



Robert MacPherson Gift 1

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Author / Creator

MacPherson, Robert, 1937-2021.

Abstract Photograph albums, ephemera, photographs - loose and framed, a number of publications, works of art, furniture catalogues, architectural plans, and various collectible items.

Scope and content A collection of photograph albums recording the personal and professional life of architect Charles Griffin showing many of the residences which he designed in Queensland. [Box 14278]. A framed pictorialist landscape photograph entitled "Mist O'Edinburgh" with the monogram of the Sydney Camera Circle. [Box 14280 O/S]; a framed compilation of photographs entitled "An Outing to the Blackall Range with the Electricity Supply Association" [Box 14281 O/S]; and a framed photograph of children feeding chickens [Box 14279 O/S].

System of arrangement Arranged into 12 series

Description 12 boxes

Administrative / Biographical history The re-building of Lennons Hotel, Brisbane as a first-class air-conditioned hotel with 150 rooms designed by Emil Sodersteen, was for a Sydney proprietor Jack Kouvelis. The cost was to be met by the City Mutual Life Assurance Society, but after tenders closed in December, the Society sought to limit their expenditure to £150,000. This was less than any of the tenders, resulting in a claim from Kouvelis for damages. Subsequently changes were made to the plans, including a proposal to reduce the George Street frontage by 50% (reflected in plans held by the John Oxley Library), but instead, when construction commenced in April 1940, the height of the hotel was reduced by a storey and the intended roof-top swimming pool and tennis court deleted. Lennons Hotel re-opened in July 1941.

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Series 1: Photographs (1899-1944)

Series number 1

Series title Photographs

Date 1899-1944

Scope and content

- Photograph album with photos Queen Street, World War II warships on Brisbane River in 1941, Bilinga in 1933, copy of letter from Mrs Griffin to Mrs Silverwood 1944, Griffin family, and houses designed by Charles Griffin. (Box 14278)
- Photograph album showing exterior and interior of Brisbane residences designed by Charles Griffin. (Box 14278)
- Photograph album - Gympie Fire Station and exterior photos of residences designed by Charles Griffin, eg. homes owned by Mr and Mrs McCann (Ashgrove), Mr and Mrs Jenkyn (Hamilton), Wallace Bishop (Taringa), Mr and Mrs J. Lynn (Clayfield), "Geraldine" owned by Mr and Mrs Hancock, and Mr and Mrs Boldrey (Corinda). Also Loyal House (Albert Street). Some photos taken by J.R. Bailey for the Telegraph. (Box 14278)
- Photograph album - family/individuals, including Charles Griffin and wife Emma on 'Cochranes' farm 1942
- Residences designed by Charles Griffin
- Photograph 1923. (Box 14278)
- Photograph album - family/individuals; landscapes of 'Lansdale' property 1939, 1940; residences; Charles and 'Emmie' Griffin 1920; Mt Glorious. (Box 14278)
- Photograph album - Charles and Emma Griffin; QLD residences; City Botanical Gardens; Kangaroo Point Cliffs; Cleveland; Brisbane River from Bowen Terrace and "before the bridge was built - pylons being erected"; Alexandra Headlands, Mt Coolum, Pt Cartright, Table Top and Sugar Loaf Mountain 1937, Toowoomba Botanical Gardens, Laurelbank Park, Kenilworth, Mt Tamborine, Canungra, Southport, Tweed Heads, and other east coast towns. (Box 14278)
- Photograph copies - Queen Street end of Boar War parade 1899 and soldiers (Gresham Hotel in background in one photo); ships, one possibly the Queensland Government paddle steamer 'Kate'; photographs of Telegraph Station, Macdonald Ranges, Hermansberg, Arltinga Battery, and Attack Creek; Aboriginal Australians. (Box 14277)
- Photograph, probably by Herbert Ponting depicting Weddell seals in Antarctica. (Box 13102 O/S)
- Number of framed photographs and pictorialist photographs, for example Sir William and Lady Glasgow. (Box 14196 O/S)
- Solomon Island and Islanders. (Box 14282 O/S A3)

Racing cars - Steve Howman and Duke Nalon.

