



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	HEARN, William Edward
ACCESSION NO	2009.0003
CATEGORY	University, individuals
ACTIVITY	Academics – Classics; Chancellors
DATE RANGE	1854
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 cm
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>William Edward Hearn was born in Ireland in 1826, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin. In 1849 he was appointed Professor of Classics at the Queen's College, Galway, and later held office of Examiner to the Queen's University of Ireland. Hearn was one of the four Professors appointed at the opening of the University of Melbourne in 1854. His field covered modern history, modern literature, political economy and logic. When the Professor of Classics, Henry Erskine Rowe, died less than a month after arrival in Melbourne, Hearn conducted classes in classics until Professor Irving arrived in July 1856. In January 1859 Hearn offered himself as a candidate for the Murray District in a by-election for the Legislative Assembly; he was defeated, but the University Council afterwards passed a statute to prevent Professors from sitting in Parliament. He was a member of the University Council from 1882 until 1886, and Chancellor from May to October 1886. In July 1873, he became Dean of Law, resigning his professorship in other subjects at the end of that year. After a defeat at the polls in 1874, he was elected to the Legislative Council in 1878. He died in April 1888.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	21 January 2009
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Two letters by W.E. Hearn accepting his appointment as Professor at the University of Melbourne in 1854.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	See 1961.0001; 2004.0049; and 1979.0195 about William Hearn from the Department of History La Nauze papers.
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		Two letters by W.E. Hearn accepting his appointment as Professor at the University of Melbourne in 1854. Both are dated August 22, 1854, and are sent from Dublin. The first is his formal letter of acceptance; the second is the cover letter accompanying his testimonials.	22 August 1854

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