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NAME OF COLLECTION	YEO, BRETNALL AND MERRIN
ACCESSION NO	1973.0086
CATEGORY	Business, organisations
ACTIVITY	Real estate agents
DATE RANGE	1882-1889
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2 cm
HISTORICAL NOTE	When Peter Yeo died in 1887, his manager, H.S. Merrin, took in Thomas Brentnall, a public accountant, to form this company. Peter Yeo and Yeo, Brentnall and Merrin were involved in a number of land deals during the 1880s. The firm underwent a number of changes before merging in 1974 into Touche Ross & Co.
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Correspondence (outward) 1882-1889 (photocopies).

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NAME: YEO, BRENTNALL & MERRIN LETTERS.

ADDRESS:

MAIN ACTIVITY: Accountants, Estate Agents, Melbourne Legal Managers.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1882-1889.

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The letters relate to land dealings during the 1880's and in particular, to the following four transactions:

1. Sale to the Railways of approx. 160 acres at Kensington owned by J.R. Murphy. Thomas Bent, Commissioner for Railways.
12 May - 8 Nov. 1882
2. Purchase of land at Ferrars Street, South Melbourne, by syndicate including Thomas Bent, George Swinburne, David Munro, Thomas Brentnall, William Benson and H. Andrews.
12 June - 1 Nov. 1888
3. Sale of "Strathallan" to Hon. C.H. James, M.L.C. at £140 per acre. The property was owned by Mr. Malcolm McLean (resident in Scotland) and comprised some 1670 acres north of Heidelberg intersected by Plenty Road. Letters allude strongly to the financial situation in Melbourne and discuss the different methods of selling used according to the state of the land market.
5 April 1888 - 9 Aug. 1889
4. Purchase of Mackinnon Heights Estates by syndicate including J.C. Turner, Charles Quin, C.L. Christensen, Tyson Pearson, C. Atkinson, Messrs. Sabelberg & Little, J. Gillbanks and F. Lupton, C.W. Gray, G.N. Taylor, J.W. Pearl, George Pallett, J.A. Ure, E. Klingender, F. MacKay, John Smith, C. Moller, John Rourke, Lloyd Tayler and J. Gray. Land purchased from Charles Wemyss. Letters also relate to formation of company.
22 Sept. 1888 - 18 Nov. 1889

The loose-leaf folder containing these press-copy letters is in possession of Mr. Tom Sheehy who works at the La Trobe Library.

LIST OF LETTERS COPIED.

1. Malcolm McLean, (Signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). p. 454, pp. 457-9.
19 July 1888

2. Malcolm McLean (signed Merrin). pp. 488-90
27 July 1888
3. Rev. J. Gibson (signed Merrin). p. 491
27 July 1888
4. Malcolm McLean (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. 611-14
14 Sept. 1888
5. A.M. Greenfield (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). p. 680
28 Sept. 1888
6. C.J. & T. Ham (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). p. 681 (?)
3 Oct. 1888
7. Malcolm McLean (signed Merrin). p. 720.
11 Oct. 1888
8. Malcolm McLean (signed Merrin). pp. 726-27
12 Oct. 1888
9. Malcolm McLean (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. 749-48 (sic).
19 Oct. 1888
10. C.J. & T. Ham (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). p. 755
22 Oct. 1888
11. Malcolm McLean (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. 782 - 80. (sic).
26 Oct. 1888
12. Hon. C.H. James (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). p. 803
2 Nov. 1888
13. Dr. Allan McLean (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). p. 806
2 Nov. 1888
14. Malcolm McLean (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. 826 a-c.
8 Nov. 1888
15. Malcolm McLean (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. 880 a-b.
30 Nov. 1888
16. W. Gibson (signed Merrin). p. 898
6 Dec. 1888
17. Malcolm McLean (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. 808 a-b, 809c, 810-13
7 Dec. 1888
(Contract of sale and purchase enclosed with the letter.)
18. Rev. J. Gibson (signed Merrin). pp. 226-27
1 March 1889

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19. Reid and Guild (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. 497-96 (sic).
26 April 1889
 20. Malcolm McLean (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. (?) - 553 (a pp.)
9 May 1889
 21. Reid and Guild (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). pp. 754-56
8 July 1889
 22. Reid and Guild (signed Yeo, Brentnall & Merrin). p. 850
2 Aug. 1889