

1967.0019 RECORDS OF UNITED SERVICES HOME 1854-1933

Creator	United Services Home
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Service organisations

Biography:

In July 1890 in response to a public outcry regarding a destitute war veteran who had been committed to prison for reasons of homelessness, a provisional committee was appointed by the Victoria Barracks. The committee created an enquiry board to consider claims for relief and arranged for a public meeting. Subsequently through public subscriptions and a Government land grant of six acres of land at Drysdale, Victoria, a home for the relief of selected needy war veterans was opened on 1 July 1891. Over the next 27 years, with the aid of extension some 105 aged veterans were housed. In 1918 a movement was made to have the responsibility and assets of the Home transferred to the Commonwealth Government who latterly declined. After desultory letting of the property at a very small rental it was agreed during WWII between the Trustees and the Victorian Government to sell the property, with the difference above the land value being paid to the Trustees.

Reference Number	1967.0019				
Collection/Series Title	RECORDS OF UNITED SERVICES HOME				
Date Range of Collection/Series	1854-1933				
Size/Extent	4 boxes (0.48m)				
Access Conditions	Access: Open				

Scope and Content of Series

Minutes 1890-1912; annual reports 1892-1918; correspondence 1891-1933; accounts 1929-1931; personnel books 1890-1913; plans (A. Purchas) and photographs 1894-1914; newspaper clippings 1892-1916; medals and ribbons 1854-1858; keys.

Archival History

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Unit/Box	Item number	Title	Date range	Description
1967.0019 Unit 5	1967.0019.00001			Metal trunk containing miscellaneous items
1967.0019 Unit 1	1967.0019.00002	Minutes	1890-1909	Minute book: minutes of meeting of provisional committee, July 1890, also contains list of subscription cards and petty cash accounts, 23 July 1890 - 30 June 1909. Previous Control Number: 1/1
1967.0019 Unit 1	1967.0019.00003	Minutes	1891-1912	Minute book: Annual and Executive Committee meetings, 4 August 1891 - 27 November 1912, also contains annual reports and balance sheets, photographs, rules dated 30 July 1906 pasted on inside of front cover. Previous Control Number: 1/2
1967.0019 Unit 1	1967.0019.00004	Minutes	1929	Minutes of meeting to appoint new trustees, 20 December 1929. Previous Control Number: 1/3
1967.0019 Unit 1	1967.0019.00005	Annual Reports	1892-1918	Annual Reports 1892 - 1918 (excluding 19th 1910, 20th 1911, 21st 1912). Previous Control Number: 2
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00006	Correspondence	1892-1896	Letter book: letters from Major A Purchas, Honorary Secretary, 9 September 1892 - 10 March 1896. Previous Control Number: 3/1/1
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00007	Correspondence	1896-1901	Letter book: March 1896 - March 1901. Previous Control Number: 3/1/2
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00008	Correspondence	1901-1920	Letter book: 2 April 1901 - 8 September 1920. Previous Control Number: 3/1/3
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00009	Correspondence	1897-1901	Letter book: letters from Superintendent of Home, Captain J M McWhirter, including reports to Major Purchas, 4 March 1897 - 7 October 1901. Previous Control Number: 3/1/4
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00010	Correspondence	1909-1923	Letter book: letters from Honorary Secretary written on instructions of committee, 21 August 1909 - 8 February 1923. Previous Control Number: 3/1/5
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00011	Correspondence	1891	Handwritten figuring of area of building and cubical contents of tank, 26 August 1891. Previous Control Number: 3/2/1
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00012	Correspondence	1893	Major W Callaghan, O.C. Warrnambool Battery, to Superintendent Hicks, passes on doubts as to ability to provide comforts for inmates at cost set out in 2nd report, asks for details, 27 October 1893. Previous Control Number: 3/2/2



