



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Calcutta Letter Books</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	2012.0043
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Business, organisations
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Insurance, superannuation, funds management and income protection
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1915-1968
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	8 boxes
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>The company began in 1869 in Melbourne, Australia. During this time it was known as the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia. National Mutual expanded across Australia throughout the early 1900's and amalgamated with many smaller mutual societies. By 1983 National Mutual merged with a large well known insurance company called T &amp; G Mutual Life Society. After this significant merger the company expanded throughout the Asia Pacific region acquiring companies within Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines. In 1999 the company changed its name to AXA Asia Pacific Holdings. It specialises in life insurance, superannuation, funds management and income protection. The multiple businesses that were operating collectively with National Mutual at the time also altered their company names to incorporate the AXA brand.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	November 2007
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Correspondence, volumes, ledgers,

<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	Original control number: NMLS 15. Correspondence in this series deals mainly with routine matters such as acceptances and claims on policies, queries on surrender value of policies, requests for stationery, forwarding of accounts etc. There is some correspondence on the relationships between Calcutta agents of the various insurance companies, the appointment of general agents and the terms and conditions of the appointment, and the conditions of doing insurance business in Calcutta generally. The volumes contain coded cablegrams, decoded version are to be found in confirming letters. Related series: NMLS 14
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	When requesting records from this finding aid quote the 'UMA box no.' and 'item no'  Relates to James McCleve Duncan Collection
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<b>DATE</b>	10/01/2013

		<p><b>Calcutta Letter Books</b></p> <p>This series comprises Calcutta letter books dating from 1915 to 1968.</p> <p>The volumes contain correspondence between National Mutual's Head Office in Melbourne and their branch in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), West Bengal, India.</p> <p>Volumes have been placed in groups of 5 – 11.</p> <p>Further detailed description of the series can be located in the hardcopy index created by the previous National Mutual archivist</p>	<b>1915 – 1968</b>
<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Item no.</b>		<b>Date</b>
<b>1– 2</b>	15/1 – 15/10	[Calcutta Letters Inwards/Outwards] Comprises 10 Volumes.	1915 – 1919
<b>2– 3</b>	15/11– 15/20	[Calcutta Letters Inwards/Outwards] Comprises 10 Volumes.	1920 – 1924
<b>3– 5</b>	15/21– 15/30	[Calcutta Letters Inwards/Outwards] Comprises 10 Volumes.	1925 – 1929
<b>5– 7</b>	15/31– 15/41	[Calcutta Letters Inwards/Outwards] Comprises 11 Volumes. [Items 15/35 – 15/36 have minimal insect damage & may need to be assessed by a conservator]	1930 – 1958
<b>8</b>	15/42– 15/46	[Calcutta Letters Inwards/Outwards] Comprises 5 Volumes.	1959 – 1968
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