

 <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE</p>	<b>THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES</b>
<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Gaston Bros Pty Ltd</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1977.0088
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Business, organisations
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Manufacturers, agricultural machinery
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1921-1961
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	12 archive boxes (photographs, printers' blocks, plans, 3 oversize volumes)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	Gaston Bros. began in business in 1910. From 1930 many of their products were distributed through International Harvester Co. Pty. Ltd. The company closed down on 11 April 1987.
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	1977
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Agreements 1927-1961; patents 1921-1949; correspondence 1931-1950; accounts 1924-1935 and 1942-1943 (for munitions production); catalogues 1930s-1960s; plans 1954; photographs and glass negatives 1920s-1930s; stock sheets; cash books; machine plans; drawings.
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	
<b>LISTED BY DATE</b>	

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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: Gaston Bros Pty Ltd.

ADDRESS:

MAIN ACTIVITY: Farm Implement Manufacturers.

LIST OF RECORDS:

The records have been arranged in nine groups:

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| Group 2. | <u>Correspondence.</u>                                   |
| 2/1      | International Harvester Co. Pty Ltd.                     |
| 2/2      | Prices and Pricing.                                      |
| Group 3. | <u>Business Management.</u>                              |
| Group 4. | <u>Accounts.</u>   |
| Group 5. | <u>Sales.</u>  |
| Group 6. | <u>War-time Production.</u>                              |
| Group 7. | <u>Catalogues, Price Lists, Parts Lists, Instruction</u> |
|          | <u>Manuals.</u>  |
| 7/1      | Gaston Bros.   |
| 7/2      | International Harvester Co.                              |
| 7/3      | McCormick Deering.                                       |
| 7/4      | Miscellaneous.   |
| Group 8. | <u>Photographs and Printers' Blocks.</u>                 |
| 8/1      | Glass negative plates.                                   |
| 8/2      | Photographic prints.                                     |
| 8/3      | Printers' Blocks.  |
| Group 9. | <u>Architectural Plans.</u>                              |

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GROUP 1.           LEGAL RECORDS.

- Box 1
- 1/1           Patents.
  - 1/1/1        Patents lapsed (one bundle), including correspondence relating thereto. 1921-1941.
  - 1/1/2        Patents current and renewals.
  - 1/1/3        Patents pending, 1925-1949.
  - 1/1/4        Correspondence and agreements between Gaston Brothers and S.C.L. Leason re patents on scarifiers. 1931.
  - 1/1/5        Correspondence and legal opinions re Patents, Royalties and Agreement with Horwood Bagshaw Ltd, South Australia. May 1932 - October 1935.
- Box 2
- 1/2           Legal Agreements.
  - 1/2/1        Gaston Brothers discontinues High Court Action against Horwood Bagshaw Ltd in return for latter paying royalties on Header Harvester. 6 March 1933.
  - 1/2/2        Victorian Railways renews lease of land to Gaston Brothers at Kensington. 13 December 1927.
  - 1/2/3        Victorian Railways renewing lease of land to Gaston Brothers at Kensington. 14 December 1933.
  - 1/2/4        Victorian Railways renewing lease of land to Gaston Brothers at Kensington. 3 November 1938.
  - 1/2/5        Correspondence with Victorian Railways regarding lease of land at Kensington. 1947.
  - 1/2/6        Victorian Railways renews lease of land at Kensington to Gaston Brothers. 15 August 1947.
  - 1/2/7        Victorian Railways renews lease of land to Gaston Brothers at Kensington. 19 July 1949.
  - 1/2/8        Correspondence and Agreement with State Electricity Commission of Victoria, which has taken over the railway land, for lease of land at Kensington to Gaston Brothers. 1956.
  - 1/2/9        Correspondence and Agreement between S.E.C. and Gaston Brothers. S.E.C. notifies Gaston Bros that it now owns the former Railway land rented by Gaston and is prepared to renew the lease at thenow West Melbourne Terminal Station. Lease included. August 1952.
  - 1/2/10       S.E.C. renews lease of land to Gaston Brothers in Arden Street, Kensington. 21 March 1956.
  - 1/2/11       Correspondence and Agreement between Gaston Brothers and the S.E.C. re construction of new power lines. 1959.
  - 1/2/12       S.E.C. renews lease to Gaston Brothers. 27 September 1960.
  - 1/2/13       Correspondence between S.E.C. and Gaston Bros. Gaston rents land at West Melbourne Terminal Station for 3 months, then moves from site and lease expires. 4 July 1961.
  - 1/2/14       Contract between Gaston Brothers and J.W. Tyler Auctioneers, re sale of Gaston Bros buildings, etc. at West Melbourne Terminal Station, to S.E.C. 21 July 1961.