1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00013	Correspondence	1895	Copy letter from Major A Purchas to James (Jas) Grice, 17 October 1895. Previous Control Number: 3/2/3
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00014	Correspondence	1930	T Brentnall, Treasurer, to J J Keil, complains of Keil's interference in meeting arrangements, 26 April 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/4
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00015	Correspondence	1930	Keil's reply to Brentnall, 1 April (May?) 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/5
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00016	Correspondence	1930	Representatives of branches of Imperial Navy & Army Association to Trustees of United Service Home, recommending Keil as a secretary, 1 May 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/6
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00017	Correspondence	1930	F McN. to T Brentnall in support of Keil, 2 May 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/7
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00018	Correspondence	Undated	Barnacle to (?) The Herald, draft regarding source of the trust funds of United Service Home. Previous Control Number: 3/2/8
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00019	Correspondence	1930	Memorandum of names of contributors from the Navy & Army to the trust funds of United Service Home, 8 May 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/9
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00020	Correspondence	1929	C W Joyce, Victoria State Secretary R.S.S.I.L.A. analysing finances to provide homes etc., for war veterans and recommending sale of the Drysdale home, with the proceeds being added to the £3,000 already held and invested to make annual grants to veterans, 12 October 1929. Previous Control Number: 3/2/10
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00021	Correspondence	Undated	P H Hughes to J J Keil, Secretary, United Service Home, applying for employment. Previous Control Number: 3/2/11
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00022	Correspondence	1930	P H Hughes to J J Keil, Secretary, United Service Home, applying for employment at United Service Home, Drysdale, 5 April 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/12
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00023	Correspondence	1930	P H Hughes to J J Keil, Secretary, United Service Home, notifying change of address, acknowledging receipt of letter card, 16 April 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/13



1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00024	Correspondence	1930	William Snell to Victorian Homes for Invalid & Aged Men, Royal Park, Melbourne, applying for admission to United Service Home, Drysdale, certified copy forwarded 6 May 1930 by Commandant, 3rd District Base, 22 April 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/14
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00025	Correspondence	1930	M F Calder on behalf of self and husband applying to J Keil for employment at United Service Home, Drysdale, 7 May 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/15
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00026	Correspondence	1930	John Symonds to the Trustees United Service Home, Drysdale, applying for employment as gardener, 12 May 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/16
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00027	Correspondence	1930	S J Sheaf to Trustees United Service Home, Drysdale, applying for employment as a painter and musician, 14 May 1930. Previous Control Number: 3/2/17
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00028	Correspondence	1891	Letter from Major J Stanley, Honorary Secretary, to Honourable James (Jas) Bell, M.L.C., inviting him to a concert, with acceptance dated 5 November 1891 endorsed, 31 October 1891. Previous Control Number: 3/2/18
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00029	Correspondence	1913	Copy of letter from Major General Sir A B Tulloch to Lieutenant Colonel Broadribb, 9 February 1913. Previous Control Number: 3/2/19
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00030	Correspondence	1918	Lieutenant Colonel Broadribb to General Sir Grenville Ryrie sending details of history etc., of United Service Home, Drysdale, 11 November (1918). Previous Control Number: 3/2/20
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00031	Correspondence	1921	Department of Defence, Australia, to Lieutenant Colonel T Broadribb, declining to adopt the suggestion of taking over United Service Home, Drysdale, 28 (?) December 1921. Previous Control Number: 3/2/21
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00032	Correspondence	1931	Copy letter on behalf of United Home Service to National Bank of Australia Ltd regarding Bonds and Debentures, 13 August 1931. Previous Control Number: 3/2/22
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00033	Correspondence	1931	Letter National Bank of Australia Ltd to Brentnall Newton & Butler in reply, 14 August 1931. Previous Control Number: 3/2/23



