

# UQFL560

## Valdemar Robert Wake Papers

<b>Size</b>	11 boxes
<b>Contents</b>	Correspondence, diaries, manuscripts, research notes, scrapbooks, ephemera, photographs, newspaper cuttings, personal papers
<b>Date range</b>	1901 to 2010
<b>Biography</b>	<p>Val Wake started his working life as a copy boy on the <i>Sydney Daily Telegraph</i>. During 40 years as a journalist he was a play reviewer for <i>Plays and Players</i> of London, an editor of Canadian biweekly the <i>Dawson Creek Star</i>, a producer for the nightly newsreel on ABC Television News, Sydney, and the Arctic editor for CBC Northern Service. While working in Arctic Canada Val Wake was closely associated with reporting the development of the native rights movement across the north. He also made a side trip to the North Pole. For the last 20 years before retiring Val Wake worked for the British Government as an information officer. From 1991 to 1995 he was head of the Central Office of Information Radio Division, working with Foreign Office supplying programme services in support of the British Government's overseas objectives. He and his Canadian-born wife Lillian retired to Port Macquarie in 1996 where he has done freelance work, writing yachting stories and pieces for <i>AQ</i>, the journal of the Australian Institute of Political Science. His father, Robert Frederick Bird Wake was head of Commonwealth security in Queensland during the 1930s-1950s and his godfather Valdemar Augenson who was responsible for finding aerodrome sites in Queensland during the 1920s-1930s. -- adapted from AustLit</p>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Unrestricted access</p> <p>Arranged in the following series: Series A: Papers relating to Robert Frederick Bird Wake, 1901 to 1974 -- Series B: Papers relating to Elizabeth Wake (née Burns), 1910 to 2008 -- Series C: Papers relating to Valdemar Hay Augenson, 1901 to 1988 -- Series D: Papers relating to Valdemar Robert Wake, 1935 to 2010</p> <p>Unless otherwise noted, file names are those supplied by the author. Within each series, material is arranged roughly chronologically.</p>

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### *Series A: Papers relating to Robert Frederick Bird Wake, 1901 to 1974*

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 1**

Genealogy, 1901 to 1974

**Folder 2**

Bendigo Gold Fields

**Folder 3**

School

**Folder 4**

Commonwealth Public Service 1

**Folder 5**

Commonwealth Public Service 2

**Box 2**

**Folder 1**

Commonwealth Investigation Branch

**Folder 2**

Military Intelligence and Security Service 1

**Folder 3**

Military Intelligence and Security Service 2

**Folder 4**

Military Intelligence and Security Service 3

**Folder 5**

Military Intelligence and Security Service 4

**Box 3**

**Folder 1**

Netherlands East Indies Government Information Service

**Folder 2**

Post-war security matters

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**Folder 3**

ASIO 1

**Folder 4**

ASIO 2

**Box 4**

**Folder 1**

ASIO 3

**Folder 2**

ASIO 4

**Folder 3**

Venona

**Folder 4**

Post-ASIO 1

**Folder 5**

Post-ASIO 2

**Folder 6**

Post-ASIO 3

*Series B: Papers relating to Elizabeth Wake (née Burns), 1910 to 2008*

**Box 5**

**Folder 1**

Birth certificates (extract for Elizabeth Burns and certificate for Alexander Andrew Pooley Wake), marriage certificate (Robert Wake and Elizabeth burns). Correspondence, mostly related to efforts by Elizabeth to obtain a war widows pension.

**Folder 2**

Ann Wilson Funerals folder for the funeral of Elizabeth (Betty) Wake; includes CD from Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium and six black and white photographs.

Notebook, belonging to Elizabeth Wake, with names and addresses.

## *Series C: Papers relating to Valdemar Hay Augenson, 1901 to 1988*

### **Folder 3**

Baptismal certificate for Valdemar Hay Augenson, 1918.

Handwritten 'Diary of Gulf trip, June 28<sup>th</sup> 1922 to Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. From Mareeba to Mornington Island & Burketown no. 4 Unit N.Q.'; in 18 x 11.5 cm notebook.

