

# Notes

## Armstrong (ed. Molloy): Fifty years of the Public Library

- 1 E La Touche Armstrong & Robert Douglass Boys (eds), *The Book of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria, 1906–1931*, Melbourne: The Trustees, 1932, p. 9
- 2 Letter, Mrs Isabella (Alice) Armstrong to Edmund La Touche Armstrong, Melbourne, 1 November 1908, Armstrong Family Archives, privately held. Armstrong and his mother lived on the Library premises from 1896 to 1909.
- 3 David McVilly, 'Armstrong, Edmund La Touche (1864–1946)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, [adb.anu.edu.au/biography/armstrong-edmund-la-touche-5052/text8421](http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/armstrong-edmund-la-touche-5052/text8421), published first in hardcopy 1979, accessed online 30 Apr. 2016
- 4 Letter, Leigh Scott to Colin McCallum, 3 September 1954, in 'Looking back – the P.L.V., 1919–1960: recollections and reflections', unpublished typescript, MS 8451, Box 989, State Library of Victoria. Edited text in this issue.
- 5 Tom Pinch is a goodhearted but naive character in Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit*; Anthony Panizzi was head of the British Library for a decade in the mid-nineteenth century.

## Scott (ed. Kent): Mainly from memory

- 1 Leigh Scott, 'Mainly from memory', June 1960, MS 7644, Box 592/12 State Library of Victoria. Sincere thanks to volunteer Jenny O'Donnell at State Library Victoria for keying this manuscript from Leigh Scott's original document and for making a number of logical corrections. The author and editor are also grateful for the permission of Derek Drinkwater, who published a detailed, edited version of the manuscript in *Australian Academic & Research Libraries*, vol. 21, no. 3, Sept. 1990, pp. 157–69. Alison Scott, surviving daughter of Leigh Scott, also granted permission to reproduce this work and kindly provided original photographs for reproduction.
- 2 Lucy Edwards, 'A policy of gradualness: Leigh Scott and the University of Melbourne Library 1926–1953', MA thesis, Monash University, 1992; Lucy Edwards, 'Leigh Scott in the formative years of the University of Melbourne Library 1926–1945', in BJ McMullin (ed.), *Instruction and Amusement: papers from the Sixth Australian Library History Forum*, Monash University,

- 1 November 1995, Melbourne: Ancora Press, 1996; Karel Axel Lodewycks, *The Funding of Wisdom: revelations of a library's quarter century*, Melbourne: Spectrum, 1982
- 3 'Obituary', *Australian Library Journal*, vol. 12, no. 2, June 1963, p. 108
- 4 Letter, Leigh Scott to Colin McCallum, 3 Sept. 1954, in 'Looking back – the P.L.V., 1919–1960: recollections and reflections', unpublished typescript, MS 8451, Box 989, State Library of Victoria. Edited text in this issue.
- 5 'Melbourne University', *Australian Library Journal*, vol. 3, no. 3, Oct. 1955, p. 145
- 6 'This ridiculous censorship', *Argus* (Melbourne), 9 February 1935, p. 27
- 7 'Librarianship: resignation of Mr Foxcroft and appointment of Mr Leigh Scott', 1926, University of Melbourne Archives, Ref. 1926/342
- 8 Leigh Scott, 'Paper on Melbourne University Press by Leigh Scott' c. 1960, University of Melbourne Archives, S1 (Uni) Box 22 93/121.5
- 9 E Morris Miller, *Australian Literature to 1940 ... a descriptive bibliography*, 2 vols, Melbourne: Melbourne University Press, 1940
- 10 William Shakespeare, *Othello*, 1: 3: 90
- 11 Scott's memory appears to be wrong here. The Lending Library did not move to La Trobe Street until much later.
- 12 [AW Brazier], *Libraries and Librarianship by a Mere Librarian*, Melbourne: The Author, 1912
- 13 See note 9 for details.
- 14 E La Touche Armstrong, *The Book of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria: 1856–1906*, Melbourne: The Trustees, 1906
- 15 Parr later opened his own antiquarian book business. One of his early employees was a young Margareta Webber (1891–1983), later to be the proprietor of the legendary Bookshop of Margareta Webber. See Laurel Clark, 'Webber, Margareta Louise Pitcairn 1891–1983', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, [adb.anu.edu.au/biography/webber-margareta-louise-pitcairn-15794](http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/webber-margareta-louise-pitcairn-15794), published first in hardcopy 2012, accessed online 15 Jan. 2018.
- 16 Scott here has incorrectly linked Thomas Ryan (1870–1943), a member of both the South Australian and Victorian parliaments, with TJ Ryan (1876–1921), one-time premier of Queensland and a federal MHR. See Geoff Browne, 'Ryan,