1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00034	Correspondence	1931	Copy letter on behalf of United Service Home to Inspector of Charities for Return Forms under the Act, 17 August 1931. Previous Control Number: 3/2/24
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00035	Correspondence	1931	Copy letter from Chairman of Trustees to National Bank of Australia Ltd regarding investments held there, 18 August 1931. Previous Control Number: 3/2/25
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00036	Correspondence	1931	Copy letter from Chairman of Trustees to National Bank of Australia Ltd forwarding signed forms and notifying change of officers, 18 August 1931. Previous Control Number: 3/2/26
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00037	Correspondence	1931	Letter from National Bank of Australian Ltd to Thomas (Thos) Brentnall for United Service Home, acknowledging receipt of authority forms, 19 August 1931. Previous Control Number: 3/2/27
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00038	Correspondence	1931	Copy letter on behalf of United Service Home to Inspector of Charities enclosing annual financial statement, 20 August 1931. Previous Control Number: 3/2/28
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00039	Correspondence	1905	Memo for Friends of United Service Home, Drysdale, in support of appeal for funds, photographs, June 1905. Previous Control Number: 3/2/29
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00040	Correspondence	Undated	Eight sundry used envelopes. Previous Control Number: 3/2/30
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00041	Correspondence	1927	Earle Page, Treasurer of the Commonwealth, to Mr Brentnall in support of War Conversion Loan, 20 October 1927. Previous Control Number: 3/2/31
1967.0019 Unit 2	1967.0019.00042	Correspondence	1927	Double sheet printed Prospectus and Application Form regarding foregoing, 6 October 1927. Previous Control Number: 3/2/32
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00043	Accounts	1890-1948	Cash book, includes annual accounts and some annual reports, 18 July 1890 - 1 April 1948. Previous Control Number: 4/1
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00044	Accounts	1891-1933	Ledger, includes accounts of investments with nineteen sheets of insertions, 1 October 1891 - 4 July 1933. Previous Control Number: 4/2
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00045	Accounts	1891-1892	Journal, 31 August 1891 - 1892. Previous Control Number: 4/3



1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00046	Accounts	1909-1926	National Bank of Australia Ltd Pass Book No. 967 of United Service Home, 16 November 1909 - 11 July 1926. Previous Control Number: 4/4
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00047	Accounts	1909-1914	National Bank of Australia Ltd deposit book butts of United Service Home, 18 October 1909 - 15 April 1914. Previous Control Number: 4/5
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00048	Accounts	1916-1931	National Bank of Australia Ltd cheque book butts Nos. D600, 561 - D600, 800. Cheque butts D600, 785 onwards are blank and the cheques themselves (except No. D600, 787 which is itself blank) are missing, 6 June 1916 - 27 July 1931. Previous Control Number: 4/6
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00049	Accounts	1908-1913	Receipt Book of United Service Home Drysdale, Nos. 1001 - 1099, 29 June 1908 - 28 November 1913. Previous Control Number: 4/7
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00050	Accounts	1933	Receipt Book with butts separated by perforations, retained by United Service Home for obtaining receipts for relief given, the first receipt is missing but the butt is completed, thereafter the butts are left blank and the receipts are completed and retained in the book, 1 July - 2 December 1933, the top butt is dated 5 July 1933. Previous Control Number: 4/8
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00051	Accounts	1893-1894	Bundle of twenty one receipted accounts stapled together endorsed on the reverse of the bank account, Vouchers from 1 August 1893 - 30 June 1894. The ninth account from the front has the bottom half torn off. Previous Control Number: 4/9
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00052	Accounts	1931	Copy statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 30 June 1931. Previous Control Number: 4/10
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00053	Accounts	1907	Receipted account Hicks, Atkinson & Sons, August 1907. Previous Control Number: 4/11
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00054	Accounts	1930	Receipt No. 121 for 10/6, 8 March 1930. Previous Control Number: 4/12
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00055	Accounts	1931	Receipt from Thomas (Thos) Brentnall for £5.4.0, 27 July 1931. Previous Control Number: 4/13
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00056	Accounts	1928	Copy Form 7 Hospital and Charities Act 1922 for year 1 July 1927 - 30 June 1928, dated 1928. Previous Control Number: 4/14