Box 3	GROUP 2.	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>
	2/1	<u>International Harvester Co. Pty Ltd.</u>
	2/1/1	Inward and outward correspondence with International Harvester Co. regarding Single Jump Disc Ploughs. June 1931 - October 1938.
	2/1/2	Inward and outward correspondence with International Harvester Co. regarding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Purpose Ploughs. July 1934-April 1938.</li> <li>2. Set Disc Ploughs. August 1933 - July 1939.</li> <li>3. Scoops. July 1932 - April 1933.</li> <li>4. Scufflers (one horse cultivators). December 1931 - August 1932.</li> <li>5. Harrows. August 1932 - April 1933.</li> </ol>
	2/1/3	Inward and outward correspondence with International Harvester Co. regarding Header Harvesters. April 1932 - February 1939.
	2/1/4	Inward and outward correspondence with International Harvester re Scarifiers. May 1931 - September 1940.
	2/1/5	Inward and outward correspondence with International Harvester re prices, terms of trade and general business negotiations and agreements. May 1931 - December 1944.
	2/1/6	Inward and outward correspondence with International Harvester re sale of business (negotiations) and assets to International Harvester. March 1934 - April 1944.
	2/2	<u>Prices and Pricing</u>
	2/2/1	Correspondence, inward and outward regarding Prices and Pricing, with Victorian State Government, Federal Government and Victorian Chamber of Manufactures. (Including a few sample Gaston Price Lists.) 1947-1950.
Box 4	GROUP 3.	<u>BUSINESS MANAGEMENT</u>
	3/1	Gaston Bros business organisation; correspondence with B.V. Heath and Associates - Industrial Consultants. 1934.
	3/2	Material on methods of accounting, including correspondence with Victorian Chamber of Manufactures and B.V. Heath & Associates, - also notes re above written on back of outward correspondence to debtors. 1935-1940.
	3/3	May & Miller's "Outline of Accounting System", September 1933.

