

*A Guide to the*  
*Walter McVitty*  
*Photograph Collection*

*Fu Rees Archives*  
*Library*  
*University of Canberra*

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## *Scope And Content Note*

- Photographs
- ca.1890 – ca.1997
- 4 boxes

These photographs were donated to the Lu Rees Archives by Walter McVitty, as an accompaniment to his files on Australian authors and illustrators. (These files are the Walter McVitty Research Collection, also held in the Lu Rees Archives). He used the photographs in his works about Australian children's authors and illustrators.

Some photographs were taken by Walter McVitty, including photographs taken at the 1993 Children's Book Council Book of the Year Awards ceremony. Authors and illustrators gave other photographs.

This collection has been arranged, housed and described by student Jessica Hildyard as part of the subject Management of Archives, under the supervision of Professor Belle Alderman.

Related materials also held in the Lu Rees Archives are: The Walter McVitty Publishing Archive, and the Walter McVitty Research collection.

## *Walter McVitty Biographical Note*

(Prepared by Cathie Bartley, Karen Ottoway and Amanda Rebbeck).

Teacher, teacher librarian, tertiary lecturer, critic, editor, author and publisher Walter McVitty was born in Melbourne in 1934 and has been involved in the field of children's literature for over four decades.

He taught in schools in Victoria and worked overseas for five years before undertaking a librarianship course at Melbourne Teachers College in 1962. He was a teacher librarian in Victoria for six years, then Senior Lecturer in children's literature at Melbourne Teachers College for fifteen years before establishing his own small publishing company, Walter McVitty Books, with his wife Lois in 1985.

Walter McVitty Books published 57 books and were a testimony to the highest standard of book production and quality reading. It is to Walter McVitty's credit that he 'discovered' both John Marsden and Margaret Early, creators of international stature. At the same time, he ensured that such classics as Ethel Turner's *Seven Little Australians* and Colin Thiele's *Sun on the Stubble* were attractive to new generations of readers.

Walter McVitty wrote numerous reviews and articles for the *Age*, *Nation Review* and the *Australian*, gave keynote addresses at numerous conferences, commented on the radio and served as a judge for the Children's Book Council awards.

Walter McVitty has also produced the two-volume *The Blinky Bill Collection* (1988), including the biography of Dorothy Wall and a compilation of her works. But perhaps his most important publication was *Innocence And Experience: Essays on Contemporary Australian Children's Writers* (1981). Here Walter McVitty displayed his astute ability to analyse the strengths of Australia's major writers for young people. It is a book, which remains a standard work.

Other important publication efforts occurred during the years 1984 and 1985 when he was editor of the Primary English Teachers Association books. Two of particular note were *The PETA Guide to Children's Literature* (1985) PETA and *Word Magic : Poetry As a Shared Adventure* (1985,1989 second ed) PETA. Both provided valuable insights into children's books for a wide audience.

In 1995, Walter McVitty received an AM in the Order of Australia Awards for his service to education and literature for children and won the Nan Chauncy Award in 1998.

Sources:

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# *Walter McVitty Photograph Finding Aid*

<b>Box Number</b>	<b>Folder Number</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	ALDOUS Allan ALDRIDGE George ALDRIDGE James ALLEN Pamela ARGENT Kerry ARMITAGE David AXELSEN Stephen (Photo and negatives of 'the oath of bad brown bill') BAILLIE Allan (Taken by Robin Mitchell) BAKER Jeannie (Three photos)
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	BALDERSON Margaret Two b&w photos: Tronso 1964 Margaret with 'George' Canberra 1975  BALL Duncan 1 colour photo  BARTON Charlotte One b&w photo from family sketchbook, courtesy of Miss J Cosh One title page of 'a mothers offering'  BASE Graeme 1 b&w photo  BATES Dianne 1 b&w photo taken 1986 Address on back  BEDSON Jack Two colour photos both with Address sticker on back

<b>Box Number</b>	<b>Folder Number</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<p>BRINSMEAD Hesba Fay Two b&amp;w photos: House 'Weathertop' at Terranora NSW</p> <p>BROOKS Ron 1 b&amp;w photo &amp; Coloured negatives in sleeve</p> <p>BRUCE Mary Grant 14 items Photo: Walter McVitty photo: Bruce family home, history &amp; source stuck on back. photo from Woman's World July 1, 1924 by Broothorn Photo: Woman's World July 1, 1924, by Broothorn Photo: at 6, Woman's World July 1, 1924 Photo: duplicate of above Photo: 1987, at home 5 novel covers 2 smaller covers</p> <p>BUDDEE Paul 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>BURKE David 1 b&amp;w photo December 1982</p>

