

Narbethong School for Visually Handicapped Children and Richard Frank Tunley Collection

Accession number 29279

Date 1940-1968

Author / Creator

Narbethong School for Visually Handicapped Children

Abstract One album of photographs, newspaper clippings and publications as well as various braille objects including a globe, maps and teaching aids

Scope and content The collection also includes the following objects: Tunley's braille globe of the world; 3D Printed replica of the world globe (created in 2019); braille map of Australia, 1963; braille map of Brisbane central business district, 1962; braille map of Brisbane suburbs, 1937; braille fraction chart; and a braille model of a sailing boat;

System of arrangement Arranged into 5 series.

Description 0.03 linear metres

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

Access restrictions Unrestricted access.

Copyright status Multiple copyright statuses.

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Series 1: Photographs

Series number 1

Series title Photographs

Scope and content

Photographs relating to Frank Tunley and his Braille teaching aids.

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Items in this series:

Frank Tunley creating braille maps and toys (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/1

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of Frank Tunley creating braille maps and toys for the children of the School for the Blind at Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950

Author / Creator

Pforr, D'arcy

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Frank Tunley working on a bagatelle game (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/2

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of Frank Tunley working on a bagatelle game for the children of the School for the Blind at Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950. Inscribed on reverse "Bagatelle Games for Blind Schools. 1/2 blind lad helping to make them".

Author / Creator

Pfarr, D'arcy

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Proof sheet of photographs of Frank Tunley

Unit ID 29279/3

Scope and content

Proof sheet of photographs of Frank Tunley with his braille maps and globes at the School for the Blind at Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950. Stamped on reverse "T.R. Edgar, Photographer, 28 Balis St. Holland Park".

Author / Creator

Edgar, T.R.

Description

Description 0 proofs (prints by function)

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Children at the School for the Blind, Annerley, Brisbane (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/4

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of children at the School for the Blind, Annerley, Brisbane, playing with a dolls' house created by Frank Tunley, ca. 1950. Inscribed on reverse "This house went to Hobart and a similar one to Adelaide. A smaller one is now ready to go to Perth. The children are not blind, they are my grandchildren".

Stamped on reverse "W.A. Jones and Co., Commercial Photographers, Ann St., Brisbane".

Author / Creator

W.A. Jones and Co.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Children playing with a dolls' house (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/5

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Image of children playing with a dolls' house built by Frank Tunley at the School for the Blind at Annerley, Brisbane. Inscribed on reverse "Dolls house sent to Melbourne Institution".

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Two children playing with a dolls' house (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/6

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of two children playing with a dolls' house built by Frank Tunley at the School for the Blind, Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950. Inscribed on reverse "Brisbane Dolls House".

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Visually impaired student playing with dolls' house furniture (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/7

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Visually impaired student playing with dolls' house furniture made by Frank Tunley at the School for the Blind, Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Other

Notes

The photograph is damaged with tears and the bottom left hand corner missing.

Visually impaired girl playing with dollhouse furniture (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/8

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of visually impaired girl playing with furniture in a dolls' house made by Frank Tunley at the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Children at the School for the Blind (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/9

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of children at the School for the Blind at Annerley, Brisbane, playing with two

large-scale dolls' houses built by Frank Tunley, ca. 1950. The dolls' house on the left was kept at the Brisbane School for the Blind and the dolls' house on the right was sent to the blind school in New South Wales.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Other

Notes

The top right of the photograph is damaged.

Two visually impaired children playing with a dolls' house (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/10

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of two visually impaired children playing with a dolls' house at the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950. The large-scale dolls house was later sent to the School for the Blind in Sydney, New South Wales.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Other

Notes

The bottom right corner of the photograph is damaged.

Children at the School for the Blind in Sydney (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/11

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of children at the School for the Blind in Sydney, New South Wales, playing with a dolls' house built by Frank Tunley, ca. 1950. Inscribed on reverse "Another view of Home No. 2. Sydney children looking at it".

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Three visually impaired children at the School for the Blind in Sydney (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/12

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of three visually impaired children at the School for the Blind in Sydney, New South Wales, playing with a large-scale dolls' house which was built by Frank Tunley of Brisbane, ca. 1950. Inscribed on reverse "Sydney blind children looking at Sunbeam House No. 2".

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Large-scale dolls' house (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/13

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of a large-scale dolls' house designed and built by Frank Tunley for the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950.

