



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS
ACCESSION NO	1961.0034
CATEGORY ACTIVITY	Other, individuals
DATE RANGE	1817-1926
SIZE OF COLLECTION	50 items
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>These letters were among the miscellany obtained with the Hearn papers from the auction sale at Leonard Joel Pty. Ltd., Auctioneer The origins of the letters are various. For the greater part, they are personal letters, the writers and receivers of which are not easily identified. In very few instances is one person represented by more than one letter. There is also a small group of newspaper cuttings, extracts, fragments of letters, and award labels for school prizes. Most of the items appear to have originated in Melbourne, or at least in Victoria, although Adelaide, Armidale, Loughna (Ireland) and Bath (England) are the headings on some of the letters.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	Aug 1961
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Letters; newspaper cuttings; fragments of letters; receipts; agreements; school award labels. Note: Some of the letters have receipts and agreements attached.
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY

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The items are arranged in date order, but this is sometimes broken in order to place all letters concerning one person together. Undated letters and miscellaneous papers are found at the end.

LIST OF RECORDS

1. Letter, W. Watt, Customs House, -, to an unknown person.
Sets out difficulties he has encountered with the solution of a mathematical problem as set out in a paper in the Journal of Science and the Arts, No. 4, entitled "The Calculus of Functions" by Charles Babbage Esq. Asks if explanation can be obtained.
29 Oct. 1817.
4 pp (1 sheet) ms.
Note: Has notes by Babbage in margins. See 2 below.
2. Note, signed C. Babbage, Bath.
Comments on points made in letter 1 above. Since Watt did not know how to contact Babbage directly, the person to whom he addressed his letter must have forwarded it to Babbage.
No date.
2 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
3. Letter, Thos. Moran, Loughna (Ireland) to Martin - .
News of family and friends.
March 1857.
2 pp. (1 sheet) ms.

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4. Letter, Thos. Moran, Loughna (Ireland), to an unknown person.
News of friends.
4 Sept. 1858.
1 p. ms.
Note: Possibly to the same "Martin" as in 3 above, although now the greeting is "My dear Sir".
 5. Letter, Michael T. Gason, bookseller and stationer, 139 Elizabeth St., Melbourne, to an unknown person.
Regrets he is unable to propose addressee for an "office", since he is compelled to go to Geelong.
3 May 1859.
1 p. ms.
 6. Letter, Theophilus Ham, Melbourne, to brother.
Greetings and exhortations for brother's birthday.
13 Jan. 1860.
3 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
 7. Letter, John Griffin, Lincolnshire Arms Hotel, Essendon, to Mary - .
Invites her to come and see him and his wife.
1 Dec. 1860.
1 p. ms.
 8. Letter, John Canty, Warnipe, to Martin Hood, 11 Alma St., Collingwood.
Requests news of Hood.
19 Jan. 1861.
3 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
Note: Canty seemingly a farmer outside Melbourne. Letter badly written and spelt.
 9. Letter, Henry Barkly, (Governor), Toorak, to Mrs. Murray.
Concerning back pay and leave of absence for her husband, Captain Murray, who is ill. Mrs. Murray had apparently written the Governor in distress.
29 Oct. 1861.
3 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
 10. Letter of recommendation for John Cormican as a candidate for employment in the Police force, signed by Charles McCarthy, J.P. and Frederick Lloyd, J.P., Melbourne.
6 Nov. 1861.
1 p. ms.

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11. Letter, Frederick Charles Cope, Proconotary's Office, (Melbourne),
to Mr. Hood.
Requesting favour of an advance of £16 - 13 - 10.
6 Dec. 1861.
1 p. ms.
12. Letter, J. (or G.) McCutcheon, 51 & 53 Flinders Lane west, Melbourne
to Mr. G.N. Aruall in London.
Aruall was apparently on a business trip to England for McCutcheon.
Letter concerns business, probably printing.
26 May 1866.
3 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
13. Letter, Frederick L. Standish, Chief Commissioner of Police, Melb.,
to Messrs. Cotter Bros., Contractors, Lexton.
Informing that Minister for Lands has refused permission for timber
to be cut in the Lexton police reserve.
22 Nov. 1872.
1 p. ms.
14. Letter, Frank - , Wood End, to his sister in Melbourne.
Family news.
12 Oct. 1873.
4 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
15. Letter, Bennet, Attenborough & Wilks, solicitors, 107 Collins St.,
west, Melb., to W. Sincock Esq., High St. west, Prahran.
Requesting client to bring in document to show to purchasers'
solicitors.
7 Jan. 1879.
1 p. ms.
16. Letter, K. Brennan, farmer, Barfold, to Mr. McCaw Adamson, Park Hill,
Barfold.
Inquiring after state of market for good potted butter.
24 Feb. 1879.
1 p. ms.
17. Reply to 16 above, written from Melbourne.
Prices range from 6d. to 10d., but inferior dull of sale.
3 March 1879.
1 p. ms. on verso of 16 above.
18. Letter, Garnet Walch, Office of Victoria in 1880, 83 Swanston St.,
Melb., to R.P. Raymond Esq., and Geo. Robertson Esq., Melbourne.

