Historical Note: Robert Holman served in the South Pacific during World War II. He subsequently recorded his reminiscences of both his childhood and the war within several handwritten note books and drawing books. Some of these books also include his illustrations of Australian native animals. (Holman was a cousin to the artist Arthur Munch.) Before being donated to the University Archives, during the 1970s and 1980s some of the books were circulated around local schools in the southern Illawarra area. This collection comprises notebook and drawings from Robert Holman.

Record Summary: Personal records– foolscap notebooks, drawing books

Date Range: 1920s-1950s

Quantity: 15cm. (1 oversized box)

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

Inventory: Compiled 1998. Last Revised 9 November 2010
Item List

Five foolscap notebooks with manuscript reminiscences, written in pen. Books marked on the cover as follows:

1. Book 1 - Childhood Pages 1-61
2. Book 2 62-138
3. Book 3 139-195
4. Book 4 196-244
5. Stories from the POW Camps [64pp.]

Two A3 drawing books with pencil and colour drawings of Australian birds and animals on one side of the page, backed with manuscript reminiscences on A4 paper stuck to the other side of the pages.

6. Drawing Book 1
   Drawings 22 illustrations
   Reminiscences [36pp.]

7. Drawing Book 2
   Drawings 52 illustrations
   Reminiscences [48pp.]