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<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	NEWTON / STEPHEN FAMILY
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1980.0146
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Other, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Medical practitioners
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1817-1977
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	84 cm. (7 archives boxes)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>A family long active in public affairs, its line of descent includes the Stephens, Newtons, Darlots and Macanshs. The Stephen family produced a remarkable number of lawyers and judges practicing in England, America and Victoria during the 19th and 20th centuries. A branch of the family married a Newton, a family prominent in 20th century Victorian legal and medical sheres. The Macansh's, a family with extensive pastoral holdings in 19th and 20th century Queensland, also married into the Victorian branch of the Stephen/Newton family.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	August 1980
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: NEWTON/STEPHEN

NAME OF TRANSFEROR: Mr Peter Newton

DATE OF TRANSFER: August 1980.

MAIN ACTIVITY: Family material.

DATE RANGE: 1817 - 1977.

QUANTITY: 7 Archives boxes.

CONDITION: Fair.

GENERAL NOTE: This collection is a diverse body of material relating to the descendants of one James Stephen, Provost of Elgin 1640 - 1690, spanning the years 1817 - 1977. Much of the material is genealogical and biographical following four main family lines of descent; Stephens, Newtons, Darlots, Macanshs. The Stephen family produced a remarkable number of lawyers and judges practicing in England, America and Victoria during the 19th and 20th centuries. A branch of the family settled in Victoria where one of the daughters married a Newton. Three generations of Newtons are represented in the collection all of whom were prominent figures in 20th Century Victorian legal and medical spheres. The Macansh's, a family with extensive pastoral holdings in 19th and 20th century Queensland, also married into the Victorian branch of the Stephen/Newton family. Their family tree (1/5) furnishes details of their land ownership.

The material is most substantial in regard to two family members; James Stephen and Wilberforce Stephen Newton. James Stephen (1758 - 1832) began his career in England as a barrister, later becoming Master in Chancery, first friend and then brother-in-law of William Wilberforce, and a member of the Clapham sect. Included are several of his anti-slavery writings (1817-1824) together with a memoir of his wife written by his son.

Wilberforce Stephen Newton entered the University of Melbourne Medical School in 1909 and upon graduating in 1915 joined the R.A.M.C. and travelled to England and Europe. After the war he began his medical career rising to great prominence through his work at the Alfred Hospital. A member of the Consultative Council on Tuberculosis, the Anti-Cancer Council, a founding member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and active in research, Wilberforce was knighted for his services to medicine. Material relating to Wilberforce Newton includes correspondence, diaries and miscellanea of the First World War, professional diaries, notes and texts for speeches and addresses, published articles, degrees and certificates, and photographs dating from his student days.

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LIST OF RECORDS:

The Collection is divided into nine groups:

- GROUP 1. Genealogical material.
- GROUP 2. James Stephen
- GROUP 3. Hibbert Henry Newton.
- GROUP 4. (Hibbert) Alan Newton.
- GROUP 5. Wilberforce Stephen Newton
- GROUP 6. Hibbert Richard Newton.
- GROUP 7. Miscellaneous Publications.
- GROUP 8. Degrees and Certificates.
- GROUP 9. Objects.

2nd Accession: February 1981.

George Percival Newton.

**Note: In the following listing, the family name 'Macansh' is frequently shown as 'Macanash' which is incorrect.**

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GROUP 1. GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

