



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Wilfred Prest</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1973.0002
<b>CATEGORY</b>	University, Individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Academics, Economics
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1940-1950
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	23 boxes
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>Prest was born in York, England, in 1907. He was educated at the Universities of Leeds (Honours degrees in History and Economics) and Manchester (Masters degree in Economics), and lectured in Economics at St. Andrews University before taking up a senior lectureship in Economics at the University of Melbourne in 1938.</p> <p>He became Truby Williams Professor of Economics in 1946 and retired from the University of Melbourne in 1972.</p> <p>Between September 1941 and January 1943 he conducted a social survey of households in a number of Melbourne suburbs, and in 1952 published 'Housing, Income and Savings in Wartime'. Prest was a member of the Commonwealth Grants Commission from 1953-1965; in 1963 he published 'Economics of Federal-State Finance'. Despite his wide-ranging activities in Australia, Prest regularly renewed his academic contact overseas, receiving a Carnegie Corporation award in 1949 for study in the USA and receiving appointments as Commonwealth Fellow, St John's College, Cambridge in 1957, Commonwealth Visiting Professor at the University of London in 1966, and Visiting Professor in the University of Pittsburgh.</p> <p>After his retirement from the University of Melbourne, Prest was a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Research on Federal Financial Relations at the Australian National University. His major study 'The development of Australian Fiscal Federalism' was published by the A.N.U. in 1980.</p> <p>Prest received the distinction of Commander of the British Empire in 1966 and in 1982, one of the first Honorary Doctorates in Commerce awarded by the University of Melbourne.</p> <p>Wilfred Prest's brother Alan Prest was also a distinguished economist in England. With his wife Marjorie, Wilfred Prest had two sons, Wilfrid and David.</p> <p>He passed away in Melbourne on 14 August 1985.</p>

<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	31 January 1973
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>University of Melbourne Social Survey papers: data collected on forms for a survey of households in metropolitan Melbourne, including size and type of dwelling, rent, employment etc., 1941-1943. Suburbs surveyed were Box Hill, Brighton, Brunswick, Camberwell, Caulfield, Chelsea, Coburg, Collingwood, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Hawthorn, Heidelberg, Kew, Malvern, Melbourne, Moorabbin, Northcote, Oakleigh, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Preston, Richmond, Sandringham, South Melbourne, St. Kilda, Williamstown, Braybrook (Sunshine). Also, shared houses Prahran-South Yarra, St. Kilda; Incomplete forms. Replies to circulars asking for cooperation in survey, Nov.1941 - Sept. 1942. Coding sheet. Government and other reports on social conditions 1914, 1936-1941; calculations of food needed by a family; award wages for various trades. Correspondence with the participants to the survey and with staff members, interviewers.</p> <p>This is the first of the two accessions of the University of Melbourne Social Survey records. Further survey forms and documents on the methodology and outcomes of the University of Melbourne Social Survey can be found in accession number 1986.0024.</p>
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	
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1973.0002.0001	Box Hill 00	November 1942- December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Box Hill.	1973.0002 Unit 1
1973.0002.0002	Brighton 01 - Part 1	February 1942- June 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Brighton. Forms 1 - 149.	1973.0002 Unit 1
1973.0002.0003	Brighton 01 - Part 2	February 1942- June 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Brighton. Forms 150 -387 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 1
1973.0002.0004	Brunswick 02 - Part 1	February 1942- April 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Brunswick. Forms 1- 200.	1973.0002 Unit 2
1973.0002.0005	Brunswick 02 - Part 2	April 1942- September 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Brunswick. Forms 201-350.	1973.0002 Unit 2
1973.0002.0006	Brunswick 02 - Part 3	April 1942- September 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Brunswick. Forms 351-468 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 2
1973.0002.0007	Camberwell 03 - Part 1	November 1942- December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Camberwell. Forms 1- 150.	1973.0002 Unit 3
1973.0002.0008	Camberwell 03 - Part 2	November 1942- December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Camberwell. Forms 151-306 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 3
1973.0002.0009	Caulfield 04	December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Caulfield.	1973.0002 Unit 4
1973.0002.0010	Chelsea 05	September 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Chelsea.	1973.0002 Unit 4
1973.0002.0011	Coburg 06 - Part 1	June 1942- July 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Coburg. Forms 1-199.	1973.0002 Unit 5
1973.0002.0012	Coburg 06 - Part 2	June 1942- August 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Coburg. Form 200- 354 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 5
1973.0002.0013	Collingwood 07	1942-1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Collingwood.	1973.0002 Unit 6
1973.0002.0014	Essendon 08 - Part 1	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Essendon. Forms 1 - 149.	1973.0002 Unit 7
1973.0002.0015	Essendon 08 - Part 2	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Essendon. Forms 150 - 300.	1973.0002 Unit 7
1973.0002.0016	Essendon 08 - Part 3	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Essendon. Forms 301 - 448 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 7
1973.0002.0017	Prest survey- Fitzroy	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Fitzroy.	1973.0002 Unit 8
1973.0002.0018	Prest survey- North Fitzroy	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: North Fitzroy.	1973.0002 Unit 8
1973.0002.0019	Revisits- Footscray	August 1941- October 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Footscray. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, blanks.	1973.0002 Unit 9

