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## PRG 769: Papers of Faith Thomas

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- Collection of prints from lantern slides 1  
ca.1920-1942, 1984. 18 cm.  
Comprises:  
1-4. Four volumes which contain a collection of prints taken from the United Aborigines' Mission (UAM) lantern slides (covering the period ca.1920-1942));  
5. photocopies of the images with all the identification of the content that was collected by Caroline Laurence and Jane Jacob from the University of Adelaide; and  
6. a second copy of some of the prints which have been matched with the index.  
7. Listing of the prints from AIATSIS.  
The original lantern slides were collected by Sisters Hyde and Rutter of Colebrook Home, Quorn and bequeathed to Faith Thomas. A typescript outline of the whole collection is placed at the beginning of the first volume. Names of some children and adults appear in captions, together with location and probable year. Places where photographs were taken include Ooldea, Oodnadatta, Nepabunna, Swan Reach and Quorn missions.
- Draft of thesis on Colebrook Home by Caroline Laurence 2  
1984. 3 cm.  
The final thesis was presented as *Aboriginal identity : the contribution of a mission home*, for her B.A. honours degree.
- Copies of correspondence on Colebrook Home 3  
1930-1935. 1 cm.  
Photocopies of 'correspondence on Colebrook Home – Protector of Aborigines', copied from GRG 52/1 at State Records of SA.
- List of attendees at the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Sister Rutter 4  
1969, 1989. 0.5 cm.  
Includes a list of attendees at the celebration, most of whom had lived at the Home when it was managed by Sisters Rutter and Hyde. Also includes a newspaper cutting about Steve Dodd attending the party; a letter to Faith Thomas from Noel Wiley (1969) together with a newspaper cutting about tree houses; and another from Jane Jacobs (1989).
- Miscellaneous papers relating to Colebrook Home 5  
1970-1985, not dated. 1 cm.  
Comprises correspondence, newspaper cuttings (including an article by Faith Thomas which appeared in *Origin*, 20 November 1970, draft for the *Colebrook Tree*, and photocopies of photos.

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- Publications relating to Colebrook Home 6  
1930-1987. 2 cm.  
Consists of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> editions of *Pearls from the deep*, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet (1987), pamphlet *Colebrook Community Centre Incorporated*, and pamphlet *Colebrook Quorn : brother and sisters home life at Quorn*.
- Papers relating to school and further education 7  
1945-1949. 1 cm.  
Consists of certificates awarded, a copy of the Unley Girls Technical School magazine (1949) and handwritten notes. Also included are three term reports from Faith's attendance at the Davenport Aboriginal Education Centre in 1981; and a notification of academic results 1982..
- Papers relating to nursing training and work 8  
1956-1988. 3 cm.  
Consists of notebook maintained during her nursing training (1952-1953) plus birthdays of children; nurse's certificate issued by the R.A.H. (1956); midwifery certificate from the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital (1958); examination certificates (1954-1958); nurse's record card; letter and character reference (1958); photocopy of register showing Faith Coulthard's training in various wards; certificate of registration in the Northern Territory (1961); certificates of registration as a nurse and midwife (1966) with related correspondence; retention certificates (1969, 1973); application for a job (1973); letter of resignation (1974); application for another position (which contains a summary of her activities from 1950-1975); letter of appointment and related papers (1976); five 'annual practising certificate' issued by the Nurses Board of South Australia (1979-1987); letter of resignation from the Royal Australian Nursing Federation (1988); two poem re nursing.
- Report by Faith Thomas 9  
ca.1977. 0.5 cm.  
Report by Faith Thomas *North Flinders Aboriginal Communities* making recommendations as to how government agencies should deal with Aboriginal communities and their health problems.

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Subject files	<u>10</u>
1968-1970.	
File 1: Aboriginal Progress Association, Association for Aboriginal Unity. 1968-1970. 1.5 cm.	
File 2: Artwork / prizes. 1949, not dated.	
File 3: Faith Thomas and exemption. nd.	
File 4: Adelaide Festival of Arts. 1969-1970.	
File 5: Education. 1970, 1986.	
File 6: Letter re Eva Johnson. 1989.	
File 7: National Aborigines Sports Foundation. 1977-1979.	
File 8: Talk on Aboriginal women 1970? – Council of Aboriginal Women of S. Aust.	
File 9: TV appearance. Not dated.	
File 10: Letters. 1960-1972.	
Papers relating to cricket	<u>11</u>
ca.1960-2005. 1 cm.	
Consists mostly of photocopies of newspaper articles about Faith Thomas (nee Coulthard)'s cricket career, together with photocopied photos and original newspaper cuttings.	
Media release and photos	<u>12</u>
2006. 0.5 cm.	
Comprises copy of media release by Cricket Australia re the presentation of baggy greens to women cricket players, including Faith Thomas. Also includes two photocopy photos of the recipients.	
Photos relating to Faith Thomas and cricket	<u>13</u>
ca.1958-2006. 0.5 cm.	
Comprises photos of Faith wearing her state cricket blazer, one of the state team (1957) and two of Faith in 2006.	
Scrapbook/photo album compiled by Faith Thomas	<u>14</u>
ca.1949-1960. 1.5 cm.	
Includes photos of teams and individual cricket players, newspaper cuttings, as well as photos of 'winning the Melbourne Cup' (on a donkey at Nepabunna), the Intervarsity Hockey team, Alice Springs hockey team and running at Unley Technical School.	

