



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	POYNTON, John Orde (1906-2001)
ACCESSION NO	2008.0003
CATEGORY	Doctors
ACTIVITY	Philanthropists
DATE RANGE OF RECORDS	1874-1989
SIZE OF COLLECTION	7 boxes
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>John Orde Poynton was born in London, and he was educated at Cambridge University and Charing Cross Hospital London. He worked as a health officer, research officer and also as a pathologist in Malaya. He served with the British Army, and, during the Japanese occupation of Singapore, was a prisoner-of-war at Changi for over three years. The red Cross helped to get him to Australia where he arrived in poor health and with a tiny pocket diary. Thereafter he taught at the University of Adelaide Medical School.</p> <p>Orde Poynton became a noted bibliophile, collecting many books and becoming chairman of the Friends of the Public Library of South Australia. He acted in the role of 'Consulting Bibliographer' for the University of Melbourne for many years, donating his book collection and numerous artworks in the 1970s. He had a life long interest in family history, and was a major public benefactor to the arts and education in Australia.</p>
TRANSFER	Transferred to UMA from Special Collections, Baillieu Library, January 2008
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	Material concerning Poynton's interest in art can be found amongst the papers of Joe Burke. Please refer to 1986.0037
LISTED BY	Suzanne Fairbanks
DATE	21 November 2007, reviewed 2014

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Family History Research

This series contains Poynton's exhaustive research into his family history dating back to the Battle of Hastings, as well as his comments upon the importance of family history.

Unit 1	1	Poynton. Miscellaneous. Chronological Chronological arrangement of the Poynton family lineage from 1086 AD to 1950 AD (Index from Adelaide)	Undated
Unit 1	2	Alphabetical arrangement of the Poynton family lineage by surname A-Mc (Index from Adelaide)	Undated
Unit 1	3	Alphabetical arrangement of the Poynton family lineage by surname N-Z (Index from Adelaide)	Undated
Unit 1	6	Poynton Pedigree: Miscellaneous Notes Arrangement of Poynton family lineage predominantly by Shire; notes taken from Wills and Court documents (Index from Adelaide)	Undated
Unit 2	8	Poynton family history, especially Poyntons of Derbyshire (Index from Adelaide) and Lincolnshire	Undated
Unit 2	9	Poynton Parentalia. Poynton family history written by John Orde Poynton from documents as far back as the Domesday Book; and more notes on the lineage of the family	Undated
Unit 2	15	Poynton Parentalia etc. Supplement	Undated
	10	Poynton Index of Direct Ancestors: Box I, Abitot to Copley	Undated
	11	Poynton Index of Direct Ancestors: Box II, Conyers to Greystoke	Undated
	12	Poynton Index of Direct Ancestors: Box III, Hainrult to Mortimer	Undated
	13	Poynton Index of Direct Ancestors: Box IV, N-S	Undated
	14	Poynton Index of Direct Ancestors: Box V, T-La Zouche	Undated

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Unit 3	16	Some Poynton Pedigrees, John Orde Poynton Pedigree charts by JO Poynton	Undated
Unit 3	17	Direct Ancestors on the Falaise Roll Includes Poynton's comments on the importance of the Roll and on the Battle of Hastings.	Undated
Unit 3	18	Poynton, notes on families alphabetically arranged, A-F Written in desk Diary, 1982	c.1982
Unit 3	20	Female direct ancestors recorded without a pedigree identified Written in desk diary 1982	c.1982
Unit 3	22	Loose notes on ancestors	Undated
Unit 3	42	Ancestral Records. Printed volume in which Poynton has recorded diagrams of his family tree.	Undated
Unit 3	43	Ancestral Tablets Printed volume in which Poynton has recorded diagrams of his family tree.	Undated
Unit 7 (solander)	24	Part 1: The Early History of the Poynton's of Lincolnshire and Allied Families	c.1946
Unit 7	27	Notes on family lineage. Volume of notes, partly disrupted and incomplete.	Undated
Unit 7	28	Notes on family lineage. Volume of notes, partly disrupted and incomplete. Some inclusions	Undated
Unit 6	44	Folder concerning Milbanke of Halnaby & Thorpe Perrow, Yorks	Undated
Unit 6	45	The Family of Blackburne and Its Alliances Publication	1874

