

## GUIDE TO THE GA WILKES COLLECTION

### DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Title:</b>	G.A. Wilkes collection
<b>Collection dates:</b>	Unknown
<b>Creator:</b>	Unknown
<b>Languages represented:</b>	English
<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library <a href="https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/">https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/</a>
<b>Extent:</b>	2 boxes
<b>Genre and Forms:</b>	Publications, manuscripts
<b>Abstract:</b>	The GA Wilkes collection contains materials relating to the publication of the Dictionary of Australian colloquialisms

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

#### Provenance

Unknown

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#### Preferred citation

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## Biographical note

Gerald Alfred Wilkes (b.1927) was born in Punchbowl, NSW and studied at the University of Sydney. His interest in Australian literature saw him take the unconventional step, in the 1940s and 1950s, of writing BA and MA theses on Australian writers: Henry Handel Richardson and Christopher Brennan, respectively. His MA thesis on Brennan's Poems (1913) was published as a monograph in 1953 and remains a highly respected study. Wilkes published a significant amount of articles on Brennan, but he extended his analyses to many other Australian writers, including A. D. Hope, Patrick White, R. D. Fitzgerald and Judith Wright. Many of these articles drew on the lectures he had developed during the 1960s as foundation professor of Australian literature at the University of Sydney. In addition, his contributions to and his thirty-four year editorship of *Southerly* drew his attention further into the history of Australian literature. Many studies on the development of Australian literature in the nineteenth century appeared during the 1970s and 1980s, culminating in *The Stockyard and the Croquet Lawn: Literary Evidence for Australian Cultural Development* (1981). Wilkes argued against restricting Australian nationalism to the ten year period of the 1890s, stimulating much research into the development of nineteenth century Australian culture.

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## Scope and content note

Contains the Dictionary of Australian colloquialisms, by GA Wilkes, and associated materials.

## Local Catalogue Headings

Wilkes, GA

Wilkes, G. A. (Gerald Alfred), 1927-

Wilkes, G. A

## DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

### Box 1

#### Wilkes 1 – 12

Dictionary of Australian colloquialisms. 919 pp / Wilkes, G. A.  
Typescript with manuscript corrections and additions.

### Box 2

#### Wilkes 13 – 17

Dictionary of Australian colloquialisms. Galley proofs / Wilkes. G.A.  
Marked set. 5 items.

#### Wilkes 18

Dictionary of Australian colloquialisms / Wilkes, G.A.  
Dustjacket proofs and publicity material.

#### Wilkes 19

Ephemera. 1 item. (A Friend of the Library)