

Lavinia 'Libby' Wager collection

Accession number 31302

Date 1870-2008

Author / Creator

Wager, Libby, 1938-

Scope and content Collection comprises material relating to the life and competitive fencing career of Lavinia 'Libby' Wager (nee Rowe). It includes a series of scrapbook albums covering her family, upbringing, relatives and fencing career, as well as a diary, trophies, posters, badges, ephemera, photographs and a uniform relating to her time as a competitive fencer.

System of arrangement Arranged into 11 series

Description 12 boxes of mixed material

Administrative / Biographical history Frances Lavinia 'Libby' Poulston Rowe was born 4th July, 1938, in Brisbane. She grew up in Taringa and attended Taringa State School, the State Commercial High School and Central Technical College. As a teenager, Libby Wager became involved in competitive fencing and was a Queensland representative fencer, 1959-1962, and an Australian representative fencer, 1961-1962. She competed at the Inter Dominion Championships in New Zealand, and the World Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1962. In December 1962 she married Warren Wager in Brisbane. During the 1960s she was a delegate at a number of national and international fencing congresses and remained involved in the sport up until the 1980s, coaching students at a number of Brisbane high schools including Kenmore, Jamboree Heights and Everton Park State Schools, as well as Brisbane Grammar School, Mt Alvina College and Marist Brothers. As a young woman, Libby worked as a stenographer and office manager, and was involved in modelling, winning a Roma Fashions beauty pageant, and as a result was a contestant in the Miss Australia Quest, 1957. Throughout her life she has continued to be active in many community organisations.

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Series 1: Scrapbooks (1890-1990)

Series number 1

Series title Scrapbooks

Date 1890-1990

Scope and content

Scrapbook albums compiled by Libby Wager to document her life, her family and her fencing career.

Author / Creator

Wager, Libby, 1938-

Description

Description 6 boxes

Locate OMBOX Boxes 21064-21069

Items in this series:

Scrapbook (1938-1990)

Unit ID 31302/1

Date 1938-1990

Scope and content

Scrapbook album with biographical material about Lavinia Rowe. The album contains typescripts, original photographs, clippings, correspondence, certificates, ephemera and badges. It documents Lavinia's childhood and early adulthood. Included are photographs of the Wager family and their house at 93 Moggill Road, Taringa; family outings; holidays in Bundaberg and at the family holiday country house at Gap Creek, Brookfield; Taringa State School grade 6B, 1950; and State Commercial High School. The album includes material relating to Girl Guides, Miss Australia Quest and the Telegraph Kitchen Garden competition. Also included are a large portrait photograph of Lavinia Wager and a collapsible steel cup used by her in kindergarten.

Description

Description 1 scrapbook

Locate OMBOX Box 21064

Scrapbook (1957-1962)

Unit ID 31302/2

Date 1957-1962

Scope and content

Scrapbook album with biographical material about Lavinia Rowe. The album contains text, original photographs, photographic slides, clippings, correspondence, ephemera and postcards. It documents Lavinia's fencing career, including competitive trips to New Zealand (1961) and Argentina (1962).

Description

Description 2 boxes

Locate OMBOX Boxes 21064 and 21065

Scrapbook (1956-1975)

Unit ID 31302/3

Date 1956-1975

Scope and content

Scrapbook with biographical material about Lavinia Rowe. The album contains photographs, clippings, typescripts, correspondence and ephemera. The material documents Lavinia's life as a young woman, from the age of 19 up until her marriage in 1962 to Warren Wager. The photographs include St Leonard's Guest House, Gold Coast; Miss Roma Fashion beauty pageant, won by Lavinia Rowe; June Dally-Watkins business girls course; Miss Australia pageant, 1957, in which Lavinia Rowe was an entrant; and wedding photographs.