**Box Number****1****Folder Number****3****Contents**

CARR Roger Vaughan  
1 b&w photo  
Photographer J. W  
Moorfoot

CARROLL Jane  
1 b&w photo  
September 1988

CHAFFEY M. Ella  
Four items  
1 b&w photo: The Chaffey  
children, courtesy of  
national trust of S. A  
1 b&w photo: 1892,  
courtesy of national trust of  
S.A  
Photocopy of title page for  
“The youngsters of Murray  
home’  
Drawing of ‘olivewood’

CHARLWOOD Don  
Two b&w photos:  
On location for ‘All the  
Green year’  
Source: ABC

CHAUNCY Nan  
Nine items:  
Postcard of ‘ the  
green, Westerham’  
Photo of ‘Daydawn’,  
Chauncy’s cottage in  
Chauncy Vale, Tasmania.  
Photos of Chauncy’s  
daughter in the caves,  
setting for one of her  
books.  
Photo of Chauncy with  
Dogs  
Photo of Chanucy’s  
childhood home  
Duplicate photo of above,  
but in colour.

**Box Number****1****Folder Number****3****Contents**

Slide photo of above-  
Photo stuck on card with  
details , 1930.  
Map of Tasmania

CHEYNE Irene  
1 photocopy of photo  
Source: State Library of  
Victoria.

CLARK Mavis Thorpe  
Three photos:  
1 b&w with address on  
back  
1 coloured photo of  
Nullarbor setting for 'the  
Min-min'  
1 coloured photo of Clark  
digging for opals

COLLINS Dale  
1 b&w photocopy of photo  
Source: State Library of  
Victoria

COX David  
1986 photo taken by Betty  
Beath

**1****4**

CRABTREE Judith  
1 b&w photo

CUNNINGHAM Walter  
Five items:  
Coloured slide for 'Sandy'  
with notes attached  
Self-portrait.  
Two Photos of  
Cunningham, December  
1982

DALGLEISH Joan  
1 b&w photo  
December 1982

DAVISON Frank Dalby  
Three items:  
Illustration for 'children of

**Box Number****1****Folder Number****4****Contents**

the dark people'  
1945 photo by Leslie Rees  
photo in Belgium, 1919  
with wife Marie.

DENNIS C. J  
Illustrated portrait of  
Dennis.  
Source: State Library of  
Victoria.

DENTON Terry  
1 b&w photo

DIGBY Desmond  
1 large b&w photo

DONKIN Nance  
Two b&w photos:  
1983, Copyright, The Age.

DUGAN Michael  
1 b&w photo

DURACK Elizabeth  
1 large b&w photo  
Address on back

DURACK Mary  
1 b&w photo  
Address on back

**2****5**

EARLY Margaret  
5 items  
2 b&w photos  
1 coloured  
2 negatives

EDWARDS Hazel  
1 b&w photo with  
photographers stamp on  
back.

EVERS L. H  
1 large b&w photo with  
photographers stamp on  
back.



**Box Number****2****Folder Number****5****Contents**

EWERS J.K

1 large b&amp;w photo

Source: State library of  
Victoria.

FARRELL Anne

2 b&amp;w photos captioned.

FARRELL Sally

3 b&amp;w photos

1 captioned 1977

1 1977 photo by A.

Heazlewood.

1 1968 'copyright letter  
30/08/180'

FATCHEN Max

3 b&amp;w photos

acknowledges The  
Advertiser.

1 black ink drawing by

Michael Atchinson for  
country lunch poem.**2****6**

FAVENC Ernest

1 b&amp;w photo

2 book jacket photocopies.

FOWLER Thurley

1 b&amp;w photo

FOX Mem

1 b&amp;w photo

FRENCH Simon

1 b&amp;w photo

Van GARDEREN Ilse

1 b&amp;w photo

GENOVESE Sharon

1 b&amp;w photo

GIBBS May

1 b&amp;w photo

1 b&w photo courtesy of  
State Library of Victoria.