- Unit 1
- 1/1 Sketch of connections between family members represented in the collection.
- 1/2 Family tree emanating from James Stephen, Provost of Elgin, 1640 - 1690.
- 1/3 Four pages, genealogical information.
- 1/3/1 "Eminent Nova Scotians of New England Birth".  
Rev. Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton of Boston.  
Hon. Hibbert Newton. Extracted from New England Genealogical and Antiquarian Register.  
Vol. LXVIII. p.101.  
Biographical notes on Hibbert Newton (1660 - 1720) and family. 3pp.
- 1/3/2 Extracts from New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 31 p. 63 re Thomas Newton, a New England barrister in the late 17th Century.
- 1/4 Book of newspaper clippings concerning the Stephen family and its long connection with the law profession in England, Australia and America, and also the career of Sir Alan Newton. Clippings dated 1929, 1949 - 1950.
- 1/5 Macanash family tree produced by D.P. Macanash. The Macanash family is linked to the Newtons and Stephens through the marriage of Margaret Windeyer Macanash to Sir Wilberforce Stephen Newton (see p. 17 of booklet).
- 1/6 Reminiscences of Mrs Norma Bright. Born c. 1895, Mrs Bright tells the story of her life, especially her experiences in Queensland, and details the fortunes of her parents and their families. Marrying Charles Bright, Norma is connected to the Newtons through the Macanashes. (See 1/5 p. 22.)

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GROUP 2. JAMES STEPHEN

Unit 1

- 2/1 "The Speech of James Stephen, Esq. at the Annual Meeting of the African Institution at Freemason's Hall on the 26th March 1817". London. This article is printed in a book incorporating other articles by Stephen and others.
- "L'Europe Chatiee, et L'Afriue Veneqee, au Raisons pour regarder Les Calamites Du Siecle come Des Punitions Infliquees Par La Providence Pour La Trait Des Negres". London, 1818, pp. 124.
- "A Review of the Colonial Slave Registration Acts, in a Report of the committee of the Board of Directors of the African Institution". London, 1820. 139 pp.
- "England Enslaved by Her Own Slave Colonies". An address to the Electors and People of the United Kingdom". By James Stephen, London, 1826. 91 pp.
- "Strictures on the Charge of Cannibalism on the African Race". Anon and undated. 57pp.
- 2/2 Stephen, James. Slavery of the British West India Colonies. 2 vols.  
1. Vol. 1. Published 1824, 480 pp.  
2. Vol. 2. Published 1830. 452 pp.
- 2/3 Stephen, Sir George. A Memoir of the Late James Stephen. Brighton, Victoria. 1875. 101 pp. Copy signed "Alan Newton, 85 Spring St."

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GROUP 3. HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON.

## Unit 1

Hibbert Henry was the first Newton to marry into the Stephen family. Hibbert had a distinguished career in Victoria as a Clerk of Parliament in the 1910s, 1920s.

1. Legislative Council of Victoria. Vote of Thanks to H.H. Newton, Esq. 3 copies one of which contains a printed photograph of a procession and crowds outside Parliament House, Victoria. 3pp.

2. "Services of Hibbert Henry Newton, Esq. J.P. "Extracts from Victorian Parliamentary Debates.  
Tribute to Hibbert's work 1923-4. 4pp.

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GROUP 4. SIR ALAN NEWTON

## Unit 1

Alan Newton was the eldest son of Hibbert Henry and a brother to Wilberforce Stephen. Alan was a prominent Melbourne surgeon. He founded the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and pioneered the flying of penicillin into Victoria.

1. Mackay, Charles. Alan Newton. A Personal Tribute.  
Feb. 1951. 16pp.
2. Photograph of three gentlemen. On right Sir Hugh Devine,  
centre Sir Alan Newton,  
n.d.