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- Box 4    GROUP 4.        ACCOUNTS.
- 4/1            Statements of Receipts and Expenditure.  
                 August 1928 - February 1935.
- 4/2            Summaries, headed Statements for directors.  
                 May 1926 - March 1929.
- Box 13    GROUP 5.        SALES.
- 5/1            Card Index for Orders.  
                 Alphabetical by client.  
                 Cards show: Type of machine, client's name, address,  
                 date, terms of payment and forwarding/delivery instructions.  
                 1 box. 1924-1930.
- Box 4    GROUP 6.        WAR-TIME PRODUCTION.
- 6/1            Schedules, scales of stores, production summaries  
                 and specifications concerning mortars. Also correspondence  
                 with Ministry of Munitions.  
                 1942-1943.  
                 (Note: Production summaries are not dated.)
- Box 4    GROUP 7.        CATALOGUES, PRICE LISTS, PARTS LISTS, INSTRUCTION MANUALS.
- 7/1            Gaston Brothers.
- 7/1/1          Brochure - "The Gaston Mouldboard Plow". (7 copies).
- 7/1/2          "Descriptive Catalogue of Duplicate Parts for the Gaston  
                 Single-Jump Disc Cultivating Plough". List no. 33.  
                 (6 copies).  
                 (Note: 3 additional copies have "International Harvester  
                 Company....Sole Distributors" overprinted on cover.)
- 7/1/3          Descriptive Catalogue of Duplicate Parts for the Grubber  
                 Scarifiers 1934, and later models. (3 copies).
- 7/1/4          Descriptive list of Duplicate Parts for the Gaston Wheel  
                 Scoop.
- 7/1/5          Gaston Single Jump Disc Cultivating Plows - Brochure.  
                 (3 copies).
- 7/1/6          Brochure - The Gaston Stump Jump Scarifier.
- 7/1/7          Descriptive catalogue of Duplicate Parts for the 'International  
                 Stump Jump Scarifier' (Gaston Patents).  
                 (2 copies).
- 7/1/8          Brochure, The Gaston Lite-Draft Header Harvester.  
                 - Another edition with "International Harvester Co....  
                 Sole Distributors".
- 7/1/9          The New Gaston Stump-Jump Scarifier.
- 7/1/10        Brochure - The Gaston Lite-Draft Header Harvester.  
                 (2 copies).

- Box 4    Group 7.    CATALOGUES, PRICE LISTS, PARTS LISTS, INSTRUCTION MANUALS.
- 7/1/            Gaston Brothers (cont.)  
7/1/11        Brochure - The Gaston Disc Implements.  
7/1/12        Amended retail price list of duplicate parts for  
harvesters, ploughs, etc. 1 May 1962.
- 7/2            International Havester Co.  
7/2/1        Brochure - International Stump-Jump Scarifiers.  
7/2/2        Brochure - International 'Single-Jump' Disc Cultivating  
Ploughs.
- 7/3            McCormick Deering  
7/3/1        Instruction manual and parts list for McCormick Deering  
APZ-371 Potato Planter. (Inter.Harv).  
7/3/2        Owners Manual - McCormick International GL-331 Three  
Point Linkage Tractor Scoop.  
7/3/3        Owners Manual - McCormick International A4-1 Rotary Mower.  
7/3/4        Owners Manual - McCormick International GL-334 Three Point  
Linkage Agricultural Ripper.  
7/3/5        Brochure/Catalogue - McCormick Deering Ploughs.  
7/3/6        Brochure - McCormick Deering Hay Baler.  
7/3/7        Brochure/Catalogue - McCormick Deering Tillage Implements.  
7/3/8        Trade specifications for McCormick Deering Products - price,  
discount, weight - bundle of cards.
- 7/4            Miscellaneous.  
7/4/1        Mobiloil, oil specifications.
- GROUP 8.    PHOTOGRAPHS AND PRINTERS' BLOCKS.
- 8/1            Glass negative plates of agricultural implements, some in  
paddock beside Gaston premises - Arden Street, with local  
views. 1920s and 1930s.
- Boxes    8/2            Photographs of Agricultural Implements - prints in 3 bundles.  
5-7        8/2/1        Bundle 1 - especially photos for publication in  
catalogues etc.  
8/2/2        Publication photos for catalogues and framed country scenes.  
8/2/3        Ditto. 1920s and 1930s.
- Boxes    8/3            Printing Blocks - 4 boxes.  
8-12        The blocks are not identified as to subject and date.
- GROUP 9.    ARCHITECTURAL PLANS.
- Roll        9/1            Architect's Blueprint plans for extensions to Gaston Bros  
factory - Arden Street, Kensington.  
September - October 1954.  
Architect Robert Marsh, Bernie and Barry.

## Oversize volumes:

- Bentley's Complete Phrase Code (War Binding), 1918.
- Instruction note from the General Manager 1929 and 1937.
- Imperial Combination Code, E.B Broomhall
- Bentley's Second Phrase Code, 7th print, 1955