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- Faith's story 15  
ca.1981-1989. 1 cm.  
Five documents detailing Faith's life story:  
1. *Faith Coulthard, Adnyamathanha woman, Quorn*. 1989. (typescript)  
2. *Faith tells of her interests in sport* (hand written)  
3. Notes for ABC talk (hand written, not dated)  
4. Story of Fanny Coulthard (Faith's mother) in the *Community News*,  
June 1996. Also includes a story on Don Barber (and an article from the *Quorn  
Mercury*, Jan-Feb 1997 on Don Barber).  
5. Interview with Faith by Bernie Whimpress on ABC TV, 2007.
- Newspaper cuttings 16  
ca.1970-2001.  
Comprises articles of interest to Faith, including an obituary for her uncle,  
Andrew Coulthard, and an apprenticeship for her son, Stuart Thomas. Also  
includes a single copy of *AIM* (Aboriginal Islander Messenger), number 12,  
February 1980.  
[13 issues of *Origin*, issued between October 1969 and November 1970  
(incomplete) transferred to the Published Collections.]
- Miscellaneous papers 17  
ca.1978-1992. 1.5 cm.  
Miscellaneous papers including correspondence, a CV, phone calls book,  
photocopies, colour photocopy of portrait, and copy of a 'Commonwealth  
Grant 1971-72 Re: Nepabunna Mission'.
- Photos from Ooldea, Swan Reach, etc 18  
ca.1930-1950. 1 cm.  
A collection of copy prints of (mostly) Aboriginal people, with the only  
identification of 'Ooldea, Swan Reach, etc' on the packet they were stored  
in. There is no indication of where the originals are, although it seems likely  
that at least some of them are from the United Aboriginal Missions lantern  
slides.
- Miscellaneous photos 19  
ca.1940-1960. 0.5 cm.  
Consists of a collection of older (black and white) photos, at least one  
duplicating one of the lantern slides, others with Faith and Sister Rutter  
and Hyde, and a sequence of a dilapidated house (possibly Nepabunna  
Mission or the original Colebrook Home at Quorn).

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Photos of the Colebrook 60 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee 1987. 1 cm. Includes photos of the opening ceremony of the Colebrook Jubilee ceremony at Quorn, Easter 1987. Among those named are Margaret Atma, Avis Gale, Iris Wiley, Mrs Lambert, Daisy Brumby, Lois O'Donohue, Maud Tongerie, George Tongerie and Roma and Ron Schmidt.	<u>20</u>
Photos of scenes from the Flinders Ranges ca.1980s. 0.5 cm. Includes scenes of a flooded river, travelling through the region and a collection of buildings.	<u>21</u>
Sound recordings 2006, ????. 1.5 cm (2 disks). 1. ABC radio interview with Peter Walsh, 18 February 2006. 2. 'Faith Thomas – women's cricket team'.	<u>22</u>
Video recordings 1986-2004. 14 cm (5 VHS tapes) Comprises 5 videotapes featuring Faith Thomas. 1. Inaugural Aboriginal Sports Star Awards night, held in Adelaide 1986, and broadcast by SBS. 2. ABC news item 'Colebrook Kids' and camera tape vision, 1997. 3. ABC interview with Faith Thomas 'in the creek'. (ca.2000). 4. ABC's <i>Message Stick</i> program featuring Faith Thomas. Series 6, episode 4, 2004. 22 minutes, 17 seconds. 5. 2005 SA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards, with a segment <i>Fulfilling a dream / breaking new ground : Celebrating 60 years of Aboriginal Nursing</i> . [Not retained: copy of lantern slides (series 1) on video, and copy of A.E. Gerard's film on 'Colebrook kids' (PRG 764/F-10).	<u>23</u>

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Trophies and awards received by Faith Thomas 24

1957-2007. 18 cm.

1. Trophy awarded to Faith Coulthard, a member of the Windsor's [Women's] Cricket Team, for a 'hat trick against Gold's' 4 February 1956. [The Windsors were the state premiers in 1956.]
2. Medal awarded to Faith Thomas for contributions to 'women's cricket and hockey' at the Inaugural National Aboriginal Sports Awards, 1986.
3. Trophy awarded for 'outstanding contributions by older persons female 1999 [to] Faith Thomas by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Awards.
4. Centenary medal, 2001.
5. 2001 \$1 Silver Roo 'commemorating Prime Minister's XI and Chairman's XI cricket match, April 2001, Manuka Oval'.
6. 2003 \$1 Silver Roo 'commemorating Prime Minister's XI and Chairman's XI cricket match, March 2003, Adelaide Oval'.
7. Trophy awarded to Faith Thomas at the 2005 SA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards 'in recognition of your valuable contribution to the profession'.
8. 'The 2007 Premier's NAIDOC award presented by Hon. Mike Rann, Premier of South Australia, to Faith Thomas' for 'the outstanding achievement and contributions of an extraordinary South Australian whose service and contribution has had the effect of making a significant difference to the lives and welfare of Indigenous people in South Australia'. Comprises both a certificate and plaque.

Badges and pins collected by Faith Thomas 25

ca.1958-2001. 27 items.

Includes badges from the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Queen Victoria Hospital, sporting badges and miscellaneous items. Also includes a hemmed piece of damask cloth [serviette?] with 'FC' embroidered in one corner.

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The following were transferred to the published collection:

Official souvenir *English women cricketers 1958 Australian Tour* (includes profiles of both English and Australian players) [Faith on page 20]

*Against the odds : a pictorial history of 100 years of South Australian women in sport and recreation*, 1994 [Faith on page 111]

Program: *Prime Minister's XI versus ATSIC Chairman's XI*, Manuka Oval, 8 March 2002. [Faith featured on pages 10 and 14.]