- Book of compilation of photographs of Jenolan Caves, Wentworth Falls, Coal Mine Gully at Blackheath, Sydney University, Town Hall (Sydney), 'Institution for the Deaf and Dumb', Opening of the Hawkesbury River Bridge in 1889, and Sydney Harbour. (Box 14285 O/S A3)
- An unmounted photograph of a sawmill in the Waigerup forest in Western Australia. Workers tents can be seen pitched in the forest in the background. Date unknown but possibly late 1800's or early 1900's. (Box 14276)
- Leather bound photograph album with portrait photographs of various unidentified individuals, including children, possibly from the late 1800's to early 1900's. Presented to Miss McAllister, by children attending the Hemmant State School in 1888. (Box 14257)
- 1 framed original photograph with one showing two children feeding chickens. (Box 14279 O/S)
- 1 frame displaying a collage of 7 different photographs taken of an outing to the Blackall Range with the Electricity Supply Association. Photographs include the McKeen rail car, some of the party at Mapleton Falls, the Glass House Mountains, above Mapleton Falls, and the Obi Obi Valley and a banana plantation. (Box 14281 O/S)
- A framed pictorialist landscape photograph entitled "Mist O'Edinburgh" with the monogram of the Sydney Camera Circle. (Box 14280 O/S)

Description

Description 7 photograph albums 0 photographs

Locate OMBOX Boxes 14257 ; 14276-14279 ; 13102 O/S OMOSBOX Boxes 14279-14280 ; 14281-14282 ; 14285 ; 14196 ; 13102 O/S

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Series 2: Ephemera (1884-1952)

Series number 2

Series title Ephemera

Date 1884-1952

Scope and content

Ephemera including:

- Map of Australian cities and ports 1928
- Calendar 1934 from Wilson's Optical Service
- BCC 1919 booklet providing information on influenza epidemic
- 1889 calendar (Watson, Ferguson, and Co)
- Booklet - 'Household Handy Hints and Recipes'; Advertisement of 'Maskelyne and Devant's Mysteries' show
- 1899 Official Programme booklet from 'Towers Jockey Club'
- Book mark
- Household Handy Hints and recipes
- 1884 Map - Mowbray Town Estate, Kangaroo Point
- Advertising card; Business cards of Edwards and Chapman drapery and W.M Bolam Cosmopolitan Drapery Warehouse.
- 1930 Brisbane City Council tram timetable advertising George St Markets
- Ticket - 1919 Queensland's Golden Casket Art Union for the 'Anzac Cottage Fund'
- Notes on afternoon tea for American soldiers 1947
- Panoramic card of Townsville
- 2 1947 and 1948 fuel ration tickets; tour brochures
- 1926 ticket to Benefit of Kedron Progress Association
- Miniature 1897 calendar
- 1st and 2nd prize tickets at the Gympie Agricultural, Mining, and Pastoral Society Exhibition, 1891 awarded to M. Harrison
- Food and other item labels
- Picture and history cards of vintage cards
- 1928 menu from the Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers
- 1930 Interstate Cricket programme
- Table of weights and measures
- 1952 program for the Red Cross Chelsea Flower Show, City Hall, Brisbane
- Advertisement of W.T. Baker & Company LTD
- Prize Schedule of the 1925 Maleny Agricultural, Industrial, Pastoral, and Recreation Society
- Map of the 1935-1936 air route between Egypt and Australia; Instructions for firing coal
- World War II propaganda posters
- Prize certificate to Miss P. Dods for Fancy Dress, from the Royal Packet Navigation Company, 1929

Radio station '4KQ' Book Mark

- 'Atlantic' road map of New South Wales showing City of Sydney and Sydney Metropolitan area, Gosford to Taree and Gosford to Moruya, Newcastle City and Canberra City, and Brisbane to Melbourne
- Invitation card
- Map of New South Wales and Sydney Metropolitan District

Description

Description 0 ephemera

Locate OMBOX Box 14277 OMOSBOX Box 14284 O/S

Series 3: Correspondence (1954-1962)

