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| NAME OF COLLECTION | EAST, LEWIS RONALD, SIR (1899 -) |
| ACCESSION NO | A.1975.0084 |
| CATEGORY | Other, individuals |
| ACTIVITY | Engineers, civil |
| DATE RANGE | 1933-1972 |
| SIZE OF COLLECTION | 48 cm. (4 archives boxes) |
| HISTORICAL NOTE | Lewis East was born in 1899 and educated at Scotch College. After matriculating he volunteered with the Australian Airforce Corp and saw active service from 1918 to 1919. When East returned he enrolled at the University of Melbourne and graduated C.B.E. in 1922. In the same year East was appointed Engineer with the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. Promoted to Chairman in 1934, East remained with the Commission until his retirement in 1965. A member of numerous committees and recipient of many honours and awards, Lewis East was also a member of the River Murray Commission and Snowy Mountains Council. |
| DATE OF TRANSFER | 10 September 1975 |
| ACCESS CONDITIONS | Access: Open |
| DESCRIPTION | Speeches 1933-1971; correspondence concerning personal papers of Professor W.C. Kernot of the University of Melbourne, including copies of some letters to Kernot from Louis Brennan regarding Brennan's invention of a torpedo 1884-1887; files concerning staff policies and problems of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission 1936-1963; material regarding the East family; index to East's personal papers held in the La Trobe Library. |
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NAME: East, Sir (Lewis) Ronald
ADDRESS:
TRANSFEROR: Sir Ronald East
DATE OF TRANSFER: 10 September 1975
GENERAL NOTE: This note reports biographical background information in the entry for Sir Ronald East, Who's Who in Australia, 1974:

"EAST, Sir (Lewis) Roanld, Kt., cr. 1966, C.B.E. 1951, M.C.E., F.I.C.E., FASCE, Hon. F.I.E. Aust., Chrmn State Rivers and Water Supply Commsn, Vic., and Memb. River Murray Commsn, 1936-65; Snowy Mountains Cl. to 1965 (retd.): son of late L.F. East, I.S.O.; b. June 17, 1899, Hawthorn, Vic.; ed. St. Sch., Scotch Coll., Univ. Melb.; active service 1918-19 with A.F.C.; Engineer State Rivers & Water Supply Commsn. 1922-34, Commsnr 1935; Memb. Snowy R. Cttee. 1948-49; Past Pres. Instn. Eng. Aust., Kernot Mem. Medal 1949; Peter Nicol Russell Memorial Medal 1957; Hon. Fell. Instn. of Engineers, Aust., 1970; publication A South Australian Colonist of 1836 1972; m. Nov. 23, 1927 Constance Keil, 3d.; recreation, handicrafts; address, 57 Waimarie Drive, Mt. Waverley, Vic., 3149."

BOX LIST OF RECORDS

1. East, Sir Ronald, A South Australian Colonist of 1836 and his Descendants, a family Who's Who, the East Family. Nunawading, Gardner (print). Preface 1972.
2. East, Sir Ronald. Speeches. 6 vols.; 1933-1971 (typescript), 105 speeches numbered 1-104, with 82 repeating as 82A.
Vol. 1 1933 - 1939 (1-17)
Vol. 2 1940 - 1948 (18-37)
Vol. 3 1949 - 1954 (38-58)
Vol. 4 1955 - 1961 (59-82)
Vol. 5 1962 - 1964 (82A-96)
Vol. 6 1965 - 1971 (97-104)

Note: The speeches are loose-leaf bound chronologically. Each volume is prefaced by a list of the speeches contained. Subjects are predominately water supply, water conservation, drainage, sewerage and finance for water projects.

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2. 3. East, L.R. Reports and Papers 1922 - 1965, Index.
1 Vol. roneoed (42pp.)
Note: This lists material placed by Sir Ronald East with the
La Trobe Library, State Library of Victoria.
2. 4. Michell, A.G.M.
File of Correspondence and related material, L.R. East
with others concerning the opening of the Michell Laboratory,
Civil Engineering - Surveying Building, University of
Melbourne, 9 September 1964; also supply of commemorative
plaque, Stokes and Sons Pty Ltd and bronze lettering,
Wunderlich Ltd.,
1 folder.
8 Feb. 1962 - 22 Sept. 1964.
2. 5. Kernot, Professor W.C.
File of correspondence and related material, L.R. East
with others concerning the personal papers of Kernot;
two copies of Kernot's (? 1893) biographical Introductory
Lecture to third year Civil Engineering students; biographical
notes on Kernot, believed to have been prepared by his
brother, Professor Wilfred Kernot; index lists of the Kernot
papers; copies of correspondence, Louis Brennan to Kernot
concerning Brennan's invention of a torpedo (1884-7); copy
of letter, 23 September 1884, Kernot to Charles Rowand,
City Engineer, Prahran re Rowand's professional qualities.
The East correspondence dates:
16 Feb. 1961 - 17 Sept. 1972.
2. 6. East, L.R. A Rack and Adhesion Locomotive, Model Engineer
4 July 1975. 1p. photocopy.
2. 7. Mount Lyell No. 1 Adhesion Rack Locomotive Model 1" to 1'
made by Harold Deegan (relates to No. 6 above). Two
photographs (one of profile, one of under-carriage) taken
by Sir Ronald East, 1975.
1. 8. Extracts from A South Australian Colonist of 1836 and
his descendants. "The East Family" photocopy.
1. 9. Eildon Reservoir Enlargement. 1948(?)
1. 10. State Rivers & Water Supply Commission. Notes on staff
control. File includes: memorandums, letters, graphs
newspaper articles, statements by L.R. East, 1945 - 11956.
1. 11. Organisation chart of the State Rivers and Water Supply
Commission, 1963.
1. 12. S.R. & W.S. Commission.
File on staff difficulties, including papers on the
effect of difficulties on Developmental works, memorandums
to Minister of Water Supply, comes with Public Service Board,
1946-1956. Statement showing no government workmen
employed. 1937.

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1. 13. Two newspaper cuttings (one photocopy) on State Rivers and Water Supply Commission's staff problems. Letter from engineers to the Chairman, and table indicating changes in Commission's staff of engineers, from 1 January 1950 - 31 December 1956.
1. 14. Cabinet Sub-Committee on staff control. (S.R. & W.S. Commission). Copy of a Bill to Amend Water Acts and transfer of members of Public Service Board to the control of State Rivers. 1948. Extract, Parliamentary Debates, 1948. 1937 Act 4511 Public Service (Transfer of Officers).
1. 15. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. File includes summary of conclusions of staff control inquiry, 1956. Extract from Public Works Committee 1948. Summary of provisions of Public Service Act 1946 and Water Bill 1948. Correspondence, 1943 - 1956.
1. 16. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. Control of staff. Statement from staff magazine 1956. Memorandum to the Staff Officer. Second Progress Report of the Royal Commission on Water Supply, 1936. Cabinet Sub-Committee inquiry notes.
1. 17. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. File includes correspondence and memoranda between East and Minister of Water Supply, 1941. Extracts from Annual Reports 1950-54. Extract from Hansard 1955.
1. 18. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. Staff age groupings 1955.
1. 19. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. File on staff, 1. C.S.I.R.O., 2. S.M.A., 3. S.S.C. Extracts from Science and Industry Research Act 1949. Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Act, 1949-1952. Soldier Settlement Acts. Annual Report of Soldier Settlement Commission, 1955. Comparison of statutory provisions relating to staff control of C.S.I.R.O. and Snowy Mountains Authority.
1. 20. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. Staff 1937-1956. Correspondence, reports, memoranda, tables, relations to staff difficulties and L.R. East.