
1		Ledger – Private accounts of John McAlister Howden	14 Feb 1876 – 31 Jan 1881
1		Ledger – J. McA. Howden	14 Jul 1881 - 1882
2		Letters outward of Andrew Lyell (press copies) whilst visiting Britain. Contains much concerning his family and the business.	18 Jun 1869 – 6 Oct 1869
2		Ledger – relating to land transactions.	14 Jul 1888 – 28 Feb 1889
2		Deed of Transfer of Partnership Interests – Andrew Lyell to John McA. Howden (with a duplicate copy). Andrew Lyell transfers his share in Lyell and Co. to Howden.	11 Jul 1885
2		Declaration of Trust between Andrew Lyell, Charlotte Lyell, his wife, David Beath and George Pash relating to the settlement of various assets upon Charlotte Lyell and her children.	8 Jun 1881
2		Deed of Appointment of new trustee and Assignment of Trust Premises – David Beath and George Horne to George Pash	11 Aug 1880
2		Deed of Appointment of new trustee and assignment of Trust premises, David Beath and George Pash to John McAlister Howden	20 Jan 1898
2		Cummings Henry and Co. of River Don and Launceston, Tasmania – Memorandum of Agreement. between Edwin Cummings and	20 Apr 1876

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		John Henry & Andrew Lyell. Dissolution of partnership – Cummings retires and obtains Launceston part of the business	
2		Submarine Boat Syndicate – Memorandum of Agreement (unsigned) Percy Henry Shailer, Sydney (vendedor), and Alexander Davidson Fraser on behalf of a syndicate to purchase Shailer's patent for a submarine boat.	1905
2		Agents' description and valuation of "Woodlands" at Oaklands	Dec 1910
2		Lease (leading page not extant) of a commercial building – The Baillieu Proprietary Company one of the parties signing.	1 May 1912
2		Probate – William Howden, late of Lancefield, Carpenter (26 Oct 1865); James Howden, late of Lewisham Rd, Prahran, formerly Boot and Shoe Dealer (6 July 1885); Letters of Administration – Andrew Lyell, late of Craigievan, The Avenue, Windsor and Queenstreet, Public Accountant (1 Feb 1898)	1865 - 1898
2		Settlements – of three Policies of Assurance for benefit of Wife and Children. Andrew Lyell to Messrs. Beath & Horne; also J.G. Gowan and another to Messrs. D. Beath and G. Horne.	23 Dec 1867- 3 Nov 1868
2		Certificates of Title – Andrew Lyell – Town of Formby, Tasmania (1875); John McAlister Howden – Altona (1918)	1875 - 1918
2		Langlands Foundry Company Limited. Liquidator's report and Balance Sheet as at 27 Aug 1897	4 Oct 1897
2		Letter (rough copy). W.C. Cameron to J. McA. Howden – refers to financial problems of Illawarra; "things in Melbourne are very sick and I am afraid will be more so..." City Property Company - "The Block is to be opened by the Mayor on Thursday with Champagne and Tucker."	3 Oct 1893
2		Illawarra Harbour & Land Corporation – Plan, Memorandum & Articles of Association (1888); Report from Select Committee, NSW Leg. Assembly. On the Illawarra Harbour and Corporation Bill (1889) [in poor condition]	20 Oct 1888 – 17 Dec 1889
		Publications: - Historical Memento of The Opening of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia at Melbourne May 1901; Reprint – Fairfield Vineyard, by "The Vagabond" (1894) - George Francis Morris	
		Maps and Plans – Including London (1897),	

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		Broadbent's Road and Railway Guide to Central Victoria; South Gippsland;	
2		Howden, J. McA. – notebook, including a sketch of Toolangi (1895)	c.1888 - 1895
2		Howden, J. McA. – notebook, including names and addresses of English and Scottish contacts	
3		Memorandum and Articles of association – The Altona Syndicate Ltd (Parent Private Company) 2 copies “For private circulation only”. Memorandum of association of “Altona Estate Limited” 2 copies	1908 1909
3		List showing State land tax totals (8 pages)	1919
3		Lists of ‘lots’ in estate (3 pages) Other rough notes on scraps of paper(no dates)	1934
3		2 typed statements concerning ‘consents’ given for building and alterations by Altona Beach Estates; Declaration by Edward Anthony Livi explaining policy (no date); Statutory Declaration by Lyell McAlister Howden, confirming details of Altona Beach Estates Limited and ‘consent’ policy (1969) (Prepared by Fowler & Hick Solicitors)	1969
3		-Share and Debenture records Share certificate Altona Beach Estates Ltd (1000 shares) in name of Lyell McAlister Howden, 2 letters accompanying shares 1928 Share certificate Melbourne & Altona Colliery Company (250 shares) in name of Lyell McAlister Howden 1910 7 Debenture certificates issued by Altona Beach Estates Ltd, transferred to ownership of L. McA. Howden February 1921	1928 1910 August 1916
3		Correspondence re ‘Consents’ given by Altona Beach Estate Ltd to parties undertaking building or development within estate lot A1 (Note: ‘Consents’ are the routine approval for building or alteration work undertaken within the estate )	1943-1970
3		Correspondence re ‘Consents’ given by Altona Beach Estate Ltd to parties undertaking building or development within estate lot A2	1948-1966
3		Correspondence re ‘Consents’ given by Altona Beach Estate Ltd to parties undertaking building or development within estate lot A3	1925-1954
3		Correspondence re ‘Consents’ given by Altona Beach Estate Ltd to parties undertaking building or development within estate lot B1	1932-1954

