



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	WENZ AND CO.
ACCESSION NO	1967.0021
CATEGORY	Business, organisations
ACTIVITY	Merchants, Wool broker
DATE RANGE	1883-1936
SIZE OF COLLECTION	14 Boxes, 2 Volumes
HISTORICAL NOTE	Formed in Paris in 1859, this firm established an Australian branch in Sydney in 1878, and soon opened a Melbourne office, trading through agents in England, Germany, France and Italy. The firm liquidated, voluntarily, in 1978.
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Correspondence and cables 1883-1887, 1921-1931; accounts, including purchase books 1885-1927; sales analyses 1923-1936.
LISTED BY	Rosemary Arnold, Assistant Archivist
DATE	09/03/1967

GROUP 1. CORRESPONDENCE.

- 1/1 Letterbooks. (including telegrams).
 - 1/1/1 Telegrams - Europe - Australia: inwards and outwards. September 1883 - January 1885.
 - 1/1/2 Letters and telegrams labelled "Reims 19/11/85". From Reims, Roubaix and London, to Melbourne and Sydney. January 1884 - November 1885.
 - 1/1/3 Telegrams from Reims to Melbourne. September 1885 - April 1887.
 - 1/1/4 M. Duval's letter book - to Wenz and Co., Sydney. (i.e. Mr. Learoyd, and Mr. T.A.J. Coate.) January 1921 - January 1931.

4 Vols.

1/2 Code books.

- Box 1 1/2/1 - 1/2/7
 - 1/2/1 Private Telegraph Code No. 92. Boston. Mass. WOOL. (Hallowell, Jones and Donald). Printed 1912. 3pp. attached at end - re code changes.
 - 1/2/2 Codes. Melbourne - code names, abbreviations, and clients' names: indented alphabetical index. Undated. (black vol; 3 screws in binding).
 - 1/2/3 Codes. Melbourne - code names, abbreviations, and clients' names. 1p. attached with code words commencing "X". Narrow green vol.
 - 1/2/4 Adelaide Codes - code names, abbreviations and clients' names. 1p. attached with code words commencing "X". Narrow green vol.
 - 1/2/5 Code book - places and number - alphabetical index tabs. Small black vol.
 - 1/2/6 Australia and La Plata - includes "Laines a peigne", and "Laines a corde". Black vol. (2 screws in binding).
 - 1/2/7 Code Book - Districts and properties (on inside front cover dated March 1905). Large vol.

O/S

- 1/2/8 Wenz & Company's Australian Wool Code. 1909. Large vol. Not boxed.

8 Vols.

1/3 Books containing lists of Stations and brand markings.

- Box 2 1/3/1 - 1/3/4
 - 1/3/1 Brands 1920 - 21. A South Australia. (Very small memo. book).
 - 1/3/2 Brand markings - South Australia.

1/3/3 Melbourne List - Brands (eastern Australia).

1/3/4 Queensland Brands. (at rear "Particulars of Queensland Stations").

4 vols.

GROUP 2. ACCOUNTS.

Box 2 2/1 Ledger.
September 1897 - July 1900.

1 vol.

2/2 Purchase Books.

2/2/1 Sydney (S).

Box 3 2/2/1/1 - 2/2/1/18

1. 3 November 1885 - 12 February 1886.
lp. attached at front "List of purchases complete
15 January 1886.
2. 18 October 1887 - 15 February 1888.
List attached at front (cover of book missing).
3. 30 October 1890 - 12 March 1891.
4. 24 September 1891 - 18 February 1892.
lp. attached at front (ms.)
5. 12 October 1893 - 7 February 1894. (Sydney & New Zealand).
6. 1 September 1894 - 20 June 1895. (Sydney.
7. 19 July 1895 - 18 June 1896.
8. 10 July 1896 - 21 May 1897.
9. 15 July 1897 - 28 June 1898.
10pp. attached at end of book completing figures for
the season.
10. 9 July 1898 - 30 June 1899.
11. 10 November 1900 - 29 June 1901.
12. 15 July 1901 - 17 June 1902.
13. 28 July 1902 - 27 June 1903.
14. 28 July 1903 - 27 June 1904.
15. 25 July 1904 - 24 June 1905.
16. 24 July 1905 - 25 June 1906.
17. 27 July 1906 - 22 June 1907.
lp. added, re lots cancelled.
18. 27 July 1907 - 27 June 1908.
lp. at end re lots cancelled.
19. 28 July 1908 - 5 June 1909.

