THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Staff

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F.B. Smith, M.A. (Melb.), Ph.D. (Cantab.)

Senior Fellow
J.J. Eddy, B.A. (Melb.), D.Phil. (Oxon.)

Fellow
G.C.L. Hazlehurst, B.A. (Melb.), D.Phil. (Oxon.)

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A.W. Martin, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Syd.), Ph.D. (ANU) (from May)

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M.E. Hoare, B.A. (Hull), M.A. (Monash) (Jointly with Australian Academy of Science)

Visiting Fellows
A.F. Madden, M.A., D.Phil. (Oxon.), University of Oxford (January to April)

J.A. Leith, Professor of History, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario (in conjunction with the History of Ideas Unit and the Humanities Research Centre) (from September)
Research Assistants

Derek Abbott, M.A. (Aberdeen) (from August)

Christopher W. Connolly, B.A. (UNE) (from September)

Amanda Gordon, M.A. (Melb.) (January to July)

Joan Lynravn (to September)

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AUSTRALIAN DICTIONARY OF BIOGRAPHY

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Introduction

The Department of History is primarily concerned with the study of Australian history, social, political and intellectual, with similar aspects of British history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and with relevant comparative studies, especially those arising from British 'imperial' developments in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Work in all these fields is proceeding, although emphases change from time to time according to the availability of materials for advanced research and the special
interests of members of staff able to supervise graduate students in particular fields. As a Department in a 'National' university, History is concerned to encourage mature research in Australia by making available, from time to time, posts on its establishment to historians from other Universities for periods of up to two years, so that work already well-advanced may be completed.

**Staff**

*Australian scholarship generally and historiography in particular suffered a grievous loss with the death of Professor D.H. Pike early in 1974.*

Professor La Nauze returned from study leave at the end of 1973 and continued as Head of the Department until the beginning of the second term in 1974. Professor MacDonagh is Head at present.

Mr L.F. Fitzhardinge, a founder-member (in effect, the founder-member) of the Department, retired at the end of 1973 after more than twenty years of service.

Dr Gollan has been on study-leave, for the most part in Great Britain, during 1974; and Dr Hazlehurst, on leave with the Department of Urban and Regional Development during 1974, has had his leave extended until May, 1975.

Dr K. Inglis, at present Vice-Chancellor of the University of Papua New Guinea, has been appointed to a Professorial Fellowship, and will take up his post towards the end of 1975.

Miss J. Templeton, University of Melbourne, has been with the Department as a visiting non-degree student, since June 1974, and the Department's first Vacation Scholar, Mrs J. Godden, came into residence in December.

Various members of staff were invited to lecture at other Australian universities.

**Students and Seminars**

Eleven students were working for the Ph.D. during the year in varied fields of Australian and modern British history. Four students, and in addition a staff member, Mr M.E. Hoare, qualified for the award of the Ph.D. One other student will submit his thesis for examination early in 1975.
Weekly seminars, presenting reports on the work of staff and students, and papers by visitors, were held throughout the year.

Research Work - Staff

Professor MacDonagh completed his section (1830-45) of the New (Oxford) History of Ireland, which is to be published, in nine volumes, in 1976, and also articles accepted for publication in the Historical Journal and Irish Historical Studies during 1975. His other research work has concentrated on late eighteenth and early nineteenth century government, and his projected biography of O'Connell.

Professor J.A. La Nauze has continued work on a biographical memoir of Walter Murdoch (1874-1970), Professor of English in the University of Western Australia 1913-39 and Australian writer 1899-1968, for publication in 1976.

Dr R.A. Gollan’s Australian Radicalism 1920-55: The Rise and Fall of the Communist Party went to the publishers in 1974 and will be released by ANU Press in 1975.

Dr Smith completed research projects on Britain in 1848 and Australian Religious History, both to be published in 1975. He continued work on entries for the Australian Dictionary of Biography and his study of Wellbeing and Illbeing in the United Kingdom in the nineteenth century.

Dr Eddy’s book Britain and Australia 1831-75, and long article or monograph, 'Imperialism and Australian Nationalism, 1880-1914', are expected to be completed in 1975. He has contributed two chapters to the volume, edited by B. Hodgins, Social Basis for change in early Canadian and Australian Federalism, due for publication in 1975.

Dr Cameron Hazlehurst (on leave of absence during 1974 as Assistant Secretary, Head of the Information Service, Department of Urban and Regional Development) has gathered material for a short study of political communication under the Whitlam Government to be completed in 1975. He has continued the editing of the political journals of J.A. Pease, to be completed in 1975, and in collaboration with Dr George Boyce of University College, Swansea, completed 'Some Papers of H.E. Duke, 1st Baron Harrivale, Chief Secretary for Ireland, 1916-18'.

Dr A.W. Martin’s work involves two main projects: his biographical study of Sir Henry Parkes, and the editing (with R.S. Parker and P. Loveday) of a multi-author volume on the origins of the Australian party system.
Dr. Herritt continued his work on a history of the Australian Workers' Union. A book on the period 1886-1911 should be ready for publication in 1975.

Mr. Nelson completed the manuscript of a book on encounters between Australian gold miners and the peoples of Papua New Guinea.

Dr. G.W. Martin completed work on Reappraisals in British imperial history (jointly with R. Hyam), to be published by Macmillan late in 1975, and continued to collect material for the revision of his Ph.D. thesis, 'Britain and the future of British North America', which he plans to convert into a book in 1975-6. He has also completed articles on associated subjects, which will appear in 1975.

Dr. M.E. Hoare's The Tactless Philosopher: Johann Reinhold Forster (1729-98), 433 pp., will be published by the Hawthorn Press, Melbourne, in February-March, 1975.

Dr. Walker's book on Australian literary nationalism in the early twentieth century will be published by ANU press, probably in 1975. He has continued the editing of a collection of essays on aspects of twentieth century Australian social history. It is hoped that this book will appear in late 1975.

Mr. Gibbney (A.D.B.) continued work on a history of the Moruya district. He published an article on the subject and was invited by the Land Use Research Division of C.S.I.R.O. to contribute a chapter on historical sites to its South Coast project. He is preparing an index of labor journalists for publication in 1975.

AUSTRALIAN DICTIONARY OF BIOGRAPHY

The central organization of the Australian Dictionary of Biography has since its beginning been associated with the Department of History but it is in effect an independent section. Until the end of 1973 Professor D.H. Pike was in charge, and since then Mr. N.B. Nairn has served as Acting-Head. The Dictionary has been steadily progressing according to the original plan for the production of some twelve volumes covering 1788-1939.

It had been hoped that Professor Pike's expertise in the period up to 1890 could be called upon by his remaining as Visiting Fellow after his retirement at the end of 1973. His grave illness shortly before he retired and his death early in 1974, however, prevented this proposal being realized. Volume 5 (K-Q) of the Dictionary, published later in the year, is yet another testimony to his great
scholarship and literary grace, which over the last decade shed lustre upon the University and the Department.

Work on Volume 6 (R-Z) is progressing and its publication is anticipated late in 1975. This will complete the second chronological section, 1851-90.

Six volumes are planned to cover the third chronological section, 1891-1939: preliminary work is being done on preparing the lists of entries and possible authors for these volumes, with the help of the section editors, Professor G.C. Bolton, Mr N.B. Nairn, Dr R.J. O'Neill and Professor J. Poynter.

Publications

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NELSON, H.N.


PIKE, Douglas, general editor


RUTLEDGE, Martha


SMITH, F.B.


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'The Victorian City', Labour History, 1974(May), 26: 82-86.


WALKER, D.R.