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Valdemar Robert Wake Collection

Size 11 boxes

Contents Correspondence, diaries, manuscripts, research notes, scrapbooks, ephemera, photographs, newspaper cuttings, personal papers

Date range 1901 to 2010

Biography Val Wake started his working life as a copy boy on the Sydney Daily Telegraph. During 40 years as a journalist he was a play reviewer for Plays and Players of London, an editor of Canadian biweekly the Dawson Creek Star, 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 AQ, 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

Notes Unrestricted access


Unless otherwise noted, file names are those supplied by the author. Within each series, material is arranged roughly chronologically.

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

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Life in London, unpublished novel, ‘Mr Johnson abroad’, first draft

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No ribbons or medals 1

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Sailing 1

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AQ [Australian quarterly] contributions, 2002 to 2010

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Other creative work, 1996 onwards 1

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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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