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<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	GLEESON Libby 2 b&w photos
<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	GOULDTHORPE Peter 2 coloured photos  GRAHAM Bob 1 b&w photo  GREEN Cliff 1 b&w photo  GREENWOOD Ted 2 b&w illustrations for 'Terry's Brmmmm G.T' 1 large b&w photo  GUNN Aeneas 2 b&w photo- Acknowledges Mrs H.W Berry. 1 'Rolyat' school photo, Hawthorn c1893. 1 pencil sketch of 'Elsey'
<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	HARDING Lee 1 b&w photo Property of Lee and taken by John Foster  HARRIS Roy 1 b&w photo  HARVEY Roland 1 b&w photo 1 coloured photo  HATFIELD William 1 b&w photo  HATHORN Libby 2 b&w photo 1983 2 b&w photos: Credit Frank Violi News limited.

<b>Box Number</b>	<b>Folder Number</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<p>HEDDLE Enid Moodie 1 b&amp;w photo 1983</p> <p>HILL Deidre 1 coloured photo 1987</p> <p>HOGAN Robyn 1 coloured photo</p> <p>HOLE Quentin 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>HONEY Elizabeth 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>HORDER Margaret 1 b&amp;w photo 1 cover page illustration for 'Boundary riders' 1 drawing for 'boundary riders' pg.44</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<p>HUNNAM Linda 1 small b&amp;w photo 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>INGAMELLS Rex 1 large b&amp;w photo Source: State Library of Victoria.</p> <p>INGPEN Robert 1 NT flag 1 collection of whale stamps 2 large b&amp;w photos.</p> <p>JAMES Ann 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>KELLEHER Victor 1 b&amp;w photo. Source: State Library of Victoria. 1 b&amp;w photo 1983 3 negatives in sleeve for cover of 'Papio' Assorted negatives for 'Master of the grove' and</p>

<b>Box Number</b>	<b>Folder Number</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<p>'Forbidden paths of Thual.'</p> <p>KERWILSON Barbara 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>KLEIN Robin Selection of negatives Negatives for 'people might hear you' 1 b&amp;w photo with address. 1 coloured photo.</p> <p>LACIS Astra 1 coloured photo.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<p>LAMOND Henry George 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>LA ROCHE Sandra 2 coloured photos 1 b&amp;w illustration</p> <p>LESTER Alison 1 b&amp;w photo of 'Alison, pony, dog and wombat' by Ross Bird.</p> <p>LINDSAY Norman 1 b&amp;w photo courtesy of National Library of Australia 1 cover page &amp; illustration for 'the flyaway highway' 1 page of illustrations for 'The magic pudding' 1 b&amp;w photo. Source: The Age. 1 b&amp;w photo of place of birth. Source: Graeme Kinross Smith. Page 23- The magic pudding.</p> <p>LISTER Gladys 1 b&amp;w photo 1939 with Pixie O'Harris. 1 b&amp;w photo</p>

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<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<p>1 b&amp;w illustration for 'the little round house' by Pixie O'Harris.</p> <p>LURIE Morris 2 b&amp;w photos</p> <p>LYNE Nairda 1 b&amp;w photo Source: Ms Lyne.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<p>MACARTHUR-ONSLOW <i>Annette</i> B&amp;w photo Dec 1982 B&amp;w photo family homestead</p> <p>MACINTYRE Elisabeth 1 b&amp;w photo holding Japanese edition of 'Ninji's Magic'</p> <p>MACK Louise 1 b&amp;w photo Source; State Library of Victoria.</p> <p>MCLEAN Janet MCLEAN Andrew 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>MACLEOD Doug 2 b&amp;w photos</p> <p>McRAE Rodney 1 b&amp;w photo 'with stuffed timber wolf'</p> <p>MALTBY Peg 1 b&amp;w photo</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<p>MANLEY Ruth</p>

**Box Number**  
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**Folder Number**  
**12**

**Contents**

1 b&w photo

MARSDEN John  
1 b&w photo 1990

MARSHALL Alan  
1 b&w photo

MARTIN David  
1 b&w photo  
At school camp as writer in  
residence.  
1 b&w photo with twin  
brother.

MATTINGLEY Christobel  
1 b&w photo by Frances  
Andrijich 1987  
1 b&w photo by The Age

MEREDITH Louisa Anne  
1 b&w photo  
1 b&w photo of  
'Springvale' home

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MILTON Mary  
1 coloured photo

MITCHELL Elyne  
1 coloured magazine  
cutting from 'New Idea'  
1 original negative for  
above.  
1 b&w photo of three girls  
1 b&w photo of Elyne's  
home, Towery Hill.

