

UQFL321

New Church of Jerusalem (Brisbane Society) Collection

Size	4 boxes
Contents	Minute books, baptism register, service books, membership register, visitors' book, marriage declarations, account book, publications
Date range	1865 to 1998
Biography	<p>The New Church of Jerusalem has a long history in Australia. Deriving from the Swedish scientist and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg and spreading to England, the Church conducted its first known service in Australia in Adelaide in 1844, taken by Jacob Pitman, brother of Isaac, the shorthand exponent. New Church societies were formally inaugurated in Adelaide in 1847, Melbourne in 1853, Brisbane in 1865, Sydney in 1875 and Perth in 1928. The first Australasian Conference of the New Church was held at Melbourne in 1881. In Brisbane the declaration of faith was signed on 25 May 1865 by Silvester Diggles, Benjamin Backhouse, John Henry Nicholson, George Slater, Ephraim Stronell and John Elliott. Diggles was the inaugural leader of the Brisbane Society from 1865 to 1875, and then the first president until his death in 1880. Meeting in private quarters in 1865 and transferring to a room in the Town Hall in Queen Street in 1867, the Brisbane Society regrouped at the Town Hall Chamber of Commerce in 1873 and moved two years later to the Temperance Hall in upper Edward Street. By 1879 they could afford their own building in Wickham Street, opposite All Saints. In 1910 they opened a new brick church in Ann Street, and in 1961 they moved from Ann Street to suburban Rosalie.</p>
Notes	Open access

Box 1

Society minute books:

- 1865 to 1881
- 1881 to 1894
- 1894 to 1912
- 1912 to 1931

Box 2

Society minute books:

- 1931 to 1945
- 1945 to 1957

- 1957 to 1965
- 1965 to 1973

Ladies minute books (Women's League/Ladies Committee):

- 1913 to 1915
- 1967 to 1972

Baptism register, 1874 to 1878

Box 3

Service books:

- 1913 to 1939
- 1939 to 1972

Membership register (Declaration of Faith), 1884 to 1941

Visitors book, 1956 to 1996

Marriage registers:

- 1910 to 1947
- 1915 to 1962

Marriage declarations, 1910 to 1940

Account book, 1909 to 1918

Box 4

Robinson, I. A., *A history of the New Church in Australia 1832-1980*, [East Hawthorn, Vic.] : [Excelsior Printing], [1980] (204 p. : ill., facsimis., 14 ports. ; 22 cm.)

Conference minutes (printed booklets):

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| • 1939 | • 1970 |
| • 1946 | • 1973 |
| • 1949 | • 1982 (2 vols) |
| • 1952 | • 1986 |
| • 1959 | • 1989 |
| • 1958 | • 1987 |
| • 1964 | • 1998 |
| • 1967 | |