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MITCHELL, Dame Roma Flinders, Governor

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Series List

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- Papers relating to appointment as C.B.E., D.B.E. and AC 1  
1971, 1982, 1991. 1cm. Typescript, printed.  
[Includes Letters Patent, citations, certificates, booklet  
and printed statutes of the Order of Commander of the British  
Empire (1971), Dame of the British Empire (1982) and Commander  
of the Order of Australia (1991).]
- Letters Patent for judicial appointments. 2  
of the Supreme Court of South Australia.  
1962-1990. 1cm. Printed. (11 items).  
[Appointment as barrister, 20 September 1962; Judge,  
23 September 1965; Acting Chief Justice, 23 April 1981 and  
21 April 1983; Auxiliary Judge, 27 July 1989 and 21 June 1990.  
Letters of commission accompany.]
- Letters of congratulation received. 3  
1962-2000. 1.3 m. Manuscript, typescript.  
  1. Appointment as Queen's Counsel 1962.
  2. Appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court of South  
Australia 1965.
  3. Appointment as Commander of the Order of the British  
Empire (C.B.E.) 1971.
  4. Appointment as Dame Commander of the Order of the  
British Empire (D.B.E.) 1982.
  5. Retirement from the Bench of the Supreme Court 1983.
  6. Appointment as Chancellor of the University of Adelaide  
1983.
  7. Conferral of degree of Doctor of the University (of Adelaide)  
1985.
  8. Appointment as Governor of South Australia 1990-1991.  
Letters include condolences expressed to Dame Roma Mitchell on  
the death of her sister Ruth, Mrs Gooch.
  9. Appointment as Companion of the Order of Australia (A.C.)  
1991.
  10. Retirement as Governor of South Australia 1996 (2 parts)
  11. Appointment as Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO)  
2000.]

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Correspondence.	<u>4</u>
1983-1996, n.d. 6 cm. Manuscript, typescript.	
[Letters received by Dame Roma Mitchell with typescript reply copies:	
1. Formal correspondence 1983-1984.	
2. Correspondence associated with Chancellorship of the University of Adelaide. Includes citation for degree of Doctor of the University (1984). 1983-1988.	
3. Formal correspondence 1986	
4. Personal correspondence 1986.	
5. Correspondence with Stewart Cockburn	
6. Formal correspondence January – July 1996]	
Letters received.	<u>5</u>
1952-2000. 30 cm. Manuscript, typescript.	
[1. General. 1952-1996.	
2. Letters notifying inability to attend dinner tendered to Dame Roma Mitchell in Sydney 10 December 1986 marking the end of her five year term as Chairperson of Human Rights Commission.	
3. General 1987	
4. General 1988	
5. General 1989	
6. General 1990	
7. General 1991-1992	
8. General 1993	
9. General 1994-1996	
10. General 1996 (in two parts)	
11. General 1997	
12. General 1998-1999	
13. Letters of condolence received by HE the Governor Sir Eric Neal on the death of Dame Roma Mitchell 2000.]	
Subject files. See Special List for Series 6 for further details.	<u>6</u>
1977-1990. 40cm. Manuscript, typescript, printed, photocopy.	
[Files kept by Dame Roma Mitchell in her capacity as patron of organisations, and others relating to professional associations.]	
Lecture notebooks.	<u>7</u>
1929-1934. 5cm. Manuscript. (3 volumes).	
[Used by R.F. Mitchell while a Law student at the University of Adelaide.]	
Case notes taken by R.F. Mitchell, Q.C.	<u>8</u>
1965. 1cm. Manuscript.	
[Notes taken for the final address in the case A.W.U. v Cameron and others. This was R.F. Mitchell's last case in which she appeared as Counsel prior to appointment to the Supreme Court Bench.]	

