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ANU ARCHIVES OF BUSINESS LABOUR

Professor Russell Craig of The Australian National University advises American historians of the ANU Archives of Business and Labour and invites members of the Academy to take advantage of the extensive holdings of historical materials. The ANU Archives is the largest of its kind in Australia.

The Archives of Business and labour was formed as part of the Economics Department of the Research School of Social Sciences in the early 1950s to collect primary research material of economic development of Australia after the gold rushes of the nineteenth century. In 1957 the Archives became a Unit of the Research School and soon afterwards extended its operations to include the records of the labour movement. The Archives now holds records from over four hundred trade unions, associations, employer and industry organizations and companies.

In addition the Archives holds a considerable collection of ephemeral

publications with particular emphasis on Australian socialism. There are some runs of Australian newspapers and of serials which reflect the two main collecting themes—companies and trade unions. The total holdings of the Archives now exceed eight linear or shelf kilometers.

Holdings are classified in two groups: (1) records of employee, employer, industrial, and professional organizations; and (2) records of companies and firms. The organizations group holdings include various items such as minutes, membership records, financial and general records, and other types of documentation. The companies group holdings include such things as financial records, correspondence, minutes, and other documentation.

Information about the ANU Archives may be obtained from: Archives Officer, ANU Archives of Business and Labour, GPO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601; Telephone (06) 249 2219; Fax (06) 249 0140—if not answered (06) 257 1893.



A THOUGHT FROM THE PAST

"History abhors determinism, but cannot tolerate chance."

—Bernard De Voto, American author, journalist and critic

(1897-1955).

THE COST HERITAGE

The Costing Heritage: Studies in Honor of S. Paul Garner, Monograph No. 6 was published in 1991 by the Academy of Accounting Historians to honor Dr. Paul Garner on the occasion of his eightieth birthday and his contribution to accounting. The monograph is edited by O. Finley Graves of the University of Mississippi. Its contents include the studies primarily in the history of cost accounting and two tributes to Dr. Garner.

The monograph is priced at \$15 for individual members and \$20 for institutional affiliates. Orders and inquiries may be made to: Doris M. Cook, The Academy of Accounting Historians, Department of Accounting, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 72701, USA. Checks should be made out to The Academy of Accounting Historians and accompany the order.