Commerce History Group

Critical and Historical Studies in Commerce Program

Using the Collections of the University of Wollongong Archives

Invoice, 30 September 1892.
Waddell Business Records 1887-1959, University Archives (D171).

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The University of Wollongong Commerce History Group held its inaugural meeting on 25 November 1999. Assoc. Prof. Ray Markey convened the meeting in order to bring together academic staff in the Faculty of Commerce interested in historical research. The Group aims to act as a forum for the exchange of ideas, discussion of current research, and exploration of the possibilities of collaborative research. Identified areas of interest span the following fields: labour history, accounting history, history of ideas and critical historiography, economic history, business history, and feminist history.

For further information, refer to the official web page for the Critical and Historical Studies in Commerce Program. This program forms part of the Faculty of Commerce International Business Research Institute (IBRI).
During February 2000 the University Archivist gave a presentation to the Commerce History Group outlining the holdings of the University Archives, and collections which may form the basis of future research projects. Some of the collections identified included the following:

- **University Records** 1950s-Present [The official records of the University of Wollongong, extending back to 1951 when it was a Division of the University of NSW, and 1962 when the Wollongong University College opened on site. Comprises publications and corporate records such as minutes, administrative files and pictorial material]

- **Bellambi Coal Company** 1890-1980s (D185) [Local coal company - official company records, including minutes, annual reports, and financial statements]

- **David Brothers Pty. Ltd.** 1935-73 (D57) [Wollongong engineering firm - official company records, including those associated with the liquidation process]

- **Hill End Storekeeper's Account Book** 1879-99 (D17)

- **Waddell Business Records** 1887-1959 (D171) [Berry corner store and newsagency - records include invoices, receipts and accounts]

- **WIN 4 Television** 1950-1989 (D75) - collection includes company records & the Newsfilm Collection 1964-82.

By clicking on the above links, a detailed description of each of the collections may be viewed in the form of a PDF file. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to read these files and print them out. This is available for free at the following Download Adobe Acrobat site.

**University Archives Collections**

The University of Wollongong Archives was set up in 1968 by Profs. Jim Hagan and Ross Duncan of History & Politics, with the first archivist appointed in 1972. Since that time a large amount of archival material has been placed in the collection. This material supports the various research and teaching programs. Items of regional and national significance have also been acquired. The material is catalogued with the 'D' Collection.

"D" Collection - Acquired Archives & Manuscripts

Reproduced below is a brief title listing of the D Collection, arranged according to the following broad subject groupings:

- Trade Unions and Professional Associations
- Political Parties
- Private Companies and Businesses
- Local and State Government Instrumentalities
● Community Groups, Associations and Committee
● Academic Research Collections
● Illawarra Regional History
● General History

**Trade Unions and Professional Associations**

**Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union**
- Wollongong Regional Office 1943-76 (D43)
- Gilbert Stead Collection 1913-80 (D152)
- Australasian Institute of Metals - Port Kembla Branch 1941-78 (D134)

**Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union**
- Federal Council 1906-68 (D78)
- New South Wales Branch 1922-72 (D1)

**Australian Coal and Shale Employees' Federation (Miners' Federation)**
- Southern District 1900-66 (D12)
- Bulli Lodge 1920-55 (D114)

**Australian Council of Trade Unions/ACTU 1940-80 (D65)**
- J.S. Hagan Research Papers (D68)

**Australian Federation of University Women, NSW, Illawarra Branch 1962-96 (D204)**

**Australian Workers Union (AWU) - Lewis George McKay Collection 1944-75 (D120)**

**Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia - Wollongong Branch 1955-73 (D40)**

**Business and Professional Women's Club of Wollongong 1953-90 (D32)**

**Clothing and Allied Trades Union of Australia - New South Wales Branch 1875-1975 (D46)**

**Electrical Trades Union - South Coast Branch 1969-74 (D133)**

**Federated Ironworkers' Association (FIA)**
- Port Kembla Branch - Andrew Barron Collection 1941-5 (D89)
- Wollongong Branch 1945-80 (D196)