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Note book of case references. c1982. 3.5cm. Manuscript. [Extracted by R.F. Mitchell. Volume has alphabetical index to cases.]	<u>9</u>
Affidavit and Brief relating to R.F. Mitchell. 1932, 1934. 0.5cm. Typescript. [1. Affidavit of G.E. Owen referring to R.F. Mitchell as articled to W.A. Rollison. 2. Brief admitting R.F. Mitchell as practioner of Supreme Court.]	<u>10</u>
Letters written by R.F. Mitchell and her mother to her sister Ruth and brother-in-law Hugh Gooch, and a letter from Ruth to her sister by 'tin can' mail. 1935-1936, 1949-1968 1.5 cm Manuscript	<u>11</u>
Certificates awarded to R.F. Mitchell. See Special List for Series 12 for further details. 1922-1988. 2cm. Printed, typescript, metalplate. [Education, music, professional and awards certificates. See Series 34 for honorary degrees.]	<u>12</u>
Programmes and brochures from Dame Roma Mitchell's speaking engagements. 1962-1990. 10cm. Printed.	<u>13</u>
Report: 1962 Seminar on the Status of Women in Family Law. 1962. 0.5cm. Printed. [Organised by the United Nations in collaboration with the Japanese Government. Includes working paper prepared by R.F. Mitchell, Q.C.]	<u>14</u>
Law Council Newsletter. 1965. 0.5cm. Printed. [Newsletter Volume 1, No 4, October 1965. Subtitle: "Reflections on the Third Commonwealth and Empire Law Conference". On Page 3 is an article on Justice Roma Mitchell.]	<u>15</u>
Programmes of national and international legal conventions attended by R.F. Mitchell. 1955-1988. 9cm. Printed.	<u>16</u>
Transcript of speeches. ca.1955-1999. 50 cm. Typescript. [Speeches made by Dame Roma Mitchell, including those made while Governor of S.A. See Special List for Series 17 for further details. Speeches made after Dame Roma's term as Governor are not all dated.]	<u>17</u>
Passports and travel itineraries. 1955-1983. 1.5cm. Typescript, printed.	<u>18</u>

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- Menu. 19  
1983. 0.5cm. Typescript, manuscript.  
[Menu from the dinner in honour of Dame Roma Mitchell,  
"Juliana's" restaurant 27 September 1983. Includes signatures  
of those people who attended.]
- Programme for Degree Commeration. 20  
1934. 0.5cm. Printed.  
[Roma Flinders Mitchell was admitted to the degree of  
Bachelor of Laws at this ceremony, University of Adelaide  
12 December 1934.]
- Manuscript: "The Saga of Roma". 21  
c1918. 1cm. Manuscript.  
[Written by Miss K.A. Lenihan and her sister Honore. Dame  
Roma Mitchell's note accompanying this volume: "They had  
a flat in a house which my mother occupied with my sister  
Ruth and me while my father was at the War. She is slightly  
incorrect about my age at the time of which she writes. I had  
my fourth birthday on 2 October 1917".
- Scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings. 22  
ca. 1850-1997. 25 cm (4 volumes, loose). Printed, photograph.  
[Newspaper articles chiefly reporting the legal and civic  
career of Dame Roma Mitchell. Also contains family  
information, photographs, and items of historical interest.]
- Photographs. 23  
ca.1853 -1999. 20 cm.  
[Photographs about Dame Roma Mitchell's professional and  
private life, positions held, term as Governor of South Australia,  
Mitchell family. See Special List for Series 23 for further details]
- Articles of Clerkship for Harold Flinders Mitchell. 24  
1903. 0.5cm. Manuscript.  
[Articles of clerkship agreement between Samuel James  
Mitchell and his son Harold Flinders Mitchell. H.F. Mitchell  
was Dame Roma Mitchell's father and was killed in  
World War I.]
- Papers relating to Harold Flinders and Samuel James Mitchell. 25  
c1909 - 1958, n.d. 1cm. Manuscript, typescript, handwritten,  
printed, photograph.  
[Letter from H.F. Mitchell to daughter Roma from Trinity  
College, Cambridge for her birthday, 2 October 1917;  
Christmas card from H.F Mitchell to brother Garnet from  
England, 1917; letter from Chaplain J.H. Justice to H.F.  
Mitchell's widow about his grave in Millencourt Cemetery,  
France, with a photograph; photographs of H.F. Mitchell &  
S.J. Mitchell; papers relating to the maintenance of the  
grave of S.J. Mitchell, North Road Cemetery; and other items.]