Walch was to look after the literary material, Charles Turner was to do the illustrations, Robertson was to be publisher, and with Raymond, presumably, was to finance the production of a book, Our New Decade, or Victoria in 1880. Letter sets out details of the proposition as discussed previously.

3 April 1879.

4 pp. ms.

Appended:

(i) Preliminary Prospectus, with Order Form attached, sent out by Geo. Robertson, publisher.

1 p. printed form.

(ii) Agreement for Sharing Profits, between Geo. Robertson and - .

1 p. printed form (blank).

(iii) Memo of Agreement between Mr. Charles Turner and Mr. Geo. Robertson.

1 May 1879.

1 p. ms.

(iv) Prospectus for a Supplementary Subscription List, with Order Form.

Incorporates glowing press notices from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Hobart newspapers.

1881.

3 pp (1 sheet) printed.

Note: Order form filled in for H.Hale Bud, Eldon Chambers, and dated 1/4/1881.

19. Letter, Ross T. Reid, Adelaide, to an unknown person.

Encloses cheque (not found).

24 Jan. 1882.

1 p. ms.

20. Letter, Alex. Kerr, assistant Manager, The Australian Joint Stock Bank, Brisbane, to G.W. Davis Esq., Isisford.

Acknowledging deposit, and informing that cheque book has been sent.

8 Aug. 1882.

1 p. printed letter form with ms. insertions.

21. Letter, Charles Martin, Officer in Charge, Pastoral Occupation Branch, Dept. of Public Lands, Brisbane, to Geo. Washington Davis, Highlands, Isisford.

Approval of Davis application for lease of the run "Gilgunyah", in the Mitchell district of Q'l'd.

9 Oct. 1883.

1 p. printed letter form with ms. insertions.

22. Letter, Alfred Davis, Burnett St., St. Kilda, to brother George.

Personal matters; comments that money is becoming tight, and Bank interest likely to be 10 %.

13 June 1886.

2 pp. (1 sheet) ms.

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23. Receipt from the Gawler Institute (Otto Wehrstedt, Secretary), to the Yorick Club, for moneys received as rent of Hall and Piano on 1st and 2nd Oct. 1885.
3 Oct. 1885.
1 p. printed form with ms. insertions.
24. Letter, John Hogg, 13 Paternoster Row, London, to Mr. E. A. Pethwick.
Encloses cuttings from The Times (not found) giving press notices of his books, to be forwarded to Mr. Robertson at Melbourne.
7 Dec. 1885.
1 p. ms.
25. Letter, C.E. Fuller, publisher and bookseller, etc., cnr. Church and Macquarie Sts., Parramatta, to Messrs. Geo. Robertson & Co. (Melbourne).
Concerns despatch of copies of Mr. Sladen's book to him.
6 Sept. 1886.
1 p. ms.
Note: On verso, further correspondence in note form on same subject.
26. Letter, Geo. H. Jenkins, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Parliament House, Melbourne, to the Hon L.L. Smith, M.P.
Encloses copy of Standing Rules and Orders of the Assembly (not found).
28 Aug. 1888.
1 p. printed letter form.
27. Account rendered to Signorina Boema for music lessons to Enrico Stephan from Alberto Zelman.
15 April 1889.
1 p. printed form with ms. insertions.
Note: In pencil across page, "Settled A. Zelman".
28. Letter, Jeanie Dicker, 153 Richmond Rd., Hackney, London, to Margaret - , (Melbourne?).
Personal matters.
31 Oct. 1890.
5 pp. (2 sheets) ms.
29. Copy letter Reginald A.F. Murray, to George Sampson Esq., Baring Chambers, Melbourne.
Confirms that the land which Sampson has taken up is likely to be "payably auriferous", having reference to Murray's Geological progress report for 1884.
27 April 1896.
1 p. ms.
Note: No evidence of when the copy was made, or by whom.