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1973.0002.0020	Rise in income- Footscray	1941-1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: 1941 and 1943 forms for a given house are joined together, for Footscray houses whose income had arisen.	1973.0002 Unit 9
1973.0002.0021	Fall in- Footscray	1941-1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Footscray. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, blanks.	1973.0002 Unit 9
1973.0002.0022	Hawthorn 11	October 1942- December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Hawthorn.	1973.0002 Unit 10
1973.0002.0023	Heidelberg 12	September 1942- October 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Heidelberg.	1973.0002 Unit 10
1973.0002.0024	Kew 13	November 1942- December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Kew.	1973.0002 Unit 10
1973.0002.0025	Malvern 14	December 1942- August 1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Malvern.	1973.0002 Unit 11
1973.0002.0026	Melbourne 15	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Melbourne.	1973.0002 Unit 11
1973.0002.0027	Moorabbin 16	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Moorabbin.	1973.0002 Unit 12
1973.0002.0028	Northcote 18 - Part 1	July 1942- August 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Northcote. Forms 1-199.	1973.0002 Unit 13
1973.0002.0029	Northcote 18 - Part 2	July 1942- August 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Northcote. Forms 200-378 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 13
1973.0002.0030	Oakleigh 19	4 January 1943- 7 January 1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Oakleigh.	1973.0002 Unit 14
1973.0002.0031	Port Melbourne 20	September 1941- November 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Port Melbourne.	1973.0002 Unit 14
1973.0002.0032	Prahran 21 - Part 1	December 41- January 43	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Prahran. Forms not following number order.	1973.0002 Unit 15
1973.0002.0033	Prahran 21 - Part 2	June 1941- May 1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Prahran. Forms not following number order.	1973.0002 Unit 15
1973.0002.0034	Prahran 21 - Part 3	November 1941- March 1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Prahran. Forms 242-352.	1973.0002 Unit 15
1973.0002.0035	Prahran 21 - Part 4	November 1941- August 1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Prahran. Forms 355-491 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 15
1973.0002.0036	Preston 22	1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Preston.	1973.0002 Unit 16
1973.0002.0037	Sandringham 24	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Sandringham.	1973.0002 Unit 17