GROUP 5. SIR WILBERFORCE STEPHEN NEWTON

- Unit 2
- 5/1 First World War Material
- 5/1/1 Letter from W.S. Newton 58th Field Ambulance, 19th Division, to Dan (?) 20 Sept. 1915. Talks about Wilberforce's war experiences to date.
- 5/1/2  
1980.0146.0001 Typescript of a war diary divided into 3 parts.  
1. Daily diary, 18 May to 2 Dec. 1915.  
2. 6 pp. of notes describing battles, "British Officers I have met", "Trenches in Winter" and other experiences.  
3. Daily diary, 10 Dec. 1915 to 8 April 1916.  
Describes one day of leave and then the return to the war. Much of Wilberforce's time during this period was spent building and manning a rest station for the injured.
- 5/1/3  
1980.0146.0002 Small orange notebook entitled:  
"Diary of W.S. Newton. Capt. Rowe (Temp). Part III commencing 4 May 1916". Entries continue up to July 1916. At rear humorous notes titled "The Soldiers Ten Commandments".
- 5/1/4 Reference re Newton's service in 19th Division 7 April 1917. Signature "Hal Linge?" Col. A.M.F., A.D.M.S. 19th Division.
- 5/1/6 Newspaper clipping. French General praises conduct of 19th Division at Bligny Hill.
- 5/1/7 Document from War Office, London, informing Newton a passage for him has been booked on "Manora" to Melbourne 15 April 1917.
- 5/1/8 Map of Belgium. n.d.
- 5/2 Post War Medical Career.
- 5/2/1 Professional diaries and account books.
- 5/2/1/1 Diary 1921. Briefly daily entires relating to practice.
- 5/2/1/2 "Melbourne Hospital students. Case Taking Book". Appears to be a cash book recording monies recieved from patients. March 1927 - March 1933.
- 5/2/1/3 Professional diary. 1928.
- 5/2/1/4 Professional diary. 1941.
- 5/2/2 Correspondence and Articles.
- 5/2/2/1 Summary of W.S. Newton's career up to 1950.
- 5/2/2/2 Letter from Public Heath Department (Melb.) to Dr W.S. Newton, Portsea, 9 May 1919. Advises Newton he is appointed Medical Controller for the handling of an emergency epidemic.



GROUP 5. SIR WILBERFORCE STEPHEN NEWTON

- Unit 3
- 5/2                    Post War Medical Career (cont.)  
5/2/2                   Correspondence and articles.
- 5/2/2/3                Certificate of W.S.Newton's discharge from the Mercantile Marine.  
22 Oct. 1925.
- 5/2/2/4                Anaesthesia and the Newer Anaesthetics: Nitrous Oxide and  
Oxygen by W.S. Newton M.D., Ch.B. (Melb.) Honorary Physician  
Attending Outpatients, the Alfred Hospital. Published Sydney,  
1927, 7pp. Pamphlet reprinted from a journal article.
- 5/2/2/5                "Bronchiectasis" by W.S. Newton. 7pp. pamphlet reprinted from  
a journal article published in 1937.
- 5/2/2/6                "Seventy Years". A history of the Alfred Hospital by Dr W.S.  
Newton. 30 Aug. 1939.
- 5/2/2/7                C. Bondmithau (?) 55 Collins Street, Melbourne to W.S. Newton  
25 April 1940. Discusses latter's application to R.A.M.C.
- 5/2/2/8                W.S. Newton to Major General R.M. Downes, Victoria Barracks,  
6 June 1940. Newton volunteers his services to the war effort  
at home and abroad. He outlines his qualifications and experience.
- 5/2/2/9                Military Board to W.S. Newton 10 June 1940.  
Advising receipt of his application for a position.
- 5/2/2/10               Newton to Deputy Chairman Dept. of Defence Co-Ordination, State  
Medical Co-Ordination Committee, Melbourne c. May 1941. Re  
Newton's work for the Defence Department.
- 5/2/2/11               R.A.C.P. Memorandum and Articles of Association and by-law.  
59pp. pamphlet Sydney, 1943.
- 5/2/2/12               W.S.Newton to Colonel George Shaw, 57 Glendon Rd, Toorak,  
9 April 1949. Discusses the problem of Newton's low  
military ranking and its effect on promotion opportunities.
- 5/2/2/13               Letter from H.Hume Turnbull to Dr Greenaway 8 March 1950.  
Discussing objections to Council proposals re subscriptions  
for the College (Royal Australian College of Physicians -  
hereafter R.A.C.P.).
- 5/2/2/14               Minutes of a meeting of the general body of Fellows of R.A.C.P.  
held in Auckland 22 Mar. 1950.
- 5/2/2/15               Minutes of 12th General Meeting R.A.C.P. held in Auckland 22 Mar.  
1950.
- 5/2/2/16               R.A.C.P. Honorary Treasurer, W.P. MacCallum to Newton 17 May 1950.  
Advising of a donation to the College for the purposes of research.
- 5/2/2/17               A. Holmes a'Court, President, R.A.C.P. Sydney, to W.S. Newton,  
Chairman Victorian State Committee, 17 May 1950. Re appeal for funds.
- 5/2/2/18               Form of letter used in N.S.W. in connection with appeal for  
funds for research.
- 5/2/2/19               Meeting of Executive Committee of R.A.C.P. held in Sydney.  
Agenda paper dated 14 July 1950.

