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Acc. 5798A; 5840A, 9627A

FYFE, Wallace Vernon (1894-1982)

Wallace Vernon Fyfe, born in Victoria in 1894, began his survey career in Western Australia in 1909 and in 1910 was apprenticed to Marmaduke Terry, to whom he was appointed Assistant Surveyor in 1912. He enlisted in first AIF in World War 1, studied at the AIF Survey School in England and served with Royal Engineers in France and England in 1918-1919. On his return to Australia he sat for the Licensed Surveyors' Examination and was registered as a Licensed Surveyor in October 1919. In 1921 he was appointed a Junior Valuer in the Taxation Department and in 1926 Chief Valuer of the combined Commonwealth and State Taxation Departments in Western Australia, a position which he held until 1938. During the years 1930-1934 he qualified in accountancy in Commonwealth Institute of Accountants examinations. In June 1936 he declined an offer of the position of Administrator of the Northern Territory for personal reasons and in 1938 was transferred to Canberra under provisional appointment as chief administrative officer of the National Insurance Commission but resigned that post on his appointment as Surveyor-General of Western Australia in October 1938, a position which he held until 1945. In 1940 he was appointed Royal Commissioner to inquire into the pastoral industry. Other positions held were that of chairman of the Pastoral Appraisement Board and of the Land Surveyors' Licensing Board. He was also a past president of the Institute of Surveyors and the Commonwealth Institute of Valuers. During the period 1945-1947 he was Director of the War Service Land Settlement scheme and in January 1948 was appointed a Member of the Land Settlement Board. He resumed the office of Surveyor-General in 1948, a position which he held until his retirement in 1959. In retirement he became a Director of Peet & Co. Ltd., President of the RAC from 1967-1969. Vernon was considered one of the pioneers of trotting in Western Australia as he was involved in the creation of the original Gloucester Park track and surveyed the Northam and Pinjarra tracks was a consultant to the Fremantle Trotting Club's Richmond Park Raceway. He was consultant surveyor and Honorary Life Member of the West Australian Trotting Association and the Pinjarra Trotting Club, as well as the Honorary Surveyor for the Girl Guides Association.

Source: *Fyfe-Surveyor General*, 2012

The Papers

The papers were donated to Battye Library by Mrs. M. Wood on 23 February 1987 (Acc.5798A.) Mrs. Claudia Broun on 27 September 1983 (Transferred to Monographs on 27 August 2002), St.Vincent de Paul on 24 December 1996 (Acc.5840A) , Acc. 9627A located in Marshall Clifton architectural plans.

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Holdings = 1.73m

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5840A/1	BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES Compiled for THE WAY 79 WHO IS WHO. Compiled for The Biographical Index of Western Australia.	Typescript
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5840A/2	BUSINESS CARDS National Insurance Commission. Peet & Company.	
5840A/3	CARDS Christmas, Easter, Birthday, Mothers Day.	
	CORRESPONDENCE	
5798A/1	2 June 1936 Offer of position of Administrator of Northern Territory. (2 letters)	Typescript
	8 May 1937 Advice of award of Coronation Medal	Typescript
	1 July 1942 Protection of Explorers' trees, in particular relating to "Forrest's Tree"	Typescript
	10 July 1942 Preservation of Exploration Records.	Typescript
	17 April 1943 Memo advising of inspection of land adjacent to Trans. Railway Line north of Loonganna.	Typescript
	16 August 1951 Exploration, Survey and Mapping of the Kimberleys.	Typescript
	26 November 1951 University of Strasbourg wishing to organise an exploratory group of scientists to work in Central Australia.	Typescript
	April-June 1954. Royal Geographic Society requesting consideration of recognition of work of H.S. Trotman in exploration of Western Australia. (3)	Typescript
	13 October 1954 To Rev. Basil Nosedo, Kalumburu Mission, commenting on the work of the mission.	Typescript
	June 1955 Royal Geographic Society re possible award to H.S. Trotman. (2 letters).	Typescript
	27 July 1959 Extract from letter to daughter Claudia Broun.	Photocopy
	30 October 1968 To Hon. R.J.O'Connor re lowering of Perth Railway Station. (1966 Plan attached)	Typescript
	15 August 2002 From Christopher Fyfe to Battye Library, details of early career of W.V Fyfe. Acknowledgement.	Typescript

