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P.009 Personal archives of Mungo William MACCALLUM [1854-1942] Professor of Modern Literature, Vice Chancellor

Date Range: 1890-1936
Quantity: 1.4 shelf metres
Accessions: 691

Administrative History:

Mungo William MacCallum was born in Glasgow Scotland on 26 February 1854, the son of Mungo MacCallum, a merchant, and his wife Isabella, nee Renton. After education at the Glasgow High School, he graduated from Glasgow University in 1877 with an M.A. Following his graduation he went to Germany and studied modern literature at the Universities of Leipzig and Berlin.

After his return from Germany MacCallum was awarded a Luke Fellowship at Glasgow University, where he taught English Literature, Classics and Philosophy for the next two years. In 1879 MacCallum was appointed as Professor of English Literature and History at the University College of Wales in Aberystwyth. During his period there MacCallum met, and on 28 June 1882 married, Dorette Peters, a teacher at a girls school in Aberystwyth. Two children were born at Aberystwyth, the first Isabella Renton, named after MacCallum's grandmother, and the second, Mungo Lorenz, named after his two grandfathers. In late 1886 MacCallum was selected as foundation Professor of Modern Language and Literature at Sydney University, and he and his family arrived in Sydney in February 1887.

When he started MacCallum was teaching French, German, and English. Gradually he built up the department until he retained only the teaching of English, and he encouraged the establishment of a separate French Department. In 1894 his major work on Tennyson's *Idylls of the King* was published to some critical acclaim. Throughout this period MacCallum was extensively involved in extension lectures in English.

In 1897 MacCallum became President of the Union, and in 1898 Dean of the Faculty of Arts, a position he retained until 1919, with one break. MacCallum was forced to work longer than he wanted because of the First World War, but in 1920 the University allowed him to retire, although he remained an Honorary Professor and continued to lecture in English. In 1923 he acted as Warden and again in 1924. In December 1924, at the age of 70, MacCallum was appointed to the new position of Vice-Chancellor of the University. He resigned the position in 1927 and in 1928 was elected as Deputy Chancellor, and as Chancellor from 1934 to 1936.

MacCallum had been first president of the Shakespeare Society of NSW, a trustee of the Public Library from 1890 to 1912 (Chairman for the years 1906-12), a member of the Advisory Committee of the Commonwealth Literary Fund, 1917-29, and Chairman of Trustees of Sydney Grammar School, 1929-32. He helped found, and became first president of the Sydney Branch of the Australian English Association in 1923.

MacCallum was awarded an LL.D by the University of Glasgow, and an honorary D.Litt by Oxford University in 1925, for his Shakespearian studies. In 1926 he was appointed KCMG.

Mungo MacCallum died on 3 September 1942 at his home in Edgecliffe. He was cremated with anglican rites and a memorial tablet to him was placed in St. Andrew's Cathedral. Both Isabella and Mungo predeceased him, but he was survived by his wife Dorette and a younger son Walter Paton MacCallum. Lady MacCallum was devoted to community activities, among them the National Council of Women, and the Sydney University Settlement, as well as working for numerous charities. Walter served with distinction in the AIF, ending the Second World War with a Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross.

Related Records: Biog. 850

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P.009 Papers of Mungo William MacCallum [1854-1942]

Series: 1 Lectures on Shakespeare
Date Range: 1922 - 1931

Accessions:
Quantity: 0.00 *shelf metres*
Item List: yes

Series Description:

When MacCallum took up the chair in 1887 he was responsible for teaching French and German as well as English. Over the years, as the department was built up, MacCallum was able to share out the teaching load but he always retained English as his subject. His favourite topic was Shakespeare, and this was the one in which he felt able to make his most lasting intellectual contribution.

This series consists of MacCallum's lectures on different aspects of Shakespeare's plays. The lectures are both handwritten and typed; some are in notebooks and some on loose sheets of paper.