GROUP 5. SIR WILBERFORCE STEPHEN NEWTON (cont.)

## Unit 3

- 5/2 Post War Medical Career (cont.)  
 5/2/2 Correspondence and articles (cont.)
- 5/2/2/20 Minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee of R.A.C.P. held in Sydney 15 June 1950. 13pp. Marked "Confidential".
- 5/2/2/21 Letter addressed to Dr Rennie from R.A.C.P. 8 July 1950. Outlining papers to be given at October meeting.
- 5/2/2/22 W.S. Philips, 3 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London to W.S. Newton, 14 July 1950. Congratulating Newton on his knighthood. Attached is a letter from Dr Rowland Woolmer of the Bristol Hospital, 11 July 1950, re latter's decision whether to apply for the position of Director of Anaesthesia at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne.
- 5/2/2/23 Agenda for meeting of Executive Committee of the Council of the R.A.C.P. 11 Aug. 1950.
- 5/2/2/24 Notice of meeting of R.A.C.P. to be held 26th - 28th Oct. 1950.
- 5/2/2/25 Skeleton Agenda for Ordinary Meeting of R.A.C.P. Oct. 1950.
- 5/2/2/26 Offer of contributions to scientific sessions at above meeting.
- 5/2/2/27 Series of articles perhaps presented at one of above meetings.
1. Details of Artificial Heart and Lung Project.  
Report by Dr T.E. Lowe, Director, Clinical Research Unit.
  2. An Account of the Research Projects of the Clinical Research Unit.
  3. Development of Thoracic Surgery in the Alfred Hospital.  
C.J. Officer Brown, M.D., F.R.C.S. 2pp.
  4. Publications of Dr C.J. Officer Brown.
  5. Publications of Dr R.H. Orton.
- 5/2/2/28 Series of articles related to the Baker Medical Research Institute perhaps presented at one of above meetings.
1. Biographical note on P. Fantl, D.Sc. Associate Director of Baker Medical Research Institute. Includes a list of papers published.
  2. Directors Annual Report to Trustees (T.E. Lowe) 31 Mar. 1950.
  3. Research Reports from Departments.  
Blood Coagulation Studies.  
Intercellular Breakdown of Fatty Acids.  
Blood Insulin Levels in Normal and Diabetic Subjects.  
Work done in collaboration with the Clinical Departments of the Alfred Hospital.  
Papers published during 1949.
  4. Report by Baker Institute Trustees covering work of the Institute.
  5. The Place and Value of the Institute in the Commonwealth.
  6. Clinical Research Unit: Directors Report to the Board of Management.
- 5/2/2/29 R.A.C.P. Wunderly Travelling Scholarships 1951. Official applications by eleven persons.

GROUP 5. SIR WILBERFORCE STEPHEN NEWTON (cont.)