Description

Description 1 scrapbook

Locate OMBOX Box 21065

Scrapbook (1955-1985)

Unit ID 31302/4

Date 1955-1985

Scope and content

Scrapbook containing material about Lavinia Wager's fencing achievements and her time as a fencing instructor, as well as about fencing in Queensland generally. The album contains photographs, clippings, newsletters, ephemera, correspondence, reports, brochures and objects. Photographs relating to the numerous schools at which Lavinia Wager coached fencing are included. There are also issues of the fencing serials 'En Garde' and 'Fencing Times'.

Description

Description 2 boxes

Locate OMBOX Boxes 21065 and 21066

Marie Rowe scrapbook (1912-1980)

Unit ID 31302/5

Date 1912-1980

Scope and content

Scrapbook album with biographical information about Lavinia Wager's aunt Marie Louise Poulsten Rowe. The album contains text, original photographs, family history documents, clippings, ephemera and postcards. It documents Marie Rowe's adult life and that of her husband Pagel Keys. Included are photographs of Marie, Pagel and their friends, Gold Coast beach trips (including Greenmount and St. Leonard's Guest Houses), overseas travel and their home in Bundaberg. Marie Rowe was a dressmaker and the album also includes samples of her work.

Description

Description 1 box

Locate OMBOX Box 21066

Rowe family scrapbook (1950-1975)

Unit ID 31302/6

Date 1950-1975

Scope and content

Scrapbook album with material about the Rowe family. The album contains photographs, clippings, correspondence, ephemera, house plans, papers relating to family finances, and to the family house at 91 Moggill Road, Taringa, and property at Gap Creek, Brookfield.

Description

Description 1 box

Locate OMBOX Box 21067

Emerson family scrapbook (part 1) (1890-1980)

Unit ID 31302/7

Date 1890-1980

Scope and content

Scrapbook with material about the history of the Emerson family. The material is about the members of the Emerson family who migrated from Ireland to Australia. It contains original photographs, clippings, correspondence and family history material. Also included are a purse and a pair of glasses.

Description

Description 1 box

Locate OMBOX Box 21068

Emerson family scrapbook (part 2) (1890-1980)

Unit ID 31302/8

Date 1890-1980

Scope and content

Scrapbook album with material about the history of the Emerson family. The albums trace members of the Emerson family who migrated from Ireland to Australia. The album contains original photographs, clippings, correspondence and family history material.

Description

Description 1 box

Locate OMBOX Box 21069

Series 2: Autobiography (2008)

Series number 2

Series title Autobiography

Date 2008

Scope and content

Autobiographical typescript written by Lavinia Wager.

Author / Creator

Wager, Libby, 1938-

Description

Description 2 envelopes

Locate OMBOX Box 21067

Items in this series:

Autobiography (2008)

Unit ID 31302/9

Date 2008

Scope and content

253 page autobiographical typescript written by Lavinia Wager.

Description

Description 2 envelopes

Locate OMBOX Box 21067

Series 3: Carolina Barnes diaries (1845)

Series number 3

Series title Carolina Barnes diaries

Date 1845

Scope and content

Copy and transcription of the diaries of Carolina Barnes, Lavinia Wager's great-great-grandmother. The 418 pages of the diaries were written by Carolina on a voyage from Sydney to the Philippines and back in 1845. She travelled on her Uncle Captain Thomas Simons Crockley's ship 'Laura'. Carolina was a 'bounty migrant'. She married Joseph Williams before moving to Queensland.

Author / Creator

Barnes, Carolina

Description

Description 3 boxes

Locate OMBOX Boxes 21069-21070; Box 10935

Items in this series:

Diaries (1845)

Unit ID 31302/10

Date 1845

Scope and content

Diaries written by Carolina Barnes on a voyage from Sydney to the Philippines and back in 1845 on board the 'Laura'.

Description

Description 9 envelopes

Locate OMBOX Boxes 21069-21070; Box 10935

Series 4: Documents (1988)

Series number 4

Series title Documents

Date 1988

Scope and content

Resume for Lavinia Wager containing educational history, sporting achievements, references, examples of art work and certificates.

