



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	VICTORIAN OPERATIVE BRICKLAYERS' SOCIETY
ACCESSION NO	1978.0048
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade Unions
DATE RANGE	1857-1969
SIZE OF COLLECTION	8 x Archive Boxes and 1 x Flat Brown Box
HISTORICAL NOTE	The VOBS was established in 1856 and was an early party to eight-hour agreements. The skills and mobility of bricklayers have contributed to the independence of this small union. In 1988 it joined the two Victorian plaster industry unions to form the Victorian State Building Trades Union.
DATE OF TRANSFER	11/01/1978
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	V.O.B.S. executive minutes, financial statements, photograph; Melbourne Lodge minutes, cash book, contribution book; Bendigo Lodge minutes, cash book, contribution books, unemployed register; Ballarat Lodge minutes, cash book, member's contribution book; Geelong Lodge minutes, cash book.
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: Victorian Operative Bricklayers' Society.

ADDRESS: Drummond Street, Carlton.

MAIN ACTIVITY: Trade Union.

DATE OF TRANSFER: 11 January 1978.

NOTE: The V.O.B.S. was formed in Melbourne in 1856, but the earliest records of the Society are held in Canberra (A.N.U.). With the exception of the Executive Minute Books (1/1/1-2), this collection comprises minutes and financial records of the union's lodges, notably Bendigo, Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong. The Bendigo records began in 1901, executive records 1907, the others are more recent.

LIST OF RECORDS:

GROUP 1. V.O.B.S. Executive

1/1 Minute Books.
1/2 Financial Statements
1/3 Photograph

GROUP 2. Melbourne Lodge.

2/1 Minutes.
2/2 Cash Book
2/3 Contribution Books.

GROUP 3. Bendigo Lodge

3/1 Minutes.
3/2 Contribution Books
3/3 Unemployed Register.

GROUP 4. Ballarat Lodge.

4/1 Minutes.
4/2 Cash Book.
4/3 Members Contribution Book.

GROUP 5. Geelong Lodge.

5/1 Minutes.
5/2 Cash Book.

GROUP 1. V.O.B.S. Executive

- 1/1/1 Minute Book.
20 July 1907 - 8 May 1908.
- 1/1/2 Minute Book.
2 Sept. 1925 - 15 Feb. 1934.
Note: This volume also includes i. Minutes of Mass Meetings,
and of Special Committees appointed by such meetings; ii.
Minutes of Meeting of Piece Workers and Sub-Committee of Union,
Febr 1934.
- 1/2 Quarterly Financial Statements compiled from Lodge Balance Sheets.
Incomplete.
1926 - 1930.

GROUP 2. Melbourne Lodge.

- 2/1 Minutes of Lodge Meetings.
14 Dec. 1909 - 17 Nov. 1911.
- 2/2 Cash Book.
June 1921 - May 1968.
- 2/3 Contribution Books.
2/3/1 1918 - 1921.
2/3/2 1924 - 1927.
2/3/3 1927 - 1929.
2/3/4 1929 - 1933.
2/3/5 Sept. 1946 - July 1951.

GROUP 3. Bendigo Lodge.

- 3/1 Minutes.
- 3/1/1 Minutes of Lodge Meetings
12 Dec. 1911 - 27 Nov. 1934.
- 3/1/2 Minutes of Lodge Meetings
8 Jan. 1935 - 7 April 1936.
Note: The lodge's contribution and expenditure tables for
1933 - 1942 are also in this volume.
- 3/1/3 Minutes of Lodge Meetings.
12 May 1936 - 2 May 1950.
- 3/2 Contribution Books.
- 3/2/1 Members Contribution Book
Feb. 1901 - Aug. 1908.
Note: Volume includes i. Statement of Accounts and Balance
Sheets for 1908-1917; ii. Declaration of New Members, Bendigo
Lodge VOBS, 1911-1914; iii. Officers Roll 1903 - 1906; . Fines
List, 1901 - 1904.
- 3/2/2 Members Contribution Book,
Sept. 1908 - 1949.
- 3/2/3 Contribution and Cash Book,
June 1901 - Aug. 1911.
- 3/2/3 Contribution and Cash Book,
Sept. 1911 - April 1933.
- 3/3 Unemployed Register.
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- Note: Also included among these records is the Day Book of
an as yet unidentified Bendigo general Merchant or carter,
1858 - 1858.

GROUP 4. Ballarat Lodge.

- 4/1 Minutes of Lodge Meetings
Jan. 1941 - 13 Aug. 1970.
- 4/2 Cash Book,
Feb. 1941 - May 1971.
- 4/3 Members Contribution Book,
March 1941 - Nov. 1970.

GROUP 5. Geelong Lodge.

- 5/1 Minutes of Lodge Meetings
1 May 1941 - 11 May 1961.
- 5/2 Cash Book, May 1928 - Feb. 1969.