## Unit 3

- 5/2 Post War Medical Career (cont.)  
 5/2/2 Correspondence and articles.
- 5/2/2/30 Speech given by W.S. Newton at a Melbourne Hospital dealing mainly with obstetrics. The topic is Research. c. 1952.  
 1. Notes for speech.  
 2. Typescript of speech (2 copies - slight variations between).
- 5/2/2/31 Menu for the Alfred Hospital Honorary Medical Staff Annual Dinner 13 July 1953. Coronation Year.
- 5/2/2/32 Undated, c. 1953 article about Clinical Research.
- 5/2/2/33 "The Alfred as I first knew it". 5pp. n.d.
- 5/2/2/34 "Alfred Hospital 1917 to 1953". 2pp. Plus an additional four pages on the history of the Alfred.
- 5/3 Later Years: Personal Material
- 5/3/1 W.S. Newton to Miss Green (his secretary) 8 Nov. 1952. Thanking her for the restful days at McCrae.
- 5/3/2 Lucy Coppin, "The Anchorage" to W.S. Newton 12 Feb. 1956. Contains offer of a room at "Sunning Hill" for Newton to carry out his practice.
- 5/3/3 W.S. Newton to Lucy Coppin. n.d. c. Feb. 1956. Newton thanks Miss Coppin for the offer and says he will consider it.
- 5/3/4 Repeat Prescription Authorisations for W.S. Newton. 3 forms all dated 11 April 1956.
- 5/3/5 Richard Green (C.B.E., M.D., D.Sc. A doctor based in Malaysia, specialising in tropical diseases. Brother of Miss Green W.S. Newton's secretary) to W.S. Newton 1 June 1956. Letter contained in an envelope marked "Miss Green with Dr A.E. Rowden White's compliments and Good Wishes". Green writes to thank Newton for recommending him for a position he sought at Western Australia University, establishing a Microbiology Department.
- 5/3/6 Isobel (M) Green to W.S. Newton. 6 June 1956. A 6 page letter describing her trip to Singapore and stay at Jolan Kedah, Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia with her sister-in-law Alice Green.
- 5/4 Miscellaneous, Undated articles
- 5/4/1 Wilberforce by Sir Reginald Coupland. London, 1945. A 447 page book on the life of William Wilberforce. Inscribed on front page "W.S. Newton".

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GROUP 5. SIR WILBERFORCE STEPHEN NEWTON (cont.)

- Unit 3
- 5/4 Miscellaneous, Undated articles (cont.)
- 5/4/2 W.S. Newton's delivery of a speech written by his brother Alan to an annual meeting of subscribers to the Alfred Hospital, c. 1950s. Entitled "No Time to Stand and Stare". Alan's 10 page speech discusses research and is prefaced by a two page introduction by Wilberforce.
- 5/4/3 Five page article on tuberculosis published by the Consultative Council on Tuberculosis. n.d.
- 5/4/4 Instructions on how to operate the Ediphone.
- 5/5 Obituaries
- 5/5/1 Copy of Medical Journal of Australia. 26 Jan. 1957. "Obituary: Wilberforce Stephen Newton", p. 122.
- Unit 4
- 5/6 Photographs
- 5/6/1 Student days.  
1. "M.S.S. 1912". Wilberforce and a group of students (all named) possibly representing members of the Melbourne University Medical Students Society.  
2. "Medical Students at Melbourne University. Jubilee Year, April 1914". Taken outside the old medical buildings.  
3. Student Representative Council, 1914". Names are given.
- 5/6/2 War Years.  
1. "Photograph album of W.S. Newton, 1915 to 1917". Depicts Wilberforce's experience of World War One. Most photographs are dated and described.  
2. Book of picture postcards featuring Gueree 1914-1916. Shows the extensive damage caused by bombing.  
3. Undated postcard of "Chateau de Blessel".
- 5/6/3 Post War Medical Career.  
1. "Women's Hospital". W.S. Newton pictured with 5 other men (all named) dressed in white coats and holding babies. n.d.  
2. Photograph of Melbourne University students (all named). Date obscured but probably from the 1930s or 1940s when Wilberforce lectured at the University.  
3. Council members of R.A.C.P. Framed photograph accompanied by a newspaper clipping naming those pictured.

