



The Arthur Carman Papers

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Arthur Herbert Carman (1902-1982) was a Wellington and Tawa-based sports historian and statistician. In 1935, he published the New Zealand Rugby Almanack and in 1948, together with Noel Macdonald, he began the New Zealand Cricket Almanack published by his own company, Sporting Publications. He took on sole responsibility for the Almanack in 1958 and edited and compiled it until 1982. Building on the pioneering work of TW Reese, Carman established himself as a hugely important figure in the development of cricket statistics and history, both in New Zealand and internationally. His cricketing publications include *WN Carson: Footballer and Cricketer*, Sporting Publications: Wellington 1947, *New Zealand International Cricket, 1894-1974*, Sporting Publications: Tawa 1974, and *Wellington Cricket Centenary, 1875-1975*, Sporting Publications: Tawa 1975.

The Collection held by the New Zealand Cricket Museum includes national and international correspondence to and from Carman, with regard to various cricket Almanacks and New Zealand cricket in general, as well as four boxes of scrapbooks etc covering domestic cricket and international cricket tours undertaken by New Zealand, together with details of tours to New Zealand by other countries. The boxes also include handwritten notes made by Carman on players and games.

For details of his political beliefs, local government work and local history publications [visit Te Ara](#).

Read about the process of cataloguing his collection in our post, [Cataloguing the Papers of Arthur Carman](#).

The Collection

A. Correspondence

Folder 1

Correspondence: 1966-1969.

Folder 2

Correspondence re: 1967 Cricket Almanack as well as news clippings re: the injury to Archie Taylor.

Folder 3

Correspondence re: 1974 Cricket Almanack in chronological order and undated. Also various



assorted news clippings and pages from earlier Almanacks featuring Carman's hand written corrections and notes.

Folder 4

Correspondence re: 1976 Cricket Almanack in chronological order.

Folder 5

National and International correspondence on New Zealand cricket history and statistics. Includes some correspondence with Irving Rosenwater.

Folder 6

Correspondence with Francis Payne, 1980-81.

Folder 7

Correspondence re: 1980 Cricket Almanack in chronological order and undated. Various assorted news clippings.

Folder 8

Information provided by players for use in New Zealand Almanacks as well as letters from Carman to players soliciting information. There are also news clippings on certain players.

Folder 9

Carman's notes on player's statistics etc. Also includes printed player details from previous Almanacks – presumably for lay out purposes. Some have handwritten additions and corrections on them.

Folder 10, Account Book: Sporting Publications

Covers New Zealand Rugby Almanack 1935-1970 and New Zealand Cricket Almanack 1949-1970. Also includes various invoices, quotes etc to do with Sporting Publications – primarily the New Zealand Cricket Almanack.

B. Boxes

Box 1

1. Scrapbook of news clippings: England v Australia; Australia v England; England v South Africa 1921-1923. Includes AC's handwritten annotations.

2. Sections of New Zealand Cricket Reports 1945-46 and 1946-47, and the New Zealand Cricket Almanack, 1948.



3. Scrapbook of news clippings: New Zealand Tour of England, 1973 with handwritten annotations by AC.
4. Scrapbook of news clippings.
4. Scrapbook of 1971 New Zealand domestic season and the England tour of New Zealand, 1971. Includes programme: England v New Zealand, Eden Park, March 5th-8th, 1971.
5. Scrapbook of news clippings from New Zealand domestic season, 1973-74. Includes notes by AC.
6. Scrapbook of news clippings: 1971 Domestic season; 1972 NZ tour to the West Indies; 1973 New Zealand B Team to Australia. Also includes hand-written stats for the domestic season by district.
7. Scrapbook of news clippings: Domestic season 1972; Pakistan tour of New Zealand 1973.
8. Scrapbook of news clippings for the 1968-69 Plunket Shield, labelled Neely ex/Carman. Includes hand-written statistics by AC.
9. Scrapbook of news clippings from New Zealand's tour to England, 1969. Labelled Neely ex/Carman with stats sheets inserted.
10. Small blue notebook, includes: handwritten list of centuries in Wellington cricket clubs, 1946-47 to 1958-59; handwritten list of century wicket stands in Wellington cricket clubs, 1946-47 to 1958-59; handwritten list of those who carried their bats throughout the innings in Wellington cricket clubs, 1946-47 to 1958-59; handwritten list of those who from Wellington cricket clubs who took 14/15 wickets in a match, 1946-47 to 1958-59; handwritten list of centuries at Nos 8, 9 and 10 in Wellington cricket clubs, 1946-47 to 1958-59; handwritten list of hat tricks in Wellington cricket clubs, 1946-47-1958-9.
11. Scrapbook of news clippings for the 1967-68 domestic season, including the Plunket Shield together with handwritten statistics for provincial teams.
12. Scrapbook of news clippings: 1924 tour of New Zealand by New South Wales; 1924-25 tour of New Zealand by Victoria (including hand-written stats on the Victorian team); New Zealand team in Australia 1925-26; Melbourne CC in New Zealand 1926-27.
13. Copy of *New Zealand Cricket 1841-1914* by TW Reese. The covers are falling off and have been badly repaired. AC has entered notes and corrections on many pages and inserted in the book are numerous news clippings as well as hand written stats by AC.



