



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	William Crosby & Co
ACCESSION NO	74/45
CATEGORY	Business, organizations
ACTIVITY	Importers, Merchants, Shipping companies
DATE RANGE	1853 – 1948
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2.24 metres (33 vols.)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>The company originated in Hobart in November 1853 as William Crosby and Co. Its early operations involved the shipment of primary products from Tasmania to England and it acted as agents for a number of vessels trading between the two countries. Exports included a wide range of general provisions, including ventures in liquor, meat, grain etc. and wool. In 1858 a branch was opened in Melbourne and it acted in a similar capacity to that in Hobart. In 1926 William Crosby and Co. Pty Ltd was incorporated with its Head Office in Melbourne. Later operated from 488-90 Collins Street.</p> <p>Its 20th century operations included shipping phosphate from the Pacific Islands to Melbourne and Adelaide fertilizer manufacturers, and plying trade routes between Japan, Mauritius and South Africa. In 1973 it was taken over by Oce-Australia Ltd.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	23 August 1974
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Journals, cash books and ledgers, 1853-1918; day books 1888-1925; invoice books 1914-1948; ships' manifests 1896-1912 (with gaps in all runs)
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	

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DATE	23 January 2006

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
	1	Financial Records	Series date range here
		Journals	
	1/1	Journal – A	1 Jan 1856 – Jul 1861
	1/2	Journal	Aug 1861 – May 1867
	1/3	Journal	Jan 1882 – Dec 1885
	1/4	Journal	Jan 1886 - Jun 1889
	1/5	Journal	Jul 1893 – Sep 1897
	1/6	Journal	Oct 1897 – Dec 1901
		Ledgers	
	1/7	Ledger (Indexed)	Dec 1853 – Dec 1855
	1/8	Supplement to Ledger A [with the manufacturer's label – W. Fletcher, Printer, Bookbinder, Manufacturing Stationer, 47 Elizabeth St, Hobart Town,	Jun 1857 – Sep 1867
	1/9	Ledger – No 1	6 May 1859 – Dec 1865
	1/10	Ledger – No 2 (with index)	Jan 1862 – Oct 1867
	1/11	Ledger	1 Jan 1870 - Dec 1873
	1/12	Ledger – No 4 (Indexed)	Jul 1872 – Dec 1879
	1/13	Ledger	Jan 1874 – Dec 1880
	1/14	Ledger – No 5	Jan 1880 – Jul 1887
	1/15	Ledger	Jan 1881 - Jun 1888
	1/16	Ledger – 8	Jul 1890 – Jun 1897
	1/17	Ledger	Jan 1899 - Dec 1903
		Cash Books	
	1/18	Cash Book	Jan 1856 - Jan 1863
	1/19	Cash Book [with the manufacturers label - J. Walch and Sons, 12 Macquarie St, Hobart Town.]	Feb 1863 – Mar 1873
	1/20	Cash Book	Jan 1882 – Dec 1885
	1/21	Cash Book	Jan 1889 – Jun 1891
	1/22	Cash Book	Nov 1893 – Apr 1896
	1/23	Cash Book	May 1896 – Jun 1898
	1/24	Cash Book	Jul 1898 - Jun 1900
	1/25	Cash Book	23 Mar 1911 – 11 Jul 1918
		Sales Journals	
	1/26	Sales Journal	1 Mar 1900 – 22 May 1902
		Invoice Books	
	1/27	Invoice Book (press copies)	21 Jul 1914 – 28 Nov 1917
	1/28	Invoice Book	8 Apr 1927 - 13 Sep 1948
		Voyages	
	1/29	Manifests of voyages (with index to Ships)	15 Dec 1896 – Apr 1900
	1/30	Voyage Accounts [In unmarked volume]	1905 - 1912
		Day Books	
	1/31	Day Book	Jan 1888 – Dec 1895

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
	1/32	Day Book	18 Jul 1918 – 19 Nov 1925
		Other	
	1/33	Index to a ledger no longer extant	
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