MOORE Inga  
1 b&w photo

MORIMOTO Junko  
1 b&w photo

MULLINS Patricia

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**Folder Number**  
**13**

**Contents**

1 b& w photo  
1 coloured negatives  
1 b&w photo of stone  
dragon.  
6 coloured negatives  
1 large b&w photo

NEWNHAM Jack  
1 b&w photo

NICHOLSON Joyce  
2 large yellow photos

NILAND Deborah &  
Kilmeny  
1 b&w photo with Patrick.  
Address on back.  
1 b&w of Deborah and  
Kilmeny  
Source: Mirror Australia  
Telegraph Publications.

NOONAN Michael  
1 b&w photo

NORMAN Lilith  
1 b&w photo  
1 b&w photo in study  
1 colour photo of surfers in  
ocean.

ODELL Carol  
2 b&w photos

O'HARRIS Pixie  
1 b&w photo  
5 negatives  
1 colour photo  
1 b&w family photo-circled  
1 b&w photo 'Rachael  
Forster' on back  
1 fairy illustration  
12 coloured negatives

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OLDFIELD Audrey  
1 b&w photo

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**14**

**Contents**

ORMEROD Jan  
1 b&w photo  
source Walker books

OTTLEY Reginald  
1 b&w photo

OUTHWAITE Ida Rentoul  
2 b&w photos  
1 photocopy

PAICE Margaret  
1 b&w photo  
1 illustration from the  
';lucky fall'

PARK Ruth  
1 b&w photo of  
Cumberland street Sydney  
Source: NLA  
1 b&w photo credit  
Australia council.

PARKER Richard  
1 b&w photo  
1 b&w photo of Snug  
Primary, Hobart.

PARR Letitia  
2 b&w photos

PATCHETT Mary Elwyn  
1 b&w photo in kimono  
1 b&w aged aged 5 on  
horse.  
1 b&w with fred budgie.

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PATTERSON Betty &  
Esther  
1 item  
photocopied illustration  
from Fernland story book

PAVEY Peter  
2 items  
1 b&w photo attached to  
card source: The Age  
1 sheet of negatives



**Box Number**  
**4**

**Folder Number**  
**15**

**Contents**

PENDER Lydia  
Nothing in sleeve

PHIPSON Joan  
8 items  
1 large b&w photo with dry  
yellow glue on back  
1 colour photo  
1 b&w photo  
1 coloured landscape photo  
of sheep  
1 coloured photo of home  
with detailed typed  
comments stuck to back.  
1 coloured photo  
1 b&w photo  
1 b&w photo identifying  
herself and Elyne Mitchell  
as little girls. Same photo is  
in Mitchell, Elyne. Detailed  
typed comments on back.

PINKNEY, John  
1 item  
1 coloured photo.

PORTER James G  
1 item  
1 b&w photo with details  
on back.

POWER Margaret  
1 item

1 b&w photo  
POWNALL Eve

3 items  
3 b&w photos

PRESTON James  
1 item  
1 b&w photo

RAWLINS Donna  
2 items  
1 b&w photo stuck to card  
1 b&w photo by Julie  
Higginbotham

RAY N. L (Nan Hunt)

<b>Box Number</b>	<b>Folder Number</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<p>1 item 1 b&amp;w photo acknowledge Nigel Smith Bathurst Cae</p> <p>REES Leslie 2 items 1 b&amp;w photo with handwritten comments on back . Sydney 1953 1 b&amp;w photo</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<p>RODDA Emily 1 item 1 b&amp;w photo 1987</p> <p>ROLAND Betty 1 item 1 b&amp;w photo</p> <p>ROUGHSEY Dick (with Percy Trezise) 8 items 1 b&amp;w photo of Percy Trezise source William Collins Pty Ltd 1 b&amp;w photo of Dick Roughsey 29.11.1971 2 sleeves of coloured negatives 1 postcard of Percy Trezise's photo dated 1983 addressed to Bea Fincher. Small tear on top middle. 1 sleeve of coloured negs removed from card and placed into Mylar sheet. 2 magazine cuttings stuck to card</p> <p>ROY Thomas 3 items 1 b&amp;w photo 2 photocopies 'Australia for the British boy' &amp; 'the big brother movement' both stamped 1925.</p>

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**16**

**Contents**

RUBENSTEIN Gillian  
1 item  
1 b&w photo credit Doug  
Nichols

RYAN Laurie  
1 item  
1 b&w photo with address  
on back

SAMUEL Helen Jo  
4 items  
1 b&w photo homestead  
1870  
1 b&w photo homestead  
1 b&w photo source: NLA  
1 reproduction of a photo

SCHOLLES Katherine  
2 items  
1 b&w photo credit Ron  
Robertson  
1 business card for  
'impressions' Ron  
Robertson north Melbourne

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SCOTT Bill  
2 items  
2 b&w photos

SENIOR Margaret  
4 items  
1 b&w photo removed from  
sticky taped card placed in  
conservation box.  
1 card with details from  
photo placed in  
conservation box.  
1 illustration for 'its always  
book time'  
2 b&w photocopies of  
coloured illustrations from  
'bush haven animals.'