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Item Number	Title	Date	Description	Unit/Box
1973.0002.0038	Richmond 23	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Richmond.	1973.0002 Unit 17
1973.0002.0039	South Melbourne 25 - Part 1	September 1941- November 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: South Melbourne. Survey Forms 1-149.	1973.0002 Unit 18
1973.0002.0040	South Melbourne 25 - Part 2	November 1941- December 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: South Melbourne. Forms 150-309 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 18
1973.0002.0041	St Kilda 26 - Part 1	1942-1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: St Kilda. Forms 1-199.	1973.0002 Unit 19
1973.0002.0042	St Kilda 26 - Part 2	1942-1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: St Kilda. Forms 200-397 (end).	1973.0002 Unit 19
1973.0002.0043	Braybrook 28, Maribyrnong, Sunshine	September 1941- October 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Braybrook, Maribyrnong, Sunshine.	1973.0002 Unit 20
1973.0002.0044	Brunswick and Fitzroy (B)	c.1942	Documents with handwritten notes, most of Wilfred Prest. Diagram: 'Tenure and Per Capita Incomes'. Numerous tables and calculations. Suggested procedure for the Social Survey dated 20 November 1942. Letter of Wilfred Prest, Director of the Survey, University of Melbourne, Faculty of Commerce, dated 4 Sep 1942, highlights purpose of the survey in 'showing the conditions under which the people of Melbourne live and work', will prove 'valuable in planning the new social order that it is hoped to build after the war.' Tables collecting Brunswick and Fitzroy data about tenure, housing state, income and more (by Wilfred Prest). No Social Survey forms.	1973.0002 Unit 20
1973.0002.0045	Footscray and Williamstown	c.1942	List of houses (with names and addresses) and Net Annual Value in Footscray and Yarraville, filed and shared the City Council. Aggregated data in tables (by Wilfred Prest). No Social Survey forms.	1973.0002 Unit 20

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Item Number	Title	Date	Description	Unit/Box
1973.0002.0046	South Melbourne and Port Melbourne	c.1945	Aggregated data of South Melbourne and Port Melbourne in tables, with notes, by Wilfred Prest. No Social Survey forms.	1973.0002 Unit 20
1973.0002.0047	Correspondence, report and article on social survey	1945-1953	Abundant inward and outward correspondence regarding the publication of Prest's Social Survey report: "Housing, Income and Saving in War-time- A Local Survey", 1952 . Research articles, readings, newspaper clippings about surveys and censuses. No Social Survey forms.	1973.0002 Unit 20
1973.0002.0048	Williamstown	1941-1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms for Sunshine, Braybrook, Newport, Williamstown. Note found among the disorganised forms: 'Unsatisfactory incomes' (might refer to the criteria of compilation of these University of Melbourne Social Survey forms). Two papers compiling comments from owners about '(unsatisfactory) war loan Footscray' (Falls), 'stamps savings art' (rises). A few University of Melbourne Social Survey forms dating 1941 and 1943 of the same house brought together.	1973.0002 Unit 20
1973.0002.0049	Williamstown 27	September 1941- October 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Williamstown. Complement the previous file with Williamstown that contains forms.	1973.0002 Unit 20
1973.0002.0050	Shared houses Prahran	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: shared houses in Prahran.	1973.0002 Unit 21
1973.0002.0051	Refusals Footscray and Williamstown	c.1943	Refusals to participate in the Social Survey. Also contains letters from people who were not at home for the survey.	1973.0002 Unit 21
1973.0002.0052	Shared houses St Kilda	1941-1942	Shared houses St Kilda, Footscray and Williamstown.	1973.0002 Unit 21
1973.0002.0053	Caulfield 04 blanks	November 1942- January 1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Caulfield. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 22

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1973.0002.0054	Chelsea 05 blanks	15220	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Chelsea. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0055	Coburg 06 blanks	15523	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Coburg. Forms with insufficient data or blanks, returns, 'lock up shops'.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0056	Collingwood 07 blanks	January 1942- July 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Collingwood. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, blanks, returns, 'lock up shops', residence unoccupied. A letter from someone approached for the survey: he 'does not understand why they need to be interviewed twice'.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0057	Essendon 08 blanks	April 1942- June 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Essendon. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0058	Port Melbourne 20 blanks	15250	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Port Melbourne. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0059	Prahran 21 blanks	1941-1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Prahran. Forms with insufficient data or refusals. Among the forms, a letter stating 'business people do not find convenient to be interviewed.'	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0060	Brighton 01 blanks	February 1942- May 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Brighton. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, empty shops.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0061	Camberwell 03 blanks	November 1942- December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Camberwell. Forms with insufficient data or refusals. A refusal letter: the survey is 'too pertinent- not impertinent'.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0062	Box Hill 00 blanks	c.1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Box Hill. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, lock up shop.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0063	Brunswick 02 blanks	March 1942- April 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Brunswick. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, lock up shops.	1973.0002 Unit 22

