Creator: Professor Henry Mayer

Historical Note: Professor Henry Mayer (University of Sydney) was a widely regarded academic in politics, media and communications studies, who assembled and annotated extensive research collections of publications and ephemera on a wide range of political and social topics. This collection focuses on abortion rights and law reform in New South Wales, 1960s-1970s. It was donated to the University Archives in 2004 by Associate Professor Rebecca Albury (University of Wollongong).

Record Summary: Research records - publications, pamphlets, news clipping and ephemera (many items annotated)

Date Range: Late 1940s - early 1970s

Quantity: 3 m (19 boxes)

Access Conditions: Available for reference. Contact Archivist in advance to arrange access.

Note: UOW Archives also holds a separate collection donated by Professor Mayer of Communist publications (D124a).

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8b. (i) Ab/Polls- General and overseas.
   (ii) Ab/Polls- UK.
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3c. Ab/Eclampsia.
4c. Ab/Conception.
5c. Ab/Ectopic pregnancy.
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7c. (i) Ab/Genetics- Cuttings.
   (ii) Ab/Genetics- Articles.
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    (ii) Ab/Medical- General- Articles.
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   (ii) Ab/Australia- Cuttings- General 1967.
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5d. Ab/Australia- Henry Mayer- Notes.
6d. a) Ab/Australia- Polls.
   (i) Australian Gallup Poll- Surveys, correspondence.
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History

7d. (i) Historical- General, pre 1945.
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Medicine

8d. (i) Medical- General- Cuttings.
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9d. (i) Ab/Australia- Law- General- post 1945- cuttings.
(ii) Ab/Australia- Law- General- post 1945- articles.
(iii) Ab/Australia- Law- History- pre 1945.
(iv) Ab/Australia- Legal Cases- pre 1945.
(v) Ab/Australia- Legal Cases- post 1945.
(vi) Ab/Australia- Legal Case- Report from the Select Committee on Dr Frederick Beer.
1862 NSW. Abortion trial printed evidence and correspondence, 1856-1875.
(vii) Ab/Australia- Wainer (Abortion) Inquiry.

10d. Ab/Australia- Deaths due to abortion.

11d. Ab/Australia- Police action in relation to abortion.

12d. Ab/Australia- Crime general.

Abortion Law Reform.

13d. (i) Ab/Law Reform- Attitude of medical profession- AMA. (missing)
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(iii) Ab/Law Reform- Attitude of medical profession- General.

14d. (i) Ab/Law Reform- Attitude of churches- RC cuttings.
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15d. (i) Ab/Law Reform- Attitude of political parties- Liberal Party.
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21d. Ab/Australia- Abortion rates, birth rates, birth-abortion ratio.
22d. Ab/Australia- Royal Commission on the birth rate (1904) + Beale.
23d. Ab/Australia- Life.
24d. Ab/Australia- Adoption and Illegitimacy.
25d. Ab/Australia- Battered babies.
26d. Ab/Australia- Infanticide.
27d. Ab/Australia- Infant and maternal mortality.
28d. Ab/Australia- Suicide.

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2e. (i) Sex- Australia.
(ii) Sex- Australia- Cuttings.
3e. Report from the Select Committee on Violent Sex Crimes in NSW.
4e. (i) Sex/Homosexuality- Australia.
(ii) Sex/Homosexuality- Overseas.
5e. (i) Sex/Prostitution- Australia.
(ii) Sex/Prostitution- Overseas.
(iii) Sex/Prostitution- Australian history.
6e. (i) Sex- Sexual revolution/youth.
(ii) Sex- Youth- Australia.
7e. (i) Sex- VD.
(ii) Sex- VD- Australia.
8e. (i) Sex education.
(ii) Sex- Education- Australia.
9e. Sex- Ethology.
11e. Sex- Science- physiology-artificial insemination/sex change.
12e. Sex- Women.
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16e. Sex- Institute of Sex Research.
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    (ii) BC/Sterilisation- Australia.
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    (ii) BC/Roman Catholic- Australia.
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    (ii) Women’s Lib/UK and NZ and others.
    (iii) Women’s Lib/US.
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    (ii) Family/Australia- Divorce, marriage.
    (iii) Illegitimacy/adoption- Australia.
3g. (i) Drugs.
    (ii) Drugs/Australia.
4g. (i) Death- Definition of death, etc. (medical ethics and suicide) See also Abortion, Euthanasia
    (ii) Euthanasia.
5g. Population explosion.
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7g. Socialisation.
8g. Hippies.
9g. Islam.
10g. (i) Medical history- Australia
    (ii) Medical- Australia
11g. Transplants
12g. Literature Reviews- Cuttings