



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	BROOKES, HERBERT
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	A.1965.0003
<b>CATEGORY ACTIVITY</b>	University, individuals
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1920-1935
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	6 items.
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	Born in 1867, Brookes was educated at Wesley College and University of Melbourne, graduating B.C.E. in 1892. He was chairman of various companies, member of the Commonwealth Board of Trade and Commonwealth Tariff Board, a delegate to the League of Nations Assembly in 1923, and Vice-Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Commission 1932-1939. He was a member of the University of Melbourne Council 1933-1947.
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	September 1965
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Access: Open
<b>LISTED BY DATE</b>	Cecily Close November 1965

NAME: BROOKES, Herbert.

ADDRESS: Deceased.

MAIN  
ACTIVITY Company Director.

DATE OF TRANSFER September, 1965.

DONOR: Professor J.A. La Nauze.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE: B. 1867. Ed. Wesley College and University of Melbourne. Graduated Bachelor of Civil Engineering 1892. Chairman of various companies; President of the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures 1914-1918; President Associated Chambers of Australia 1918. First member of Commonwealth Board of Trade and Commonwealth Tariff Board; delegate to League of Nations Assembly 1923; member of Royal Commission to enquire into South Australian Disabilities under Federation 1928-9; Commissioner-General for Australia in U.S.A. 1929-30. Vice-Chairman Australian Broadcasting Commission 1932 - 39. Active in Liberal Party during years prior to First World War; editor and proprietor of The Liberal. Member of University of Melbourne Council 1933-1947. Died 1963. (Who's Who in Australia, 1944. ed. J.A. Alexander. University of Melbourne Calendars).

LIST OF RECORDS

1. Letter to Brookes from G.D. Delprat, B.H.P. Co. Ltd.; T.R. Ashworth, Employers' Federation, Melbourne; and W. Russell Grimwade, Toorak.

Draws attention to the effort being made to secure for the University of Melbourne an additional endowment of £100,000. Government is finding a certain sum for buildings, but not for research and teaching - nor is it thought desirable that it should. Government grants mean dominance of Parliament in educational policy, e.g. in Germany. As manufacturers, the writers are appealing to other manufacturers in Victoria to help secure the University's independence. Dependence of manufacturers on theoretical developments of pure scientific investigations is stressed. The writers suggest: 1. increased endowment for teaching Physics, Chemistry and Metallurgy; 2. Provisions for purchase of apparatus for research in Physics and Chemistry - at present the Chemistry Department has grant of £200 p.a. for this; 3. Provision for a complete and up-to-date laboratory for metallography.

Writers also refer to the question of providing in the University machinery "for the impartial investigation not only of questions of economics but of those wider sociological problems which today are almost of more importance than any others which manufacturers have to face".

13 Oct. 1920. 2 ts.

2. Letter to Brookes from John Monash, Melbourne; Geo. ? Department of Ports and Harbors; and B.A. Smith, Melbourne.

Encloses copy of Vice-Chancellor's Appeal (not found). Obligation of

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graduates to assist. Writers refer in particular to the Engineering School.

18 Oct. 1920. 2 ts.

3. "The Art of Living Together": paper by Mr. Boyce Gibson (presumably Alexander Boyce Gibson, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Melbourne from 1935.

Undated. 4 ts.

4. "The Halford Oration. George Britton Halford: His Life and Work" by W.A. Osborne, Professor of Physiology, University of Melbourne.

Reprinted from The Medical Journal of Australia, 19 Jan. 1929.

↳ *Removed to CS Information file.*

5. "Estimate and Specification of Proposed New Organ for Wilson Hall, Melbourne University". Wm. Hill and Sons and Norman and Beard Ltd., Melbourne Branch (Clifton Hill). Cost: £4,250.

28 June 1932. 6 ts.

6. The Melbourne University Press: notice of Publication Foundation of £5000 to be set up "for securing the publication of valuable University Manuscripts embodying the results of important researches in various fields of knowledge". Subscriptions are invited under one or other of the following alternative plans:

1. One hundred subscribers who will each donate a minimum of £50, and in return will, for life, receive the right to free copies of all volumes published under the Foundation
2. Subscribers who will undertake to receive and pay for a copy of each new volume published under the Foundation as it comes out, responsibility being accepted by them only up to a maximum of £3/3/- per annum.

Undated. 1 printed sheet.

Cecily Close,  
10 November 1965.