



**THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES**

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION:</b>	<b>Cook, William Glanville Lau</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO:</b>	<b>1984.0077</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	Other, private
<b>ACTIVITY:</b>	Editors, Teachers
<b>DATE RANGE:</b>	1939 - 1981
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION:</b>	1.19 m (7 archive boxes)
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER:</b>	16 Aug 1984
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS:</b>	Open
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE:</b>	William "Bill" Glanville Lau Cook 1909 – 1983 was the Secretary of the Rationalist Society of Australia and Editor of "The Rationalist" for twenty-five years. He extended the scope of the Society so that rationalism was identified with an effort to retain democratic institutions and objects. The aim of the Rationalist Society was to propound and advance rationalism, to stimulate free thought and religious freedom and to promote a secular and ethical system of education. Cook held positions as Secretary and Board Member of the Rationalist Society of Australia, and was for twenty-five years, Editor of "The Rationalist". He also pursued activities relating to work as a Civil Marriage Celebrant, Radio Broadcast Presenter, civil rights and social issues campaigner and supporter, public affairs commentator, advocate and lecturer for the rationalist cause, 1949 delegate to the World Congress of Freethinkers, Rome 1949.
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Rationalist Society correspondence, minutes, constitutions, notebooks, memoranda from various organisations incl. Australian Council of Civil Liberties, Rationalist Society of Australia; business diaries; address books; index cards recording notes on individuals and Victorian towns, newspaper cuttings; miscellaneous copies of "The Rationalist", "NZ Rationalist", "The Freethinker", several copies in Polish of "Glos Wolnych" – Voice of the Free; newspaper cuttings, handwritten essays associated with radio broadcast career; letters, brochures, pamphlets, paper ephemera associated with overseas trip to attend World Congress of Freethinkers, Rome 1949; newspaper cuttings, pamphlets, booklets, newspaper collected and which illustrate support of rationalist causes such as euthanasia, civil liberties, secular education, ethics.
<b>NOTE ON LISTINGS:</b>	Original order no longer evident. Arranged to reflect scope of activities and intellectual interests.
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<b>DATE:</b>	28 Jun 2002

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	<b>1</b>	<b>Rationalist Society of Australia</b>
<b>1</b>	1/1	Agendas, Minutes and related Correspondence, 1966-1983. black and white print of Rationalist Society dinner participants – (from left) 1: unknown, 2: Brian Fitzpatrick, 3: Ralph Trail, 4: Graham Latimer, 5: unknown N.Z. visitor, 6: Jim Skerry, 7: Prof. Leeper, 8: Bill Cook, 9: ?Eric Westbrook, 10: unknown.
	1/2	Constitutions, undated
	1/3	Miscellany of material re: membership, society dinners, conferences, etc.
	1/4	Correspondence regarding Honorary Associate Membership of the Society, 1940
	1/5	Newspaper clippings, obituaries (2) about the death, Wednesday 19 Jul 1967 of Professor Alan John (Jock) Marshall, Honorary Associate of the Society and friend of Dr. W. Glanville Cook
	1/6	Newspaper Clippings – illustrative of views, opinions and attitudes, Cook found objectionable or interesting, or which related to his rationalist views
	1/6/1	Newspaper Clippings 1939
	1/6/2	Newspaper Clippings 1940
	1/6/3	Newspaper Clippings 1941
	1/6/4	Newspaper Clippings 1942
	1/6/5	Newspaper Clippings 1946
	1/6/6	Newspaper Clippings 1949
	1/6/7	Newspaper Clippings –Undated
	1/6/8	Newspaper Clippings – Debate – “Mr Cook versus Mr. Lunn”, The Argus, 14 Sep 1950; “Rationalist v. Catholic on Tolerance” The Sun 14 Sep 1950; “A Man Who Lost God” The Herald 24 Jun 1972 – profile of W.G.L. Cook
	1/7	Copy of Australian Security & Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) File
	1/8	Copies of teaching performance assessments, 1930 – 1940, 1957 – 1960, black + white photographic prints of Bamarn State School
	1/9	Records associated with personal business activities, 1953 – 1957?
	1/10	Records associated with position as Registrar of Marriages and Marriage Celebrant, 1946 – 1974
	<b>2</b>	<b>Rationalist Society of Australia – Correspondence 1942 - 1981</b>
<b>2</b>	2/1	Correspondence associated with Rationalist activities and beliefs, mostly undated
	2/2	Correspondence associated with Rationalist activities and beliefs, 1942 – 1950
	2/3	Correspondence, Rationalist Society, 1951 – 1962
	2/4	Correspondence, Rationalist Society, 1963 – 1969
	2/5	Correspondence, Rationalist Society, 1970 – 1981
	2/6	Cook, William Glanville Lau – Obituaries, somewhat disordered for Dr.

