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NAME OF COLLECTION	Vivienne ABRAHAM
ACCESSION NO	1997.0017
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Political activists
DATE RANGE	1930-1979
SIZE OF COLLECTION	73 archives boxes
HISTORICAL NOTE	Vivienne Abraham was born in Melbourne 2 February 1920 and graduated LL.B. having studied from 1937 until 1966. She and her sister Shirley, born 28 February 1922, were active in a number of peace, pacifist and conscientious objector support groups from the 1940s to 1989 (Shirley died earlier). Vivienne was editor of 'The Peacemaker' from 1953 until 1955, joint editor with Shirley 1964-1968, and editor from 1969 until 1971, when it ceased publication. Vivienne Abraham died 31 March 2003.
DATE OF TRANSFER	26 February 1997
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Correspondence, ephemera, minutes, accounts from Australian Peace Pledge Union, Victorian Branch 1942-44; Conscientious Objectors Central Committee 1942-44, [Melbourne] minute book 1940-41, Mutual Subsidy Fund membership 1942-44, and Service Group 1941-42; Federal Pacifist Council Australia 1958-66 (Shirley A); Goodwill Service Community House correspondence 1940-41; Miscellaneous
NOTE ON LISTING	In some instances listing does not completely cover the contents of the boxes. Users may encounter additional, unlisted materials.
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LIST OF RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY

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MAIN ACTIVITY: POLITICAL ACTIVISTS

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GENERAL NOTE:

VIVIENNE ABRAHAM WAS BORN IN MELBOURNE 2 FEBRUARY 1920 AND GRADUATED LL.B. HAVING STUDIED FROM 1937 UNTIL 1966. SHE AND HER SISTER SHIRLEY, BORN 28 FEBRUARY 1922, WERE ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF PEACE, PACIFIST AND CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR SUPPORT GROUPS FROM THE 1940S TO 1989 (SHIRLEY DIED EARLIER). VIVIENNE WAS EDITOR OF *THE PEACEMAKER* FROM 1953 UNTIL 1955, JOINT EDITOR WITH SHIRLEY 1964-1968, AND EDITOR FROM 1969 UNTIL 1971, WHEN IT CEASED PUBLICATION. VIVIENNE ABRAHAM DIED 31 MARCH 2003.

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DATE: 1997. FRONT PAGE UPDATED JUNE 2004

NEW COVERSHEET: SEPTEMBER, 2011.

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1.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The Peacemaker', Vols. 17-27, 1964-74 	
2.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'War Resistance' journal, 1973-75 • 'Sarvodaya', 1970-73 • 'The Nonviolent' - Magazine of the War Resisters' League, 1988-89 • War Resisters' League 	
3.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The War Resister' • 'Die Friedensrundschan', 1951-54 • 'War Resistance' 	
4.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The War Resisters' International • Akmal Ahsan 'Nuclear Arms & International Law' • 'You, The Hangman? Thoughts on Capital Punishment' (issued by Howard League for Penal Reform). • 'Gora-An Atheist' • 'A Handbook for Shunti Sainiks' • 'Committee for Nonviolent Action' Bulletin • 'The Reporter for Conscience Sake', 1967-72 • Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. 	
5.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The Catholic Worker', 1968-76 	
6.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Resisters' League News • 'People's Action' • 'Nonviolent Power', 1969-70 • The 'Nonviolent Activist', 1988-89 	
7.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Win'- Peace and Freedom Through Nonviolent Action 	
8.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Win' - Peace and Freedom Through Nonviolent Action • Army • Vietnam • Friends Committee on National Legislation • AFOR 	
9.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Quaker Action Group - clippings, releases, etc. • CWVA & NV • Resistance/Resistance to the Draft • Vietnam • Hawaii Resistance 	

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10.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'War Resistance', 1962-73 	
11.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'War Resistance' 	
12.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Resisters' International • 'The War Resister' • 'Die Friedensvuntschan' 	
13.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Arunodayam' (India), 1969-76. • Indochina 1971 • 'Why are Australian being conscripted for Vietnam?' • 'The New Zealand Christian Pacifist' 	
14.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace Press (international information service). • International Peace Research newsletter. 	
15.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Peace News' 1967-69 	
16.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Peace News' 1964-66 	
17.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Peace News', 1962-63 	
18.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Pacific' (War- Peace-International Co-operation) • 'Peoples Action' • 'Downunder' • 'Aquarius' • 'Outlook' • 'Dissent' • 'The Children of Vietnam' • 'Fraternal Dialogue' • '<i>Hva Birih</i>' • WRI Newsletter 	
19.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Resisters' International • Miscellaneous pamphlets on peace and resistance. 	
20.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Africa • Vietnam (including International Committee of Conscience on Vietnam) 	
21.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Gandhi Marg' (Quarterly Journal of Gandhian Thought) 	
22.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The Peacemaker' (NZ Christian Pacifist Society) • 'The Pacifist', 1964-72 	