**Federated Rubber and Allied Workers' Union of Australia - NSW Branch 1918-73 (D42)**

**Institute of Engineers, Australia - Illawarra Group 1939-78 (D93)**

**Library Association of Australia - South Coast Regional Group 1964-78 (D96)**

**New South Wales Association of University Women Graduates - Illawarra Branch 1963-76 (D139)**

**Seamen's Union of Australia (SUA) - Elliot Valens Elliot Collection 1930-82 (D170)**

**Shoalhaven Industrial Council 1973-4 (D30)**

**South Coast Employment Development Project (D179)**

**South Coast Labour Council 1928-90 (D169)**

**Teachers' Federation / Associations**
- CAE Lecturers' Association (D151)
- Illawarra Teachers' Association 1933-86 (D99)
- New South Wales Teachers Federation 1929-71 (D35)
- North Illawarra Teachers Association 1956-81 (D148)
- Shoalhaven Teachers Association 1908-75 (D31)
- South Coast History Teachers Association (D162)

**Water and Sewerage Employers Union - Salaried Division 1919-87 (D56)**

**Waterside Workers' Federation - Jack Lowrey Collection 1955-83 (D156)**

**Wollongong University Students' Union (SRC) - Tharunka Office 1955-75 (D123)**
Political Parties

Australian Labor Party
- Bulli State Electorate Council 1950-70 (D15)
- Bulli-Woonona Branch 1932-74 (D37)
- Camden Branch 1963-74 (D48)
- Caringbah Branch 1953-63 (D118)
- Como / Jannali Branch 1930-92 (D128)
- Corrimal Branch 1961-73 (D34)
- Heathcote State Electorate Council 1970-3 (D58)
- Hughes Federal Electorate Council 1963-79 (D3)
- Illawarra State Electoral Council 1937-50 (D127)
- Mount Kembla Branch 1951-74 (D126)
- Reidtown Branch 1958-75 (D49)
- Sutherland Municipal Committee 1962-6 (D29)
- Sutherland State Electorate Council 1958-65 (D77)
- Thirroul Branch 1970-94 (D47)
- Windang Branch 1974-9 (D141)
- Reginald Francis Xavier Connor Papers 1955-77 (D61)
- James Seymour Hagan Collection (D68)
- Leslie Royston Johnson Papers 1964-76 (D23)
- Lawrence Borthwick Kelly Papers 1948-83 (D62)
- George Peterson Papers 1964-88 (D210)
- Stewart West Collection 1972-80 (D121)

Communist Party of Australia
- Publications 1920-91 (D219)
- South Coast District Branch 1950-90 (D176)
- John and Phyllis Johnson Collection (Publications) 1920-75 (D90)

Illawarra New Left Party (D186)

Liberal Party of Australian
- New South Wales Division 1946-70 (D86)

Private Companies and Businesses

Australian Iron and Steel Pty Ltd
- Industrial Office 1956-73 (D216)
- Southern Collieries 1939-71 (D2)

Bellambi Coal Company 1890-1980s (D185)
Chamber of Manufacturers of New South Wales 1912-68 (D14)
David Brothers Pty Ltd. 1935-73 (D57)
William Edwards - Blacksmith 1912-37 (D154)
Excelsior Collieries and Cokeworks Limited 1909-64 (D45)
John Lysaght (Australia) Limited 1929-65 (D26)
- John Charles Fettiplace Lysaght Collection 1924-74 (D59)
- Industrial Office (D192)
Illawarra Electricity 1930s-60 (D187)
Illawarra Ethnic Council 1980s (D184)
Metal Manufacturers Limited 1916-80 (D21)
South Coast Workers Medical Centre 1980s (D202)
Southern Permanent Co-Operative Building Society 1955-73 (D172)
Waddell Business Records 1887-1959 (D171)
WIN 4 Television 1958-90 (D75)
Wollongong Gas Limited 1902-77 (D71)

