

The Gulson Collection - Finding Aid



"The Pottery", 1913
Gulson Collection, Goulburn Mulwaree Library

Collection Summary

Title The Gulson Collection

Date Range 1880s - 2013

Location Local Studies Stack, Local Studies Photo Collection

Extent 5 Archive Boxes, 2 Archive Photo Albums, 2 framed pictures, 1 Archive box of negatives

Abstract

The Gulson Collection is a repository of materials relating to the history of The Gulson Brickworks, including the Wollondale Brewery, Gulson family history, and other Brickworks across Australia. It also contains information on operating brickwork equipment, original blueprints for Coke ovens, published and unpublished articles, and promotional material. The photo collection includes historical and contemporary photos relating to the businesses and family history. The Gulson family played an important role in the development of the Goulburn district, through their involvement in business and community organisations, and connection to many other prominent families of the district.

Scope and Content

The boxes have been divided into the areas of Gulson Brickwork's History; Family History; Ephemera; and Miscellaneous Brickworks. The photos have been divided into Brickwork's history; and Family History.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

The collection is available for research. Copying and publication of material is subject to Copyright restrictions. Access to the collection is by appointment with The Local Studies Officer.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was personally donated to Goulburn Mulwaree Library by Geoff Gulson in 2017. Portions of the business archives have previously been donated to The Noel Butlin Archives Centre, Australian National University. Correspondence relating to this is in The Gulson Collection.

Arrangement

While the material received was well sorted and arranged, rearrangement was necessary to bring items related to specific series together.

Item Descriptions

Box 1 - Gulson's Brickworks

Folder:

1. Trip to The United States of America - original canvas document wallet

- List of plants visited.
- Allan Gulson report, October 1917.
- Directions for starting and operating the Underwood Producer Gas System.
- Directions for operating the Justice Radiated Heat Dryer.
- Supply of air to gasburners on kilns and boilers.
- Correspondence from Illawarra Fireclay and Brick Co. 1921; letter to Board of Directors.
- Gasburning Peuridic Kilns, incomplete.
- Correspondence, The Illawarra Fireclay and Brick co.; Bellambi Brickworks, 1921.
- "Test on Gas Producers", 1917.
- Mr Bradford's Report, 1921.
- Use of Producer Gas in Down Draft Kilns.
- The Byproducts, Coke Ovens and its Products, 1918.
- Refractory Material used in Beehive and Rectangular Ovens.

2. Harbison-Walker Refractories Co. Pittsburgh P.A., USA

- Beehive Coke Oven Blueprints.

3. Correspondence, history of brickmaking

- K. Gollen, Port Macquarie to Gulson family, 1969.

4. Brickwork's history

- Brief history of "The Potteries", 1884 – 1966. Rotary speech, date unknown.
- History of Gulson Pty. Ltd., another dated 28/11/1960.
- Goulburn Evening Penny Post Newspaper photocopies, 1913.
- Undated Price List.
- Gulson Pty. Ltd. Staff photo, October 1960.

5. Business correspondence, 1904 -2008

- Framed Certificate of Life Membership to Allan Gulson, Gulson's Pty. Ltd. Social Club, signed by all members, 1950.
- Copy of memorandum, 1904.
- Letters, 1961-1962.

- Projects information.
- Interview transcripts, 1964, 1970.
- Advertisements, 1987.
- 10th State Bottle Show Opening Address.
- John Scannell's History of the Brickworks, 2013.
- Brick job notes.
- Emails, 2008.
- Production figures, 1969.
- Sales Inspection Report, 2001.

6. Student Factsheets

- Student visit information, 1980s.
- Diagram of brickmaking.
- Photocopied pictures.

7. Brickworks Processes

- Descriptions of equipment and its usage.

8. Correspondence regarding donation of business archives

- Confirmation letter, Noel Butlin Archives Centre, The Australian National University, 1996.
List of donated items.
- Letter from Ruth Gulson to Noel Butlin Archives Centre, 1996.

9. Craft Village

- Copy of Development Application, 2000.
- Goulburn Post article, 1988.
- Photocopy of Craft Village Pamphlet.
- For Sale advertisement for Village, 1995.

10. Wollondale Brewery

- Photocopy of Goulburn and District Historical Society Bulletin article, 1969.
- Gulson and Farrell's Wollondale Brewery Est. 1883.
- A Brief history of the "Wollondale Brewery" and the Gulson Family, as told by Reine Gulson, 1969.
- Hand drawn Map of Wollondale Brewery, 1969.
- Copy of Goulburn Post article, "Goulburn's Breweries", 1979.
- John Farrell article, reference to Luke and Tom Gulson, date unknown.