Series number 3

Series title Correspondence

Date 1954-1962

Scope and content

Correspondence including:

- 1962 reminder for consultation from W. Carlton-Smith optometrists
- 1895 School report of Jessie Macintosh from Miss Burdorff's School
- Prescription from Staigersleigh Dispensary Chemist
- Letter from Delacy Moffat re. Mrs Wheelwright.
- 1917 telegram from soldier in active service, Joe Berry, to Miss J. Brown of Normanby Hill
- Envelope and stamps
- Telegram from the Wireless Institute of Australia, New South Wales Division, 1926.
- Advertisement card from the company, "Diamond Dyes", using fold-out envelope and Union Jack.
- A variety of greeting cards.
- Original Will of George Gazzard on parchment paper, dated 1905
- Original Will of John Cheers and his wife, Jane Emma Cheers, dated 1878
- Original Will of Caroline Atkinson Donald, dated 1905
- 20-page letter, dated 1854, written by J.C. Ganglass (?) to his "Dear old friend" giving an account of the diggings at Burra Burra Mine.

Description

Description 0 correspondence

Locate OMOSBOX Boxes 14285 ; 14196 O/S

Series 4: Postcards (1866 ; 1883 ; 1900-1910)

Series number 4

Series title Postcards

Date 1866 ; 1883 ; 1900-1910

Scope and content

Collection comprises mainly of photographic postcards. Postcard collection mainly of the early 1900's, including places, landmarks, buildings in Queensland, such as:

- Bourke's first hotel, 1866
- Australian Hotel; various Brisbane city streets
- Parliament and Custom Houses; Ithaca Creek (Toowong)
- School of Arts (Maryborough)
- St Ann's and All Hallows Schools
- Nurses' Home; Baxter's and Wynnum Jetties
- South Brisbane and ships
- Petrie's Bight and Custom House
- Railway Stations (Central, Graceville, Ipswich)
- Enoggera Reservoir
- Kedron Brook
- Manly Pier
- Botanical Gardens (Brisbane and Rockhampton)
- Esplanade (Manly); Victoria and Albert Railway (Indooroopilly) Bridges
- Wellington Point
- Sutton's Beach (Redcliffe)
- St Stephen's Cathedral
- Horses and buggy
- World War I soldier parade
- Funeral parade late Archbishop Dunne, 1883
- Loggers from Palmwoods
- Waratah Football Club 1910.

Railway Bridge Coomera, 1909

- James St Toowoomba 1906
- QLD residences
- "Dad & Dave" radio program characters
- Postcard welcoming Americans to Australia 1908
- Aboriginal Australians
- One Mile Creek
- Blackall Water Scheme
- Eagle Heights; Tweed Heads
- Foldout postcard of Ayr
- Gill Street, Charters Towers
- Mount Shamrock Gold Mine
- Rockhampton
- Townsville
- Coffee shop
- Horse team drawing wool
- Southport
- Blackall Post Office
- Barron River and Falls
- Camels
- Herberton
- Presbyterian Church (Maryborough)
- St Mary's Church (Beaudesert)
- Mourilyan Harbour
- Duroby Creek
- Bourke - Oxley Street and Tancred Bros. Meatworks
- Montville
- Condamine River
- St Patrick's Church
- Lone Pine Sanctuary.
- Solomon Island and Islanders Box 14282 O/S
- Cruise ship interiors, fauna and flora, war memorial, Christmas cards.
- Postcards possibly of Antarctica.
- Otto Street, Inverell
- Copperfield smelter Box 14282 O/S

Description

Description 0 postcards

Series 5: Serials (publications) (1832-1986)

Series number 5

Series title Serials (publications)

Date 1832-1986

Scope and content

Publications include:

