

Salisbury and Rowton Family papers

Accession number 30015

Date 1914-1970

Scope and content Papers, photographs and ephemera relating to the Salisbury and Rowton families of Brisbane. The collection includes material kept by Robert Salisbury during his service in the First World War, including a diary, a photograph of him in uniform, a framed panoramic photograph of Cape Town which he sent to his sister in Brisbane, his army identity tag, and a small brooch bearing the inscription 'La Somme'.

System of arrangement Arranged into 9 series

Description 0.02 linear metres

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

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Series 1: Diary (13 October 1916-27 September 1917)



Series number 1

Series title Diary

Date 13 October 1916-27 September 1917

Scope and content

Diary kept by Robert Salisbury, of the 25th Australian Infantry Battalion, during his service in the First World War. The diary covers the period of his enlistment in Brisbane, the voyage from Sydney to England, via Capetown, on HMAT Demosthenes, training at Rolleston Camp on the Salisbury Plain, England, and his service in France and Belgium. The diary also includes lists of contact addresses and various training notes. Robert Salisbury died of shrapnel wounds to both legs on the 4th October 1917 in Belgium. The diary is contained in a brown leather wallet and has a pencil attached. The wallet is inscribed "Robt Salisbury. With best wishes from Uncle Frank and Aunt". It is embossed with gold lettering "Australian Military Pocket Book Patent No. 17442".

Author / Creator

Salisbury, Robert, 1889-1917

Description

Description 1 diary

Additional format Digital copy available

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Notes

A transcript of the diary is available

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Series 2: Photographs (1916-1917)

Series number 2

Series title Photographs

Date 1916-1917

Scope and content

Photographs retained by the Salisbury and Rowton families of Robert, Jack and Edgar Salisbury, during the First World War.

Description

Description 4 black and white photographs

Additional format Digital copies available

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Access

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Items in this series:

Studio portrait of Private Robert Salisbury (1916)



Unit ID 30015/2

Date 1916

Scope and content

A studio portrait of Private Robert Salisbury, ca. 1916, The photograph is printed on a Kodak postcard.

Author / Creator

Row (Studio)

Description

Description 1 studio portrait

Additional format Digital copy available

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Studio photograph of Robert Salisbury, Jack Rowton and Edgar Salisbury (1916?)



Unit ID 30015/3

Date 1916?

Scope and content

Inscribed on photograph "Bob Salisbury [far left], Uncle Jack Rowton [centre], Edgar Salisbury [far right]". Bob [Robert] Salisbury and Edgar [Francis Edgar] Salisbury were brothers. Their sister, Evelyn Barnes Salisbury, married Robert Rowton [brother of Jack Rowton] in December 1917.

Author / Creator

Driver, Ada, 1868-1956

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Grave of Private Robert Salisbury (1917)



Unit ID 30015/4

Date 1917

Scope and content

Photograph of the grave of Private Robert Salisbury at the Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium, ca. 1917. In the background of the image is the grave of Private Charles Allan Gray (no. 6056) of the 24th Australian Infantry Battalion, who was killed in action in Belgium on the 20th September 1917.

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Panorama of Table Bay, South Africa (1917)



Unit ID 30015/5

Date 1917

Scope and content

Panoramic photograph of Table Bay, Devil's Peak, Table Mountain and Lion's Head in Cape Town, South Africa, ca. 1917 The panorama was sent by Private Robert Salisbury to his sister, Evelyn, in Brisbane, Queensland. An everlasting silver leaf attached to the photograph bears the inscription "From Bob wishing Evie many happy returns of 1st April". Evie (Evelyn Barnes Salisbury), married Robert Rowton in December 1917. The photograph is in a timber frame.

Description

Description 1 panoramic photograph

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Series 3: Ephemera (1916-1917)

Series number 3

Series title Ephemera

Date 1916-1917

Scope and content

This series consists of a variety of printed ephemera from ca. 1917.

Description

Description 1 folder

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Access

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Items in this series:

Postcard (23 January 1917)

Unit ID 30015/6

Date 23 January 1917

Scope and content

Everlasting silver leaf souvenir card from Table Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa, 23 January 1917. The leaf is inscribed on one side "Capetown 23/1/1917" and on the other side "to Evie from Bob". Evie, Evelyn Barnes Salisbury, was the older sister of Robert Salisbury. She married Robert Rowton in December 1917.