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		Maurice (Morrie) Rothberg, Dr. George Shaw, Phyllis (Phyll) Busst(?), Mr Phyl Dwyer
	<b>3</b>	<b>Rationalist Society of Australia – “The Rationalist” and rationalist publications</b>
<b>3</b>	3/1	Articles received for publication in society’s journal, entitled “The Rationalist” (undated, pages missing). Includes cartoon proofs and packet of business cards – “W. Glanville Cook, Editor, The Rationalist”
	3/2	Galley proofs of “The Rationalist”
	3/3	Rationalist Society of Australia - Publications – “The Rationalist”, 9 copies, June 1940 – August/September 1963
	3/4	Rationalist publications – “The Indian Rationalist” 1 copy, “The NZ Rationalist” 1947 – 1949, some duplicated
	3/5	Rationalist publications – “The Freethinker” broadsheet periodical 1949 incomplete, 1955 incomplete, 1960 incomplete, 1971 incomplete
	3/6	Rationalist publications – various large format periodical publications, 1940, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1970
	3/7	Rationalist publications – various booklet form periodical publications, 1941, 1942, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1969
	3/8	Rationalist publications - various broadsheet periodical publications, 1948, 1949, including several copies of the Polish language broadsheet “Glos Wolnych” – Voice of the Free
	<b>4</b>	<b>Cook, William Glanville Lau – Radio Broadcast Career</b>
<b>4</b>	4/1	Radio Broadcast Career, in the personae of “General Knowledge”, presenter of a quiz show ‘Battle of the Sexes’ and other programs - ‘General Knowledge’ and ‘This is Victoria’
	4/1/1	Alphabetic card index box A-H, 14 x 14 x 9.5 cm., handwritten notes for radio programs ‘This is Victoria’ and/or ‘General Knowledge’
	4/1/2	Notebooks, 4, variously bound – rough jottings for talks and radio programs
	4/1/3	Flash cards, 55, 3 x 5 in., some fragile, others water damaged, of questions, probably for ‘Battle of the Sexes’
	4/2	Essays for radio talks, 1942 - 1950 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Literary Frauds and Frame-Ups, 27 Jan 1942 – radio broadcast</li>   <li>• 90 general knowledge questions – ‘Battle of the Sexes’, 9 Feb 1943 – radio program</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Parodies for Pleasure, 30 Dec 1945 – 'Spotlight on Literature' – radio program</li> <li>• Newspaper clippings x 2 regarding 'Should All Sunday Restrictions on Public Sport and Entertainment in This State be Lifted?', a debate between W.G.L. Cook as Secretary, the Rationalist Society and Rev. J. Eric Owen, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gardiner, conducted on 5 Oct 1946 during "The Heckle Hour" on radio 3DB-LK</li> <li>• 'Can We Believe the Bible?' discussion between W.G.L. Cook and Rev. A.C. Watson, presented during "Let the People Speak", radio 3AR, 9.45 – 10.00 pm, Saturday 3 Jan 1947</li> <li>• 'On Secular Education' – discussion between W.G.L. Cook and Rev. Victor James, presented on radio 3XY, 4.30 – 5.00 pm, 5 Nov 1950</li> <li>• 'The Soviet in the Pacific', six typewritten pages, undated</li> <li>• 'The Story of Wangaratta', seven typewritten pages, 1 hand written, undated</li> <li>• Letter, dated 5 Jan 1944, challenging an answer given by "General Knowledge" on 'Fifty &amp; Over'</li> </ul>
	4/3	<p>Essays for radio programs and speeches including 'The Voice of Reason', various subjects, some incomplete, undated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Rationalism</li> <li>• 'The Case Against Religion' – D. Armstrong</li> <li>• 'The Birth of Christianity'</li> <li>• 'Rationalism' – presented to Footscray Rotarians</li> <li>• 'The Necessity of God and Prayer' – press release about 4<sup>th</sup> October debate between W.G.L. Cook and Mr. Webster</li> <li>• 'British Israel'</li> <li>• "The Choice before the People" – transcript of election speeches presented by R. Broadby, 16 Apr 1951 (at head of page 1), speech by A.E. Monk, President Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) (at head of page 1), includes annotated originals and carbon copies of each speech</li> </ul> <p>'Voice of Reason', a program of the Rationalist Society of Australia, presented by Charmian Jacka and W.G.L. Cook</p>