Box 2 - Family History

Folder:

1. Gulson Family (2 folders)

- Family trees, charts, burial details.
- History of family as told by Miss Irene Gulson, 1960.
- Bound histories.
- Framed Photo, Goulburn Apex Club Members, 1938.
- WWI Service Records - Charles Eric Gulson
Kelvedon Gulson
Norman Noel Gulson

2. Bladwell Family

- Pedigree Chart, William Charles Bladwell.
- Descendants lists.
- Ethel Daisy Bladwell.
- Copy of William Bladwell's Chatsbury Slate Company Shares, 1916.
- Bladwell Bequest.
- Reference for Miss Joan Bladwell, 1934.
- WWI Service Records - Arthur Edwin Bladwell
Reginald Robert Bladwell
- Farmers' and Graziers' Wool Store, Goulburn, history.

3. McNally Family

- Family trees.

4. Spalding Family

- Joseph Spalding family tree.

5. Trevarthen Family

- Bound family tree, James Trevarthen.

6. Unmack Family

- Christian Rudolph Unmack family tree.

7. Wheatley Family

- William Henry Wheatley family tree.
- Henry Charles Wheatley.

8. Correspondence

- Family letters and cards, 1963 – 2008.
- Probate information.
- Newspaper articles.
- Notes.
- Letters to the Editor, 1984 floods.
- Billy Cart Derby recollections.

Box 3 - Ephemera

Folder:

1. Articles on Brickworks

- Australian National Clay, 1961, 1962.
- Clay Pipe News, 1965, 1968.
- The Australasian Manufacturer, 1968.
- Building, 1969.
- Vitrified Clay in Modern Drainage, date unknown.
- Clay through the Ages, date unknown.
- Gulsons celebrates 100 years, Goulburn Post, 26/4/1984.
- Gulsons Pottery Goulburn, date unknown.
- Clay Brick Association publication, 1988.
- Heritage Conservation news, date unknown.
- Post Weekly, 2/9/1999.
- Southern Tourist, March 1984.
- Town and Country Magazine, 26/6/1989.
- Southern Tablelands Tourist News, 26/8/1982.

2. Presbyterian Ladies College, Goulburn, Magazine

- 1957 - 1960, belonging to Helen Gulson.

3. Lilac Time Programme, 1955

4. Book, Queen City of the South, 1952

5. Craft Village Postcards, multiple copies

- "The Pottery" Goulburn 1913.
- Gulson's Potteries, Goulburn Australia.
- Gulson's Historic Brickworks and Pottery.
- Original Hand turned Potters Wheel.
- Overall View of Gulson's.

6. Pamphlets

- Gulsons Craft Village.
- Gulsons Brick and Pottery.

7. Heaving Ghost Newspaper, 1966

- Produced by Apex Club, Goulburn.

8. Newspaper articles, 1920s - 2000s

- Brickworks; family history; Goulburn Rotary, Lions and Apex Clubs.
- 2 Scrapbooks with clippings.

9. Logos for photographic reproduction

- Multiple copies, 1983.
- Hand drawn picture, Gulson's Brick ad Pottery.

10. South Coast Tourism

- Narooma Postcard, date unknown.
- See Australia First, Beautiful South Coast N.S.W., date unknown.
- Souvenir of Nowra, date unknown.

11. Jay Bee Salon

- Business Card, Joan Bladwell, date unknown.

12. Epping Book Exchange Bookmark, 1991

13. Brick Development Research Institute, Brick and Mortar Estimator, chart. Date unknown.

14. Book "Old Oak Farm", Rev. T. T. Haverfield BD, Sunday School Union, date unknown

- Handwritten inscription on fly leaf, "To my dear cousin Allan F Gulson....J. Walker 5/3/1989"; also "To my dear Cuz Roy Gulson...."

15. Decorative teaspoon "Gulson's Pottery"

16. Gulson Display Material 11/03/2018

Box 4 – Local and National Brickworks

Folder:

1. Brickwork Companies

- Known brickworks, all wood fired, 1968.
- Local and nationwide, 1880s to early 20th Century.
- Sydney's First Bricks, The Sun article, 1975.
- Fred Mashman, St. George Pottery.

2. Bendigo Pottery

- Australia's Historic Pottery, Bendigo Pamphlet, date unknown.
- Bendigo's Historic Pottery, Postcard, date unknown.

3. Hand drawn Map, 1975

- Location of early Goulburn Brickworks, 1875.

Box 5 - Duplicates