

Synchronome Public Clocks and the Jackson Family Oral History

Accession number 26145

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Author / Creator

Synchronome Electrical Company

Scope and content Four cassettes and three manuscripts containing Bill Jackson and Jock Jackson's recollections and memories regarding Synchronome Electrical Company. Interview with Bill and Jock Jackson, as well as supporting documentation, regarding Synchronome Public Clocks.

System of arrangement Arranged into 4 series

Description 3 oral histories (4 audiocassettes; 4 transcripts; 3 manuscripts)

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items.

Guides A series and item list is available

Administrative / Biographical history Alfred George Jackson started Synchronome Electrical Company of Australasia in 1897. It dealt in electrical engineering and electroplating, and a major part of the business involved the Synchronome electrical clock system. The company installed a mechanically driven, but electrically controlled, tower clock in the South Brisbane Town Hall in 1904. An electrically controlled and driven clock was installed in the new Brisbane City Hall in 1929 by Alfred Jackson's son, Arthur Jackson.

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Series 1: Bill Jackson (31 May 1995)

Series number 1

Series title Bill Jackson

Date 31 May 1995

Author / Creator

Jackson, William Alfred

Bianchi, Geoffrey Neale

Description

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Items in this series:

Interview

Unit ID OH47/1

Scope and content

Interview with Bill Jackson regarding Bill's history with the Synchronome Public Clocks company, memories of his grandfather and father, the clocks of Synchronome (especially the Brisbane City Hall clock), anecdotes of people and clocks and the growth and sale of the

Synchronome Public Clocks company. The interviewer is Geoff Bianchi.

Description

Description 1 audiocassette

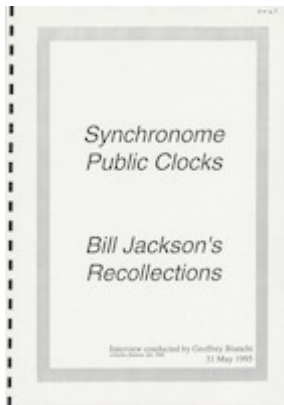
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Transcript



Unit ID OH47/2

Scope and content

Transcript of the interview with Bill Jackson.

Description

Description 1 transcript

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Series 2: Jock Jackson (25 May 1995)

Series number 2

Series title Jock Jackson

Date 25 May 1995

Author / Creator

Jackson, Arthur John

Bianchi, Geoffrey Neale

Description

Description 1 oral history

Access

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Notes English

Items in this series:

Interview

Unit ID OH47/3

Scope and content

Interview with Arthur John (Jock) Jackson regarding why he was named Jock, why he joined the Synchronome Public Clocks company and memories of his grandfather and his parents. The interview includes recollections of the Synchronome Public Clocks company including: the war years, antipathy of the Horological Guild to electric clocks, relative importance of the clock business, reasons for the relocation of the firm, impact of the 1974 Brisbane flood, clock maintenance, South Brisbane Town Hall, Brisbane City Hall and other clocks including Oakey,

power supply for electric clocks and his personal attitude towards clocks. The interviewer is Geoff Bianchi.

Description

Description 1 audiocassette

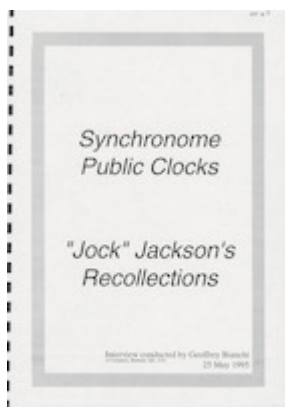
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Transcript



Unit ID OH47/4

Scope and content

Transcript of the interview with Jock Jackson.

Description

Description 1 transcript

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Series 3: Bill and Jock Jackson (24 February 1996)

Series number 3

Series title Bill and Jock Jackson

Date 24 February 1996

Author / Creator

Jackson, William Alfred

Jackson, Arthur John

Heckenberg, Norman

Description

Description 1 oral history

Access

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Notes English

Items in this series:

Interview

Unit ID OH47/5

Scope and content

Interview with Bill and Jock Jackson discussing technical aspects of various clocks designed

by Synchronome Public Clocks company including South Brisbane Town Hall, Brisbane City Hall, Oakey, Gympie, Goomeri and Maryborough. The interviewer is Norman Heckenberg. Geoff Bianchi, John Gardner and Tony Roberts were in attendance to help guide the direction of the interview.

Description

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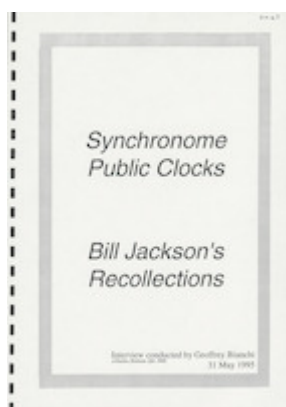
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Transcript



Unit ID OH47/6

Scope and content

Transcript of the interview with Bill and Jock Jackson.

Description

Description 1 transcript

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Series 4: Supplementary material (1995-1998)

Series number 4

Series title Supplementary material

Date 1995-1998

Description

Description 2 manuscripts

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Items in this series:

Manuscript (31 May 1995)

Unit ID OH47/7

Date 31 May 1995

Scope and content

Manuscript titled 'The Synchronome Company', written by Joyce Jackson.

Author / Creator

Jackson, Joyce

Description

Description 1 manuscript (10 pages)

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Booklet (1998)

Unit ID OH47/8

Date 1998

Scope and content

One booklet titled 'Synchronome Brisbane 1903-1991 : The story of the Jackson family of electrical clock makers', by the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors Queensland.

Author / Creator

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors Queensland

Description

Description 1 booklet (32 pages)

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