
MILLER ANDERSON LIMITED

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Series List

The beginning of Miller Anderson Limited can be traced back almost to the foundation of the colony of South Australia.

James Miller Anderson arrived in 1849 from London and joined his uncle Robert Miller, a partner in the drapery firm of Miller and Gale of 52 Hindley Street, Adelaide, which was established in 1840. In 1859, after various partnerships the business became J. Miller Anderson and Company and developed into a leading drapers, importers, tailors and home-wares emporium in this state.

In 1915 the firm was floated as a limited liability company under the name of Miller Anderson Limited. During the 1920's extensive additions were made to its premises with the erection of a five-storey building at 16-26 Hindley Street. The business became a public company in 1927 and was immediately taken over by Marcus Clark and Co. Limited of Sydney. Since 1966 the ownership of Miller Anderson has changed several times due to company takeovers by corporate names such as Waltons, Colonial Mutual Life and the Emanuel Group of Companies.

Miller Anderson Limited, beside operations at its Hindley Street Store, had also acquired several suburban shops and country branches at Clare and Naracoorte. In 1987 Waltons-Bond Limited sold the entire Miller Anderson company to the Venture Stores Group, who moved the premises to the Station Arcade further down Hindley Street a year later. After seven months of business there, Miller Anderson passed into receivership in October 1988, ending a distinguished trading history spanning 148 years as the oldest department store in South Australia.

The records of Miller Anderson Limited were donated to the Mortlock Library by Mr Noel Hunt, Managing Director in 1988.

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Property transaction records related to premises owned or leased by Miller Anderson Limited in Hindley Street, Adelaide.
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1877-1982. 8cm.

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Property transaction records related to premises owned by the Company in Hanson Street, Adelaide, on part of Town Acre 677. 1946, 1952. 0.5cm.	<u>2</u>
Leases for part of Town Acre 642, Gilles Street, Adelaide, from Wyatt Benevolent Institution Inc. to the Company. Includes related correspondence. 1938-1951. 1 cm.	<u>3</u>
Letter of agreement and receipt note related to premises leased by J. Miller Anderson & Company and Adelaide Chemical Fertilizer Company in Gawler Place and Peel Street, Adelaide. 1919, 1938. (2 items).	<u>4</u>
Agreement by P.S. and P.B. Ambrose to sell the stock-in-trade of their business and to lease their premises at Brighton Road, Brighton to the Company. 1961, 1966-1974. 0.5cm,	<u>5</u>
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Agreement by the Hewitt family to sell the land on part of Allotment 32, Section 4, Hundred of Naracoorte, to the Company. Includes correspondence from the vendors concerning deposit paid and issue of convertible unsecured registered notes. 1958-1959. (4 items).	<u>10</u>
Agreement by District Council of Naracoorte to sell the land, house and fittings on part of Section 113, Naracoorte to the Company. 1960	<u>11</u>

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Financial records of J. Miller Anderson & Company and Miller Anderson Limited. See Special List for Series 13 for details. 1866-1927. 73.5 cm. (23 volumes).	<u>13</u>
Share certificates and transfer notes for Miller Anderson Limited shares issued to members of the Anderson family and trustees of the Company. 1915-1924. 0.5 cm. (13 items)	<u>14</u>
Indenture between Miller Anderson Limited and James Counsell and Sydney Russell Booth as trustees for holders of Mortgage Stock Certificates, relating to parts of Town Acres 47 and 48, with the Mortgage Stock certificates issued. 1927. 2cm. (51 items).	<u>15</u>
Correspondence with the Stock Exchange of Adelaide Limited, and Piper, Bakewell and Piper, solicitors, relating to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and its application for quotation on the Official List of the Stock Exchange of Adelaide. 1927-1928. (11 items).	<u>16</u>
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Letter of resignation from Mr W.C. CRAIG as a Director and General Manager of the Company. 1937	<u>24</u>
Deed of Appointment as proxies of Sir Reginald Marcus CLARK, Harold Henry Hastings BROWNE, Esmond Tucket DANIELL, Roland Cuthbert CLARK, Philip Randolph VERCO, Henry Archibald BARTON, and Colin Clark VERCO. 1944-1952. 0.5 cm. (19 items).	<u>25</u>
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Statement of Particulars to the Registrar of Companies concerning the charge given by Miller Anderson Limited, in accordance with the Companies Act. 1962. 1964.	<u>30</u>
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Attendance Book listing employees' names, with occasional notations of the temperature of the day; at the end of the book are rules of the store, a list of prospective female employees with references, newspaper cuttings concerning Adelaide rainfall and world events. 1896-1911. 1.5 cm (1 volume)	<u>58</u>
Records of Staff Recruitment. Investigations and Dismissals relating to 4 employees. 1933-1959. 2.5 cm	<u>59</u>
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Photographs of members of the Miller and Anderson families, the premises of the Company in Hindley Street, staff members and miscellaneous views. See Special List for Series 76 for details. ca.1870-1980. (1 album, 68 photographs).	<u>76</u>

Research Notes. Assembled by Rex Ingamells, C.C. Verco and others for a projected history of Miller Anderson Ltd. Store and its founders Robert Miller and James Miller Anderson. ca.1940-1980. 1.5 cm.	<u>77</u>
Transcript of diary by Melville Miller. Diary by Melville Miller of his journey from London to Port Adelaide on the City of Adelaide, 1 June to 20 August 1871. He was a cousin of James Miller Anderson. 1871. 0.5 cm. Typescript. (31 pages).	<u>78</u>
Extract from Anderson family history. History written by A. Bruce Anderson, son of Henry Wheeler Anderson, third son of James Miller Anderson. n.d. 0.5 cm. Photocopied transcript. (6 pages)	<u>79</u>
Correspondence. Correspondence received by Miller Anderson Ltd. management relating to overseas orders, a thank-you card from Mr. R.L. Shepherd's widow, and historical information acknowledged or requested by Stewart Cockburn, Rosemary Howard and Tiffany Hall. 1953-ca.1985. 0.5 cm (5 items)	<u>80</u>
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