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		<p>Voice of Reason - hand written presenting notes, 3 pages, incomplete, refers to 'Adams-Hazelwood' dispute (Philip Adams, R.Rev. John Hazelwood, Bishop of Ballarat); further material referring to the Adams-Hazelwood dispute</p> <p>Voice of Reason - hand written presenting notes, 2 pages, refers to ongoing discussion "Why Religion"</p> <p>Voice of Reason - hand written presenting notes, 'Easter'</p> <p>Voice of Reason – hand written presenting notes, musical references, Georges Bizet, a "rationalist composer"</p> <p>Voice of Reason – hand written presenting notes, 8 pages refers to 'Father Murray Dispute'</p> <p>Voice of Reason – hand written presenting notes, 'Freedom in Danger' re: 'Father Murray Dispute', dismissal of Claudia Wright, John Tingle, Michael Daly, Julie Copeland from radio 3AW, pages missing from sequence</p> <p>Voice of Reason – hand written presenting notes, continues discussion of the 'Father Murray Dispute'</p> <p>Voice of Reason – hand written presenting notes, continues discussion of the 'Father Murray Dispute'</p> <p>Voice of Reason – hand written presenting notes, Saint-Saens, a "rationalist composer"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand written presenting notes, 4 pages, undated, 1st page missing, discussion about the politician, Simon Crean</li> <li>• Women, Christianity and Dr. Kinsey' – undated, appears incomplete, pages 1 – 15 run in sequence, then a broken sequence recommences at page five to eight</li> </ul>
	4/4	<p>Presenter of "Battle of the Sexes"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper clippings, some dated – 1943, includes image of W.G.L. Cook in personae 'General Knowledge' along with 'Colonel Stephani(e) (Bini)', 'Colonel (Gil) Charlesworth', every Tuesday, 8.00pm 3UZ</li> </ul>
	<b>5</b>	<b>Cook, William Glanville Lau – Overseas Trip – World Congress of Freethinkers, Rome, 1949</b>
<b>5</b>	5/1	Rationalist Society of Australia Fundraising Appeal - letters dated 6 <sup>th</sup> May

