



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Cultural Collections Reading Room
Information Sheet No.6

Australian Studies Resources in the McLaren Collection

Our opening hours are:
Monday to Friday:
9.30am - 5.30pm
Wednesday
9.30am - 7.30pm

Please contact us on:

Special Collections:
Tel: 8344 5380
Fax: 9347 8627
<http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/special/>

**The University of
Melbourne Archives:**
Tel: 8344 6848
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<http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/archives/>

Grainger Collection:
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<http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/grainger/>

Special Collections holds important collections of nineteenth and twentieth century Australiana material that enhance study and research in many areas of Australian Studies. The following describes one specific collection, the **McLaren Collection**, that may have special relevance for current History undergraduates.

The McLaren Collection numbers some 50,000 volumes, including books, journals, pamphlets and parliamentary papers on Australian, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and South Pacific subjects.

Material in the McLaren Collection is not classified by Dewey number but by subject area as defined by the donor of the collection, the late bibliographer and book collector, Ian F. McLaren. Subject areas within the collection that may be of special interest to History students are:

Aborigines

Includes many works by early anthropologists and ethnographers but is not limited to 'scientific' studies; the collection is a broad-based one that encapsulates much white writing on aborigines from the c19th until the mid-1960s. Holdings also include parliamentary papers, pamphlets and magazines and journals. *Catalogued online; other material not yet catalogued. Material can be browsed by searching under 'CALL NUMBER' in the Search menu of the Library Catalogue using the prefix ABOR.*

Crime

A wide-ranging definition of 'crime' that includes works on the transportation of convicts and political prisoners, bushrangers and Ned Kelly - including many popular nineteenth century accounts - policing and court trials, as well as social histories, accounts of crimes and of popular uprisings such as Eureka. There are also segments covering England, Scotland, Canada and Ireland. The latter segment includes general works on Irish history and republicanism from the eighteenth century onwards.

All catalogued online. Material can be browsed by searching under 'CALL NUMBER' in the Search menu of the Library Catalogue using the prefix CRIME

Federation

A significant collection of primary source material including books, pamphlets, official publications and ephemera, such as dinner invitations and souvenirs, that documents the Federation movement and the Australian constitution.

Catalogued online. Material can be browsed by searching under 'CALL NUMBER' in the Search menu of the Library Catalogue using the prefix FED.

Immigration

A small collection that includes brochures, pamphlets and magazines issued by the post-war Department of Immigration and by the Good Neighbour Council. *Not yet catalogued online.*

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Militaria

Holds material about all the wars Australia has been involved in, from Sudan to Vietnam, with especially strong coverage of the first and second world wars. Material includes histories, amongst which are many regimental histories, contemporaneous accounts and narratives, war-time periodicals, song-books and poetry.

*Catalogued online. Material can be browsed by searching under 'CALL NUMBER' in the **Search** menu of the Library Catalogue using the prefix MIL.*

Political Pamphlets

An extensive collection of Australian pamphlets covering a wide field of political, social and economic issues and points of view. They date from the 1890s up until the 1970s and have an especially strong coverage of the political debates that characterized the 1940s and 1950s.

Not catalogued online but staff can search for material on an in-house database.

Some other subject areas in the McLaren Collection:

Antarctica

Australian and New Zealand Literature

Aviation

Exploration and Travel

Gold

Local History

New Zealand, Pacific and Papua New Guinea

Accessing the collection

As a significant proportion of the McLaren Collection does not appear in the Library's online catalogue, staff are happy to assist readers in identifying and locating material. You can contact us on 8344-5380.

Material held in Special Collections is not available for borrowing but may be used in the **Cultural Collections Reading Room** on the **3rd Floor, Baillieu Library**.

Copying can be done on behalf of readers although copying of fragile material may not be possible.