Description

Description 1 document

Locate OMBOX Box 21067

Items in this series:

Resume (1988)

Unit ID 31302/11

Date 1988

Scope and content

Lavinia Wager's resume, detailing her educational history, sporting achievements, references and examples of art work and certificates.

Description

Description 1 document

Locate OMBOX Box 21067

Series 5: Documents (1962)

Series number 5

Series title Documents

Date 1962

Scope and content

Lavinia Wager's passport.

Description

Description 1 document

Locate OMBOX Box 21067

Items in this series:

Passport (1962)

Unit ID 31302/12

Date 1962

Scope and content

Passport used by Lavinia Wager on her international fencing trips.

Description

Description 1 passport

Locate OMBOX Box 21067

Series 6: Posters (1955-1962)

Series number 6

Series title Posters

Date 1955-1962

Scope and content

Fencing posters for competitive events Lavinia Rowe participated in.

Description

Description 3 posters

Locate OMCABINET Map Cabinet 4C/39-C5

Items in this series:

Poster (1955)

Unit ID 31302/13

Date 1955

Scope and content

Hand-drawn poster for the Australian Amateur Fencing Championship held 11th-13th June 1955 in Melbourne.

Description

Description 1 poster

Locate OMCABINET Map Cabinet 4C/39-C5

Poster (1961)

Unit ID 31302/14

Date 1961

Scope and content

Hand-drawn poster for fencing competitions held in New Zealand on 7th-8th April 1961. The poster advertises competitions between Auckland and Australia and North Island and

Australia.

Description

Description 1 poster

Locate OMCABINET Map Cabinet 4C/39-C5

Poster (1962)

Unit ID 31302/15

Date 1962

Scope and content

Poster for the World Championship of Fencing held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 16th-28th July 1962.

Description

Description 1 poster

Locate OMCABINET Map Cabinet 4C/39-C5

Series 7: Trophies and medals (1955-1965)

Series number 7

Series title Trophies and medals

Date 1955-1965

Scope and content

This series contains 17 trophies and 5 medals awarded to Lavinia Rowe during her fencing career. The trophies include the Marcelle Shield. The Marcelle Shield was made by Marcelle O'Day and was awarded by the Queensland Amateur Fencing Association for the Queensland champion in ladies open foils.

Description

Description 2 boxes

Locate OMOSBOX Box 21101 O/S and Box 21102 O/S

Series 8: Badges (1930-1988)

Series number 8

Series title Badges

Date 1930-1988

Scope and content

Badges collected by Lavinia Wager. Many of the badges relate to her fencing career and competitive trips to New Zealand and South America. Other badges include XXXX Beer, Wests Rugby League Club, Austcare, World Expo '88, Moggill State School, Brisbane Cricket Ground, Police Citizen's Youth Welfare Association and Australian Postal Institute.

Description

Description 1 box

Locate OMOSBOX Box 21101 O/S

Series 9: Uniform (1960)

Series number 9

Series title Uniform

Date 1960

Scope and content

Home-made fencing uniform made by Lavinia and her mother Olive Mary Rowe. The uniform was worn by Lavinia on her New Zealand and Argentina trips.

Description

Description 1 uniform

Locate OMOSBOX Box 21102 O/S

Series 10: Photograph (1959)

Series number 10

Series title Photograph

Date 1959

Scope and content

A large framed photograph showing Lavinia Rowe and John Humphreys in a fencing duel.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Locate OMCABINET Map Cabinet 4C/39-C5

Series 11: Notebook (1962)

Series number 11

Series title Notebook

Date 1962

Scope and content

Bound notebook titled 'Trip Book 1962' compiled by Lavinia Rowe. The typed diary documents in detail Lavinia Rowe's trip to Argentina to participate in the Fencing World Championships. The diary includes original photographs, postcards, tickets, ephemera and clippings.

Description

Description 1 notebook

Locate OMBOX Box 20576