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Indian girl at the Ramabai Mission (1948)

Unit ID 29279/14

Date 1948

Scope and content

Photograph of an Indian girl at the Ramabai Mission in the Poona District of India, using a braille map of India created by Frank Tunley, 1948. Inscribed on reverse "R.M. Mission Poona District India. Grumati Jadhow and Miss Craddock 1948. Mr Tunley's map".

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Frank Tunley with his picture gallery (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/15

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of Frank Tunley with his picture gallery of model motor vehicles and airplanes which were used as teaching aids for the children at the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950. Inscribed on reverse "Picture Gallery. Articles mounted on slides showing the blind children the shape of things".

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Visually impaired boys examining model animals and vehicles (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/16

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of some visually impaired boys examining model animals and vehicles at the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Boy examining a braille ship (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/17

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of a boy examining a braille ship at the School for the Blind at Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Small boy examining a model organ (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/18

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Small boy examining a model organ in an oversized dolls' house created by Frank Tunley at the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950. Inscribed on reverse "Blind boy Brian 'looking at' a model organ. The flags are brailled for the blind. This is Sunbeam House, No. 2".

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Visually impaired child examining a model train (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/19

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of a visually impaired child examining a model train and other objects at the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950. Inscribed on reverse "Blind boy John Hammond 'looking at' Hornby train and 100 other articles mounted up for the Brisbane Blind School. We call it our Picture Gallery".

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Other

Notes

The photograph is damaged with the left hand corner missing.

Braille globe of the world created by Bruce Young (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/20

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of a Braille globe of the world created by Bruce Young for Andre Marshal, a famous blind organist, ca. 1950.

The globe features French braille. (Description supplied with photograph)

Stamped on reverse "W.A. Jones and Co., Commercial Photographers, Ann and Wharf Sts., Brisbane".

Author / Creator

W.A. Jones and Co.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Braille globe of the world created by Frank Tunley (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/21

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of a Braille globe of the world created by Frank Tunley for the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Revolving braille map of Brisbane (1950?)

Unit ID 29279/22

Date 1950?

Scope and content

Photograph of a revolving braille map of Brisbane created by Frank Tunley for the School for the Blind in Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1950.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Visually impaired man using a braille map (1941?)

Unit ID 29279/23

Date 1941?

Scope and content

Photograph of a visually impaired man using a braille map of the world created by R.F. Tunley, ca. 1941.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Visually impaired woman using a braille map (14 January 1939)

Unit ID 29279/24

Date 14 January 1939

Scope and content

Photograph of a visually impaired woman using a braille map of the world created by Frank Tunley, 14 January 1939. The map includes the title "Braille Map distorted to show populations. Maps drawn by Bureau of Industry Brisbane. Made by R.F. Tunley".

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Braille map of Australasia (1940?)

Unit ID 29279/25

Date 1940?

Scope and content

Photograph of a Braille map of Australasia created by Frank Tunley for the School for the Blind at Annerley, Brisbane, ca. 1940.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Richard Frank Tunley (1964)

Unit ID 29279/28

Date 1964

Scope and content

Caption on photograph "Mr. R.F. Tunley M.B.E. 'Grandfather' of visually handicapped children. Unveiled by Mr. G.K.D. Murphy, Deputy Director-General of Education 29.8.64."

Description

Description 1 photograph

475 mm x 400 mm

Additional format Digital copy available

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(25 digital)

Series 2: Publications (1940 ; 1948?)

Series number 2

Series title Publications

Date 1940 ; 1948?

Scope and content

Two pamphlets about Braille maps.

Description

Description 2 booklets

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Items in this series:

Braille Maps And How To Make Them (1940)

Unit ID 29279/26

Date 1940

Scope and content

Published by The Queensland Braille Map and Model Club, Brisbane, Queensland, Honorary Organiser, R.F. Tunley.

Author / Creator

Tunley, Richard Frank

Description

Description 1 pamphlet (24 pages)

The Queensland Braille Map Makers (1948?)

Unit ID 29279/27

Date 1948?

Scope and content

The Queensland Braille Map Makers were successors to the Queensland Braille Map and Model Club which was organised by Frank Tunley.

Author / Creator

Queensland Braille Map Makers

Description

Description 1 pamphlet (8 pages)

Series 3: Slides

Series number 3

Series title Slides

Scope and content

Colour slides of braille maps and globes created by Frank Richard Tunley. Colour slides of

science equipment for the visually impaired constructed by Mr F. Travis.

Description

Description 28 color slides

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Series 4: Clippings

Series number 4

Series title Clippings

Scope and content

Newspaper clippings and biographical material relating to Richard Frank Tunley and his work for the visually impaired in Queensland.