- Thomas (1870–1943)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, adb.anu.edu.au/biography/ryan-thomas-8316, published first in hardcopy 1988, accessed online 15 Jan. 2018
- 17 Shakespeare, *Othello*, 5: 2: 338–9
- 18 Ralph Munn & Ernest R Pitt, *Australian Libraries: a survey of conditions and suggestions for their improvement*, Melbourne: Australian Council for Educational Research, 1935
- 19 AB Foxcroft, *Catalogue of Fifteenth Century Books and Fragments in the Public Library of Victoria*, Melbourne: The Trustees, 1936
- McCallum (ed. Dewar): The PLV, 1919–1960**
- 1 *Who's Who in Australia*, Melbourne, Herald & Weekly Times, 1959, p. 497; 'Obituary: the Rev Dr A McCallum' *Argus* (Melbourne), 20 Jan. 1933, p. 6; 'Marriages', *Prahran Telegraph*, 9 May 1924, p. 8; *Argus*, 23 May 1946, p. 2; Springvale Botanical Cemetery, smct.org.au/deceasedsearch/result/461663, accessed online 15 Jan. 2018. Documents concerning McCallum's maternal grandparents Abraham Booth and Hannah Booth (Holloway) include Diary and biographical notes, 1856–59, MS 9715 and MS 11834, 'Oakover log', 1884–98, MS 11713, and Papers of the Holloway family, 1846–1969, MS 12623, all in the State Library of Victoria, as well as family portraits held in the Pictures Collection.
- 2 McCallum's writings concerning Library history include *The Public Library of Victoria, 1856–1956*, Melbourne, [The Library], 1956; 'The book of the Public Library of Victoria, 1932–1956', MS 8538, State Library of Victoria; 'History of the Public Library of Victoria', *Australian Library Journal*, vol. 8, no. 4, Oct. 1959, pp. 188–96; and 'Looking back – the PLV, 1919–1960: recollections and reflections', c. 1962, MS 8451, State Library of Victoria. He contributed to the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, including entries for his predecessors Augustus Tulk and Thomas Francis Bride. Other writings include '1914–1918 War: recollections of no. 7887, Private Colin Alexander McCallum, 7th Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps, AIF', 1979, MS 10716, State Library of Victoria; *James Dredge, 1796–1846*, Melbourne: 1957, forms no. 8 of *Heritage*, a journal of the Methodist Historical Society of Victoria; 'Wesleyan Methodist Church, Victorian Conference, Ministerial appointments, 1855–1901', 1966, MS 8030, State Library of Victoria; *Wesley Church, Melbourne*, [Melbourne: Wesley Church, 1972]; *Author Index of the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria*, vol. 47 (1934/5)–70 (1958), Melbourne: Royal Society of Victoria, 1961.
- 3 Public Library of Victoria, *Report of the Trustees*, 1960, p. 4; see also tribute by Chairman, Minutes of the Public Library Trustees, 2 Sep. 1960, p. 1078
- 4 MU O'Connor, 'State Library of Victoria, 1927–1965', c. 1981, MS 11116, SLV. This includes short character sketches of a number of staff members mentioned in McCallum's memoir.
- 5 McCallum, 'Looking back – the PLV, 1919–1960'
- 6 Dewey 050 'General serial publications'; 051–059 'General serial publications in specific languages and language families'. See *Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index*, devised by Melvil Dewey, 21st edn, Albany, NY: Forest Press, 1996.
- 7 A classification for fiction in English
- 8 Ernest R Pitt (ed.), *Catalogue of the Scientific and Technical Periodicals in the Libraries of Australia*, Melbourne: Government Printer, 1930
- 9 CA McCallum & DWI Cannam (eds), *Catalogue of the Scientific and Technical Periodicals in the Libraries of Australia: Supplement 1928–1933*, Melbourne: Brown, Prior, 1934. McCallum also edited *Supplement 1934–1936*, Melbourne: CSIR, 1937.
- 10 *Guide to the Victorian Historical Exhibition*, Melbourne: Trustees of the Public Library, Museums and National Gallery of Victoria, 1934
- 11 McCallum omitted the date of the move. It has been supplied from 'The Book of the PLV, 1932–1956', pp. 32–3.
- 12 See Bernard Smith, 'Lindsay, Sir Ernest Daryl (1889–1976)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, adb.anu.edu.au/biography/lindsay-sir-ernest-daryl-7759/text12457, published first in hardcopy 1986, accessed online 6 July 2017
- 13 McCallum omitted the date of Pitt's visit to the USA. It has been supplied from 'The Book of the PLV, 1932–1956', pp. 16, 34–5, 38–9. Pitt was offered a travelling grant by the Carnegie Corporation of New York in 1934, took six months' leave of absence to visit the USA and England in 1935, and submitted reports to the Trustees in 1936. In 1937, work began on the catalogue card project.
- 14 CF Rojo & Sons, Melbourne firm of furniture manufacturers. See Freda Irving, 'Craftsmen who make antiques of the future', *Australian Women's Weekly*, 25 Jan. 1961, p. 4.
- 15 Mr A Evans was appointed secretary/librarian of the Warracknabeal Mechanics' Institute in 1938. See *Argus*, 22 Apr. 1938, p. 12.

