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## THE GILBERT McKINLAY COLLECTION

Businessmen, Launceston  
Women, Launceston

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## INTRODUCTION

Gilbert Colville McKinlay was born on 16 May 1912 at Launceston, the son of George Colville and Susan Henty (nee McKay) McKinlay.

Educated at Miss Barnes' Preparatory School, Launceston Church Grammar School and Scotch College, Mr McKinlay commenced working in his grandfather, George Tennent McKinlay's shop, McKinlays Pty Ltd, in Brisbane Street in 1928. McKay, Sampson and McKinlay had traded on the same site since 1887. In 1937-38 he travelled extensively overseas to study the retail trade and also to enjoy his favourite pastime of skiing. He became managing director of McKinlays in 1944, then chairman and managing director from 1961 until the store closed in 1984.

On 7 April 1941, in Sydney, Mr McKinlay married Anne Love Colvin of Roseville, Sydney. Mrs McKinlay became an active member of the Australian Red Cross Society and the YWCA in Launceston. For her distinguished voluntary service to the Red Cross, she was awarded an honorary life medal in 1971. Mrs McKinlay died in 1987.

Mr McKinlay was a life member of the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, having been president 1957-58, a member of the executive committee of the LBS Statewide Bank 1947-1985, a formation member of the Northern Tasmanian branch of the Institute of Management, life member of the Retail Traders Association and Tasmanian representative on the Australian Retail Traders Association Council. He was involved with scouting, the Launceston YMCA, Apex, St Luke's Hospital, a member of the Rotary Club of Launceston and a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. A keen bushwalker and skier, he was a foundation member of the Northern Tasmanian Alpine Club and a life member.

Mr McKinlay was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1986 for his outstanding contribution to Tasmania's retail industry and the community of Launceston.

Gilbert McKinlay died on 24 September 2004 in Launceston at the age of 92.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in 1984 when the Museum presented an exhibition to mark the closure of McKinlays Pty Ltd. Further donations were received in 1992, 1993 and 2003, with additional material donated in June 2004.

## **McKinlays Pty Ltd Records**

### ***1. Legal Records***

1/1	Robert McKay, Richard Sampson and H A Martin, extracts from draft deed of copartnership	1886
1/2	Robert McKay, Richd Sampson and G T McKinlay, copy draft deed of copartnership	1887
1/3	Robert McKay, Richard Sampson and Gilbert Tennent McKinlay, deed of partnership	1901
1/4	Robert McKay, Richard Sampson, Gilbert Tennent McKinlay and George Colville McKinlay, indenture, 2 copies	1909
1/5	Robert McKay and Gilbert T McKinlay, agreement	1913
1/6	R McKay, G T McKinlay and R Sampson, agreement as to retirement of R Sampson	1913
1/7	R McKay and G T McKinlay to W Mosey, bill of costs re partnership & retirement R McKay	1913
1/8	McKay Sampson & McKinlay to W Mosey, bill of costs re R Sampson & new constitution of firm	1913
1/9	G T McKinlay to Robert McKay, copy of indenture re mortgage	1913
1/10	Charles Ramsay, declaration re retirement of Robert McKay	1915
1/11	H V H Newbigen and C E Brown, agreement for sale re land at Devonport	1915
1/12	G T McKinlay and E M Marshall and E L Catlin, agreement re sale of property at Queenstown	1915
1/13	G T McKinlay and George Burrows, agreement re sale of premises at Queenstown	1917
1/14	Sale of G T McKinlay's Queenstown properties to C W Medhurst and Mrs Leslie Self, typed notes re sale conditions	1917
1/15	G T McKinlay and G C McKinlay with John A G Fisher, agreement re employment of John Fisher	1917