- 2 early Brisbane furniture catalogues of F. Tritton LTD and Goodwins Ltd, 1899
- 1953 'Building, Lighting, Engineering' magazine.
- 2 issues "The Dial" magazine 1929.
- Fashion magazine (Highfields Tea Co.). (Box 14277)
- "Master of Arts" magazine of House of B. J. Ball and accompanying letter. (Box 14277)
- October 1918 issue of "Aussie. The Australian Soldier's Magazine" of wit and humour in the form of stories, cartoons and drawings, anecdotes, and poetry.
- August 1943, June 1944, and July 1944 issues of "The Scout" magazine.
- "The Sunday at Home: A Family Magazine for Sabbath Reading."
- July 1878 issue of "The New South Wales Independent".
- 3 issues of the weekly publication "The Penny Magazine" (1832).
- A 1930 issue of "The Youth's Instructor and Guardian".
- "Chamber's Journal of Popular Literature, Science, and Art." (April, 1882).
- 1856 copy of "The Leisure Hour: A Family Journal of Instruction and Recreation."
- Issues of "All the Year Round", in which is incorporated "Household Words", a weekly journal conducted by Charles Dickens. Years 1858, 1864, 1869, and 1870 are represented.
- 1911 and 1921 Queensland Government Gazette issues.
- Issue of 'The Sydney Mail' on the Royal Show and City Pageant, 1938. (Box 14283 O/S A3)
- Collection of comic magazines, for example, "Mein Kranks", a collection of World War II cartoons. (Box 14283 O/S A3)
- Issues of 'Wireless Weekly' (1938).
- General Motors-Holden's 'Pointers' (1943).
- 3 issues of 'The Australian Home Beautiful' (1938, 1953).
- 'Australian House and Garden' (1951).
- 2 issues of 'Art in Australia' (1934; 1935).

'South West Pacific Annual' (Dec. 1944). Contains articles on New Guinea, Ballarat, rodeos and stock-riding, Drouin township, society, Australian wildlife, sailing, Australia's Ninth Division from Lae to Sio, Lake George, the War, and pearling.

- Rydge's magazine (1936/1937). Also contains a copy of 'Torokina Times' from 1945 on the surrender of the Japanese in the Solomon Islands.
- 'The Home Annual' (1938).
- 'The Home' (1941). Contains photographs of home interiors, and articles on the war, for example.
- 2 issues 'Shipping, Commerce, and Aviation of Australia' (1938, 1940).
- 2 issues 'The Saturday Magazine' (February, 1836; April, 1843).
- 6 Issues 'The Canetoad Times: The eccentric voice' on political and social issues. (1984, 1985, 1986).

Description

Description 0 serials (publications)

Locate OMBOX Boxes 14276-14278 OMOSBOX Boxes 14282 ; 14284 O/S

Series 6: Newspaper clippings (1938-1969)

Series number 6

Series title Newspaper clippings

Date 1938-1969

Scope and content

- Issue of the 1899 Bulletin.
- Sheet from The Sydney Mail 1928 showing map Bert Hinkler's flight.(Box 14277)
- Page from 'The Boomerang', 1891; 1930.(Box 14277)
- Pages of Brisbane Courier 1926.(Box 14277)
- Issues of the 'Daily Telegraph' 1900, 'The Queenslander' 1877, 'The Telegraph' 1877, 'The Colonist', 1838, and an issue of 'The Brisbane Courier', 1877. (Box 14277)
- Newspaper clipping - home of R. Proctor - architect Charles Griffin.
- 'The Graphic' (1915) on the siege of Germany by sea by the British.
- Pages of the Brisbane Courier (1908) on the Evolution of the Navy of the United States.
- Advertisement for pharmaceuticals (Indian root pills, Mirpil Skin Balm, Comstock's worm

pellets).(Box 14283 O/S A3)

- 'The Sydney Mail' (1919) - articles on C.E.W. Bean, Walter Thomas Cox, Sir Arthur and Lady Conan Doyle, and pilots in the Australian Squadron.
- Lift-out from 'Bundaberg Daily News' (1915).
- Lift-out from 'The Courier Mail' (1945) of map of Australia.
- Maps from 'The Sphere' and 'The Weekly Courier' on World War I.
- Page from 1914 Bulletin on entertainment and World War I.
- Lift-outs from 'The Town and Country Journal' (1913) on Melbourne's thoroughfares and canals and the Solomon Islands.
- Lift-out from 'The North Queensland Register' (1927). Contains various articles such as those on the Cardwell and Tully floods, the floods in the Ingham, Mossman, Herberton, and Cairns districts, cyclone at Innisfail, and wreck of the "Alma".
- Courier Mail article celebrating the first landing on the moon by Armstrong and Aldrin in 1969.
- Lift-out from 'The North Queensland Register' (1927).
- Issue of 'Smith's Weekly' (1950).