- 16 Edwin Clarence Whiteman Kelly, Warracknabeal solicitor, Melbourne barrister, and Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne. See *The Age*, 7 May 1952, p. 7.
- 17 The last stock book was completed in December 1900 and the first accession book was introduced in January 1901. See MS 12855, State Library Victoria, Records, State Library of Victoria. The Chief Librarian wrote 'Under this [new] system better details can be obtained about any book in the Library, and the statistical information is much more accurate than formerly'. See E La Touche Armstrong, *The Book of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria: 1856-1906*, Melbourne: The Trustees, 1906, p. 81. Using the Dewey Decimal Classification, Boys reclassified the Lending Library collection in 1899 and, assisted by Foxcroft, reclassified the Reference Library collection from 1910 to 1916. See Armstrong, *The Book of the Public Library*, pp. 79-80; and McCallum, 'The book of the PLV, 1932-1956', p. 45.
- 18 Use of the 'vacant' Dewey 819 began in 1932. See McCallum, 'The book of the PLV, 1932-1956', p. 7.
- 19 Ralph Munn (1894-1975); Director of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, USA, 1928-64; co-author of Ralph Munn & Ernest R Pitt, *Australian Libraries: a survey of conditions and suggestions for their improvement*, Melbourne: Australian Council for Educational Research, 1935. See Robert Wedgeworth (ed.), *World Encyclopedia of Library and Information Services*, American Library Association, Chicago, 1993, pp. 595-6.
- 20 Dr Annie Yoffa (c. 1891-1959), psychiatrist and surgeon; papers at MS 5237-5241, State Library of Victoria, and at MS 1431 and 7097, National Library of Australia; author of *The Miracle; or, Sightseeing in Wonderland: a pandrama, in two parts*, New York: Martin Press, 1929; *In the land of Israel: a futuristic novel*, New York: The Author, 1929; and *The Real Thing: adventures in the Australian bush*, New York: Martin Press, 1929
- 21 McCallum omitted the Australian Room's opening date. It has been supplied from 'The Book of the PLV, 1932-1956', p. 129.
- 22 The indexes (Biography, Local History, Subject etc) are still useful for finding information in older publications.
- 23 Public Record Office Victoria was established in 1973 and took over the functions of the PLV's Archives Department.
- 24 Darren Baillieu (1903-92), MA; company director. See *Who's Who in Australia 1991*, Melbourne: Information Australia, 1990, p. 125.
- 25 William Strutt, 'Victoria the golden: scenes, sketches and jottings from nature', c. 1850-62, original album held by the Victorian Parliamentary Library. Published as *Victoria the Golden: scenes, sketches and jottings from nature, 1850-1862*, by William Strutt; with a narrative by Marjorie Tipping, Melbourne: Library Committee, Parliament of Victoria, 1980.
- 26 McCallum omitted the date of the loan of specifications and estimated the date of their return as 1957. The year of the loan has been supplied from 'The Book of the PLV, 1932-1956', pp. 28, 30. The return of the volumes for 1617 to 1899 was noted in the *Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of Victoria*, 1955, p. 9. The return of another 5,000 volumes was noted in the *Report*, 1957, p. 9.
- 27 A noted Melbourne bookbinding firm
- 28 McCallum omitted the date of the move to the NPR. It has been supplied from Minutes of the Public Library Trustees, 5 Sep. 1952, p. 757.
- 29 For references to the US Information Library see 'Book of PLV, 1932-56', pp. 93, 99-100, 107, 113, 128
- 30 For another Caretaker's reminiscences, see 'George Swain, 1922-1982', c. 1986, MS 12853, SLV; and extracts at [blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/our-stories/the-last-residential-caretaker/](http://blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/our-stories/the-last-residential-caretaker/)
- 31 McCallum omitted the date of the lighting installation. It has been supplied from his 'History of the Public Library of Victoria', *Australian Library Journal*, vol. 8, no. 4, Oct. 1959, p. 195, and from 'The Book of the PLV, 1932-1956', p. 120.
- 32 McCallum omitted the date of the installation of mezzanine floors and shelving. It has been supplied from 'The Book of the PLV, 1932-1956', p. 54a.
- 33 McCallum, *The Public Library of Victoria*. At this time, he wrote 'The Book of the Public Library of Victoria, 1932-1956' as a sequel to the two chronological histories by Armstrong, and Armstrong & Boys.