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5840A/4		
	11 July 1906	
	Howard Fyfe to Grandma.	
	12 December 1906	
	Vernon Fyfe to Grandma.	
	28 April 1912	
	Vernon Fyfe to Mother. Incomplete.	
	1927	
	Claudia Fyfe to Daddy.	
	23 May 1929	
	Claudia Fyfe to Daddy. Marion Fyfe to Daddy.	
	7 August 1935	
	Marion Fyfe to Daddy	
	August 1935.	
	Marion Fyfe to Daddy	
	17 June 1936	
	Commonwealth of Australia to W. Fyfe re appointment in Northern Territory.	Typescript
	8 June 1940	
	Julitha Walsh to Mr. Fyfe	
	26 March 1959	
	W.V. Fyfe to Department of Primary Industry, Canberra.	Typescript
	6 December 1959	
	Aunt Bertha to Vernon (Fyfe)	
	18 June 1970	
	WADC to W.V. Fyfe.	Typescript
	18 February 1976	
	Jacquie Wood to Fyfie. (her grandmother).	
	10 October 1976	
	To Mum and Dad from ?	
	28 August (1976?)	
	Rene to Fyfie.	
	28 February 1983	
	Doreen Ward to Marion (Wood)	Typescript
	19 June 1980	
	Trigg Island Surf Life Saving Club to W.V. Fyfe.	Typescript
	15 August 1981	
	Quincy College Friary to Vernon (Fyfe).	Typescript
	March 1979-August 1981.	
	Library Board re Oral History.	Typescript

5840A/5	CUTTING BOOKS 1945-1948 War Service Land Settlement.
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	DIARIES	
	1940	
5798A/2	April-November. Royal Commission on Pastoral	Typescript

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Industry

FILES

5798A/3	Girl Guides Association Establishment of and extensions to “Paxwold”, The Girl Guides Association of Western Australia Training Centre in Kalamunda.	Typescript
5798A/3A	Map of Kalamunda, site of Association centre.	
CHARTS		
5798A/4	Girl Guides Association. Purchase of land in York for establishment of Training Centre. General correspondence and notes.	Typescript
5798A/5	1938 National Insurance.	Typescript
5798A/6	1940 Royal Commission, Pastoral Industry,	Typescript
5798A/7	1945 Soil Conservation Committee.	Typescript
5798A/8	1955 North-East Desert Survey. 1955 Sale of Moola Bulla Station. 1956 Central and Eastern Desert Surveys.	Typescript
5798A/9	1954 North Kimberley Expedition.	Typescript
5798A/10	1958 South-East Desert Survey.	Typescript
5798A/11	1951 Proposed Kimberley Expedition	Typescript
5798A/12	War Damage Insurance Commission.	Typescript
5798A/13	War Service Land Settlement.	Typescript
5798A/14	Albany Zone Development.	Typescript
5798A/15	Esperance Downs Development Advisory Committee. Correspondence, minutes and notes.	Typescript
5798A/16	Esperance Downs Development Advisory Committee. Maps, undated statistics and notes	Typescript
5798A/17	Many Peaks Project.	Typescript
5798A/18	Northern Territory	Typescript
5798A/19	1926-1944 Pastoral Industry	Typescript
5798A/20	1946-1959 Pastoral Industry	Typescript
5798a/21	1969/1973 Pastoral Industry	Typescript
5798A/22	University Lands	Typescript
5798A/23	1939-1947 Expense claims, itineraries.	Typescript
5798A/24	1948-1959 Expense claims, itineraries	Typescript
5798A/25	Revaluation of Marginal Areas Report 1941, Conference 1942, Notes: North- Eastern Outer Areas, Esperance-Salmon Gums District	Typescript
5798A/26	Revaluation of Marginal Areas. 1937-June 1941	Typescript
5798A/27	Revaluation of Marginal Areas. July 1941-1946	Typescript
5798A/28	Land Revaluation. Includes 4 charts.	Typescript

