

## Local History and Archives

The MVHS has a wide-ranging collection of local history records and archives including original documents, books, bibles, extensive runs of local papers and early maps, plans and surveys.

Of note are the early records of community and civic organizations such as the Upper Manning Agricultural and Horticultural Association, the Wingham Show Society, the Manning River News, Wingham Council and the admissions register of the Base Hospital with its attendant visitor's book.

Other documents of significance include the scrapbooks of local MP Lewis Ormsby Martin (1870-1944), the records of opera singer and entertainer, Kevin Mills and the Victor Carle collection, which documents his experience as a German prisoner of war during World War II.



Of particular significance to the museum and to the community is the extensive photographic collection. Every theme in the collection is documented and supported by photographs of the people, farms, industries, businesses, shops, houses, buildings, community celebrations and events. It is a richly detailed portrait of the Manning Valley and its people over 150 years.

