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<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	TURNER, WILLIAM B.
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1969.0010
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Business, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Stock and station agents
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1863-1866
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	2 cm
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	William Turner was the Hamilton agent for the Ballarat-based firm of stock and station agents, Hepburn and Leonard. Benjamin Hepburn of Hepburn and Leonard was the son of Captain John Hepburn, overlander and pastoralist. Later, the firm became Hepburn, Leonard and Rowe, Hepburn, Leonard & Rugg (at Warrnambook), Hepburn & Rowe, B. Hepburn & Co., Hepburn, Dowling & Co., and Hepburn, Dowling & Crawford.
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	

<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Access: Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Letter book, 14 September 1863 - 9 February 1866, containing: correspondence of Turner in his capacity as agent for Hepburn and Leonard, most in the form of reports to the head office in Ballarat and refer to details of possible and actual transactions. Descriptions are given of various properties including Grassdale, Glenaulin, Eumeralla East and Eumerally West, along with comments on techniques of advertising and on Grant' Land Bill, 14 September 1863 - 22 May 1865; letters concerning the "Land Swindle", giving details of Turner's part in attempts to make money out of land sales under the Grant Act, 25 September 1865 - 9 February 1866.
<b>LISTED BY</b>	Julie Robins
<b>DATE</b>	18/02/1969

RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO CURTINY

NAME: William E. Turner.  
ADDRESS: Hamilton (deceased).  
MAIN ACTIVITY: Stock and Station Agent.  
DATE OF TRANSFER:  
EXTENT: 1 only Letterbook (1863- 6).  
GENERAL NOTE: William Turner was the Hamilton Agent for the Ballarat-based firm of stock and station agents, Hepburn and Leonard. Benjamin Hepburn of Hepburn and Leonard was the son of Captain John Hepburn, Overlander and Pastoralist. Later, the firm became Hepburn, Leonard and Rowe, Hepburn, Leonard & Rugg (at Warrnambool), Hepburn & Rowe, B. Hepburn & Co., Hepburn, Dowling & Co., and Hepburn, Dowling & Crawford.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS.

1. The first part of the letterbook (pp.1-388) contains correspondence conducted by Turner in his capacity as agent for Hepburn and Leonard. Most of these letters take the form of reports to the head office in Ballarat and refer to details of possible and actual transactions concerning stock and stations. Descriptions of various properties are given including Grassdale, Glenaulin, Eumeralla East and Eumeralla West.  
Comments on techniques of advertising (p.53) and on Grant's Land Bill (p.373).  
14th Sept. 1863 - 22nd May 1865.
2. The remainder of the letters (pp.389-431) concern the "Land Swindle" and give details of Turner's part in attempts to make money out of land sales under the Grant Act.

25th Sept. 1865 - 9th Feb. 1866.

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18th Feb. 1969.