SHELLEY Noreen  
1 item  
1 b&w photo courtesy of  
oxford university press

**Box Number**  
**4**

**Folder Number**  
**17**

**Contents**

SMALL Mary  
4 items  
4 b&w photos

SMITH Craig  
1 item  
1 b&w photo 1983

SOUTHALL Ivan  
1 item  
1 b&w photo with dry glue  
stains on back  
pencilled comments on  
back.

SPENCE Eleanor  
1 item  
1 b&w photo

STACKPOOL Walter  
1 item  
1 b&w photo

STOW Randolph  
1 item  
1 b&w photo  
typed comment on back.  
1973

SYRED Celia  
1 item  
1 b&w photo

TANNER Jane  
1 item  
1 b&w photo

TENNANT Kylie  
1 item  
1 b&w photo source: The  
Age

THIELE Colin  
13 items  
1 b&w photo

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1 b&w photo from “the fire in the stone”. SA Film Corporation. with typed detailed comments stuck to back.

1 b&w photo of “Storm Boy” with typed detailed comments stuck to back.

1 coloured photo of school visit

2 coloured photo of Thiele addressing school group

1 coloured photo of Thiele speaking with strapped arm.

1 coloured photo with students.

1 coloured photo with fan and ‘Jodie’s Journey’

1 coloured photo at same event as above.

1 coloured photo in study

2 b&w photos of “Colin Thiele (author)”

**4****18****TRELOAR Bruce**

5 items

1 b&w photo

1 sleeve of coloured negatives

3 loose coloured negatives

**TURNER Ethel**

4 items

1 b&w photo 1910 with reduction instructions.

1 b&w photo

1 b&w photo

**VAUGHAN Marcia**

1 b&w photo with address on back

**VILLIERS Alan**

1 item

1 b&w photo source the age handwritten comment on back.

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**4**

**Folder Number**  
**18**

**Contents**

VIVAS Julie  
1 item  
1 large b&w photo

WAGNER Jenny  
1 item  
1 b&w photo credit  
Penguin Books

WAKEFIELD S.A  
1 large b&w photo  
acknowledgement Jennifer  
Hooks  
1 photocopy of signed  
illustration 'gumbles in  
summer'

WALKER Kath  
1 item  
1 b&w photo source: The  
Age

WALL Dorothy  
1 item  
1 b&w photo

WALLINGTON Vivienne  
1 item  
1 b&w photo with address  
on back

WHEATLEY Nadia  
1 item  
1 b&w photo

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WHITE Mary  
1 item  
1 b&w photo

WIGNELL Edel  
2 items  
1 b&w photo courtesy of  
Geoffrey Wignell  
1 b&w photo  
acknowledgment Leader  
Associated Newspapers.

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**19**

**Contents**

**WILD Margaret**

1 item  
1 b&w photo

**WOODBURY Joan**

1 item  
1 b&w photo

**WORTHY Judith**

1 item  
1 b&w photo

**WRIGHT Judith**

2 items  
1 b&w photo with  
photographer's sticker on  
back.  
1 b&w photo of home  
source Graeme Kinross  
Smith

**WRIGHTSON Patricia**

11 items  
1 illustration removed from  
card  
1 b&w photo with detailed  
typed comments on back.  
1 b&w photo yellowing  
across right hand side.  
1 b&w photo of prawn boat  
NSW  
1 b&w photo  
1 b&w photo of view from  
home  
1 b&w photo (duplicate)  
1 b&w photo Gippsland  
Vic. Courtesy of Bruce  
Pascoe  
1 b&w photo source  
P.Wrightson  
1 b&w photo of home  
1 coloured photo still from  
'I own the race course'.  
(yellow sticky label  
removed)

**YOUNG Noela**

3 items  
2 b&w photos

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**Folder Number**  
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**Contents**  
1 b&w photo with Walter  
Cunningham December  
1982