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Letter written by S.J. Mitchell. 1914. 0.5cm. Manuscript. [Written to Heer L. Netelembos, Java, from Port Pirie, 19 February 1914.	<u>26</u>
Illuminated Addresses 1916, 1992. 3 cm. Manuscript, leather & paper [1. Presented to Samuel James Mitchell, Stipendary Magistrate, Petersburg, 14 March 1916, by members of the North Eastern Licensing Bench; 2. record of appreciation to Dame Roma Mitchell, Governor of S.A., from the Churchill Fellows Association of S.A., appointing her Patron, 20 August 1992 (Calligraphy on paper)]]	<u>27</u>
Papers relating to the Mitchell ancestry and related families, 1845-1967. 0.5cm. Typescript, photocopy, mss, card. [1. "The Dunstone-Mitchell Family" by Arthur W. Dunstone 30.12.1944. 2. "Mr S.J. Mitchell, at Port Augusta" by Alan McLellan, 14.3.1967 3. Birth records of children of John Gardener and wife Mary, nee Chaplin, in India 1845 -1852 (Dame Roma Mitchell's grandmother and siblings). [Item removed from newspaper cuttings scrapbook] 4. In Memoriam card for Elizabeth Chaplin, 1854 (Dame Roma Mitchell's great-great-grandmother of Huddersfield, England) 5. Letter to Piers Plumridge enclosing a copy of the Mitchell family line.]	<u>28</u>
Funeral and commemoration orations. 1995. 0.5cm. Typescript. [Typescripts of orations given by Professor Brian Medlin at the funeral of Dr J.J. Bray, 3 July 1995 and the commemoration for Dr Bray at Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide on 25 July 1995.]	<u>29</u>
Transcripts of Proceedings 1965, 1983, 1995. 2000 2 cm. Typescript. [Transcripts of proceedings during special sittings on the presentation of her commission by Her Honour Justice Mitchell, 27 September 1965; the retirement of Justice Mitchell, 28 September 1983; the retirement of His Honour Justice Walters 27 August 1984; and the retirement of the Honourable Chief Justice L.J. King, 28 April 1995, all in Supreme Court, Adelaide; the retirement of His Honour Judge C.W. Villeneuve-Smith, 15 February 1995 in the Victorian County Court; and a special sitting to mark the death of Dame Roma Mitchell, Supreme Court, Adelaide 13 March 2000. A media release from the Courts Administration Authority accompanies.]	<u>30</u>
Discussion Papers. 1983-1986. 5cm. Photocopy, printed. [Papers prepared for the Human Rights Commission and collected by Dame Roma Mitchell as Chairman.]	<u>31</u>

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- Diary. 32  
1994. 1cm. Manuscript, printed.  
[Dame Roma Mitchell's personal copy of the 1994 Women's Suffrage Centenary diary with her appointments and activities written in her handwriting.]
- Personal diary of appointments as Governor 33  
1991-1996 3.5 cm  
[Printout of the Governor of South Australia's official diary of appointments during Dame Roma Mitchell's term, with a list of names of her staff. (In two parts: 1991-1993, 1994-1996)]
- Honorary degrees and awards conferred on Dame Roma Mitchell 34  
1992-1996 6 cm Printed, medallion  
[1. Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, University of Queensland, with citation, 12 May 1992  
2. Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, The Flinders University of South Australia, with citation, 7 May 1993  
3. Honorary degree of Doctor of the University, University of South Australia, 3 May 1994  
4. Medal for the Australian Mathematics Competition - 'Westpac Award' presented to Dame Roma Mitchell, 1986  
5. Certificate admitting Dame Roma Mitchell as a Fellow *honoris causa* of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, 7 May 1992  
6. Service decoration from the Scout Association of Australia in recognition of five years service as a Leader, 27 March 1996  
7. Certificate of Honorary Life Membership of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia, with citation, 3 October 1996  
8. Certificate of Appreciation presented by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide "in honour of [Dame Roma Mitchell's] significant contribution to the City of Adelaide" [commemorated by] "a Grove of ten River red Gums planted and dedicated to [her] in the Eastern Park Lands", 27 November 1996  
9. Honorary Life Membership of the Royal Zoological Society presented to Dame Roma Mitchell in recognition of Signal Service as Patron of the Society from 1991 to 1996, 28 November 1996  
See Series 12 for other certificates.]