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3		Correspondence re 'Consents' given by Altona Beach Estate Ltd to parties undertaking building or development within estate lot B2	1928-1965
3		Correspondence re 'Consents' given by Altona Beach Estate Ltd to parties undertaking building or development within estate lot B3	1929-1970
3		Correspondence re 'Consents' given by Altona Beach Estate Ltd to parties undertaking building or development within estate lot 'Misc'	1905-1967
4		Ledger containing,  "Altona Estate: Register of Perspective Purchases" Pg 1-30 "Altona Beach Estates Ltd: re notification" Altona Estate register of notification of land tax obligations to purchasers of property within estate (Shire of Werribee, State and Federal land tax) pg 50-93, pg 99-162, p202	C. 1917  1919-1950
4	(1) Envelope.	Cables and letters (ts & ms) B.O.V. (Bank of Victoria) Melbourne to B.O.V. London. Altona Estates Précis of cables and letters. Synopsis of cables, (no year given). Cables between Victoria and London.	04/11/1911 – 12/02/1912  25/07/1910 – 02/09/1911 14/09/???? – 13/10/???? 11/08/1911 – 25/08/1911
4	(2)	Cables- (ts & ms) International Between W.H. Crocker (Melbourne) and David Melvin (London) All cables headed "Spilantes" Originals in Correspondence	28/08/1911 – 29/12/1911
4	(3)	Cables- (ts & ms) "Melbourne Electric Tram and Estate Corporation Ltd"	05/01/1912 – 25/07/1912
4	(4)	Cables- (ts & ms) "Melbourne Electric Tram and Estate Corporation Ltd"	09/08/1912 – 09/10/1912
4	(5)	Report and Valuation (ts)- "Altona Estate" prepared by Mr. David Melvin Pamphlet (ts) - "Production of Electrical Brown Coal? Morwell or Altona" ( Melbourne: Arbuckle, Waddell Printers) Letter Proposing a Hydraulic jet Ferry service for Williamstown (ms) (Samuel Bradshaw) 3 Letters concerning Altona Colliery (ts)	16/03/1910  Feb 1920  24/10/1911  C. 1907
4	(6)	Prospectus (ts)- "The Melbourne Coal Land and Electric Power Company Ltd" (amended draft). Report No 11 (ts) "Better Communications Committee (2 copies).	1912  17/10/1912

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		<p>Business Card- Lyell McA. Howden Power of Attorney (ts) between William Henry Croaker and David Melvin (Attorney), for when Melvin is in London, re Altona Estates. Prospectus and Summary of share capital (ts). Memos (ms) "Memo re Altona Estate. Memo (ms) "re Altona Estate". Synopsis of Deed of Agreement (ms) "Williamstown Tramway, Light and Power Concession" (Date of agreement 05/12/1911) Statements of financial position(ms) "Melbourne Coal, Land and Electric Power Ltd" (includes, position, value and details of capital and bond distribution) Document (ms) "Altona Township". Letter (ms) From David Melvin to unknown recipient re legal advice. Document (ms) advice regarding "concession agreement".</p>	<p>(no-date) 09/10/1910  C. 1908 10/19/1911 C.1912 (no date of creation)  C. 1911  (no date) (no date) 02/09/2005</p>
4	(7)	Misc' materials re "Metropolitan Electric Tram and Estate corporation Ltd" (memos, undated cables, forms, tram timetables)	1910 - 1912
4	(8)	<p>Correspondence (ts &amp; ms) Between David Melvin (In London Acting for "Altona Estate") &amp; W.H. Croaker, F.G Hughes. Postcard (France from David Melvin to F.G. Hughes). Correspondence (ts) between W.H. Croaker &amp; F.A. McCarty &amp; CO. (Consulting Electrical Engineers). Letter to W.H. Croaker (ms). Letter from David Melvin to Mr. Hobson (ms).</p>	<p>25/07/1910 – 15/08/1911  28/08/1910  16/04/1910 – 24/05/1910  10/04/2005 05/12/1910</p>
4	(9)	<p>Letters applying for shares of "Metropolitan Electric Trams &amp; Estate Corporation Ltd". Correspondence between "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd" and David Melvin (ts). Correspondence (ts) re approval of tram service and routes by Williamstown Council. Correspondence (ts &amp; ms) between Croaker, Howden and F.G. Hughes re negotiations in London. News clippings. Other Correspondence (ms)</p>	<p>30/06/1911 – 30/08/1911  15/08/1911 – 23/08/1911  31/03/1911 – 22/07/1911  30/05/1911 – 15/08/1911  C. 1911</p>
4	(10)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd" re London negotiations.	01/09/1911 – 31/10/1911