#### Reilly: Memories of a fortunate career

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- 2 Known as the Melbourne Public Library 1856-69; Public Library, Museums and National Gallery 1869-1944; Public

- Library of Victoria 1944–60; State Library of Victoria 1960–2015; and State Library of Victoria from 2016. Sources: David McVilly, 'A history of the State Library of Victoria, 1853–1974', MA thesis, Monash University, 1975, p. vii; Fiona Jeffery, *History of the State Library of Victoria: a select bibliography*, Melbourne: State Library of Victoria, 2002, p. 118
- 3 E La Touche Armstrong, *The Book of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria, 1856–1906*, Melbourne: The Trustees, 1906, p. 68
  - 4 Jeffery, p. 77
  - 5 Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Speech on the occasion of Dianne Reilly's retirement, 11 March 2008. Author's archive
  - 6 Sadly, John Stanley-Rogers died on 17 January 2018.
  - 7 Marg McCormack, 'Leaving their mark: graffiti in the Dome', *La Trobe Journal*, no. 82, Spring 2008, p. 114
  - 8 *Argus*, 20 April 1859, p. 6
  - 9 CA McCallum, *The Public Library of Victoria 1856–1956*, Melbourne, [The Library], 1956, p. 23
  - 10 John Jungwirth, *Report of the Board of Inquiry into Library Services in Victoria*, Melbourne: Government Printer, 1964, p. 76
  - 11 *Sun* (Melbourne), 30 June 1981, p. 41, and syndicated in many local newspapers such as the *Seymour Telegraph*, the *Cohuna Farmers Weekly* and the *Warrnambool Standard*
  - 12 Jungwirth, p. 76, recommendation 21
  - 13 About Barrett Reid, State Library Victoria website, [www.slv.vic.gov.au/about-us/scholarships-awards/barrett-reid-scholarship](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/about-us/scholarships-awards/barrett-reid-scholarship), accessed online 20 Nov 2017
  - 14 Author of *Men of Yesterday: a social history of the Western District of Victoria, 1834–1890*, Melbourne: Melbourne University Press, 1961
  - 15 Patsy Hardy later married Warren Horton in 1985 before his move to Canberra as Director-General of the National Library of Australia.
  - 16 *The Age*, Thursday 6 September 1990, p. 5
  - 17 Shane Carmody, Speech at farewell to staff member Brian McLure, 4 August 2006
- Struve: Margaret Helen (Peg) Anthony**
- 1 Wallace Kirsop, 'Australian Libraries and Research in the Humanities', *Australian Academy of the Humanities: Proceedings*, 1984–86, p. 111
  - 2 From 1972, known as the Resources Development Department
  - 3 'Acquisitions Department', *Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of Victoria, with Statements of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1960*, p. 6
  - 4 'The Staff', *Library Council of Victoria: Annual Report, Year ended June 30, 1984*, p. 2
  - 5 Email to author, 29 Oct. 2017
  - 6 Emails to author, 12 Oct. 2017
  - 7 See Jan Harper, *Plaster and Paint: John Colquhoun, orthopaedic surgeon and his patient, Joyce McGrath, portrait painter*, Melbourne: Arcadia, 2007, pp. 291, 297–8
  - 8 JE Fletcher, *Short-title Catalogue of German Imprints in Australia, from 1501–1800*, Melbourne: Department of German, Monash University, 1970, p. 9
  - 9 Joyce, also the child of a soldier settler, was born in the same year as Peg, and also on the River Murray, but in Red Cliffs, Victoria.
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  - 11 She died on 5 March 1949, in Melbourne.
  - 12 Peg Anthony's State Library of Victoria Personnel File. Kindly checked by Harlinah Teoh.
  - 13 *Library Council of Victoria: Annual Report, Year ended June 30, 1984*, p. 2
  - 14 The shop at 45 Main Street also became home for the *Birregurra Mail*, and the Op-Shop. See "'Peg" Margaret Helen Anthony, 14th May 1925 – 26th Sept 2017', *Birregurra Mail*, 25 October 2017, p. 9.
  - 15 The Gregynog Press was founded in Wales in 1922 by the sisters and art patrons Margaret and Gwendoline Davies, with the name coming from their mansion. See Dorothy A Harrap, *A History of the Gregynog Press*, Pinner, Middlesex, UK: Private Libraries Association, 1980.



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Adrian Flint, photographer, State Library of Victoria staff, 1998, Pictures Collection, H2006.117