Description

Description 0 Newspaper clippings

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Series 7: Theatre programs (1912 ; 1941-1942)

Series number 7

Series title Theatre programs

Date 1912 ; 1941-1942

Scope and content

- Tivoli Theatre program 1940/1941; J.C. Williamson Theatre Program 1941/1942 and magazine.(Box 14277)
- "Her Majesty's Theatre" program (Sydney), dated 1912, advertising 'The Quaker Girl'. Also contains advertisements of numerous businesses in Sydney. (Box 14285 O/S A3)
- Fox Pictures advertising Shirley Temple show. Box 14285 O/S A3)

Description

Description 0 theater programs

Locate OMBOX Box 14277 OMOSBOX Box 14285 O/S

Series 8: Lennons Hotel Plans (1940)

Series number 8

Series title Lennons Hotel Plans

Date 1940

Scope and content

- 3 sheets of plans for rebuilding Lennons Hotel in Brisbane by the architect Emil Sodersteen.
- For rebuilding various sections of the Hotel, one sheet displays 5 plans, another has 7 plans, and another has 6 plans.

Author / Creator

Sodersteen, Emil

Description

Description 0 architectural drawings (visual works)

Locate OMOSBOX Box 14919 O/S

Series 9: Pamphlets and publications (1742-1962)

Series number 9

Series title Pamphlets and publications

Date 1742-1962

Scope and content

- Pamphlet - Invitation Covers (Box 14277)

Souvenir booklet Royal Queensland Yacht Club 1935 (Forster Cup series).

- Commemorative booklet of the Story Bridge, 1940 (Box 14277)
- Advertising fold-out and booklet on the R.M.S. "Queen Mary". (Box 14282 O/S A3)
- Nestle's Picture Stamp Album. (Box 14282 O/S A3)
- 1939-1945 military camp booklet "Half-way to Holdsbury" containing anecdotes and humorous Australian stories. (Box 14282)/S A3)
- Booklet titled, "Wanted! A Plan!" Post-War Development" - a report submitted by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. (Box 14282 O/S A3)
- 1937-1938 Southern Cross Organisation catalogue on pumps, windmills and their parts, lighting plants, and refrigerators. (Box 14282 O/S A3)
- "Rawleigh's booklets on the treatment of "common ailments" (1932) and on raising stock and poultry (1933).(Box 14282 O/S A3)
- "The 1936 Queenslander Hobbies Book" (Box 14282 O/S A3).
- "The Australian Native Bear Book" (1930) by Noel Burnet. Contains photographs of koalas at Burnet's reservation in Sydney. (Box 14282 O/S A3)
- 'Tucker's Tea-Cup Reader on reading tea-cups.(Box 14282 O/S A3)
- Booklet by The Australian Institute of Builders on a productivity study group and construction research mission to Japan in 1962.(Box 14282 O/S A3)
- Issue of 1742 "The Gentleman's Magazine" containing Debates in the Senate of Lilliput, and general and poetical essays, as well as instructions to Members of Parliament.(Box 14282 O/S A3)
- Chapter 18 of the "Anno Vicesimo Tertio Georgii III. Regis." (Box 14282 O/S A3)
- World War II "The Battle of Wau". (Box 14282 O/S A3)
- A number of children's books and school exercise book.
- Cut-out album containing cut-outs of fairy-tale characters, flowers, and animals, food labels and foods, and stamps. Also contains booklet of handwritten recipes, letter to Mrs Jones Brown, and greeting card from "Rosemary" to her mother dated 1939.(Box 14283 O/S A3)
- "Sydney Town" by Harry Weston. Booklet comprising mainly photographs of buildings, street and sea-scapes in and around Sydney.
- Children's booklet, "ABC. Lets Join In", 1958.
- 2 copies of the Prospectus - First Security Debentures Hornibrook Highway Limited, 1932 and 1933.
- 2 albums of collection hand-drawn and hand-coloured greeting cards by A. Joyce Bowden showing Australian flora, fauna, landscapes, and early architecture and other landmarks of NSW, such as the home of Captain Sturt, Captain Cook's cottage, and various churches and cathedrals. (Box 14276)
- Picture album, 1915, comprising cut-outs of fairy-tale themes, stylised fruit and flora. (Box 14283 O/S A3)
- 'The Native Bear Book: The Blue Gum Family at Koala Park' (1932) by Noel Burnet.

