

Records concerning gifts and purchase of items, for various sections of the Society.

1. Register of accessions of manuscripts and paintings.
This was probably made in the 1960's - entries are not made in order of date of receipt but in order of reference number (1 - 2514) not apparently allocated according to any particular sequence. Entries record: number, date of acquisition, description, how obtained [not always entered], 'remarks'.
(folio vol., half-bound rexine)
2. List of gifts 1848 - 1886
taken from Papers & Proceedings.
(typed lists)
3. Gifts of paintings, drawings and photographs.
Letters relating to gifts of drawings by de Wesselow, Mrs Meredith, A. Mault, Pigenuit, etc. and of some newspapers and magazines. Also letters from Bishop Montgomery referring to de Wesselow drawings and to Knopwood's diary . 6 photos of water colour of Hobart Town
(folder of papers)
4. Photographs [in Tasmanian Museum] c 1925-48
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5. Photographic slides given to or purchased by the Royal Society c 1920 - 1965.
(folder) (Held Tasmanian Museum)
6. Scientific instruments c 1856 - 1889.
Letters concerning the possible acquisition by the Society of instruments such as a large reflecting telescope (proposed by F. Abbott, 1856), a micrometer-microscope designed by A. Biggs of Bothwell (1868) and the machinery from the Government Marine Hatchery (1889).
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7. Telescope 1905 - 1918
Letters concerning a telescope bequeathed by A W Biggs of Bothwell, 1905, and offered to the University in 1918, but Bigg's representatives objected.
Also cutting about Nelson's telescope, 1927.
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8. Butler Legacy 1965
Letters from the Executors & Trustees Co., concerning the legacy of £200 from Mrs Dora Winifred Butler, widow of Alfred Butler.
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9. Crowther Bequest 1940 - 1943
Letters, notes of conference, proposed conditions, list of books, etc., in connection with a proposed bequest by Dr W. L. Crowther, which did not materialise.
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10. Aboriginal recordings 1959 - 1961 Re-recording of original
Notes, newspaper cuttings and photographs relating to recordings of aboriginal songs by Mrs Fanny Cochrane Smith of Flinders Island, made in 1899 and 1903 for the Royal Society of Tasmania and now in the Tasmanian Museum. Introduction spoken by Bishop Montgomery.
(folder) (+ 4 records, 45rpm) + Correspondence and music notation by Alice Moyle. Letter from A. Wadsley – memories of Fanny Smith
11. Manuscripts (missing 7/5/07)
Correspondence concerning gifts or purchases of documents for the Society's Manuscript Collection and current enquiries about them from historical researchers are filed according to the reference number of the accession.
(Files in Royal Society's file cabinet in University Archivist's office).
12. Maps and Plans (missing 7/5/07)
Correspondence concerning the gift or purchase of a few of the maps in the Society's Manuscript Collection (RS/Mp.) is filed in cabinet in Archivist's office. (See also RSA/J.13, 14).
13. Queensland and Victorian Plans 1962, 1964
Correspondence and list of plans of buildings in Moreton Bay and Brisbane donated to the Public Library of Queensland. Also two letters relating to five plans of Melbourne buildings.
14. Deposit of Royal Society Mss. in State Archives 1956-1973
Correspondence, lists and receipts for:
 - a) The deposit in the State Archives of certain state records formerly in the possession of the Royal Society, including architectural plans of Government buildings (1962) and convict records (deposited 1956-7, 1963, 1973) with some letters concerning the Society's purchase of a Port Arthur letter book from D.B. Boyes in 1943 and the deposit of the plans in the Society's safe-keeping in 1930.
 - b) The deposit of other, 'non-state' records in the State Archives by the Society, including meteorological and Ross Bank observatory records, Walker mill records, etc. (1956, 1961, 1963). See also files relating to the Clark bequest (RS.7) and the Walker papers (RS.20) for receipts etc. for some items of the Walker and Clark papers transferred to the State Archives and correspondence between the Society and the State Archives on conditions of storage.

- c) Authority from the State Archivist for the Society to destroy certain items of its own institutional records (eg. subscription lists), 1962.

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- 15. University Archives
Miss Geddes file concerning the deposit of the Society's Manuscript collection in the University of Tasmania's Archives - mainly rough lists. Also drafts of 'rules relating to the use of manuscripts' and copying restrictions.
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- 16. War-time arrangements for Library 1941-1945. scanned
Lists of books, documents and sketches lodged with various members.
- 17. Microfilming 1961 - 1964.
Correspondence relating to microfilming of Royal Society Mss. undertaken by the State Archives with a Government grant.
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List of paintings lent to Tasmanian Museum 1965
And correspondence relating to paintings

- 18. Superseded lists of manuscripts
Old registers of documents, manuscripts, despatches, journals, maps, etc, lists of historical material handed to University Archivist, list of documents lent to the Royal Society on indefinite loan by Tasmanian Museum, list of Royal Society minute books etc.
Also old subject card index (in drawers)