



ANU PUBLICATIONS — FLOOD LOSS

Collection overview

This collection of Australian National University publications originates from various schools, colleges and the ANU Press. These publications were housed in the J.B Chifley building and maintained by the University library, and were destroyed by flooding which occurred in February 2018.

Research significance

These publications represent a significant amount of research completed at the Australian National University. This research was undertaken by various areas of the university, and was often not published or made available through any other source.

By digitising and making these works openly accessible via the university repository, we will not only be replacing print works lost in the Chifley flood, but expanding the availability of the material to the wider community.

Digitisation cost

- > Number of volumes to be digitised: 350
- > Number of pages to be digitised: 34,879
- > Approx. cost to digitise: \$20,000*

*includes cost of staff time to source material and make available online.



TOOTH & CO PHOTOGRAPHS

Collection overview

Approximately 7,000 photographs from the collections of Tooth & Co. Ltd.

Research significance

Tooth & Co. Ltd continues to be one of our most often requested collections. The photographs of hotels are in great demand among local historians, genealogists, architects and heritage professionals.

These include the earliest photographs in the collection, as well as interior photographs, which continue to be popular with researchers and are rare. Some of oldest photographs are in poor condition and digitisation would assist with preservation.

Engagement significance

The Archives participated in the 2019 ACT Heritage Festival, giving a well-received talk on the hotel records which was attended by Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman. Interest was expressed in more hotel records being made available online for the general public. The Archives has been invited to speak about the hotel records on many occasions including at the 2017 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference, on ABC Radio Channels and through various newspaper outlets.

The already digitised portion of the collection has been viewed over 200,000 times and had 27,000 downloads in 2019 alone. 12% of inquiries received by the ANU Archivists are about Tooth and Co. material.

Digitisation cost

- > Number of photographs to be digitised: approx. 7,000
- > Approx. cost to digitise: \$20,000

Cost includes significant staff time to create metadata.

"The planned digitisation would be of great use to economic, social and labour historians, as well as those in specialist fields such as the history of accounting, brewing science and marketing. I strongly support the proposal."

Mark Wilson - Assoc. Professor & Deputy Director (Research)
Research School of Accounting, College of Business and Economics



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MAPS & PLANS (CONTINUED)

Collection overview

ANU Archives holds many thousands of 19th and 20th century maps showing details of Australian pastoral stations, mining leases and general topography, as well as plans of factories, equipment and structures on stations including woolsheds. These maps are as large as 80cm x 200cm.

This proposal is for stage 2 of digitisation of maps and plans.

Research significance

Maps and plans are in high demand and have been used by many researchers, including Professor Bill Gammage of ANU, to examine changes in land use and the environment over time. These records have been used for heritage assessment, to trace indigenous land use, stock routes, construction and in aboriginal family history research. They have also been used to investigate the history of Newcastle areas where light rail is being built.

Engagement significance

The maps and plans cover the Australian continent with a concentration on the eastern states. They would be even more popular with researchers if digitised and could enhance the use of other ANU collections.

Digitising the maps would facilitate greater research as they could be effectively delivered as a research service through a searchable online map.

Digitisation cost

- > Number of maps to be digitised: approx. 491
- > Approx. cost to digitise: \$15,000

Costs include significant staff time to process data and image files.



K SERIES PHOTOGRAPHS

Collection overview

Approximately 4,000 photographs relating to a wide variety of trade unions, professional associations and Australian companies.

Research significance

The K Series photographs provide insight into the history of Australian trade unions and companies, from the 1850s to 1960s. They provide visual documentation of the development and key events in many industries and associated trade unions in Australia, including mining, building, teaching, engineering, manufacturing, agricultural and maritime industries.

The photographs are of value to a variety of researchers including historians, genealogists, academics and depositors and relate to some of our most requested collections such as the Australian Agricultural Company and Goldsbrough Mort.

Some of the photographs exhibit discolouration and damage. Digitisation would enable us to restrict handling and produce preservation copies before further degradation occurs.

Engagement significance

These photographs will markedly enhance research and promotion of historical trade unions, companies and related industries in Australia throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. The material will appeal to a very broad cross-section of researchers, and will provide entry points to archival collections for new and experienced academic researchers. The digital collection will increase the visibility of our research archives and research of Australian trade unionism and business. Strong support has been received from the ANU School of History including Prof Frank Bongiorno and Prof Nicholas Brown.

Digitisation cost

- > Number of photographs to be digitised: approx. 4,000
- > Approx. cost to digitise: \$10,000



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PACIFIC LINGUISTICS BIBLES

Collection overview

This collection of Pacific linguistics bibles was gifted to the Australian National University in 2014 by the Australian Bible Society. It is a rare collection containing 337 publications and 11 supporting grammar folders. The bibles range in size and feature many Pacific languages.