1/16	<i>Staff Superannuation Scheme of McKinlays Pty Ltd</i> , booklet and typed copy 'Proposed Superannuation Scheme for McKinlays Pty Ltd 1944'	1944
1/17	McKinlays Pty Ltd with A F and A M Hazelwood, indenture of agreement re apprenticeship	1945
1/18	McKinlays Pty Ltd with M V and C M Killalea, indenture of apprenticeship	1946

## ***2. Correspondence***

2/1	McKay Sampson & McKinlay, letter from Aubrey Sampson, acknowledging receipt of cheque	1920
2/2	McKay, Sampson & McKinlay, reference for Gordon Heath	1921
2/3	George [McKinlay], letter from G E Perrin, re cash orders	1930

## ***3. Financial Records***

3/1	[McKay, Sampson & McKinlay], Devonport cash book	1896-1897
3/2	Devonport and Queenstown cash book, Queenstown 1910-1918 only	1910-1934

## ***4. Scrapbooks***

4/1	M'Kay, Sampson, and M'Kinlay newspaper advertisements pasted in a book of floorcloth samples, in excellent condition	1901-1904
4/2	McKinlay's Pty Ltd <i>Examiner</i> and <i>Express</i> advertisements pasted in a scrapbook, November 1960-12 September 1961	1960-1961
4/3	McKinlay's Pty Ltd <i>Examiner</i> and <i>Express</i> advertisements pasted in a scrapbook, 13 September 1961-1 May 1962	1961-1962
4/4	McKinlay's Pty Ltd <i>Examiner</i> and <i>Express</i> advertisements pasted in a scrapbook, 12 July 1965-12 May 1966	1965-1966
4/5	McKinlay's Pty Ltd <i>Examiner</i> and <i>Express</i> advertisements pasted in a scrapbook, 26 November 1969-25 April 1970	1969-1970
4/6	McKinlay's Pty Ltd <i>Examiner</i> and other newspaper advertisements pasted in a scrapbook, 23 August 1979-1 December 1981	1979-1981

### ***5. Miscellaneous Records***

5/1	Joshua Higgs plan of property in Brisbane Street purchased by McKay, Sampson & McKinlay <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1890
5/2	McKay, Sampson & McKinlay, circular re opening of Devonport store	1896
5/3	<i>Souvenir of the Tasmanian Contingents: South African War 1899-1900</i> , with the compliments of McKay, Sampson and McKinlay, Launceston, 1900 <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1900
5/4	Subdivision survey of lots in King and Steele streets, Devonport, owned by Edward Newbiggin, to be sold on 10 February 1904; hand drawn pen and ink plan of section of the area <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1903
5/5	McKay, Sampson & McKinlay, pen and ink plan of land in Hunter, Sticht and Orr streets, Queenstown	nd
5/6	McKay, Sampson and McKinlay, certificate of registration of trade mark, 'Electric Cleanser' and related advertising material	1904
5/7	McKay, Sampson and McKinlay, newspaper etc advertisements, page from <i>Weekly Courier</i> , 16 February 1907 re fire <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1887-1919
5/8	McKay, Sampson & McKinlay, <i>Launceston Examiner</i> special supplement re the Launceston shop <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1894
5/9.1	McKinlays Pty Ltd, newspaper advertisements, includes	1927-1984
5/9.2	McKinlays Pty Ltd, newspaper advertisement <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1946
5/10	McKinlays Pty Ltd, authorisation for Arnold Ramsay, Devonport manager, to vote on behalf of the Company at municipal elections	1929
5/11	Town of Devonport, sewerage plan <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1930
5/12	McKinlays Pty Ltd, framed certificate of merit re commemoration of Tasmanian Week <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1979
5/13	McKay, Sampson & McKinlay, historical notes on Devonport business, typed and hand written	c1977, 1981, nd

