

Reference Number: **1982.0128**

Collection/Series Title: **SELBY, ISAAC (1859-1956)**

<b>Creator</b>	Selby, Isaac
<b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>	Historians
<b>Creator's Historical Note</b>  <p>Born in 1859 in Kent, England, Selby migrated with his family to New Zealand in 1868. An auto-didact, he accumulated a vast store of knowledge about history, religion, philosophy, science and literature. He arrived in Melbourne in 1882 and made a living from public lecturing and debating; he was a formidable advocate for temperance and protestantism and a fire-brand anti-Catholic. Moving between Melbourne and San Francisco, he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in the latter in 1904 for firing a shot at the judge who had granted his wife a divorce. Dispatched back to Australia upon his release, he resumed lecturing and debating, often accompanying his performances with musicians and singers. He formed the Old Cemetery and Soldiers' Memorial Fund in 1918 to save the old Melbourne Cemetery and published in 1924 'The Old Pioneers' Memorial History of Melbourne' and in 1925 'Memories of Maoriland'. A sometime minister of the Church of Christ, Carlton, he remained active on the speakers' circuit until the 1950s.</p>	
<b>Date Range of Collection/Series</b>	1868-1949
<b>Size/Extent</b>	4 metres (26 archives boxes)
<b>Access Conditions</b>	Access: Open
<b>Scope and Content of Collection/Series</b>  <p>Family papers, including correspondence 1868-1949; lecture notes, manuscripts of writings, scrap books; newspaper clippings 1900-1949.</p>	
<b>Collection Category</b>	Community and Political, individuals
<b>This document dated</b>	16/01/2015

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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
1982.0128 Unit 1	1982.0128.0000 .0001		1842-1851	Notebooks; 1. Old Cemetery Notebook No. 2; 2. Minutes of proceedings of Town Council of Melbourne from 9 Dec 1842-24 July 1851
1982.0128 Unit 2	1982.0128.0000 .0002			Selection of distinguished writers & plays; Salvation by Character; The Wreck of Sydney Cove; Drink the Enemies; Notes on Sir George Grey; Notes on History of Drink in Australia; The Spanish Inquisition; Temperance Lecture; Notes on ? (unclear) referendum & recall; Miscellaneous notes on Battles of Britain
1982.0128 Unit 3	1982.0128.0000 .0003			1. Complete and incomplete copies of Tableaux; (1) The Birth of Melbourne; (2) The Maids of Early Melbourne; (3) The Wild White Woman of Gippsland; 2. Souvenir programme of Old Pioneers Memorial Almanac including 500 important dates from 1834-35 - 1934-35; 3. Souvenir programme of 'Hinemoa' (pantomime)
1982.0128 Unit 4	1982.0128.0000 .0004			The Prince of Wales and other ? (unclear) letters; Old note books & letters
1982.0128 Unit 5	1982.0128.0000 .0005			Empire without an Emperor'; Empire without America. The Finest Fruits of Colonial Enterprise, Book II, part I & II; Box of photographs, cards, etc.
1982.0128 Unit 6	1982.0128.0000 .0006			

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1982.0128 Unit 7	1982.0128.0000 .0007			Scrap Books; Old Pioneer Memorial Book; Memorial & the History of Melbourne; Receipt collection & Dedication to Batman; Letters from prison & miscellaneous
1982.0128 Unit 8	1982.0128.0000 .0008			An Empire without an Emperor; Paper on Thom Bracken; Edith Cadell & Heroic Women of the War; Luther the liberator of Europe; Address on Temptation; Rough notes on religious subjects for book; Miscellaneous notes; Notes on martyrs & heroes of freedom; The Evolution of Christianity
1982.0128 Unit 9	1982.0128.0000 .0009			Science lectures; Brief notes; Letters to Mr Embley; Notes on San Francisco; Miscellaneous notes on countries; Miscellaneous notes on priestcraft; Brief notes on Abel Tasman
1982.0128 Unit 10	1982.0128.0000 .0010			Personal letters
1982.0128 Unit 11	1982.0128.0000 .0011		1924-1925	Biographical lectures 1-8; Shakespeare, Burns, Scott, Dickens, Hugo, Voltaire, Byron & Shelley; Notebook - The dedication to Batman & entertainments for 1924-25
1982.0128 Unit 12	1982.0128.0000 .0012			
1982.0128 Unit 13	1982.0128.0000 .0013			Miscellaneous; Letters, notes, loose pages

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1982.0128 Unit 14	1982.0128.0000 .0014			Bound Books; Christianity & Scepticism; Moorhouse, Clarke & Selby; Theological debates; Claw-Selby debate; Selby-Symes debate; From Atheism to Christianity by Isaac Selby (3); Pure Gold; 'The Penal Code' and his notes on 'The Law'; Hinemoa The Leap Year Pantomime (2); Notes on Moses; Miscellaneous notes
1982.0128 Unit 15	1982.0128.0000 .0015		1835-1876	Book containing; 1. Photographs from Liardet's portfolio of Early Melbourne 1835-1876 and other photographs; 2. Robert Hoddles Survey; - A Photographic Atlas of Early Victoria 1837-1856
1982.0128 Unit 16	1982.0128.0000 .0016			1. Letters & documents pertaining to Isaac Selby's imprisonment and detention in mental asylum in USA; 2. Copy of Isaac Selby's Will, receipt for grave
1982.0128 Unit 17	1982.0128.0000 .0017			Motuan; Pioneer of ancient and modern Greece; War lectures 1-9; The U.S. Historians; Notes on ? (unclear), French & Foster; Alliance of goodness, strength & beauty; Lecture on volunteers & conscription; Social life of early Melbourne; Temple of Liberty; Biographical notes; Cyclorama of the Pacific Ch. II, III, V, VI, VII, VIII
1982.0128 Unit 18	1982.0128.0000 .0018			
1982.0128 Unit 19	1982.0128.0000 .0019			

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1982.0128 Unit 22	1982.0128.0000 .0022			
1982.0128 Unit 23	1982.0128.0000 .0023			
1982.0128 Unit 24	1982.0128.0000 .0024			Newspaper cuttings collection; Collection of tickets & handbills of lectures; Petition nominating Selby for the Seat of Batman
1982.0128 Unit 25	1982.0128.0000 .0025			Scrap Book
1982.0128 Unit 26	1982.0128.0000 .0026			Scrap books (2); Note books & writings
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