1. Copy of *New Zealand Cricket 1914-1933* by TW Reese. Book is in poor condition. AC has entered notes and corrections on many pages and numerous news clippings. Handwritten notes by AC have been inserted in the pages.
 2. Scrapbook of news clippings and handwritten stats for New Zealand and international cricket, 1980-81.
 3. Scrapbook of news clippings concerning overseas tours by New Zealand as well as scraps of paper with handwritten stats by AC. Includes tour to India and Pakistan and the 1965 tour to England. The scrapbook is labelled "Neely, by Carman".
 4. Programme for Carman's funeral service, 23 November 1982.
 5. A copy of the "Auckland Star" for February 6th 1937.
 6. Scrapbook of news clippings: New Zealand domestic seasons, 1961-1966. Includes official scorecards for: Otago v Northern Districts 3, 4, 5 January 1966; Central Districts v Canterbury 7, 8, 10 January 1966; Otago v Canterbury 10, 11, 12 February 1966; Northern Districts v Canterbury 30, 31 December, 1 January 1967.
- Some clippings have written notes by AC on the back. Also includes small information form for Cricket Almanack that has been filled in by some players.
7. Scrapbook for 1974-75. Includes: NZ Domestic cricket; Gillette Cup; Australia; England tour of New Zealand, 1975.

Box 3

1. The Wellington College Old Boys Cricket Club Inc, Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, 1973-74.
2. Copy Central Districts Cricket Association Inc, 26th Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ending 30th April 1975.
3. Taranaki Cricket Association, 49th Annual Report and Accounts, 31st May 1975.
4. Minutes of New Zealand Cricket Council, 7/10/78.
5. Scrapbook: Australian Cricket Team in New Zealand, 1966-67.
6. Scrapbook: "Press Reports of NZ Representative Cricket Matches with index", 1922-23.
7. Scrapbook labelled "SA Tour of NZ 1956", but actually NZ tour of Pakistan, Australia tour of NZ and domestic season in NZ 1976-77.



8. Scrapbook for 1978-79 season including Pakistan tour of NZ.
9. Victoria University of Wellington Cricket Club, Second Annual Report, 1977-78.
10. Gabba cricket programme, Queensland v New South Wales, October 25th-28th, 1974.
11. Gabba cricket programme, Queensland v Western Australia, November 15th-19th, 1974.
12. Miscellaneous photocopied sheets.

Box 4

1. Book: JF Peake, *Statistics of New Zealand Cricket and Roll Of Honour* (1924). Book has no front or back cover. Some pages have Carman's handwritten amendments on them
2. Small scrapbook: New Zealand Tour of England, 1958 – includes small, folded card, *NZ Cricket Tour 1958, Fixtures* and a separate fixture list on thick, blue paper. Features printed text: "With the Compliments of Arthur Carman"
3. Small "Warwick" notebook: "Hutt Valley 1946-47". Contains handwritten notes and news clippings.
4. Small scrapbook with hand written note by Carman. New Zealand tour of England, 1927; Australia in New Zealand, 1928; MCC in New Zealand, 1929; New Zealand in England, 1931; South Africa in New Zealand, 1932; North Island v South Island, 1935; MCC v New Zealand, 1935; MCC in New Zealand, 1937; Sir Julian Cahn's team in New Zealand, 1939; Australia in New Zealand, 1936; MCC in New Zealand, 1947.
5. Small notebook featuring handwritten scorecards and statistics for: New Zealand in Australia, 1913-14; A Sims Australians in New Zealand, 1914; North Island v South Island, 1904, 1922; Australia in New Zealand, 1920-21.
6. Small notebook, handwritten with some news clippings, primarily, of teams touring New Zealand: MCC in New Zealand, 1906-07; George Parr's English team, 1863-64; Lillywhite's English team, 1876-77; Australia in New Zealand, 1877-78; Shaw's English team, 1881-82; New South Wales Team, 1889-90, 1893-94; Fiji, 1884-85; New Zealand in Australia, 1898-99; Melbourne, 1905-06; Canterbury team in Australia, 1878-79; Melbourne, 1899-1900; MCC in New Zealand, 1922-23; Tasmania, 1923-24.