## ***6. Miscellaneous Items***

6/1	McKay, Sampson & McKinlay, two pen knives with calendar on handle	1904
6/2	McKay, Sampson & McKinlay, account, 1902; two labels, 1901, 1914	1901-1914
6/3	McKinlays Pty Ltd, Launceston and Devonport, cardboard jiffy tie press <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	nd
6/4	McKinlay's Pty Ltd, various items of stationary, advertising ephemera, customer car park ticket etc	nd
6/5	McK, Launceston, Eclipse transfer book	nd
6/6	McKinlay's Pty Ltd, wrapping paper; paper bags; plastic bags in 3 sizes; 'Gifts for Mother'; heart-shaped, floral display labels <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	nd
6/7	McKinlays Pty Ltd, certificate re life membership of Society for Care of Crippled Children <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1946
6/8	Geoff Tyson, façade of McKay, Sampson & McKinlay; façade of McKinlay's, 2 pen and ink sketches	c1950
6/9	<i>Coronation Colours in Wool</i> , New York, 1953? (brochure)	1953?
6/10	Queen Elizabeth, coloured illustration used for advertising purposes <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	nd
6/11	McKinlays Pty Ltd, certificate presented by International Refugee S.O.S. Campaign <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1966
6/12	McKinlays Pty Ltd, share certificate from the Mayor re Monkey Island in City Park <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>	1980

## ***7. Photographs***

Photographs relating to McKinlays Pty Ltd are registered on the QVMAG, Community History, photograph database

## **Gilbert McKinlay's Records**

### **8. Correspondence**

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|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 8/1 | Gilbert McKinlay, correspondence, includes McKinlays account charge card              | 1977-2002 |
| 8/2 | Gilbert McKinlay, letters of appreciation etc, includes McKinlays account charge card | 1984      |

### **9. Awards**

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| 9/1 | Gilbert McKinlay, Order of British Empire medal and miniature in case; correspondence received on receipt of OBE                 | 1985, 1986 |
| 9/2 | Gilbert McKinlay, Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow medal in case; certificate in presentation folder | 1988       |

### **10. Miscellaneous Records**

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| 10/1 | A number of brochures, maps etc relating to Gilbert McKinlay's overseas trips                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1920?-1960                   |
| 10/2 | Material relating to Launceston Bank for Savings: <i>L.B.S.: the story of Australia's oldest Savings Bank</i> , Launceston, 1965, with some pages removed; <i>Rules, regulations and by-laws of the Launceston Bank for Savings</i> , 1946, 1974; material relating to Trustee Savings Banks Association conference, Aberdeen, 1960, attended by Mr & Mrs McKinlay; LBS dinner menu on retirement of B. Leslie Hooper, 1975; LBS Executive Committee dinner menu, 1981; LBS dinner menu on retirement of R F Bugg, 1984; notes on 'William Paterson, 1755-1810' | 1946-1984                    |
| 10/3 | Six Christmas cards sent by Gilbert and Anne McKinlay (includes five by Geoff Tyson, two are views of "Freonbrae")                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1953-1954, nd                |
| 10/4 | 20 Christmas cards with illustrations by Geoff Tyson, from Geoff and Hilma Tyson, sent to Gilbert and Anne McKinlay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1964-5, 1969, 1974, 1984, nd |
| 10/5 | Christmas card from Launceston Bank for Savings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1972                         |
| 10/6 | Three Christmas cards with illustrations by and from Hilma Tyson to Gilbert McKinlay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1994, nd                     |
| 10/7 | 36 Christmas cards with views of Low Head by John Gunn,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1962-2002                    |