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		1949 and responses, annotated to show amounts received
	5/2	London Correspondence, May – December 1949
	5/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters re trip, letters of introduction</li> <li>• Bon Voyage wishes in the form of card and telegrams</li> <li>• Customs Declaration form</li> <li>• Brochure, “Eritrea : delightful holiday resort” “To Bill from ...”, August 1949</li> <li>• “Asmara Adventure” by W. Glanville Cook, 14 handwritten pages, possibly several drafts herein</li> <li>• “Notes from Abroad” 1 handwritten page</li> <li>• Cabin Plan – First Class for T.S.S. “Strathnaver”, Cabin 552 C.Deck, marked with circle and arrow in pencil</li> </ul>
	5/4	<p>Letters 1947 – 1950 re Overseas Trip and Attendance at World Congress of Freethinkers, Rome 1949</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norman Haire, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1948 – 9<sup>th</sup> June 1949</li> <li>• V. H. Wallace to Cook re Norman Haire and Cook’s reply (incomplete)</li> <li>• F. A. Hornibrook, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1947 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 1949</li> <li>• Charles Burleigh, 27<sup>th</sup> March 1948 –</li> <li>• Alan John (Jock) Marshall, 17<sup>th</sup> March 1948 – 29<sup>th</sup> May 1949</li> <li>• Rationalist Press Association, A. Stewart, C. Bradlaugh Bonner, 1950</li> </ul>
	5/5	<p>Attendance at Fourth Rationalist Press Association Conference, “Science and Society”, Magdalen College, Oxford, UK, 5 – 9 Aug 1949</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The Freethinker” clippings re lecture by Cook “The Roman Catholic Church in Australian Politics”, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1949 Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn, London</li> <li>• Speaking Notes for lecture 24<sup>th</sup> October 1949 in London</li> <li>• RPA Brochure advertising lecture series and membership application form</li> <li>• RPA Brochure for conference “Science and Society” Magdalen College, Oxford</li> <li>• Typed Speaking Notes for conference “Science and Society” – “An Australian Representative at the Jubilee Conference of the Rationalist Press Association (1899- 1949)”</li> <li>• Two letters to Cook from F.C.C. Watts, RPA</li> </ul>
	5/6	<p>World Congress of Freethinkers, Rome 1949</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brochure, “Union Mondiale des Libres Penseurs” 29<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Freethinkers – Italian language</li> <li>• Handwritten Speaking Notes for Congress – “Rationalism in Australia : report to the World Congress of Freethinkers, Rome, 9 Sep 1949 (14 pages)</li> <li>• Resolution, proposed by Charles Smith, US delegate</li> <li>• Photograph, b+w, of C. Bradlaugh Bonner to Cook, enscribed “To</li> </ul>

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		<p>W. Glanville Cook in memory of his European visit 1949, de tutto mi cuore (fondest regards, not literal transl.) C. Bradlaugh Bonner”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and Accommodation receipts – Rome, business card Auberge des Sables d’Or, St. Clair</li> <li>• Letters - Union Mondiale des Libres Penseurs, C. Bradlaugh Bonner, 14<sup>th</sup> September 1946 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1949</li> <li>• Letters – various authors to Cook re Congress</li> <li>• b+w negatives of Cook, et al, landscapes and scenes</li> </ul>
	<b>6</b>	<b>Cook, William Glanville Lau – Overseas Trip – World Congress of Freethinkers, Rome, 1949</b>
<b>6</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cine-Kodak, Super-X panchromatic safety film, in original containers x 4 (possibly unused)</li> <li>• Cine-Kodak Kodachrome safety color film for daylight, x 5, processed</li> <li>• Film canister x 1</li> </ul>
	<b>7</b>	<b>Cook, William Glanville Lau – Social Issues</b>
<b>7</b>	7/1	Rationalist Society of Australia and Council of Civil Liberties Campaign against “TheVictorian Police Offences (Assaults and Obscene Publications) Bill, known as the ‘Bigotry Bill’, 1949 - while Cook was overseas, newspapers cuttings were forwarded by his family
	7/2	Education and Religious Instruction in Schools, 1960 – 1970
	7/3	Euthanasia, support for – Membership of Voluntary Euthanasia Society, and society literature
	7/4	Miscellany of writings on social issues, opinions by various ‘freethinkers’, some material by Cook, quotations, single pages of notes
	7/5	Collection of pamphlets, booklets concerning such issues as religion, Catholicism, Communism, effects of alcohol, Charter of World Reconstruction
	7/6	The Healesville Story, by J. F. Hill in 2 volumes - Vol. 1, black bound typed quarto pages to p. 223, Vol. 2, blue bound typed quarto pages to p. 463, written in response to long-standing problems associated with management of the Healesville and District Hospital, resulting in the 1961 Board of Inquiry
	7/7	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philosophical Essays by Donald L. Humphries, 1975 [contributor to The Rationalist]</li> <li>• Peking Moscow Letters by Elizabeth Vassilieff, 1953</li> <li>• Groundwork of Ethics by J. Welton, 1925</li> <li>• Anticipations by H.G. Wells [paperback cover missing, author from</li> </ul>

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		spine] • Paths to Peace : a study of war, its causes and prevention, Chapter III, Economic Conflicts in relation to War by Kenneth Rivett, Lecturer in Economics, University of Melbourne, [undated, typewritten].
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