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NAME OF COLLECTION	COOTE, CHARLES WILLIAM
ACCESSION NO	A.1964.0005
CATEGORY	Business, individuals
ACTIVITY	Farmers
DATE RANGE	1896-1955
SIZE OF COLLECTION	24 cm. (2 archives boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	Coote was a farmer of wheat, oats and sheep in the Quambatook area from the 1890's to the mid-1950's. He was prominent in local farmers' associations (president of the Quambatook Agricultural Society) 1928-1929, 1929-1930, and took an active interest in local affairs such as irrigation, prices and transportation etc. as well as State politics. He had settled in Quambatook after having been brought up on his father's property at Charlton. By 1955, he was living in retirement in Melbourne.
DATE OF TRANSFER	
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
LISTED BY	Patricia Marcard
DATE	April 1964

RECORDS TRANSFERRED INTO CUSTODY

NAME: COOTE, Charles William

ADDRESS: Deceased, formerly Quambatook

MAIN ACTIVITY: Farmer and active in local affairs

DATE TRANSFERRED: March 1964

GENERAL NOTE: Coote was a farmer of wheat, oats, and sheep in the Quambatook area 1890s - mid 1950s. He was prominent in local farmers' associations (president Quambatook Agricultural Society 1928/9, 1929/30) and had active interests in local affairs such as irrigation, prices, and transportation etc. as well as State politics.

LIST OF RECORDS

The records are arranged as follows;

1. Farm Book
2. Diaries
3. Miscellaneous
- 3/1. Correspondence
- 3/2. Other

BOX 1. Farm Book

Coote Bros., Quambatook and Sutton

1 vol.

1896-1917

Contains 1. Plan of Sutton farm, 1896

2. Quambatook farm, wheat harvest, sales, purchases
1896-1917

3. Sutton farm, wheat harvest, sales, purchases
1899-1908

4. Coote Bros. partnership, dissolution and re-formation
14 Feb 1910

BOX 2. Diaries

The diaries are an almost complete set, with gaps for 1902, 1917, 1949-1953. All but vol. 43 (Salwyn) are addressed Quambatook.

They contain detailed accounts of daily activities - work done on farms, costs, prices, purchases, harvests, weather, rainfalls, trips to town and Melbourne, health, wages of hired hands. Also attendance at meetings of Victorian Farmers' Union, Victorian Wheatgrowers' Association, Quambatook Stores Pty.Ltd., Primary Producers' Bank, Water League, Quambatook branch Agricultural Society, Coursing Club, Presbyterian Church; and those concerning local, State, and Federal elections, train services, water, irrigation, costs and prices. Information about 1938 U.C.P. conference, the Government Wheat Pool, and effects of World War II on wheat and stock prices.

Box

43 vols.

15 October 1900 - 5 January 1955

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| 1. 15 Oct 1900 - 18 Feb 1902 | 23. Jan - Dec 1929 |
| 2. 15 Feb 1903 - 8 Jan 1905 | 24. Jan - Dec 1930 |
| 3. 1 Jan 1905 - 30 Jan 1908 | 25. Jan - Dec 1931 |
| 4. 1 July 1908 - 30 Aug 1908 | 26. Jan - Dec 1932 |
| 5. 27 Aug 1908 - 21 Nov 1909 | 27. Jan - Dec 1933 |
| 6. 22 Nov 1909 - 5 Nov 1911 | 28. Jan - Dec 1934 |
| 7. 6 Nov 1911 - 30 June 1912 | 29. Jan - Dec 1935 |
| 8. 1 July 1912 - 30 June 1913 | 30. Jan - Dec 1936 |
| 9. 1 July 1913 - 31 Dec 1914 | 31. Jan - Dec 1937 |
| 10. 1 Jan 1915 - 28 Sept 1915 | 32. Jan - Dec 1938 |
| 11. 27 Sept 1915 - 24 Sept 1916 | 33. Jan - Dec 1939 |
| 12. 12 March 1918 - 11 March 1919 | 34. Jan - Dec 1940 |
| 13. 12 March 1919 - 29 Feb 1920 | 35. Jan - Dec 1941 |
| 14. 1 March 1920 - 31 Dec 1920 | 36. Jan - Dec 1942 |
| 15. 5 Jan 1921 - 8 Feb 1922 | 37. Jan - Dec 1943 |
| 16. 9 Feb 1922 - 2 March 1923 | 38. Jan - Dec 1944 |
| 17. 3 March 1923 - 21 Feb 1924 | 39. Jan - Dec 1945 |
| 18. 22 Feb 1924 - 31 Dec 1924 | 40. Jan - Dec 1946 |
| 19. 1 Jan 1925 - 31 Dec 1925 | 41. Jan - Dec 1947 |
| 20. Jan - Dec 1926 | 42. Jan - Dec 1948 |
| 21. Jan - Dec 1927 | 43. 1 Jan 1954 - 5 Jan 1955 |
| 22. Jan - Dec 1928 | |

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3. Miscellaneous

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3/1. Correspondence

1. ? (The Arena Newspaper Publishing Co.) to C.W.Coote
Thanks for work done for the writer and for free-trade
8 April 1901
2. Mrs. C.M.Meldrum (sister of C.W.C.) of Windsor, Melbourne, to C.W.Coote
Death of her second son, aged 9 months
11 March 1909
3. Circular, Legislative Assembly, Melbourne.
C.P.P. Brought Relief Deputation will be received by the Premier of Victoria at Ouyen
Pencilled on back is farm plan showing Nichie, Michelberg, and Wall allotments
16 October 1928
4. P.G.Stewart (House of Representatives, Canberra) to C.W.Coote
Notification of a forthcoming visit
5 May 1929

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5. W.Murdoch (president Quambatook Agricultural Society) to C.W.Coote
Sympathy at death of C.W.Co. brother
5 Nov 1931

3/2. Other

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1. Quambatook Progress Association
Membership card, with information
1907
2. Victorian Rural Producers' Association
Rules, as to 4 March 1913
no date
3. Victorian Bunbower Electorate
Fixture for Mr. M'Nichol's pre-election tour, Nov 1929 (State?) electi
no date
4. Quambatook Branch, ?
List of members
1935
5. Australian Mutual Provident Society
Reversionary Bonus Certificate for C.W.Coote
May 1937
6. 'Various forms of Government'
verse parody (general), t.s.
1939-1940
7. Biblical quotations for Elizabeth Mary Coote and Marjorie Gilbert
Coote
1934 and July 1937
8. Fern plan
Shows Richie, C.W.Coote, Howie, G.H.Smith, and E.Williamson allotments
January 1941

April 1964.

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