Local and State Government Instrumentalities

Gerringong Municipal Council 1930s-54 (D125)
Kiama Municipal Council 1890-1960 (D28)
Shellharbour Municipal Council and Albion Park Literary Institute 1880-1968 (D16)
Wollongong City Council
- John Broomhall Papers 1976-9 (D98)
- Gina Palmer Collection - Family Day Care and Child Care 1973-6 (D76)
Frederick George Woodward Collection 1966-77 (D81)
Illawarra Regional Development Committee 1945-73 (D116)
Illawarra District Advisory Council 1973-9 (D149)
IRD / IRAC - John Charles Steinke Papers 1961-77 (D67)
Illawarra Regional Council for Social Development 1964-77 (D69)
Department of Decentralisation and Development - Wollongong Office 1957-73 (D44)

Community Groups, Associations and Committees

Environmental

Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF)
- Canberra Branch - Jervis Bay Working Group 1986-90 (D175)
Jervis Bay Planning and Protection Committee 1970-5 (D64)
Illawarra Natural History Society 1963-75 (D60)
SONS - Save Our Northern Suburbs (D195)
South Coast Conservation Society 1969-86 (D36)
South Coast Organisation Against Pollution - SCOOP 1970-2 (D25)

Resident Action

Corrimal War Memorial Olympic Pool Committee 1932-74 (D38)
Illawarra Coalition of Resident Action Groups 1973-7 (D63)
Farmborough Heights Progress Association 1934-74 (D41)
Mount Saint Thomas - Planning & Preservation Group (D163)
South Wollongong Progress Association 1917-21 (D97)
Wollongong Neighbourhood Development Committee 1976-9 (D166)
Miscellaneous

2VOX-FM - Community Radio (D194)
Australian Peace Council - M.N. Fackender Collection 1941-58 (D84)
Australian Vietnam Society - Illawarra Branch 1979-92 (D180)
People for Nuclear Disarmament - Illawarra (D182)
South Coast Hiroshima Day Committee 1980-2 (D144)
South Coast Workers Child Care Centre (D215)
Illawarra Anti-Bases Coalition (D178)
Illawarra Cancer Appealathon Trustees 1986-99 (D218)
Illawarra Ethnic Council 1980s (D184)
Illawarra New Left Party 1980s (D186)
May Day Committee, Wollongong 1935-70 (D22)
Miners Womens' Auxiliaries of Australia, Southern District 1949-73 (D20)
New Opportunities for Women / NOW 1965-70 (D13)
The Original Old Age and Invalid Pensioners Association
- Bulli-Woonona Branch 1951-67 (D115)
- Unanderra Branch 1962-76 (D72)

Academic Research Collections

Ken Blakey Papers (D205)
Ross Duncan Papers 1962-74 (D102)
Christine Ewen Research Collection (D188)
Richard A. Facer Papers 1959-78 (D122)
Berthold Halpern Research Material (D135)
J.S. Hagan Papers (D68)
Willis Sprague Holden Papers 1967-76 (D112)
Austin Keane Research Papers 1953-78 (D130)
Colm P. Kiernan Research Material (D136)
Evan Raymond Phillips Research Material (D132)
John Panter Research Collection - Sir John Herschel (D181)
Michael Quinlan Collection - Migrant Workers in Australia (D183)