Telegram from 'Augo' to R. F. B. Wake', 26 July 1935.

Commonwealth of Australia. Department of Civil Aviation Identify card or V. H. Augenson, Inspector of Aerodromes, issued on 21 May 1940.

Correspondence and documents relating to Valdemar Hay Augenson from 1926 to 1996. Includes information on his war service.

### **Folder 4**

Photograph album, undated, possibly early 1900s; on cover 'Photographs', on back cover 'J.H. Squire & Col, 116 King Street, Sydney'; 13 x 16 cm; 6 black and white photographs, 9.5 x 12 cm; all with captions. [Previously housed in Box 5 Folder 3].

Photograph album, ca. 1926-1931; 88 black and white photographs, some photographs relating to the family of Valdemar Hay Augenson; on cover 'Snapshots'; front and back covers made of card, tied together with (shoe?) string; 18 x 28cm; leaves are made of light weight card with mounting corners for photographs; includes real photo postcards, photographs of Torres Strait Islanders, three photographs inserted.

Photograph album, circa 1919, on cover 'The Hesma slip-in album'; cover made of light card, brown in colour; tied together with twine; 17.5 x 21 cm; containing 12 double sides pages, with four cut-out slots per side; slots measure 3.5 x 6 cm; 95 black and white photographs up to 4 x 7.5 cm:

- 13 photographs with title 'Middle harbour'
- 3 photographs with 'Scots Hotel Newport'
- 2 photographs with 'Transcontinental Railway' (one photograph missing from this page)
- 5 photographs with 'Kalgoorlie'
- 32 photographs with various titles including: 'The Chalet, Cottesloe, W.A', 'Cottesloe', 'Perth'
- 16 photographs with various titles including: 'Picnic to Mundaring Weir, '19'
- 16 photographs with titles including: 'Biddles Aus. Hospital Influenza Epidemic '19', 'Biddles
- 4 photographs with title 'Freemantle roadstea'
- 4 photographs with title 'Dunvegan Castle'

## *Series D: Papers relating to Valdemar Robert Wake, 1935 to 2010*

**Folder 5**

School records

**Folder 6**

Theatre days

**Box 6**

**Folder 1**

Life in London, unpublished novel, 'Mr Johnson abroad', first draft

**Folder 2**

Canada and Australia, 1958 to 1966 1

**Folder 3**

Canada and Australia, 1958 to 1966 2

**Folder 4**

Canada and Australia, 1958 to 1966 3

**Folder 5**

Arctic Canada and native rights 1

**Box 7**

**Folder 1**

Arctic Canada and native rights 2

**Folder 2**

Arctic Canada and native rights 3

**Folder 3**

Arctic event before and after Yellowknife Tour 1

**Folder 4**

Arctic event before and after Yellowknife Tour 2

**Folder 5**

Arctic event before and after Yellowknife Tour 3

**Box 8**

**Folder 1**

Return to UK 1

**Folder 2**

Return to UK 2

**Folder 3**

DTI and COI Radio 1

**Folder 4**

DTI and COI Radio 2

**Folder 5**

[Scrapbook, c1973 to c1996]

**Box 9**

**Folder 1**

'Discovery of Cook', parts 1 – 2

**Folder 2**

Retirement and research 1

**Folder 3**

Retirement and research 2

**Box 10**

**Folder 1**

Retirement and research 3

**Folder 2**

No ribbons or medals 1

**Folder 3**

No ribbons or medals 2

**Folder 4**

Sailing 1

**Folder 5**

Sailing spray log 2

**Folder 6**

AQ [*Australian quarterly*] contributions, 2002 to 2010

**Box 11**

**Folder 1**

Other creative work, 1996 onwards 1

**Folder 2**

Other creative work, 1996 onwards 2

**Folder 3**

Other creative work, 1996 onwards 3

**Item 4**

Leather address book

**Item 5**

Journal, 1952

**Item 6**

Journal, 1996

**Item 7**

Notebook, 'Royal visits', c1977

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