
DUN & BRADSTREET

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Series List

The Mercantile Defence Association of S.A. was established mid 1879 by V. Lawrance and W.J. Brook. Initially located at Melvin Chambers (subsequently the site of the Savings Bank Ltd.) the company relocated several times as it expanded. In 1889 manager George Searcy reorganised the company under the name Mercantile Trade Protection Association of S.A. Ltd.

The aim of the company was to assist the business community and to help protect them against bad credit risks by providing up to date information on all business activities. It also provided a recovery of accounts service. Subscribers paid an annual fee of £2.2.0 and received a weekly Gazette, the first of which was published 21.5.1879. The company was acquired by Dun & Bradstreet in 1968.

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R.G. Dun & Co., an international company, was established in 1841 in the U.S.A. The first Australian office was opened in Melbourne in 1869 but closed two years later. Another Melbourne office, originally registered as Dun Wiman & Co., opened in 1887 and an office was established in South Australia in 1903.

The company's history world wide is one of mergers and acquisitions. On merging with the Bradstreet company (USA) the name was changed to Dun & Bradstreet.

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| Members enrolment forms and related correspondence. | <u>1</u> |
| 25 March 1925 to 11 May 1954 (with gaps). 19 folders. | |
| Covers members nos. 7944 to 33172. The forms are numbered in order of receipt. They indicate the services required by the members, e.g. Trade Gazettes and indexes, legal and financial advice, debt collection. | |
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| Some entries in this volume are carried forward into the next series. | |

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