Description

Description 1 card

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Envelope (Undated)

Unit ID 30015/7

Date Undated

Scope and content

Empty active service envelope addressed to Mr F.E. Salisbury [Francis Elliot Salisbury], c/o F.C. Parkinson Ltd., 153-155 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.

Description

Description 1 envelope

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French banknote (1917?)



Unit ID 30015/8

Date 1917?

Scope and content

This 0.50 Centimes banknote was issued in France during the First World War. These emergency notes were issued in Europe, mainly in France, from 1914 up to the early 1920s. They were used in place of coins during wartime as metal was needed for industry.

Description

Description 1 bank note

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Map of Salisbury (1917?)



Unit ID 30015/9

Date 1917?

Scope and content

Small folded map [pocket plan] of Salisbury, England, showing the principal buildings in the city and neighbourhood, printed ca.1917.

Description

Description 1 city map (folded plan)

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Map (1917?)

Unit ID 30015/10

Date 1917?

Scope and content

Map of London showing the location of Y.M.C.A. rest and recreation facilities for allied troops.

Author / Creator

Young Men's Christian Association

Description

Description 1 map (very fragile condition)

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Series 4: Family Photographs (1885-1953)

Series number 4

Series title Family Photographs

Date 1885-1953

Scope and content

Photographs of the Rowton and Salisbury families of Brisbane. The families were related through the marriage of Robert Rowton to Evelyn Barnes Salisbury in 1917. The collection also contains photographs of the Pillar family. Edgar Salisbury, the brother of Evelyn Barnes Salisbury, married Josephine Carrie Pillar in 1913.

Description

Description 8 photographs

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Access

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Items in this series:

Rowton Family (1900?)



Unit ID 30015/11

Date 1900?

Scope and content

Studio portrait of Walter Rowton and his wife Helen Ann Rowton (nee Denness) surrounded by

their six children. Left to right: Herbert Rowton (seated), Jack Rowton (standing), Wilfred Rowton (seated on floor), Mr Walter Rowton, Ethel Rowton (standing), Mrs Helen Ann Rowton (seated), Robert Rowton (standing), Rupert Rowton (seated). Walter Rowton was born at Coventry, Warwickshire, England, in 1855 and came to Brisbane at the age of nine with his family. He was employed at farming work and also learned the trade of a ship's smith. He later had his own blacksmith's shop in Ann Street, Brisbane. He married Helen Ann Denness in 1882. He died on the 30th November 1935.

Description

Description 1 studio portrait

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Francis Elliot Salisbury (1885?)



Unit ID 30015/12

Date 1885?

Scope and content

Studio portrait of Francis Elliot Salisbury. Francis Elliot Salisbury was born ca.1835 and entered government service in New South Wales at the age of seventeen. He came to Brisbane in 1862, working as a clerk in the Post Office. He was second in charge of the Post and Telegraph Department for over twenty-five years, serving as Acting Postmaster General in 1866. He married Harriett Amy Parkinson in 1884 and died on the 19th May 1891.

Description

Description 1 studio portrait

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Harriett Amy Salisbury (1900?)



Unit ID 30015/13

Date 1900?

Scope and content

Photograph of Harriett Amy Salisbury, nee Parkinson. She was the wife of Francis Elliot Salisbury who worked in the Post and Telegraph Department, Brisbane.

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Robert and Evelyn Barnes Rowton (1941?)



Unit ID 30015/14

Date 1941?

Scope and content

Photograph of Robert Rowton and his wife, Evelyn Barnes Rowton (nee Salisbury). Robert Rowton, jeweller of Brisbane, served in the Australian Army during World War II as a private with the General Details Depot, Queensland. He enlisted in June 1941 and was discharged in July 1945.

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Frank C. Parkinson & Co. Building (1905?)



Unit ID 30015/15

Date 1905?

Scope and content

Photograph of the Frank C. Parkinson & Co. Building at 153-155 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, ca. 1905. Business premises of Mr Frank C. Parkinson, wool merchant, of Brisbane. Frank C. Parkinson is on the extreme right of the image. Francis Edgar Salisbury, known as Edgar, is second from left.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Herbert Rowton and his sister Ethel (12 January 1953)



Unit ID 30015/16

Date 12 January 1953

Scope and content

Herbert [Bert] and his sister Ethel Rowton attending the wedding of their niece, Joan Rowtonm St. Mary's Church, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane. Joan was the daughter of Rupert Rowton. [Description supplied with photograph]

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Mrs Helen Ann Rowton (1900?)