Research significance

There is a growing movement in linguistics to investigate language structures through 'parallel corpora' — text collections which are semantically equivalent. Within this research movement, bible texts currently hold pride of place as no other texts of this length offer parallel translations across so many languages.

Digitisation cost

- > Number of volumes to be digitised: 326
- > Approx. cost to digitise: \$45,000

"As Director of the newly-created ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, based at ANU, I would like to emphasise that a key part of our mission is to secure as much knowledge as possible of the rich and fragile linguistic heritage of our region. This Bible collection is a great gift towards that quest, and it should be an honour and a duty for the University to ensure its value is appreciated and made available to scholars."

Nick Evans, Laureate Professor; Director, COEDL

Engagement significance

The items are being processed to allow for physical interaction, however digitisation of the collection would allow for further reach. The collection has been highly anticipated by linguistics academics and would provide further insight to Pacific languages.

The bibles have significant research value across anthropology, Pacific history, Christian studies and linguistics; the grammars focus on value to linguistics, while also having relevance to anthropological research. They are also highly relevant to the NIG project - the ANU Repository of Knowledge (ARK), led by Dr Chris Ballard, who strongly supports this digitisation project.



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PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANU — METADATA

Collection overview

The ANU Archives holds many photographs of events, buildings, places, official visits, conferences, artworks, Creative Arts Fellows, staff and students from the 1940s until today. Other photographs document the early development of the University and construction of early buildings on campus.

Research significance

These photographs are in high demand from ANU academics and staff and other researchers for publications, heritage studies, anniversary celebrations, exhibitions and obituaries among other reasons.

Engagement significance

These images will enhance research and promotion of historical research undertaken by individuals associated with the University. They will add significantly to images already available digitally through ANU, the National Archives of Australia and ACT Archives. Having these images openly accessible will significantly assist university staff in events and publications for special occasions such as the forthcoming 75th anniversary of the University. The digital collection will increase the visibility of the research archives and research of the University.

Strong support has been given by the Heritage Office and the ANU 75th Anniversary Steering Committee.

Digitisation cost

- > Photo albums and individual images processed by ANU staff. Metadata will be created for all images.
- > Number of photos needing metadata: approx. 40,000
- > Approx. cost: \$11,000



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WOODFORD JOURNALS

Collection overview

The Charles Morris Woodford collection contains diaries, photographs, correspondence, sketches and research notes related to the natural history, geography and ethnography of the Solomon Islands and other Pacific Islands from 1884–1915.

Research significance

Woodford made a number of expeditions to the Solomon Islands beginning in 1886, where he was the first white man to travel significantly inland. The journals of his three voyages in the Solomon Islands represent the earliest written accounts of those areas. His notes represent recordings of the natural history of the Pacific and are in high demand from researchers and by publishers for publications, yet their condition and fragility means they cannot be handled frequently.

Engagement significance

Woodford's journals reference the customs and local language of the Solomons which would be appropriate, 2019 being the year of Indigenous Languages. The ANU Archives has responded to several reference requests about the Woodford collection in the past year, due in part to the book on the Solomon Islands (Tulagi) by Clive Moore (Emeritus Professor, UQ), which referenced material from ANU Archives and was published by ANU Press. This collection has been consistently relevant to the research of several PhD students over the past decade. Digitisation would support discovery and research by Pacific scholars locally and internationally, and by Solomon Islanders themselves.

Digitisation cost

- > Number of volumes to be digitised: 10
- > Approx. cost to digitise: \$4,000

Costs include significant staff time to process data and image files.



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TOOTH & CO HOTEL ALBUMS

Collection overview

Four photograph albums of hotels, featuring interior and exterior views, from the collections of Tooth & Co. Ltd.

Research significance

Tooth & Co. Ltd is one of the most requested collections since it was deposited in the archives. The photographs of hotels are in great demand among local historians, genealogists, historians of art and architecture, and heritage committees. These albums feature the oldest photographs in the collection (pre-1920). The oldest photographs in album 143 are in poor condition, and it is increasingly difficult to provide access without further deterioration.

Engagement significance

Since the digitisation of the Tooth & Co Ltd. Photographs in 2018 there has been an increased interest in more hotel records being made available online. The archives participated in the 2019 ACT Heritage Festival in May, giving a well-received talk on the hotel records which was attended by Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman. The archives has been invited to speak about the hotel records at the 2017 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference, on ABC Radio and many newspaper outlets have picked up the media releases. Similar engagement is expected with these photo albums. Viewed over 200,000 times in 2019 the Tooth and Co. collection continues to be popular with researchers.

Digitisation cost

- > Number of volumes to be digitised: 4
- > Approx. cost to digitise: \$2,000