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30. Letter, E. Armes Beaumont, 157 Flemington Rd., N.Melbourne, to an unknown person.
Requires further information before allowing his portrait to appear in a publication called Smoke Nights.
17 April 1897.
1 p. ms.
31. Letter, Thomas Langdon, State Parliament House, Melbourne, to Mr. Lobb.
Refers to attached cutting from the Argus, informing of visit of three Boer farmers to investigate Australian farming methods. Langdon suggests that he and Lobb arrange a visit to Dookie College.
24 March 1903.
1 p. ms.
32. Letter, Victor Nelson Hood, Government House, Adelaide, to Messrs. Kozminsky & Co., opposite G.P.O., Melbourne.
Returning "silver knick-knacks", which had been sent over for a Fete, and were not sold. The Fete netted £3,200.
26 Oct. 1905.
2 pp (1 sheet) ts.
33. Letter, Alfred J. Ewart, Government Botanist, National Herbarium, Melbourne, to Mr. E.M. Pearce, 533 Collins St.
Gives identification of a plant sent in by Pearce.
12 Aug. 1912.
1 p. ts.
34. Letter, H.N. Hunt, Commonwealth Meteorologist, Meteorological Bureau, Melbourne, to J.J. Rendle Esq., 18 Filson St., Ascot Vale.
Enclosing copies of Bulletins 1, 8, and 9, issued by the Bureau, and suggesting other publications in answer to a query.
31 Dec. 1914.
1 p. ts.
35. Letter, J.P.G. Adams, General Secretary, Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, to J.J. Rendle, 18 Filson St., Ascot Vale.
Informing that a copy of Oldham's Land Policy of S. Australia, 1834-1842 is to be forwarded. Refers him also to Select Committees on Mineral laws and regulations of 1862 and 1867.
10 April 1918.
1 p. ts.
Note: There are some notes in ms. in the margin.
36. Letter, Geo. Durham, 62 Southey St., St. Kilda, to Duncan - .
Personal matters.
25 Jan. 1917.
1 p. ms.

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37. Letter, J.H. Taylor, Town Clerk, Town Hall, Brighton to E. W. Hubbard Esq., (Hon. Sec. Brighton Tramway League), 16 Cowper St., Brighton.
Acknowledging receipt of £40-15-6 as contribution to the Relief Fund, consequent of the "Recent Storm".
28 Feb. 1918.
1 p. ts.
38. Letter, Victor E. Cobb, "Woodleigh", 241 Peel St., N. Melbourne, to Jack - .
Personal matters.
18 Jan. 1923.
1 p. ms.
39. Ditto.
Request for a piece of brass tubing.
15 April 1924.
1 p. ms.
40. Letter, Ed. S. Anthony, Assistant Secretary, Numismatic Society of Victoria, 237 Collins St., Melbourne, to an unknown person.
Notice of meeting for 2 August.
26 July 1926.
1 p. ts. (carbon copy).
41. Letter, Monsieur Bassenwith(?), Paris to J. Astley Porston Price, Manchester.
In French. Congratulating Price on his new position as Inspector General of Factories at Manchester. Speaks also of matters of interest in the manufacturing world.
9 June - .
2 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
42. Letter, John Blacklock to Mrs. Dalrymple.
Order for dress lengths of silk for his wife and aunt.
No date.
1 p. ms.
43. Letter, (Bishop) A.V. of Grafton & Armidale, Bishops court, Armidale, to Mrs. Sheppard.
Personal and family news.
5 April - .
4 pp. (1 sheet) ms.
44. Letter, unfinished, to Col. Walter Wilson, Organizer, Melbourne Hospital Appeal.
Writer offers to exhibit his collection of prints to raise funds.
2 pp. ms.

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45. Fragment of letter, signed John Madden.
No date.
1 p. ms.
46. Cutting from the Herald of 14/5/20. Shows the card designed by Mr. John Shirlow, etcher, for the Civic Ball in honour of the Prince of Wales, with description below.
47. Extract "Battle of St. Vincent, 14 Feb. 1797" from Dr. Collier's Later History of England.
1 p. ms.
48. Extract "Admiral Duncan's victory at Camperdown, 11 Oct. 1797" from same source and in same hand as 47 above.
1 p. ms.
49. Extract from Travels of Sir John Mandeville, Knight.
1 p. ms.
50. Envelope containing award labels for school prizes.
Schools and persons represented:
1. Blairlodge Academy, Hugh Gibson, 1845.
 2. Free Church School, East Bellerine, Thomas Cant, 1863.
 3. Chalmers Free Church, Sabbath School, E. Iilman, 1864.
 4. Carlton School, No. 112, Florence Matthias, 1867.
 5. Geelong College, Charles - , (name obliterated), 1873.
 6. North Richmond State School, No. 2798, Olive Turner, 1887.
 7. Dunolly State School, No. 1582, Leonard Arnold, 1894.
 8. Church of St. Peter, Melbourne, Wm. Larkins, 1916.

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