Illawarra Regional History

Trooper Frank Andrews - Boer War 1899-1902 (D208)
Appin Mine Disaster Inquiry 1979-80 (D157)
Auckland Family 1911 (D54)
W.A. "Bill" Bayley Collection 1960s (D173)
Berry Agricultural Association 1888-1932 (D4)
Berry Register 1927-30 (D6)
Berry School of Arts 1884-1942 (D155)
Bomaderry Rest Home 1945-7 (D206)
Bombo Road Metal Works 1887-9 (D104)
Archibald Campbell Collection 1834-1920 (D217)
Clark Family Photographs 1890-1952 (D137)
Samuel Cocks Photographic Collection 1890-1920 (D100)
W.T. Cooper Collection 1964-70 (D129)
Arthur Cousins Notebooks 1930s-40s (D109)
Cringila Public School 1933-55 (D110)
Dapto Smelter Research Collection 1890s (D213)
F.W. Draper Collection (D203)
Marjory East Collection 1885-1960 (D79)
Frost Family Photographs 1894-1912 (D95)
Glass Family Photographs 1900-40 (D74)
Grand United Order of Oddfellows - Miners' Friend Lodge, Balgownie 1904-37 (D9)
Harrigan Family Collection 1912-63 (D70)
Illawarra District Rugby Union 1953-80 (D66)
Keiraville Mechanics Institute 1902-18 (D10)
Kendall Family Letters 1829-41 (D105)
Kenwood Photographs 1920s (D119)
Kiama Agricultural Society 1848-51 (D106)
Kiama Court of Petty Sessions 1845-93 (D107)
Kiama Public School 1857-91 (D108)
Knights of the Southern Cross - Port Kembla Branch (D177)
Loyal Orange Lodge - Gerringong True Blue No. 115 1879-1925 (D145)
Francis McCaffrey Collection 1865-1932 (D92)
W. Mitchell & G. Sherington - 'Growing Up in the Illawarra' Research Material (D153)
John Morgan Collection 1893-1929 (D131)
Laurie O'Leary Collection (D138)
Organ Family History (D209)
Illawarra Church of England 1899-1979 (D101)
William Peascod Drawings (D94)
Stuart Piggin - Illawarra Church Histories 'Faith of Steel' Research Material (D158)
Hans and Lydia Post Collection 1962-75 (D52)
Rachel Roxburgh Photographs - Historic Buildings of Illawarra (D168)
Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Grand Australasian Banner, Lodge Mount Pleasant No 119 1925-61 (D51)
First Wollongong Scout Group 1966-77 (D91)
John Thomas Sweeney Papers 1905-47 (D113)
Mary Tow Collection - History of Illawarra Education (D191)
Towradgi Primary School 1950s (D207)
Weston & Co. Publishers Pty Ltd 1884-1972 (D103)
Wollongong Legacy 1946-78 (D73)
Wollongong Music Club 1956-73 (D165)
Wollongong Symphony Orchestra (D164)
Wollongong Teachers College - Film Collection (D200)
Wollongong University - Film Collection (D201)
Wollongong University - Property Deeds 1950s-80s (D214)
General History

William Phillip Bluett Papers 1884-1960 (D7)
Broken Hill Strike 1909-11 - William Harris Collection (D82)
W.B. Clarke Collection (D212)
W.T. Cooper Collection (D129)
RMS Corinthen Diary (D211)
Dreadnought Fund 1909-18 (D111)
Vasyl Grendza-Donskyj Papers 1923-74 (D85)
Hill End Storekeeper's Account Book 1879-99 (D17)
R.M. Seldon Collection - Lord Howe Island Photographs (D150)
Henry Mayer Collection 1920s-50s (D124)
Papua New Guinea - Percy N. Cochrane Collection 1950-70 (D160)
Samoan Islands Photographs c1900 (D140)
Suffragette Movement - E. Sandeman-Gay Collection 1908-15 (D143)
World War I - John Robertson Hawke Letters 1915-19 (D55)
World War I - Peter Ebenezer Wedd Letter 1918 (D88)
World War I - William George Agate Collection 1914-18 (D190)
World War II - Robert Holman Collection 1939-45 (D189)

Additional Resources

RAAM Database!

New Archives Search Engine

The National Library of Australia's Register of Australian Archives and Manuscripts (RAAM) database at http://www.nla.gov.au/raam/ contains records describing non-government archives held in Australian archival repositories and libraries, including the University of Wollongong Archives. RAAM is designed to provide researchers with sufficient information to enable a decision to be made on whether to follow up on accessing the material. The database includes some 20000+ references, pertaining to the following: Collections of manuscript and archival material held in Australia, whether of Australian origin or not; Single unpublished items provided they are primary sources, e.g. a letter, a deed, a diary; Photocopies or microfilms of Australian manuscript or archival material, including non-government overseas material relating directly to Australia; and Personal records held in government archives. The search engine attached to RAAM makes it a valuable tool for researchers.

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