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- Album of photographs of Millencourt Communal Cemetery, 35  
Department of the Somme, France  
1994, 1995 0.5 cm Photograph  
[Photographs of the cemetery where Dame Roma Mitchell's father Harold Flinders Mitchell was buried in 1918, taken by Robin Corfield, historian of the First AIF. Also contains a small map showing detail of Amiens region with Millencourt, and letters written by Robin Corfield to Mme Isabelle Costa de Beauregard, Consul General of France, Melbourne, and the Consul General's letter to Her Excellency the Governor, December 1994. Dame Roma visited the cemetery on 26 June 1995. Four photographs of her visit have been added at the end.]
- Diary of holiday trip to South Africa 36  
1999 0.5 cm Typescript 25 pp  
[Typescript journal, incomplete, from 4 - 24 August and written by Ms Barbara Habel, the companion of Dame Roma Mitchell on this safari holiday.]
- Christmas, birthday and retirement cards received 37  
ca. 1991-1996 2.5 cm  
[Cards from staff at Government House, the SA Supreme Court, from close friends and Joanna Cole, Churchill Fellowship winner sponsored by Dame Roma Mitchell.]
- Letters written to Mrs Noni Farwell 38  
ca. 1977 – 1996 1.5 cm  
[Written by Dame Roma Mitchell, mostly in the form of 'aerogramme' letters while she was away on holidays overseas, including some during her term as Governor of South Australia.]
- Orders of service and text of farewell sermon 39  
1996 0.5 cm  
[1. Order of Service for Evening Prayer at St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide, Sunday 7 July 1996, as farewell service to Dame Roma Mitchell as Governor of South Australia.  
2. Text of the sermon preached on that occasion by the Most Reverend Ian George, Archbishop of Adelaide.  
3. Order of Service for the Mass of Thanksgiving at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 27 August 1996.]

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- Program for official visit to France 40  
1995 0.5 cm  
[Program covering 18 – 26 June 1995 prepared by the Australian Embassy, Paris for Dame Roma Mitchell's visit to France. This visit included a trip by car to Millencourt Cemetery to see her father's grave and an official luncheon afterwards at *Le Prieure*, Rancourt. Includes a guest list of people invited to dinner with Dame Roma in the Senate of the French Republic on 23 June.]
- Papers relating to statue of Dame Roma Mitchell 41  
1996, 1999 0.5 cm  
[Letter from the Chief Executive Officer, City of Adelaide, to Dame Roma about the erection of a statue, and address given on the occasion of the unveiling of the Dame Roma Mitchell Statue, Prince Henry Gardens, near Government House, 2 July 1999.]
- Article and Foreword written by Dame Roma Mitchell 42  
ca. 1997-1998 0.5 cm Typescript  
[Foreword for book on the history of Legacy, and her article about Elliott Johnston AO with a letter of response dated 23 January 1998.]
- Articles about Dame Roma Mitchell and her career 43  
1991, 2000 1 cm  
[Liz Johnswood's article in *New Woman* February 1991, p 114; the Honourable Marcus Einfeld's article 'Human Rights'; and by unnamed author, Dame Roma Mitchell Commemorative Essays, Part Two: 'At Work for the Law – before the Bench'.]
- Condolence Books for Dame Roma Mitchell 44  
2000 1.5 cm  
[Four black covered volumes placed at Government House for people to write condolence messages, and two pages used by the City of Mount Gambier to record similar messages, accompanied by a letter from Mayor McDonnell to HE the Governor Sir Eric Neal.]
- Order of Service for Memorial Service, London 45  
2000 0.5 cm  
[Memorial service at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1 4 May 2000 for the late Hon. Dame Roma Mitchell, and a notice about the service from The Times, 5 May 2000.]
- List of furniture and objet d'art 46  
1983. 0.5 cm Typescript  
[List of Dame Roma Mitchell's antique furniture and objet d'art in her unit, East Terrace, Adelaide with valuation by McKennas Antiques, 14 April 1983.]



