



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Walters, William Henry Oppy
ACCESSION NO	1964.0007
CATEGORY	Other, Individuals
ACTIVITY	Blacksmiths
DATE RANGE	1872-1906
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2 cm
HISTORICAL NOTE	Walters was apprenticed to the Phoenix Foundry Co Ltd in Ballarat in 1872. After learning the blacksmith's trade, he worked there as a journeyman until 1906. At the same time he served for 21 years at the Victorian School of Military Instruction where he learned signalling, infantry drill and musketry.
DATE OF TRANSFER	May 1964
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Articles of apprenticeship, 1872; military certificates 1888, 1890, 1891, 1893 and 1906.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	
LISTED BY	Rosemary Arnold
DATE	6 March 1967

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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: WILLIAM HENRY OPPY WALTERS.

ADDRESS: Deceased, formerly Ballarat.

MAIN ACTIVITY: Blacksmith.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1872 - 1906

NAME OF TRANSFEROR: J. Stow, of

DATE OF TRANSFER: May 1964.

GENERAL NOTE: In February 1872 William Walters was apprenticed to the Phoenix Iron Foundry Limited (Ballarat) by his father Thomas Walters, for a period of seven years. After learning the trade of blacksmith, Walters worked for the Company for twenty years as a journeyman, until 1906.

At the Victorian School of Military Instruction, he passed courses in signalling, infantry drill, and musketry. In 1906, after twenty one years of effective service he obtained a certificate of discharge, at his own request.

RECORDS ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS.

1. Articles of apprenticeship. Thomas Walters, miner, apprentices his son William to the Phoenix Foundry Co. for seven years (7 February 1872).
23 February 1872 (dated 1871 on exterior).
2pp. 1 sheet.
NOTE: The Phoenix ~~Company~~ ^{Foundry} had "the largest and most complete plant for the construction of locomotives^{engines} in the colonies." (Sutherland, Victoria, and its Metropolis, Vol. 2. p. 177. 1888).
2. Testimonial for W. Walters from the Phoenix Foundry Co. Ltd., Engineers and Iron Founders.
20 October 1906.
3. Military Certificates.
 - 3/1 Victorian Military School of Instruction.
Flag Signalling.
14 December 1888.
1p.
 - 3/2 Victoria Military School of Instruction.
3rd class certificate in Manual and Firing Exercises and qualified as Corporal of Infantry.
24 June 1890.
1p.
 - 3/3 ditto.
Musketry certificate.
30 December 1891.
1p.

3/5 Military Forces of the Commonwealth. Citizens Forces.
Certificate of discharge - (at his own request) from 7th
Australian Infantry Regiment, Ballarat, on 17th December 1906.
1p.

6th March 1967.

Rosemary Arnold,
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