from the Gunn Family

10/8	Australian Broadcasting Commission, <i>Broadcast talks October to December, 1935</i> , [Hobart, 1935], with text of talk 'Behind the Western Tiers', by R G Hall and of a trip to the Walls of Jerusalem by E O G Scott	1935
10/9	Invitation to opening of Mt Barrow Road	1940
10/10	Items relating to Civil Defence Legion	1941-1942
10/11	Borovansky Ballet, Tasmanian tour program	1945
10/12	Ballet Rambert, Australia and New Zealand tour program	1947-1948
10/13	Launceston Chamber of Commerce, <i>Centenary 1849-1949</i> , Launceston, 1949	1949
10/14	I Thomson, 'Old Launceston, its waterfront in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century' (typescript)	1950
10/15	'Tooms Lake' (typed copy of 1892 letter by Thomas Parramore)	1951
10/16	Plan for "Benbothie" ski lodge, Ben Lomond, by Reg Hall <i>Oversized item</i>	1960
10/17	<i>1960 Davis Cup Challenge Round</i> , Sydney, 1960 (autographed copy)	1960
10/18	George J Connor & Associates, 'Car parking plans for Launceston' (typescript with plan of CBD) <i>Oversized item</i>	1961
10/19	<i>Memento of opening of Franklin House, October 1961</i> (brochure with map of Launceston Airport to Franklin Village)	1961
10/20	M L Hughes, 'Westbury, 'Westfield' and 'Ivy Lawn' (typed notes)	1961
10/21	Elizabeth McQuilkin (nee Hall), typed notes on Reg Hall	1963?
10/22	Launceston Savings Investment and Building Society, <i>100 years of progress</i> , Launceston, 1967	1967
10/23	George Perrin, typed notes from [Rotary] <i>Weekly Bulletin</i>	1969
10/24	Princess Theatre, Launceston, opening ceremony, Australian Ballet program	1970



10/25	<i>138<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Melbourne: souvenir program</i> , Melbourne, 1973	1973
10/26	<i>St Paul's Church, erected 1861 – demolished 1975</i> , Launceston, c1975	c1975
10/27	Australian Ballet, <i>The Merry Widow</i> program, Princess Theatre	1977
10/28	Sir William Crowther, <i>Biographical notes for the Frederick Smithies exhibition</i> , Hobart, 1978	1978
10/29	Royal Commonwealth Society, Northern Tasmanian Branch, <i>Historical notes on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee, 1956-1981</i> , Launceston, 1981	1981
10/30	Gilbert McKinlay, Rotary certificate of appreciation re Polioplus	1988
10/31	Gilbert McKinlay, bookplate	nd
10/32	The Scotch College, Newstead, Launceston, postcard	nd
10/33	Ada Crossley concerts, Launceston? program	nd
10/34	Tasmanian Tourist Department, <i>Tasmania's Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair Scenic Reserve</i> , Hobart, nd	nd
10/35	<i>Gustav Weindorfer (23/2/1874-5/5/1932) Memorial Service, Cradle Valley: order of service</i>	nd
10/36	N.T. Alpine Club badge	nd
10/37	Laura Dean, two 1944 calendars, each with a different watercolour <i>Oversized item</i>	1944

## ***11. Photographs***

Gilbert McKinlay's photographs are registered on the QVMAG, Community History, photograph database

## **Mrs Anne McKinlay's Records**

### ***12. Young Women's Christian Association Records***

12/1	Young Women's Christian Association, minutes of Provisional Committee, Launceston Branch	1945-1950
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| 12/2 | Young Women's Christian Association, minutes of Activities sub committee, Launceston Branch | 1946      |
| 12/3 | Young Women's Christian Association, minutes of Launceston Provisional Committee            | 1952-1955 |