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P.009 Papers of Mungo MacCallum

Series No. 1

<i>Item</i>	<i>Contents</i>			<i>Box</i>
1	Typed and handwritten lectures on Shakespeare's English historical plays	1922	1931	5
2	Handwritten lectures on Shakespeare's plays	n.d.	n.d.	12
3	Quarto exercise book containing long handwritten lecture on Hamlet	n.d.	n.d.	11
4	Handwritten lectures on Shakespeare's tragedies	n.d.	n.d.	11
5	Handwritten lectures on Shakespeare's plays	n.d.	n.d.	10
6	Typed copy of paper/lecture entitled "The making of 'The Tempest'"	n.d.	n.d.	10
7	Handwritten papers/lectures? on Shakespeare	n.d.	n.d.	9
8	Handwritten lectures on Shakespeare's English historical plays	1922	1931	8
9	Typed and handwritten lectures on Shakespeare's English historical plays	1922	1931	1
10	Nine quarto notebooks containing lectures and notes on Shakespeare, three of the volumes are about Shakespeare's contemporaries	n.d.	n.d.	4
10	Nine quarto notebooks containing lectures and notes on Shakespeare, three of the volumes are about Shakespeare's contemporaries	n.d.	n.d.	5
11	Typed and handwritten lectures on Shakespeare's English historical plays and one on pre-Shakespearean historical drama	1922	1922?	3
12	Typed and handwritten lectures on Shakespeare's English historical plays	1922	1931	6

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P.009 Papers of Mungo William MacCallum [1854-1942]

Series: 2 Lectures on various literature topics

Date Range: 1906 - 1931?

Accessions:

Quantity: 0.00 *shelf metres*

Item List: yes

Series Description:

Although Shakespeare was MacCallum's first love his lectures covered a wide range of literary topics. This series includes lectures on Goethe, George Meredith, humour, literary criticism, English language, and poetry.

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P.009 Papers of Mungo MacCallum

Series No.2

<i>Item</i>	<i>Contents</i>			<i>Box</i>
1	Handwritten paper/lecture on George Meredith's poems	n.d.	n.d.	9
2	Handwritten lectures on the history of criticism	n.d.	n.d.	12
3	Quarto exercise book containing handwritten lectures on language	n.d.	n.d.	11
4	Small exercise book containing a handwritten lecture on language?	n.d.	n.d.	11
5	Handwritten lectures and notes on Dante and subsidiary contributions to English literature (Arthurian legends, Petrarch, Boccaccio etc)	n.d.	n.d.	10
6	Handwritten lecture? on humanitarianism and patriotism	n.d.	n.d.	9
7	Small notebook containing handwritten lecture on Goethe	n.d.	n.d.	9
8	Small notebook containing handwritten lecture on poetry and religion	n.d.	n.d.	9
9	Handwritten lecture? on Charlemagne, Hrotsvit of Gandersheim	n.d.	n.d.	9
10	Quarto notebook containing handwritten lecture/speech? on humour	n.d.	n.d.	9
11	Small notebook containing handwritten lecture? on Goethe's Faust	n.d.	n.d.	9
12	Exercise book with title 'Voltaire' containing handwritten notes; inside front cover has the annotation 'Finder please return to N J Gough, Sydney University'	1906	1906	7
13	Exercise books with lectures on Beowulf, Anglo Saxon poetry	nd		9

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P.009 Papers of Mungo William MacCallum [1854-1942]

Series: 3 University papers

Date Range: 1924 - 1927

Accessions:

Quantity: 0.00 shelf metres

Item List: yes

Series Description:

This series consists of correspondence and meeting papers of the University Extension Board, of which MacCallum was a member for most of his University career, and a small amount of Departmental correspondence from 1925.

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P.009 Papers of Mungo MacCallum

Series No.3

<i>Item</i>	<i>Contents</i>			<i>Box</i>
1	Correspondence and meeting papers of the University Extension Board	1924	1927	2
2	Folder of departmental correspondence	1925	1925	7

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P.009 Papers of Mungo William MacCallum [1854-1942]

Series: 4 Papers of the Australian English Association
Date Range: 1924 - 1927

Accessions:
Quantity: 0.00 *shelf metres*
Item List: yes

Series Description:

MacCallum was a founding member of the Sydney Branch of the Australian English Association, and was its first President in 1923.