Unit ID 30015/17

Date 1900?

Scope and content

Mrs Helen Ann Rowton in her painting room at the Rowton family residence, 65 Stephens Road, South Brisbane, ca. 1900.

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Rowton Family residence (1910?)



Unit ID 30015/18

Date 1910?

Scope and content

Photograph of the Rowton Family residence in South Brisbane, ca. 1910. The photograph is inscribed "Pop Rowton's Home Gloucester Street [South Brisbane]".

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Series 5: Postcards (1911?)

Series number 5

Series title Postcards

Date 1911?

Scope and content

The postcards include a souvenir letter card of the Isle of Arran, Scotland; various birthday postcards; various postcards featuring country scenes of England; various postcards featuring scenes from Queensland.

Description

Description 2 picture postcards

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Items in this series:

Fishing in Lagoona Bay, Noosa Heads, Queensland (1911?)



Unit ID 30015/19

Date 1911?

Scope and content

Postcard from Edgar Salisbury to Josephine Pillar at Shafston Road, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, Queensland. The postcard is inscribed "Tewantin 9-12-1911". The couple was married in 1913.

Description

Description 1 picture postcard

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Coach road to Tewantin, Queensland (1911?)



Unit ID 30015/20

Date 1911?

Scope and content

Postcard from Edgar Salisbury to Josephine Pillar at Kangaroo Point, Brisbane. The couple was married in 1913. The postcard features two images of the coach road from Cooroy to Tewantin.

Description

Description 1 picture postcard

Additional format Digital copy available

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Series 6: Family Papers (1881)

Series number 6

Series title Family Papers

Date 1881

Scope and content

Family papers pertaining to the Rowton and Salisbury families of Brisbane. The papers contain correspondence; two small notebooks relating to the travel and business dealings of Francis Elliot Salisbury; a certificate granting Power of Attorney to his wife Harriett Amy Salisbury; first class railway pass for the Launceston & Western Railway, Tasmania, 1881, belonging to Francis Edgar Salisbury; two members tickets for the National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland, 1881 and 1883; photograph pasted on board of the Treasury Building, Brisbane, ca. 1889 printed on the reverse with the names and titles of the staff of the Post and Telegraph Department, Queensland, including Francis Elliot Salisbury, Chief Clerk and Cashier; photographic collage on Board of the Supreme Court, Brisbane, Brisbane Botanic Gardens and a steamer on the Brisbane River, bearing Christmas and New Year Greetings from the officers of the Post and Telegraph Dept. to their colleagues. The reverse of the board is printed with the statistics of the Queensland Post and Telegraph Department for 1889, including revenue and expenditure, number of letters, telegraphs, packets and newspapers posted and received, telephones, telegraph lines and money orders.

Description

Description 0 family papers

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Series 7: Sketchbook (1909-1933)

Series number 7

Series title Sketchbook

Date 1909-1933

Scope and content

Sketchbook containing illustrations and poetry by various creators, including Tom Salisbury, Eva C. Pillar and Emily Pillar.

Description

Description 1 sketchbook (Very fragile condition)

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Series 8: Ring Box (1916?)

Series number 8

Series title Ring Box

Date 1916?

Scope and content

Ring box associated with the business of Robert Rowton, jeweller, Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

Description

Description 1 box

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Series 9: World War I memorabilia (1916?)

Series number 9

Series title World War I memorabilia

Date 1916?

Scope and content

Identity tag or bracelet belonging to Private Robert Salisbury during World War I and La Somme memorial brooch.

Description

Description 2 pieces of memorabilia

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Items in this series:

Robert Salisbury identity tag (1916?)



Unit ID 30015/21

Date 1916?

Scope and content

Engraved military identification tag belonging to Private Robert Salisbury during the First World War.

Description

Description 1 identification bracelet

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La Somme sweetheart brooch (1917?)



Unit ID 30015/22

Date 1917?

Scope and content

La Somme sweetheart brooch produced during the First World War. Jewellery of this sort was often worn by female relatives as a symbol of pride and support for a loved one serving at the front.

Description

Description 1 commemorative badge

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