

La Trobe Library

History of the La Trobe Library

'The La Trobe Library, conceived as a discrete collection of Australiana at the State Library of Victoria and intended to rival the Mitchell Library in Sydney, had a long gestation period and a comparatively short life. The foundation stone of the building was laid on 2 July 1951, as part of the celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of Victoria as a separate colony. The new library opened to the public on 29 March 1965, was formally opened on 6 September 1965, and closed without ceremony on 5 September 1990.'

John Barnes, Editor, *The La Trobe Journal*, No.80, Spring 2007, p.22

The establishment of the La Trobe Library was proposed by Professor R.M. Crawford, then Professor of History at the University of Melbourne, as part of the Victorian anniversary celebrations of 1951. However, no money was allocated and the building did not commence until 1962.

La Trobe Library as a source

For holdings listed as being in the La Trobe Library, refer now to:

Australian Manuscripts Collection, State Library Victoria

Pictures Collection, State Library Victoria.

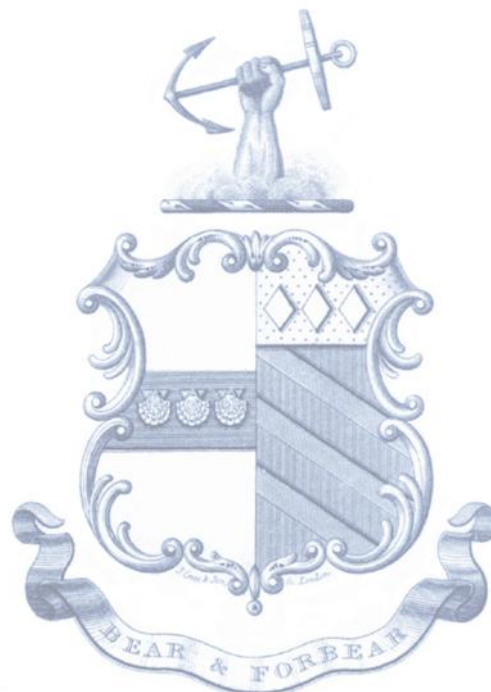
Selected Articles about the La Trobe Library

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