1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00057	Accounts	1929	Copy Form 7 Hospital and Charities Act 1922 for year 1 July 1928 - 30 June 1929, dated 1929. Previous Control Number: 4/15
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00058	Accounts	1930	Copy Form 7 Hospital and Charities Act 1928 for year 1 July 1929 - 30 June 1930, 15 July 1930. Previous Control Number: 4/16
1967.0019 Unit 3	1967.0019.00059	Accounts	1931	Copy Form 7 Hospital and Charities Act 1928 for year 1 July 1930 - 30 June 1931, 19 August 1931. Previous Control Number: 4/17
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00060	Personnel books and documents	Undated	Roll of Inmates with Records, Folio 37 to 99 inclusive are entirely missing, Folios 100 to 108 inclusive have the top section cut off, pages 100 to 109 inclusive set out the distribution of the personality of the United Service Home. Previous Control Number: 5/1
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00061	Personnel books and documents	1890-1908	Records and Relief book, records section contains lists and details of inmates of United Service Home and other institutions, the relief section sets out details of payments and receipts, 23 July 1890 - 3 June 1908. Previous Control Number: 5/2
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00062	Personnel books and documents	Undated	Address book. Previous Control Number: 5/3
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00063	Personnel books and documents	Undated	Home address book. Previous Control Number: 5/4
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00064	Personnel books and documents	1891-1913	Visitors Book, contains some details of subscriptions, 11 October 1891 - 25 July 1913. Previous Control Number: 5/5
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00065	Personnel books and documents	1891-1902	United Service Home Drysdale Rules, 1 July 1891 - 23 October 1902. Previous Control Number: 5/6
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00066	Photographs and plans	1894	Coloured Plan and Elevation of Veterans Memorial by Major A Purchas, 30 October 1894 (?). Previous Control Number: 6/1
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00067	Photographs and plans	Undated	Postcard photo of veterans on veranda of United Home Service Drysdale. Previous Control Number: 6/2
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00068	Newspaper cuttings	1916	Headed Drysdale, regarding death of Trooper Tom Gaisford, 14th Light Dragoons, 27 July 1916. Previous Control Number: 7/1



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1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00069	Newspaper cuttings	1891	Regarding photo sent by Queen Victoria and photo of first eight inmates and forthcoming concert, 20 November 1891. No publication title endorsed. Previous Control Number: 7/2
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00070	Newspaper cuttings	1895	Council meeting on 3 April 1895, 4 April 1895. No publication title endorsed. Previous Control Number: 7/3
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00071	Newspaper cuttings	1895	Governor's Levee, 18 October 1895. No publication title endorsed. Previous Control Number: 7/4
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00072	Veteran medals and ribbons	Undated	Turkish Medal for the Crimea War with ribbon. Description in Dorling, H T, Ribbons & Medals, Philip, London, 1944, pp. 115-116. Previous Control Number: 8/1
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00073	Veteran medals and ribbons	1854	Crimean Medal with ribbon, 1854. With Sebastopol clasp, Private A Desmond, 18th Foot. Previous Control Number: 8/2/1
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00074	Veteran medals and ribbons	1854	Crimean Medal with ribbon, 1854. With Sebastopol and Inkerman clasps, Charles Turnbull, Able Seaman. H.M.S. Britannia. Previous Control Number: 8/2/2
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00075	Veteran medals and ribbons	1854	Crimean Medal with ribbon, 1854. With Sebastopol, Inkerman and Balaclava clasps, Private T Robertson, 4th Dragoon Guards (see Dorling p. 51). Previous Control Number: 8/2/3
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00076	Veteran medals and ribbons	1857-1858	Indian Mutiny Medal with ribbon, 1857- 1858, inscribed Delhi, Sergeant J A Hicks, 52nd Foot (see Dorling p. 52). Previous Control Number: 8/3
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00077	Veteran medals and ribbons	1854	Indian General Service Medal with ribbon, 1854. Pegu bar, key attached, Private A Desmond, 18th Foot. Previous Control Number: 8/4
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00078	Veteran medals and ribbons	Undated	Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and ribbon, Q.M. Sergeant J A Hicks, Co. St. Corps (see Dorling p. 91). Previous Control Number: 8/5
1967.0019 Unit 4	1967.0019.00079	Keys	Undated	Six keys, one bundle of three having tab attached inscribed U.S.H. Collectg. Boxes. Previous Control Number: 9

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