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4	(11)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	01/11/1911 – 30/11/1911
4	(12)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	06/12/1911 – 29/12/1911
4	(13)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	05/06/1912 – 31/07/1912
4	(14)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	02/01/1912 – 30/01/1912
4	(15)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	02/02/1912 – 29/03/1912
4	(16)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	03/04/1912 – 31/05/1912
4	(17)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	02/08/1912 – 31/08/1912
4	(18)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	02/09/1912 – 28/09/1912
4	(19)	Correspondence (ts & ms) "Metropolitan Electric Trams and Estate Corporation Ltd"	01/11/1912 -29/11/1912 & 03/11/1913
5		"Lyell & Younghusband" Correspondence(ms), re pastoral holdings Benalla area.	C. 1870s
5		"Lyell & Younghusband" Correspondence (ms) & financial documents, re pastoral holdings Benalla area.	C. 1870s
5		"Lyell & Younghusband" Mortgages (land),	1873 and 1877
5		"Lyell & Younghusband" Extracts from title; sale of Terrick Terrick West Station.	1873
5		"Lyell & Younghusband" Land transfers	1873 and 1877
		"Rosstown Junction Railway and Property Company Ltd"; Memorandum on company.	(no date)
		"Rosstown Junction Railway and Property Company Ltd"; Costing for construction of Railway.	1888
		Details concerning Disposal of "Rosstown Railway".	22 & 28 Aug 1899
5		Plans, "Rosstown Junction Railway"	C. 1888
6		"The City Property Comp Ltd" Fire Insurance register (small volume)	C. 1900
6		Letter (ts) by J. McA. Howden read at meeting; "Mercantile Finance Trustees and Agency Co of Australia Ltd" (photocopy of letter included, original fragile)	04/09/1894
6		News-paper clippings; "Melbourne & Hobson's bay United Rail Co"	1863
6		Howden, J. McA. ; Various letters (ms)	1888 & 1901
6		"Broadbent's Road & Rail map of Victoria & Riverina: Including the Federal Capital"; 16 pieces mounted on card.	(no date)

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6		Letter Book; J. McA. Howden; letters written whilst visiting Britain.	17/05/1889 – 21/08/1889
6		Letter Book; J. McA. Howden; Business dealings	02/06/1893 – 20/10/1893
6		Ledger-Private Cashbook J. McA. Howden.	13/07/1885 – 13/05/1887
6		Lyell & Gowan; General Balances (statement of assets and liabilities) (ms).	31/01/1881
6		Letter (photocopy of typed original not held), copy of report sent by Gibbs Bright & Co to Anthony Gibbs & Sons.	13/05/1887
6		Register of properties with plans (small vol.) "City Property Company Ltd"	1880s – C. 1910
6		Images- (Sepia) of J. McA. Howden.	(no date)
		(B&W) Aerial photograph of Coalmine Altona	(no date)
6		Fire map amendment pages.	1928 - 1929
7		Rough notes, calculations, plans, envelope, old receipt.	
7		Old copies of; "The Herald", "The Argus". (in very poor condition)	C. 1924
7		Objects- Special Constable badge and ribbon (Likely to be from police strike in 1923) Commercial Tokens- 8 in varying condition. - "Holloway's Pills and Ointments" (2) - "Andrew & Co Drapers & Co" (W.Melbourne) - "Warnock Bros" (Melb) - "East India Co" - "Australian Tea Mart: Hanks & Comp" - Token, damaged (difficult to read) - Token J. Taylor (Medalist to the Great Exhibition)	1923  1857 1862 1863 1845 1857 (no date) C. 1881
OS 6		2 (B&W) aerial photographs of coastline & farmland. No information given. (Likely to be Altona, possibly related to photo of coal mine in box 6).	(no date)
OS 6		Large book of council sub-divisions (very poor condition); "Directory Maps of the County of Bourke".	1892
OS 6		Invitation to J. McA. Howden to attend Federation ceremony at Exhibition buildings. (Printed on card with colour illustration)	C. 1901
OS 6		Image (B&W) of J. McA. Howden.	(no-date)
OS 6		Cloth backed map of Central Melbourne; "Block Plan of Melbourne: Showing Streets, Lanes and Public Buildings etc"	(no-date)
OS Vol.		Ledger, Cash Book; "Melbourne & Altona Colliery Company"	1908 - 1921

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