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19 Vols.

2/2/2 Melbourne Purchases (M).

Box 4 2/2/2/1 - 2/2/2/6

1. 19 August 1907 - 25 June 1909.
2. 11 August 1909 - 15 February 1911.
3. 13 August 1913 - 22 November 1920.
4. 20 July - 16 October 1916, 9 December 1920 - 24 February 1923.
5. 24 February 1923 - 11 November 1925.
6. 3 July 1926 - 12 July 1927.

6 vols.

2/2/3 Adelaide Purchases (A).

Box 4 2/2/3/1 - 2/2/3/2

1. 29 September 1910 - 10 November 1916.
2. 1 July 1921 - 21 March 1924.

2 vols.

2/2/4 Purchase books (place not indicated).

Box 4 2/2/4/1 - 2/2/4/2

1. 28 June 1911 - 20 June 1913.
2. 28 November 1925 - 22 June 1926.

2 vols.

2/3 Sales Analysis. (Wool).

Results of combing, washing, sorting - taxes. (Prices in francs).

2/3/1 London. (WK).

Box 7 2/3/1/1 - 2/3/1/2

1. 1923 - 1930.
2. 1930 - 1935.

2 vols.

2/3/2 Australia - to Riems, Roubaix, Paris, Leipzig, Biella.

Box 8 1. 17 January 1929 - 24 October 1929.

Box 9 2. 12 November 1929 - 20 November 1930.

Box 10 3. 24 November 1930 - 1 December 1931.

Box 11 4. 9 December 1931 - 20 November 1932.

Box 12 5. 22 November 1932 - 3 October 1933.

NOTE: pp.20 and 21 contain sample translations from the French and German, made by Mr. J.D.E. Wischer of Wenz & Co. February 1962.

Box 13 6. 13 November 1933 - 21 January 1935.

Box 14 7. 6 February 1935 - 3 November 1936.

7 vols.

Box 5 2/4 Book of Contracts (Sales).
Giving brokers, descriptions of wool, deliveries. M
9 September 1920 - 12 February 1921.
1 vol.

2/5 Yields.

Box 5 2/5/1 - 2/5/3

2/5/1 Mr. Buchanan's book M
1890 - 1891.

2/5/2 Mr. Buchanan's book 1 London.
1901 - 1913.

2/5/3 Mr. (Srou?....)'s book.
1889 - 1899.

3 Vols.

GROUP 3. MISCELLANEOUS. - Single sheets, taken from Account books, and
found loose.

3/1 Newspaper cuttings 1892. From 2/2/1/4

Box 5 { 3/1/1 "Victoria's Interest in the Riverina". Stating number
of acres held by Victorian landowners in N.S.W.
18 March 1892.

3/1/2 "The Amalgamation with the Union Bank". Bank of South
Australia taken over by Union Bank of South Australia.
Undated - probably early 1892.

3/2 Taken from 2/2/3/1. (c. 1910 - 1916).

Box 5 { 3/2/1 "List of Samples sent to QB. & H.V."
1p.
Undated.

3/2/2 Orders in Bentley's Code - on Wenz & Co. letterhead.
1p.
Undated.

3/3 From 2/6/2.

Box 5 { 3/3/1 "Proportions des qualités obtenues au triage des laines".
1p.
14 May 1909.

3/3/2 Note and figures - on Wenz & Co. letterhead "Striking
example of the necessity of estimating top lots high and
lower lots low" - with five columns of figures.
13 September 1907.
1p.

Box 5 3/4 Found loose.

Purchases telegraphed up to 31 January 1887.

4pp. (3pp. air-weight, 1 bond).

Box 5 3/5 Found Loose. List of signatures of Company representatives.

Box 5 { 3/5/1 31 March 1937.
1 sheet.
3/5/2 16 October 1950.
1 sheet.

3/6 Found Loose - Charts.

Box 5 { 3/6/1 Frozen and Chilled meat. 1906 - 1926.
Chart of figures published by W. Weddel & Co., as a
supplement to the Review of the Frozen Meat Trade for 1925.
3/6/2 Antwerp Wool Futures. 1932 - 34.
Printed by Lithographica Anvers.
1p.

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