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GROUP 5. SIR WILBERFORCE STEPHEN NEWTON (cont.)

Unit 4

- 5/6 Photographs.
- 5/6/4 Miscellaneous and Undated.
- 5/6/4/1 Two copies of a photographic portrait of W.S. Newton as a young man.
- 5/6/4/2 Photograph of a group of men. Extremely poor condition.
- 5/6/4/3 W.S. Newton pictured with 3 men and 2 women seated outside a building.
- 5/6/4/4 W.S. Newton and 4 other men outside a building.  
Signature at top. Bloyce Lawter (?)
- 5/6/4/5 W.S. Newton with a group of men in a garden. Signature at top.  
Rinald G. Stott (?)
- 5/6/4/6 Framed photograph of 3 men drinking tea and staring at a small child and his dog.

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GROUP 6. HIBBERT RICHARD NEWTON

Unit 3

Hibbert Richard, the son of Sir Alan Newton, was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria and died in 1977.

1. "The Honourable Hibbert Richard Newton". A 4page tribute by the law profession to Hibbert Richard at the time of his death.

GROUP 7. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS.

Unit 3

1. Idriess, Ian. L. Gold Dust and Ashes. Sydney, 1950.
2. Blake, L.J. and Lovett, K.H. Wimmera Shire Centenary. 1962.
3. Blake, Les Wimmera: A Regional History. Melbourne, 1973.

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GROUP 8. DEGREES

- Unit 6
1. William Macanash.  
William Macanash was the father-in-law of Sir Wilberforce Newton. The Macanash family settled in Queensland. William moved to Melbourne where he practiced medicine and was at one time Mayor of Brighton.
    - 1/1 Medical Degree from Edinburgh Colleges.  
1885.
    - 1/2 Certificate in Midwifery from Edinburgh Colleges  
25 Oct. 1885.
    - 1/3 Bachelor of Medicine Degree from University of Edinburgh.  
(2 identical degrees).  
1886.
    - 1/4 Additional qualifications certificate. M.B.  
1886.
  
  2. Wilberforce Stephen Newton.
    - 2/1 Matriculation Certificate. University of Melbourne.  
24 Mar. 1909.
    - 2/2 Bachelor of Medicine degree. University of Melbourne.  
1 Apr. 1915.
    - 2/3 Bachelor of Surgery Degree. University of Melbourne.  
1 Apr. 1915.
    - 2/4 Certificate from Governor General appointing W.S. Newton  
Honorary Captain of the Military forces of the Defence Force  
of the Commonwealth.  
14 Apr. 1915.
    - 2/5 Medical Registration Certificate.  
19 Aug. 1915.
    - 2/6 Doctor of Medicine Degree. University of Melbourne.  
4 May 1921.
    - 2/7 Certificate of Fellowship of the American College of Chest  
Physicians.  
21 June 1946.

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Unit 7 GROUP 9. OBJECTS.

1. Darlot Plate. Part of a dinner set given to Henry Darlot on his marriage in 1800. Pasted on the back is a brief history of the plate and the family. The Darlot family is related by marriage to the Stephens and Newtons. Hibbert Henry and George Percival Newton had a sister, Catherine, who married a Phillip Darlot.
2. Small model of Fokker aircraft which was employed in New Guinea.
3. Army provisions bag from World War I. (?)



Additional References:

General (Suggested by transferor).

Sir Clive Fitts, Lines of Communication.

Mrs Judith Newton (wife of Hibbert Richard) was also suggested as a source of information. Mrs Newton lives in Malvern.

First World War (re Wilberforce Newton).

Ray Jones Collection, University of Melbourne Archives.

Ray Jones was a signaller in the 19th Battalion of the A.I.F.

The Jones collection includes correspondence during the years 1915 to 1919 between Ray and his family, together with diaries, war journals, pamphlets and souvenir programmes, newspapers and newspaper clippings, photographs and objects.

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