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- Papers relating to Jean Hildegarde Mitchell 47  
1909-1948 0.5 cm  
[Jean Mitchell was Dame Roma's aunt, born in 1895. Papers comprise her Public Examinations Board Primary Examination certificate 1909, certificate awarded by the Royal Sanitary Institute in December 1925 as Sanitary Inspector [OUTSIZE], and an 'At Home' invitation following her marriage to Mr C.A. Priaux, 5 March 1948. [Item 1 & 3 housed together]
- Videotape recordings 48  
ca. 1983 – 2000 28 items 66 cm  
[Videotape recordings relating to Dame Roma Mitchell's career, her interest in Human Rights, her old school Saint Aloysious College, her position as Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, duties as Governor of South Australia, her State Funeral and other subjects, an interview conducted by Joan Innes, and 'Millennium Dilemma: Constitutional Change in Australia'. See the online catalogue for series 48 for full details of these recordings.]
- Sound recordings of radio interviews 49  
1986, 1989 2 items 2.5 cm  
[Dame Roma Mitchell's interviews with Judy Fasher for the 'Tuesday Despatch' ABC radio program on 17 June 1986 (42 mins), and Keith Conlon on 11 October 1989, prior to her giving the inaugural Mitchell Oration in Adelaide (17 mins). In these interviews Dame Roma speaks about the Bill of Rights, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action. See the online catalogue for series 49 for full details of these recordings.]
- Retirement congratulations books 50  
1996. 4 cm. 2 volumes.  
[Volume 1 has a message from the Premier Dean Brown, 5 July 1996, followed by entries by people of South Australia, including Government House staff. Volume 2 is signed by SA Members of Parliament with entries from various SA electorates.]
- Certificate from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust of Australia 51  
1992. 0.5  
[Acknowledgement of Dame Roma Mitchell's generosity in sponsoring a Fellowship in her name for David Dockery, pianist, 22 July 1992.]

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- Commissions appointing Dame Roma Mitchell to be Governor of South Australia and Administrator for Governor-General 52  
1991. 0.5 cm  
[Commissions signed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appointing Dame Roma Mitchell as Governor of S.A., 23 January 1991 and to administer the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in the absence of the Governor-General, 17 August 1991.]
- War medals of Lieut. H.F. Mitchell 53  
ca.1918, nd 4 items Militaria  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Harold Flinders Mitchell's war medals: gold-coloured medal 'The Great War for Civilisation 1914-1919' with coloured ribbon, silver medal '1914-1918' with coloured ribbon, and identity disc '15648 A.A.M.C. A.I.F. C of E'. Also memorial plaque ('Dead Man's Penny') featuring a Commonwealth design with Britannia, a laurel leaf and lion and the world 'he died for freedom and honour'. Originals in Rare Book Room, colour photograph available for reference. Dame Roma Mitchell's father was killed in France in 1918 and buried in Millencourt communal cemetery, the Somme. See also Series 25.]
- Presentation book 54  
1933. 1 volume.  
[*John Hampden: a life* by Hugh Ross Williamson, 1933, given to Roma Mitchell by her friend Eileen on her admission to the Bar. On the inside of the front cover is her bookplate with the motto: *Sapiens Qui Assiduus Est.*]
- Folder of newspaper cutting photocopies relating to Samuel James Mitchell's appointments and judicial career 55  
ca.1890-1926. 1.5 cm  
[Cuttings are dated and sourced; whereabouts of originals unknown. Includes copies of commissions and Letters Patent.]
- Minutes of the Criminal Law and Penal Methods Reform Committee SA 56  
1971-1972. 3.5 cm  
[The Honourable Justice Mitchell was the chairman of the Committee. Comprising minutes from the first meeting on 20 December 1971 to the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting on 15 December 1972 (minutes for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meetings not included). Also includes agendas for some meetings, letters and supporting documents.]

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Assorted photographs of Dame Roma Mitchell ca.1914-1996. 3 prints, 7 digital photographs [Various photographs of Dame Roma Mitchell including professional portraits of her as a child, as QC, Supreme Court Judge, Chief Justice, Governor of South Australia, with the Duchess of Kent in 1995, and both print and digital copies of a colour photograph of Dame Roma with Queen Elizabeth II during a royal visit to Adelaide in 1992. SEE ALSO Series 23 for private and work-related photographs of Dame Roma Mitchell.]	<u>57</u>
Death certificate 2000. 1 page Original death certificate for Dame Roma Mitchell.	<u>58</u>
Copy of Dame Roma's will and the Probate document 1998, 2000. 0.5 cm Comprises a copy of Dame Roma's will attached to the Probate document which was granted on 1 May 2000.	<u>59</u>
Certificate of Registration of Burial Lease – Maud Mitchell. 1938. Certificate and envelope.	<u>60</u>
Papers relating to the award of Commander de la Legion de' Honneur. 1997. 0.5 cm	<u>61</u>