### ***13.Red Cross Records***

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| 13/1  | British Red Cross, Australian Branch, Tasmanian Division, first annual report                                                                          | 1915                |
| 13/2  | 'Launceston appeal for the Red Cross', page of photographs in <i>The Weekly Times</i> , 19 May 1943 <b><i>Oversized item</i></b>                       | 1943                |
| 13/3  | Anne Love McKinlay, Army driving licence, Australian Red Cross Society                                                                                 | 1943                |
| 13/5  | Australian Red Cross, Tasmanian Division, minutes of Northern Regional Committee; Red Cross Citizens Committee for Meals on Wheels, 1969               | 1961, 1968, 1969    |
| 13/6  | [Australian Red Cross Society] Launceston No.1 Service Co., handwritten annual report                                                                  | 1968                |
| 13/7  | Australian Red Cross Society, Tasmanian Division, invitation to annual general meeting                                                                 | 1969                |
| 13/8  | Australian Red Cross Society, Tasmanian Division, annual reports                                                                                       | 1970-1973           |
| 13/9  | Mrs A McKinlay, correspondence re Australian Red Cross Society, Tasmanian Branch                                                                       | 1967-1969, 1971, nd |
| 13/10 | Mrs Anne McKinlay, Australian Red Cross Society Twenty Years Service medal; information on her service rendered to Tasmanian Division of Red Cross     | nd                  |
| 13/11 | Australian Red Cross Society, Tasmanian Division, Launceston No.1 Service Company, history of company, includes names of recipients of medals and bars | nd                  |
| 13/12 | Australian Red Cross Society, Tasmanian Division, letterhead and envelope, bookmark                                                                    | nd                  |

### ***14.Miscellaneous Items***

14/1	<i>The Australian Woman's Mirror</i> , 10 May 1938 (Mrs McKinlay wrote the children's 'Piccaninnies' Page' and answered medical questions for the <i>Woman's Mirror</i> prior to her marriage)	1938
14/2	Anne Colvin, diary of her trip to Europe and USA	1939
14/3	A McKinlay and G McKinlay, meat, clothing, tea and butter coupons; identity card for Anne Love McKinlay, 1942	1942-1949
14/4	Presbyterian Ladies' College Pymble Ex-Students Union, list of financial members	1958
14/5	Mr and Mrs Gilbert McKinlay, invitation to opening of Holyman Drive, Hobart Airport	1961
14/6	Mrs Anne McKinlay, two letters	1966-1967
14/7	Soroptimist Clubs of Australia and New Zealand, menu for biennial conference dinner	1967
14/8	Soroptimist Club of Launceston, 19 <sup>th</sup> annual report	1968
14/9	<i>History of National Councils of Women in Tasmania 1899-1968</i> , Hobart, [1968]	1968
14/10	Anne Colvin, bookplate	nd

### ***15. Photographs***

Mrs Anne McKinlay's photograph album is registered on the QVMAG, Community History, photograph database

### **McKinlay Family Records**

### ***16. Miscellaneous Items***

16/1	George C McKinlay, 'Executed with a Pen, Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> 1890', signed Geo. C. McKinlay, <b><i>Framed</i></b> pen and ink drawing of a reindeer, 470 x 600 cms <b><i>Oversize item</i></b>	1890
16/2	George Colville McKinlay, newspaper cuttings re his bowls results <b><i>Oversize item</i></b>	1915-16, 1918, 1944

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| 16/3 | George Colville McKinlay, presentation certificate marking his retirement from the Executive of the Retail Traders Association of Tasmania <i><b>Oversize item</b></i>                                                      | 1948?      |
| 16/4 | George C McKinlay, bound certificate in box, presented by Launceston Savings Investment & Building Society on his 30 <sup>th</sup> year as chairman of Board of Directors and 45 <sup>th</sup> as a director of the Society | 1956       |
| 16/5 | McKinlay family postcard album inscribed 'Post Cards, A C McKinlay, 9:11:03, Launceston' (Tasmanian and Australian views, greeting cards etc) <i><b>Oversize item</b></i>                                                   | 1903-c1908 |

### ***17. Photographs***

McKinlay family photographs are registered on the QVMAG, Community History, photograph database

### **OTHER SOURCES**

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QVMAG, Community History, CHS 53, 44/4

QVMAG, Community History, McKinlays Pty Ltd staff video

Launceston Reference Library, Local History Collection, McKinlay biography file

*Devonport, a pictorial past*, Devonport, 1990, nos.82-86, photographs of McKay, Sampson & McKinlay's Devonport store

*Weekly Courier* 2 June 1919, p.21, 36, re Devonport store