ASA PUBLISHED HISTORIES

There have been a number of published works covering the early history of the profession in Australia, and the history of the Australian Society of Archivists and the Society’s journal, Archives and Manuscripts. The following is a list of these published works, presented in chronological order according to their year of publication.


30th Anniversary Issue of Archives &Manuscripts, vol.13, no. 2, November 1985. [This edition celebrated 30 years of Archives and Manuscripts and editors spanning the years 1955 to 1985 contributed a memoir of their experience in this role. It also marked the 10th anniversary of the founding of the ASA and Michael Saclier and Baiba Berzins contributed articles reflecting on the establishment of the ASA and thoughts about the next decade.]


Session One — ‘Why do we have an ASA – Just why did they bother?’ Michael Piggott, Colleen McEwen (Eds.), Conference Proceedings: Archivists – The Image and Future of the Profession, 27-29 July 1995, ASA, Canberra, 1996, pp. 3-36. [The 1995 ASA Conference marked the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the society. In the first session two speakers shared their recollections on the origins and objectives of the ASA: Baiba Berzins presented a paper titled ‘Why an ASA’, and Andrew Lemon, a paper titled ‘In at the Beginning’. Barbara Reed
presented a commentary on the papers, followed by an audience discussion, transcribed and presented in the Proceedings.]

In recognition of the 30 Anniversary of the ASA a ‘Special History Feature’ was presented in the June, August and December 2005 issues of the ASA Bulletin. The text of a talk given a Bob Sharman to the Western Australian Branch titled ‘Professional Associations – Why have your own’ was published in the June issue pages 6-8. ‘Remembering the 1970s’ by Baiba Berzins was published in the August 2005 issue pages 7-13, and in the same issue ‘A Glimpse of Archival Life in Melbourne in the 1980’s’ pages 14-15 written by Sigrid McCausland, and a history of the South Australian Branch by Jenny Jerome pages 23-24. Short articles on the history of the Western Australia Branch and the Canberra Branch, written by Sigrid McCausland were published in the December 2005 issue pages 6-9.

Michael Piggott, ‘The future of Archives and Manuscripts’, ASA Bulletin, April 1997, pp 45-52. [While the primary focus of this article is on the future of the journal, it includes comments its history.]