Description

Description 0 clippings file

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Series 5: Objects

Series number 5

Series title Objects

Scope and content

Braille maps and teaching aides, and a braille globe.

Description

Description 0 maps 0 globes (cartographic spheres)

Items in this series:

Braille Map of Australia (1963)

Unit ID 29279/29

Date 1963

Scope and content

Braille topographic map of Australia mounted on wood. The map includes aluminium name tags embossed with braille, twined wire indicating major and minor rivers, and wooden pins indicating height above sea level. There is also a legend for the map.

Caption on map "Robinsons Printed Map. Presented by Miss H.B. Philp. Constructed by R.F. Tunley M.B.E. assisted by the staff of this school. Braille by the Queensland Braille Writing Association".

Author / Creator

Tunley, Richard Frank

Description

Description 1 map

1000 mm x 1000 mm x 20 mm

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Between the bridges (1962)

Unit ID 29279/30

Date 1962

Scope and content

"Between the Three Bridges" Braille Relief Map of Brisbane Showing Main City Streets. The map includes relief outlines showing the shapes of the Story Bridge, Victoria Bridge, and William Jolly Bridge, as well as the three bridges side by side at Indooroopilly: Walter Taylor Bridge; Old Railway Bridge; New Railway Bridge.

The reverse of the map, which is mounted on timber, has been signed and dated by R.F. Tunley.

Author / Creator

Tunley, Richard Frank

Description

Description 1 map
1000 mm x 800 mm x 20 mm

Locate OMOSBOX Box 21610 O/S

Braille Map of Brisbane Suburbs (June 1937)

Unit ID 29279/31

Date June 1937

Scope and content

The map was presented to the Brisbane Braille Writing Association in 1953. Ferry stops and routes are marked, as well as bridges, with metal strips across the recessed Brisbane River. Twined wire indicate tram and rail lines. The map includes a large red wooden bead with marks the location of Braille House at Annerley, home of the Queensland Braille Writers Association.

The map is mounted on timber.

Author / Creator

Tunley, Richard Frank

Description

Description 1 map
1200 mm x 800 mm x 20 mm

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Braille Globe of the World on a Timber Stand (1947)

Unit ID 29279/32

Date 1947

Scope and content

The globe bears the inscription "This globe has been made for and presented to the School for the Blind, Brisbane, by R.F. Tunley, assisted by Miss A.E. Chamberlain and Ken Anderson. The suggestions in the index box recommend the blind to find Great Britain and follow the various routes to Australia. The termini of each route is described. As braille is too large to put many names on the globe, numbers are used and the index is of countries, water and islands. Separate large maps have been made of Europe, Australia, Great Britain, and the World. The

globe tilts backwards to enable the blind to read the braille on the lower places. The globe is hollow, being made of laminated rings of pine, and the land portions are cut out of aluminium. Brisbane 1947". A 3D printed replica of the globe was created in 2019, funded by the Queensland Library Foundation.

Author / Creator

Tunley, Richard Frank

Chamberlain, A.E.

Description

Description 1 globe

1200 mm x 800 mm x 500 mm

Locate OMOSBOX Box 22012 O/S (Tunley's Braille Globe 3D printed replica)

Braille Fractions Chart (October 1938)

Unit ID 29279/33

Date October 1938

Scope and content

The chart is composed of a timber base with aluminium shapes indicating fractions, and embossed with braille. The timber is marked on the reverse "From R.F. Tunley October 1938" and was made for the School for the Blind, Brisbane.

Author / Creator

Tunley, Richard Frank

Description

Description 1 chart

500 mm x 300 mm x 20 mm

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24811 O/S

Braille Model Sailing Boat (1933?)

Unit ID 29279/34

Date 1933?

Scope and content

The sailing boat is mounted on a timber base and includes a moveable metal keel and rudder.

Author / Creator

Tunley, Richard Frank

Description

Description 1 model

370 mm x 370 mm x 10 mm

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24812 O/S

3D printed replica of the Braille Globe of the World (1947 (Tunley's Braille Globe 3D printed replica))

Unit ID 29279/35

Date 1947 (Tunley's Braille Globe 3D printed replica)

Scope and content

3D printed replica of Tunley's Braille Globe of the World. It was created in 2019 and funded by the Queensland Library Foundation.

Author / Creator

Tunley, Richard Frank

Chamberlain, A.E.

Description

Description 1 globe

1200 mm x 800 mm x 500 mm

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