

Spencer Routh papers and oral history interview

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Abstract Interview of well known Queensland librarian and academic (now retired), Spencer Routh OAM about his life, his studies and achievements, conducted by State Library of Queensland librarian Christina Ealing-Godbold on Friday 11 September 2015.

Scope and content In an interview conducted by Christina Ealing-Godbold, Senior Librarian, State Library of Queensland, Dr Spencer James Routh discusses a range of topics including: his school days and parents; his academic success and time at university; his work in the University library and his passion for reference librarianship; as well as his reminiscences of early State Library, how he used State Library collections and what his favourite collections were.

System of arrangement Arranged into 2 series

Description 1 digital sound recording (1 hr., 28 min., 03 sec.) :

Administrative / Biographical history Spencer Routh topped the Queensland Scholarship, Junior and Senior public examinations at secondary school level before graduating Bachelor of Arts, Honours, from the University of Queensland in 1958. He was a junior lecturer in the English Department, then became the University's first reference librarian in 1959. His library career includes a Master of Science degree from the School of Library Science, Columbia University, New York; and he earned the gratitude of researchers and students, many of whom paid tribute in their publications and theses for his "legendary assistance". The award of an Australian Dictionary of Biography Medal in 2003 cited Mr Routh as a "Sherlock Holmes of researchers". Source of biographical information: <http://www.zoominfo.com/p/Spencer-Routh/908705319>

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Spencer Routh (11 September 2015)

Unit ID 30055/1

Date 11 September 2015

Scope and content

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Author / Creator

Routh, Spencer

Ealing-Godbold, Christina

Description

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Series 2: Papers (1997-2005)

Series number 2

Series title Papers

Date 1997-2005

Scope and content

Papers relating to the personal life and career of Spencer Routh.

Description

Description 1 envelope

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Honorary degree (14 December 2015)

Unit ID 30055/2

Date 14 December 2015

Scope and content

Copy of a University of Queensland, Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters certificate awarded to Spencer James Routh, 14 December 2005 and copy of speech which accompanied the awarding of letters.

Author / Creator

Routh, Spencer

University of Queensland

Description

Description 1 doctoral degrees

Farewell speech (26 November 1997)

Unit ID 30055/3

Date 26 November 1997

Scope and content

Farewell speech from the University of Queensland, delivered by Spencer Routh at Duhig North, University of Queensland.

Author / Creator

Routh, Spencer

University of Queensland

Description

Description 1 speeches (documents)

Questionnaire (2006)

Unit ID 30055/4

Date 2006

Scope and content

Spencer Routh responding to questions put to him by Marion Elizabeth Mackenzie for her thesis: Promising lives, first placegetters in the Queensland Scholarship Examination 1873-1962, University of Queensland, 2006.

Author / Creator

Routh, Spencer

Mackenzie, Marion Elizabeth
University of Queensland

Description

Description 1 questionnaires

List of publications (1950-2000)

Unit ID 30055/5

Date 1950-2000

Scope and content

List of publications by Spencer James Routh consisting of four typed pages and nine handwritten pages.

Author / Creator

Routh, Spencer

Description

Description 1 bibliographies