2 Cole's 'Funny Picture Books' ca. 1951. (Box 14283 O/S A3)

- 'In the Track of the Natives', by D. Tennant, first published 1938. Contains photographs and text on the Aborigines of Northern Queensland, Dutch New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Palm Island.
- 'The Modern Engineer' (1936).
- 'The War Pictorial' (May 1918).
- Book on Birds that was owned by Ellen Daveney of Canning Downs (her signature appears on the inside cover). (Box 14276)

Description

Description 0 booklets

Locate OMBOX Box 14277 OMOSBOX Boxes 14282 ; 14285 O/S

Series 10: Cookbooks and booklets (1898-1941)

Series number 10

Series title Cookbooks and booklets

Date 1898-1941

Scope and content

- Simpson Bros. recipe booklets (1934/1935; 1938/1939)
- J.C. Hutton recipe book;
- Recipe booklet (Foggitt Jones Pty Ltd).
- 'Peters Ice Cream' recipe booklet, 1927.
- "Mrs Maclurcan's Cookery Book: A Collection of Practical Recipes Specially Suited for Australia" by H. Maclurcan. Published in Townsville, 1898, by Willmetts & Son. (Box 14282 O/S A3)
- Recipe booklet for "Geisha Brand Crab".(Box 14282 O/S A3)
- 'Secrets from the Honey Pot: 42 Tested Recipes with Honey'.(Box 14292 O/S A3)
- 'Davis Dainty Dishes' (ca. 1941).(Box 14292 O/S A3)
- 'Cooking Recipes specially compiled for Electric Stoves' produced by Brisbane City Council (Electricity Supply Department).(Box 14292 O/S A3)

Description

Description 0 books 0 booklets

Locate OMOSBOX Boxes 14282 ; 14292 O/SO/S

Series 11: Souvenirs (1915 ; 1932 ; 1959)

Series number 11

Series title Souvenirs

Date 1915 ; 1932 ; 1959

Scope and content

- 1915 Australia Day souvenir. (Box 14277)
- Souvenir Mail Card from New York to Percy Huxley of South Brisbane.(Box 14285 O/S A3)
- Souvenir Programme of the Pioneer Women's Memorial Fund Queensland Centenary Celebration 1959. (Box 14285 O/S A3)
- 1932 "The Sydney Mail Souvenir Bridge" magazine on the construction and opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Also contains business advertisements.(Box 14283 O/S A3)

Description

Description 0 souvenirs

Locate OMBOX Box 14277 OMOSBOX Boxes 14283 ;14285 O/S

Series 12: Artefacts (1926-1969?)

Series number 12

Series title Artefacts

Date 1926-1969?

Scope and content

- Wooden plaque - Brisbane City Council.(Box 14277)
- Framed, hand-painted tribute to Mr and Mrs Hornibrook, 1926. Box 14277
- Miniature brick from Dinmore factory.(Box 14277)

Brass key tag from Lennon's Hotel.

- Bézique Register. (Box 14285 O/S A3)
- 2 wooden rulers with measurement in inches. (Box 14285 O/s A3)
- 2 pins of the 'Hi Fi Club' and 'Robinson's Angling Trainee Squadron'. (Box 14285 O/S A3)

Description

Description 0 artefacts

Locate OMOSBOX Box 14285 O/S OMBOX Box 14277