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1973.0002.0064	Fitzroy 09 blanks	December 1941- May 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Fitzroy. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, lock up shop.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0065	Oakleigh 19 blanks	4 January 1943	Social Survey form: Oakleigh. One form, refusal.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0066	Northcote 18 blanks	July 1942- August 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Northcote. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, returns.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0067	Mordialloc 16 blanks	December 1941- June 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Mordialloc. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, lock up shops...	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0068	Melbourne 15 blanks	1940-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Melbourne. Forms with insufficient data, no dwelling, businesses and refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0069	Malvern 14 blanks	1942-1943	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Malvern. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0070	Kew 13 blanks	October 1942- December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Kew. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0071	Heidelberg 12 blanks	October 1942- November 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Heidelberg. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, lock up shop.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0072	Hawthorn 11 blanks	October 1942- December 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Hawthorn. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0073	Footscray 10 blanks	September 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Footscray. Forms with insufficient data or refusals, blanks.	1973.0002 Unit 22
1973.0002.0074	Preston 22 - blanks, returns and refusals	August 1942- September 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Preston. Forms with insufficient data or returns. Refusal letter from an individual approached for the survey, who qualifies the University of Melbourne as an institution 'rooted in the peculiar, fanatical, sectarian, conservative early Victorian soil' and writes on 'I'm not a communist, a Russian or a Socialist', signed 'the occupier' and dated 5 Aug? 1942.	1973.0002 Unit 23



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Item Number	Title	Date	Description	Unit/Box
1973.0002.0075	Shared flats	March 1943- April 1943	Two copies of the coding sheets. A copy of the survey codes with handwritten corrections and notes. University of Melbourne Social Survey forms for shared flats: South Yarra, Albert Park and St Kilda.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0076	Richmond 23 blanks	November 1941- September 1942	Blank University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Richmond. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0077	Williamstown 27 blanks	September 1941- October 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Williamstown. Forms with insufficient data or returns. Comments from interviewer M. Stanton who mentions 'this couple are stupidly antagonistic or have something to hide'.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0078	Braybrook 28 blanks	September 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Braybrook. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0079	Sandringham 24 blanks	November 1941- June 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Sandringham. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0080	South Melbourne 25 blanks	November 1941- December 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: South Melbourne. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0081	St Kilda 26 blanks	January 1942- February 1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms: Saint Kilda. Forms with insufficient data or refusals.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0082	Social Survey Manuscript Chapters 1-9	Undated	Draft report on the Social Survey, with some handwritten notes of Prest. Probably dating from the mid 1940s, early 1950s.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0083	Social Survey Documents	1914-1945	Readings, mainly government publications and other reports on: Architecture, Child endowment, National Bank monthly summary of Australian Conditions, Accounts, South Australian Housing Trust, Poverty, Health, Housing commission, Commonwealth housing survey, working class.	1973.0002 Unit 23

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1973.0002.0084	Social Survey notes	c.1941	Chronology of the Social Survey, handwritten by W. Prest. Notes, some of which were identified as Prest's. Notes on nutrition, housing in England, Canada, USA. Statistics.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0085	Miscellaneous Social Survey forms	June 1941	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms from various suburbs.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0086	Poverty line and overcrowding	Undated	Typed articles on topics of income, health care, overcrowding. Diagram representing Williamstown and Footscray females age range and occupations (breadwinners, Home duties...) by Prest. Other notes of Prest about poverty and social progress.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0087	Boarding houses	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms for boarding houses.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0088	Social Survey Manuscript Chapters 10 to 14	c.1940-c.1950	Draft manuscript with corrections and notes in pencils by Prest. No dated but probably from the late 1940s, early 1950s.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0089	Caretakers	1941-1942	University of Melbourne Social Survey forms for caretakers. Includes notes.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0090	Wage awards	Undated	Military allotments, textile awards, Motor body and coach building award, Metal trades award Munition awards, Boot trades, Agricultural implements makers...	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0091	Letters	1941-1942	Letters of refusals to participate in the University of Melbourne Social Survey: questions in the survey are 'indiscreet if not impertinent'.	1973.0002 Unit 23
1973.0002.0092	Shared houses South Yarra	1943	Two Coding sheets on hard cover. University of Melbourne Social Survey forms for shared houses in South Yarra.	1973.0002 Unit 23