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5798A/29	Land Revaluation. Two folders (1929 and 1933).	Typescript
OSM	One bound set of charts.(1948)	
5798A/30	1944 Land Laws and Tenures. Bound set of	Typescript
OSM	charts.	
5798A/31	Exam papers: Commonwealth Institute of Accountants.(1930-1934)	
5798A/32	Pinjarra Trotting Club. Volume 1, 1 of 2	Typescript
5798A/33	Pinjarra Trotting Club. Volume 1, 2 of 2	Typescript
5798A/34	Pinjarra Trotting Club. Volume 2, 1 of 2	Typescript
5798A/35	Pinjarra Trotting Club. Volume 2, 2 of 2	Typescript
5798A/36	Pinjarra Trotting Club. Volume 3, 1 of 2	Typescript
5798A/37	Pinjarra Trotting Club. Volume 3, 2 of 2	Typescript
5798A/38	Pinjarra and Northam Trotting Clubs.	Typescript
5798A/39	Pinjarra Trotting Club. Sundries and note book..	Typescript
5798A/39	Plan of trotting ground, Pinjarra	
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OSM		
5798A/40	West Australian Trotting Association. Vol. 1 of 2	Typescript
5798A/41	West Australian Trotting Association. Vol. 2 of 2	Typescript
5798A/42	Gloucester Park-General ground plan.	
CHARTS		
5798A/43	York Trotting Club	Typescript
5798A/44	South Australia Trotting Club	Typescript
5840A/6	1928-1929 Correspondence Course papers.	
5840A/7	Grand Lodge of Western Australia.	
5840A/8	West Sandringham Project. (Land Development)	Typescript
	HISTORIES	
5840A/9	1926-1974 WA Division of Commonwealth Institute of Valuers.	Typescript
	1964 Valuer-Generals Department.	
	INVITATIONS	
5840A/10	1938-1972	
	LEGAL PAPERS	
5798A/45	Deputy Federal Commissioner of Taxation v. Gold Estates of Australia (1903) Ltd.	Typescript
	W.J Lucas and B.F Prindiville between The Minister for Works (This relates to the Paxworld Girl Guides Association Training Centre)	
	LISTS	
5840A/11	24 June 1956 Guests at Fyfe home.	
	31 August 1970 REIWA Member firms.	
	MAPS	

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| 5840A12 | 27 October 1930 Estate of Sir Henry B. Lefroy. | |
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MENUS | | |
| 5840A/13 | 29 April 1917 Dinner. Roseville Engineers Officers School. | |
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NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS | | |
| 5840A14 | 1943-1947 Land Settlement. | |
| 5840A15 | 1950-1953 Land Settlement. | |
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NOTEBOOKS | | |
| 5798A/46 | n.d. Howard Fyfe, Cadet surveyor and brother of W.V.Fyfe. | |
| 5798A/47 | 1912 Cadet surveyor and brother of W.V. Fyfe. | |
| 5798A/48 | 1914 Cadet surveyor and brother of W.V. Fyfe. | |
| 5798A/49 | North-West Book No 1. Dec 1939-Jan 1940.
(These notes are typed up in /50 and /51) | |
| 5798A/50 | Notes taken during visits of Royal Commission on the Pastoral Industry, 1940. Includes maps of Lyndon and Towera Stations. | Typescript