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Diary, Autobiographical Writings, Articles and Anthologies by Poynton, Personal papers, photographs, correspondence			
Unit 5	30	Diary for 1942. J. Orde Poynton, Pathologist , Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, F.R.S. Poynton's diary covering the period in which he was a prisoner of the Japanese at Changi.	1942-1944
Unit 4	7	Poynton's autobiographical notes/diary entries arranged chronologically from his time in Cambridge 1923-1927 to Malaya 1942-1945, and from 1948- 1977 in Australia	1923-1977
Unit 4	4	An Anthology Of Short Poems Collection of short poems by established poets handwritten by Poynton (Index from Perth)	Undated
Unit 5	37	Anthology of translations of Quintus Horatius Flaccus. Carmina. CI 5, 11, 22, 30, and 38. Translations by various authors, handwritten by Poynton.	
Unit 6	23	<i>A Glimpse of Marlborough College 1881-1886 Through the Glasses of an Autobiographer. A little Sequel in Character to 'The Early Days of Marlborough College' by Edward Lockwood. Handwritten, but possibly not by Poynton (cf. handwriting style). Author unknown.</i>	Undated
Unit 4	5	Bibliography of eighteenth and nineteenth century authors arranged alphabetically by surname A-Z Second half of volume contains Poynton's reflections on family and historical matters, 10 March 1946 - 17 July 1946; and on definitions of philosophical ideas thereafter.	1946
Unit 4	19	Lists of dates, events, movies and novels from the early twentieth century. Written in desk diary, 1989	c.1989
Unit 5	21	'London'. Supplementary Notes to Thomas Pennant, <i>Some Account of London</i> , the fourth edition, with considerable additions, London, for Robert Faulders, 1805 Written in desk diary labelled 'London', 1982	c.1982

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Unit 5	26/1-10	<p>Material removed from a file box labelled 'Lecture notes etc'. [sic] (box discarded)</p> <p>Folders containing lectures, speeches and other writings by Poynton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... the language of pain • The clinical Pathologist and the diagnosis and prognosis of neoplasms • The place of the Clinician in Laboratory medicine • The price of distinction • Address to the Royal College of Psychiatrists (1952) • The Valuable Book in the Modern University Library • The Rare Book Room • The Imagist school of poetry and TS Eliot • Collecting in general and Scott in particular (disordered pages) • Response by Poynton at a University of Melbourne Function in his honour 	Most undated
Unit 5	31	<p>Dry Light Is Best</p> <p>Speech by Poynton on his admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, University of Melbourne, 1977. Includes two copies of the Conferring of Degrees Program.</p>	1977
Unit 5	34	<p>At the Turn of the Century.</p> <p>Reflections on the history of medicine written by Orde Poynton.</p>	Undated
Unit 5	35	<p>Walter Savage Landor: Pericles and Aspasia.</p> <p>Notes by Poynton.</p>	Undated
Unit 5	36	<p>Colonial Administration: A Retrospect.</p> <p>Given by Poynton at the University of Melbourne Graduate Union, 7 December 1977.</p>	1977
Unit 5	38	<p>Miscellaneous.</p> <p>Writings by Poynton on medical and classical issues.</p>	c. 1947 and later
Unit 5	39	<p>In search of Mrs Pemberton</p> <p>Writings by Poynton in reply to Robert Lee Wolff</p>	1973

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Unit 5	41	Nollekens and His Times Writings by Poynton on this publication	Undated
Unit 5	46	Acquisitions List 1971-1976, University of Melbourne Includes J Orde Poynton Collection	1976
Unit 5	47	Cuttings from National Gallery of Victoria and University of Melbourne	1983 and 1986
Unit 5	48	Correspondence regarding Life Membership of the National Gallery of Victoria	1980
Unit 5	49	Promotional material for an illustrated volume of Shakespeare's Sonnets	1979
Unit 5	33	News cuttings, 1925-1975 Cuttings documenting the career of J.O. Poynton, his speeches, death of his mother, career of his father, and family history matters.	1925-1975
Unit 5	32	University of Melbourne. Miscellaneous letters and cuttings principally concerning gifts by Poynton to the University	1959-1974
Unit 5	40	Photographs	
Not found		The British Gazette	10 May 1926
Unit 7 (solander)	25	University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, Address given to Poynton on accepting his research material regarding Rheumatism, including related negatives Two copies (Illuminated Address and transcript) contained in a wooden presentation box inside a cloth bound box.	1 Dec 1933
Unit 6	29	Part of ledger showing Poynton's interest in investment in shares. Incomplete.	Undated

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