



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	WUNDERLICH LTD
ACCESSION NO	1977.0075
CATEGORY	Business, organizations
ACTIVITY	Manufacturers, building materials
DATE RANGE	1910 – 1971
SIZE OF COLLECTION	15 archive boxes, several bundles and one ledger
HISTORICAL NOTE	Ernest Wunderlich arrived in Australia from England in 1885, and opened his Sydney factory, with brothers Alfred and Otto, in 1890. They opened a factory and showroom at 123 Queen St, Melbourne in 1904. Wunderlich was most famous for manufacturing pressed zinc ceiling panels and decorative work. Later they expanded into 'modern' materials such as Durabestos, promoted by the company at the time as "inexpensive, clean and durable". The firm was taken over by Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd in 1970.
DATE OF TRANSFER	14 Oct 1977
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Melbourne office records; legal documents 1910-1969; share registers 1933-1956; dividend listings 1965-1969; accounting records including balance sheets, cash receipts, stock and production account sheets, ledgers 1927-1971; property records including correspondence 1916-1936; wages records including wage cards, wage sheets, unemployment relief payment sheets 1933-1971; photographs of buildings under construction and completed in which Wunderlich materials were used, Wunderlich founders and directors, office staff circa 1928-1961.
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3	1	Legal Documents	
	1/1	Patent, Marseilles Red Terracotta roofing tile	Jan 1910
	1/2	Deed of Settlement, Wunderlich with William Young and Co. Pty Ltd, re infringement of copyright catalogues illustrating metal ceiling and wall lining designs	
	1/3	Associated Statutory declaration by Arthur Stevenson re: sales of metal plates	April 1912
	1/4	Assignment of patent rights for a 'sheet metal cutter', from George Simpson to Wunderlich.	June 1915
	1/5	Assignment of patent rights for a 'perfectly watertight Bischproof galvanized iron exhaust ridge vent', from John Hyslop to Wunderlich	June 1915
	1/6	Assignment of patent rights for 'an improved metal ventilating ridging for roves and like' from John Hyslop to Wunderlich.	June 1915
	1/7	Plan of Darebin (ie, Hordens Estate, Ivanhoe), also a second plan, undated	2 October 1915
	1/8	Lease of Northcote land; documents relating to title and associated plan	January 1926
	1/9	Plan of sub-division relating to Mitcham orchardlands	October 1916
	1/10	Distribution agreement between Associated Roofing Pty Ltd and Wunderlich, Nov. 1926. related agreement between Associated Roofing and various companies, Dec 1929	Nov 1926 – Dec 1929
	1/11	Assignment of lease, Lot 191 Orrong Cres., Camberwell, from Allan Theodore Davis to Wunderlich	December 1929
	1/12	Patent for a 'multiple scoring machine'	September 1929
	1/13	Patent and renewal for 'improvements to ventilation'.	September 1930 - March 1932
	1/14	Patent for 'improvements to ventilation'.	September 1931
	1/15	Assignment of patent rights for a 'de-airing pugmill' from J. Welsh to Wunderlich	December 1933
	1/16	Assignment of patent rights for a 'de-airing pugmill' from J. Welsh to Wunderlich	September 1934
	1/17	Lease, Mitcham orchardlands, H.J. Sutton and W.H. Parker.	May 1936 – September 1938
	1/18	Selling arrangements for asbestos cement with James Hardie and Co. for State of Victoria, as from Oct. 1935	1935
	1/19	Patent for 'improvements in/or relating to	September 1938

Box No	Series No	Description	Dates
		manufacture of asbestos cement and lime sheets	
Unit 3	1/20	Statements of income, expenditure, etc. of the Mrs. V.B. Solly Trust (wife of Robert H. Solly, Managing Director).	1968-69
	2	Share Records	
bundle	2/1	Share Register Sheets: A-Z (Note: bundle labeled "Sheets cleared out April 1956")	c. 1933-1956
1	2/2	Dividend Listings, 1 vol.	27 May 1965 – 29 May 1969
	3	Accounting Records	
O/S Box	3/1	Annual Balance Sheets, Stock Accounts, etc., 1 vol. (Springback)	February 1927 – February 1948
5	3/2	Cash Receipts sheets	January 1970 – September 1971
10	3/3	Dissection Sheets (General Journal)	
		3/3/1 2 rolls	March 1957 – February 1964
		3/3/2 1 roll	March 1964 – February 1968
vol.	3/4	General Ledger, 1 vol.	1933 - 1962
7 & 8	3/5	Creditors' Ledger Sheets: A-Z	c. 1968-1969
bundle	3/6	Stock and Production Account Sheets	March 1936 – March 1963
	4	Properties Records	
missing	4/1	Correspondence, 1 vol. (Contains: 4/1/1 Brunswick – 8 Aug 1927 – 21 Aug 1936 4/1/2 Northcote/Ivanhoe – 8 Feb. 1921 – 13 Aug. 1935 4/1/3 South Melbourne/ Collins Street 25 Jul 1916 – 18 Apr 1932	1916- 1936
	5	Wages Records	
14	5/1	Wages Cards	1933 - 1944
11	5/2	Wages Sheets	18 December 1970 – 31 March 1971
14	5/3	Unemployment Relief Payment Sheets	n.d.
	6	Taxation records	
bundle	6/1	Income Tax Returns, 1 vol. (Springback)	1927-1928, 1945-1946
12	6/2	Group and Payroll Tax, 1 vol.	March 1967 – February 1969
	7	Photographs	
9	7/1	Wunderlich Bros. Founders and Directors. Dr. O.W. Wunderlich, Mr. E. Wunderlich and Mr. A. Wunderlich	
	7/2	South Melbourne Office Staff	1947
	7/3	Wunderlich Senior Management Conference, Terrigal, NSW	14-16 April 1961

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	7/4	Wunderlich Ltd. Aerial view – Sunshine Durasbestos and Terra Cotta Factory	
O/S Box	7/5	Wunderlich Ltd. Aerial view – Tileries at Vermont, Victoria. [n.d., post 1947 – having later structures being additions to those shown on illustration in 1947 Company booklet)	n.d. [after 1947]
9	7/6	(Unframed photograph) Copies of 71 photographs, company factories and buildings incorporating Wunderlich materials. From album held by company., 1 box	Mostly c. 1926 - 1927

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4,5 & 6		Product Manuals	1960's
2		Correspondence; Organization Manual Effective 1 June, 1962; Organization Manual Effective 1 June, 1961; Senior Conference Terrigal N.S.W April 1961; Senior Management Conference Terrigal April, 1961; Product Manual: folder containing Wunderlich Kitchen Unit photographs and loose correspondence; Staff position descriptions and responsibility; Memorandum and Articles of Association, Redfern, Sydney 1961; Various Marketing correspondence	1960's
13		Miscellaneous: Architectural Plans; Cost estimates; Other company window product catalogues; Wunderlich Window and wall unit installation technical instructions; fittings; hand written notes on product designs; Memo's re: Faulty Tiles 1960's and 70's.	1960's and 70's

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9		Australian Modular Society: correspondence, 1Dec 1964 - 12 May 1965 including modular explanation, availability of products and a questionnaire; Photographs, 'The Spencer Exhibition Home Brisbane'; Plans for window fittings etc; 1968 - 1971; Supply Price lists; Publication, 'PROCEEDINGS - Third Australian Building Research Congress, 1968.	1964 -1965