2 Rolls |
| 5798A/51 | Identical volume but including note by author. | Typescript |
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NOTES | | |
| 5798A/52 | Re-Appraisalment of Pastoral leases, Rainfall figures, Salmon Gums District, War effort, Mud maps, West Gascoyne. W.V. Fyfe collection notes. | Typescript |
| 5840/16 | 1969 Expenses-Esplanade court. Identity card application. 1915 Survey notes. School reports, Claudia Fyfe. Retirement from Peet & Company. Page 2 only of notes on land Settlement 1959. | |
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PAPERS | | |
| 5798A/53 | Exploration in Western Australia by Frank Hann. Aboriginal Reserve in North-West. History of Surveyor General's Division. | Typescript |
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PHOTOGRAPHS | | |
| 5798A/54 | 2 B/W Negatives (ex Pinjarra Trotting Club file)
4 Colour negatives: City views ? 3 Colour prints with negatives. (ex Trotting Club files). 5 B/W prints with negatives(ex Pinjarra Trotting Club file). 1 B/W negative: City view ? B/W print, Gloucester Park. Colour slide. Pinjarra.
4 B/W Prints. Ord or Margaret River?, Fitzroy Junction? 5 B/W Prints with negatives, 3 B/W negatives, WATA files. 2 Lists of photographs | |

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- 5840A/17 transferred to Pictorial under reference BA586.
2 B/W Negatives of group. 2 B/W Prints of Mundaring Weir. Sepia print of bridge over Blackwood River at Darradup. B/W print of group of four including Vernon Fyfe and possibly daughter.
- 9627A/1 PLANS
1. *Pinjarra trotting track.*
Five plans in total, some dated 1960. One is signed by WV Fyfe, four are Public Works Department plans.
2. *Gloucester Park.*
Ten plans in total. Some dated 1963, 1964. Includes two signed by WV Fyfe.
3. *Richmond Raceway.*
Four plans in total. Some dated 1969, 1975. Includes two signed by WV Fyfe. One is drawn by Paterson & Cooksey architects(KPA Architects)
- 5840A/18 POEMS
5 December 1950 Milford Sound.
The Song of 1979.
- 5840A/19 POSTCARDS
Various from family and friends. (8)
- 5840A/20 REMINISCENCES
Recollections of the Past. Pages 1-100.
5840A/21 Recollections of the Past. Pages 101-200.
5840A/22 Recollections of the Past. Pages 201-300.
5840A/23 Recollections of the Past. Pages 301-400.
5840A/24 Recollections of the Past. Pages 401-502.
- 5798A/55 REPORTS
1940 Royal Commission. Copy of document of appointment.
5798A/56 1943 and 1944. Visits of Surveyor-General to Eastern States.
5798A/57 1946 Land Settlement. Typescript
July 1947 War Service Land Settlement.
December 1947 War Service Land Settlement.
1947 Replies to Questionnaire/Land Settlement.
1948 Country Land Values.
- 5798A/58 S.G. Annual reports 1939-1941 and 1942.
5798A/59 S.G. Annual reports 1943-1944. Typescript

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5798A/60	S.G. Annual reports 1945-1947.	Typescript
5798A/61	S.G. Annual reports 1948-1950.	Typescript
5798A/62	S.G. Annual reports 1951-1952	Typescript
5798A/63	S.G. Annual reports 1953-1954.	Typescript
5798A/64	S.G. Annual reports 1955-1956.	Typescript
5798A/65	S.G. Annual report 1957	Typescript
5798A/66	1943 State Committee on Manpower. Includes notebook.	Typescript
5798A/67	Canning Stock Route, Kimberley Cattle Industry, Calvert Expedition-Search for missing members.	Typescript
5840A/25	1938 Senior Valuers Report on Functions of Branch. 1938 Senior Valuers Report, Part 2. 1954 Department of Lands and Surveys.	Typescript
SCRAPBOOKS		
5840A/26 OSM	Cards, newspaper cuttings, correspondence, obituaries, certificates, addresses.	
SPEECHES		
5840A/27	30 August 1929 The General Principles of Land Valuation in Western Australia. August 1959 Geodetic Surveying and Mapping in Western Australia in Recent Years.	
STATISTICS		
5840A/28	30 June 1943 Sun Observations-Roebourne Geographical Positions of Capital Cities.	
STOCKS AND SHARES		
5840A/29	5 Scrip certificates-Kimberley Oil Exploration Syndicate Ltd.	
SUBSCRIPTION LISTS		
5840A/30	Nannup Football Club.	

23 September 2002