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23.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The Hindu Weekly Review' • 'India Panorama' • 'Voice' 	
24.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The Listener' • World Over Press 1952-55/ Worldaround Press 	
25.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The New Statemans and Nation' • International Fellowship of Reconciliation Bulletin & Newsletter • 'The Australian News Review', 1951-53 • 'Sanity', 1963-67 • Socialist Labor Party • Student journals • 'The Pacifist' • Pamphlets, articles 	
26.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miscellaneous pamphlets/publications 	
27.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Fellowship of Reconciliation • 'Socialist Standard', 1963-65 	
28.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuclear Disarmament • Vietnam • Australian Peace Council, etc. 	
29.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Retrieval' newsletter • Pamphlets on Aborigines, conscientious objectors, war, conscription, Asia, etc. • 'Reconciliation Quarterly' 	
30.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miscellaneous pamphlets 	
31.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists', 1964-67 	
32.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists', 1967-68 	
33.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assorted pamphlets 	
34.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assorted pamphlets, correspondence, publications 	
35.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assorted pamphlets, correspondence, publications 	

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36.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disarmament • Nuclear testing • Peace movement includes World Peace Brigade. • Housman's books, etc. • Assorted materials, pamphlets, etc. 	
37.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Peace Brigade • War Resistance • Pacifist Literature • Non-Violent Resistance 	
38.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacifist Movement of Victoria • 'Peace' and Current Affairs • Conscientious Objectors • Movement Against Uranium Mining • World Peace Brigade (<i>paper clips need replacing due to rust. J.B.</i>) 	
39.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'War Resisters' International • International Fellowship of Reconciliation • Federal Pacifist Council of Australia 	
40.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prisons/penal reform • Criminology course notes • Misc. correspondence and pamphlets 	
41.		Howard League for Penal Reform	
42.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard League for Penal Reform • Federal Pacifist Council of Australia • Report of the Australian Royal Commission on the Agent Orange Phenomenon. 	
43.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victorian Pacifist Council • F. Coaldrake - letters from Japan, 1947-49 • War Resisters' International Conference, 1948 • Advisory Committee on Conscientious Objection • Fellowship of Reconciliation • League for Freedom and World Friendship 	
44.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Resisters' International, 1949-52 • Community (Victoria) • Central Committee of Conscientious Objectors (Victoria), 1942-43 	

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45.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures on Non-Violence, Sept. 1944. • Brotherhood of St. Lawrence. 	
46.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Addams • Non-Violence • Council Against War and Fascism • League for Peace and Democracy • United Peace Council • Disarmament • Council for Civil Liberties 	
47.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Resisters' International 1939-49 • Christian Pacifist Movement (Victoria) 1939-49 • Australian League of Nations' League (Vic. Branch) 1937-47 • Newspaper Cutting Album, ca. 1948-49 	
48.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences, 1933-44 • 'Letter to Peace Lovers', 1939-44 • Eleanor Moore, 'Non-combatants' (1916) 	
49.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Cases and Housing League material 	
50.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The Young Friends Bulletin' (Quakers), 1962-67 • 'The Australian Friend' (Quakers), 1964-67 • 'Peace and Freedom', 1966-68 • 'The Reporter', 1964-66 • Anglican Pacifist Fellowship 	
51.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Crime Prevention, Correction and Aftercare Council (Victorian Branch) • Howard League for Penal Reform 	
52.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard League for Penal Reform, Vic., NSW. • Prison Reform Council 	
53.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW Parliamentary Debates • 'Alternative Criminology Journal' • Howard League for Penal Reform 	
54.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prison Reform • 'Alert Atomique'. 1978-81 • 'Pacifisten' (Danish - War Resisters' International) • 'Fredsmmissionaven', 1952-54 • Various odd other papers 	

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55.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Pax', 1973-74, 1977 • 'Civil Courage', 1974-82 • 'Ikkevold', 1974-82 	
56.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Freden', 1964-67, 1973-75 • 'The Peacemaker', (Kriegsdienstgegner) 1971, 1973-77 • 'Virus', 1978 	
57.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Peace News', 1970-72 • 'The Word', 1951-54 	
58.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenin (?) Calendar 1870/1970 • 'India Panorama' • Newscutting Scrap Book, 1941 	
59.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Reconciliation Quarterly', 1964-67, 1970-74 • International Fellowship of Reconciliation, 1969-70, 1971 	
60.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Fellowship of Reconciliation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ reports, 1970-74 ~ bulletins, 1973-75 	
61.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Catholic Worker', 1951-55, 1964-66, 1970 	
62.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'New Zealand Christian Pacifist' • Fellowship of Reconciliation • Union of Democratic Control • 'The Peacemaker', 1954 	
63.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Peace News' 	
64.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Peace News' 	
65.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Peace News' 	
66.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Vietnam 	
67.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Voluntary Service for Peace (IVSP) • 'Industrial Worker' (official organ of the IWW) • 'Unity' 	
68.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IVSP, 1948-55 	

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69.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes and Attenders 1963 conferences • Sanity CND - Victoria • N.F. Peace Board • Pacifist Literature • IPB & INCDIP (International Confederation for Disarmament & Peace) • Peace Research • Brian Fitzpatrick's Labor Newsletter, 1964-65 	
70.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Maggie's Farm', 1979-81 • Crime and Social Services • Fellowship of Reconciliation • 'Peace Bulletin (NZ Christian Pacifist Society) and other NZ literature. 	
71.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Fellowship of Reconciliation, 1973-75 • 'Reconciliation Quarterly', 1969-70 • 'Anti-militarist News', 1952-57 • Assorted pamphlets 	
72.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assorted pamphlets • Membership records (or index cards) 	
73.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assorted pamphlets, newspapers, publications etc. including International Fellowship of Reconciliation. 	