This series consists of correspondence, membership lists, financial statements, meeting notices, and printed brochures.

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Series No. 4

<i>Item</i>	<i>Contents</i>			
1	Papers of the Australian English Association (3 items only)	1924	1927	2
2	Folder of correspondence and papers of the Australian English Association	1922	1927	7

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P.009 Papers of Mungo William MacCallum [1854-1942]

Series: 5 Other writings
Date Range: 1906 - 1937
Accessions:
Quantity: 0.00 shelf metres
Item List: yes

Series Description:

The series contains miscellaneous writings of MacCallum. It includes a school essay, notebooks containing drafts of talks, speeches and addresses, typed papers and articles, and a typed version of an autobiography.

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P.009 Papers of Mungo MacCallum

Series No.5

Item	Contents			Box
1	Typed copy of paper purporting to be a translation of old German story about a priest named Amis	n.d.	n.d.	9
2	Small printed booklet entitled "Some reflections on the war" being an address given to the Sydney University Union by MacCallum on 14 May 1915	1915	1915	13
3	Typed manuscript entitled "Jottings Genealogical and Reminiscential for the perusal of none but my own family"	1937	1937	13
4	School essay by MacCallum on Jonah	n.d.	n.d.	13
5	Typed copy of paper/lecture entitled "The Bible of 1611"	n.d.	n.d.	9
6	Typed copy of paper entitled 'Compulsory Latin'	n.d.	n.d.	9
7	Quarto notebook containing handwritten paper/address/speech?	n.d.	n.d.	9
8	Folder of MacCallum's own writings, and correspondence and papers of the Australian English Association	1890s?	1933	7
9	Folder of MacCallum's writings	1922	1927	7
10	Foolscap memo book listing MacCallum's writings and their typing and/or publication dates	?	?	7
11	Typed paper on MacPherson's Ossian	n.d.	n.d.	9
12	Quarto notebook containing handwritten speech read to the University Club on 28 March 1906 - socialism/"socialist whigs"	1906	1906	9
13	Quarto notebook containing handwritten paper/address/speech?	n.d.	n.d.	9

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Series: 6 Correspondence

Date Range: 1910 - 1936

Accessions:

Quantity: 0.00 *shelf metres*

Item List: yes

Series Description:

This series consists of some of MacCallum's personal correspondence, covering the years 1910 to 1936.

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Series No. 6

<i>Item</i>	<i>Contents</i>			<i>Box</i>
1	Personal correspondence	1910	1936	7
2	Correspondence	1922	1924	2
3	Booklet of poems inscribed "Miss Kate McCallum, April 1871" [MacCallum's sister]	n.d.	n.d.	13

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P.009 Papers of Mungo William MacCallum [1854-1942]

Series: 7 Personal and miscellaneous

Date Range: 1871 - 1930s?

Accessions:

Quantity: 0.00 *shelf metres*

Item List: yes

Series Description:

Miscellaneous papers concerning MacCallum, including manuscripts of music and newspaper cuttings of reviews of MacCallum's books. Also included is a manuscript entitled "Pyramid Plans and Measurements", dated 1895, by Frank Walker.

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Series No.7

<i>Item</i>	<i>Contents</i>			<i>Box</i>
1	Drawing on tracing paper to imitate stained glass, of "St Mungo"	n.d.	n.d.	
2	Two copies of a reproduction of a portrait of MacCallum by John Longstaff	n.d.	n.d.	7
3	Quarto notebook containing newspaper clippings of reviews of MacCallum's book "Shakespeare's Roman Plays and their Background"	1910	1910	7
4	Manuscript entitled "Pyramid Plans and Measurements, compiled 1895 by Frank Walker, containing handwritten plans of Egyptian pyramids with tables of measurements	1895	1895	7
5	Printed and manuscript music	n.d.	n.d.	2
6	Press cuttings and handwritten copies of reviews concerning MacCallum's book on Tennyson and Arthur and concerning his book on Low German and High German Literature	n.d.	n.d.	3
7	Illuminated testimonial presented to MacCallum by the Shakespeare Society of NSW in recognition of 20 years of service	1920	1920	Cab 4/4