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**BIOGRAPHY**

Architect Robert Hall was a partner in the practice of Woodhead Hall McDonald Shaw.

The practice had its start when, in 1927 sole practitioner Edward Caradoc Ashton began work as an architect. Robert Woodhead became an articulated pupil of Caradoc Ashton in 1932. Since 1933 the practice had an ongoing client in the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia at the Wayville Showgrounds. Caradoc Ashton joined with Norman C. Fisher to form the partnership of Ashton and Fisher in 1935 gaining their first major commission of reconstructing the Gepps Cross Abattoirs in 1936.

The practice became Caradoc Ashton, Fisher, Woodhead and Beaumont Smith and produced such buildings as the Savings Bank of South Australia Building in Hindley Street, Adelaide (1957), the Electricity Trust of South Australia head office at Eastwood (1964) and the Chrysler automobile plant, Tonsley Park (1965).

In 1973 new partners saw the practice renamed as Woodhead Hall McDonald Shaw and it designed the multi-storey Education Building on Flinders Street, Adelaide (1976). Through a series of mergers the firm expanded in the 1980s and established offices in Asia and the Middle-East during the 1990s when it was renamed Woodhead Firth Lee.

Since becoming known as Woodhead, the practice worked across a variety of building and development projects and expanded to have offices across Australia and Asia. In April 2014 parts of the company merged with global engineering practice, GHD and following this, Woodhead went into receivership.

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

The collection comprises black and white photographs in an album from the practice of Caradoc Ashton, Fisher, Woodhead and Beaumont Smith, dated 1954-1968. Series list gives details of buildings in page order.

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**SERIES LIST**

| <b>Series</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Location</b>                            | <b>Date</b> |
|---------------|--|--|-------------|
| S470/1        | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Corner Hindley St and Bank St, Adelaide    | 1958        |
| S470/2        | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Corner Rundle St and Pulteney St, Adelaide | 1968        |
| S470/3        | State Bank   | King William St, Adelaide                  | 1960        |
| S470/4        | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Victoria Square, Adelaide                  | 1968        |
| S470/5        | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Torrens Island Power Station     | Torrens Island                             | 1967        |
| S470/6        | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Torrens Island Power Station     | Torrens Island                             | 1967        |
| S470/7        | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Torrens Island Power Station     | Torrens Island                             | 1967        |
| S470/8        | Perry Engineering Co Ltd   | Mile End                                   | 1968        |
| S470/9        | Young Women's Christian Association<br>YWCA                                    | North Adelaide                             | 1959        |
| S470/10       | State Bank   | King William St, Adelaide                  | 1960        |
| S470/11       | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                        | No date     |
| S470/12       | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                        | No date     |
| S470/13       | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                        | No date     |
| S470/14       | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                        | No date     |
| S470/15       | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                        | No date     |
| S470/1        | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                        | No date     |
| S470/17       | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                        | No date     |
| S470/18       | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Offices                          | Eastwood                                   | 1962        |
| S470/19       | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Offices                          | Eastwood                                   | 1962        |
| S470/20       | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Recreation Centre                | Pt Augusta                                 | 1963        |
| S470/21       | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Recreation Centre                | Pt Augusta                                 | 1963        |
| S470/22       | Water Duncan Hall, Royal Agricultural<br>and Horticultural Society Showgrounds | Wayville                                   | 1964        |
| S470/23       | LG Abbott and Co Ltd showrooms   | Wakefield St,<br>Adelaide                  | No date     |
| S470/24       | LG Abbott and Co Ltd showrooms   | Wakefield St,<br>Adelaide                  | No date     |
| S470/25       | House  | Crafers                                    | 1960        |
| S470/26       | House  | Eden Hills                                 | 1954        |

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|---------|--|---|---------|
| S470/27 | House  | Glenelg                                       | 1961    |
| S470/28 | House  | St Georges                                    | 1956    |
| S470/29 | House  | Marryatville                                  | 1956    |
| S470/30 | House  | Crafers                                       | 1960    |
| S470/31 | Unidentified building  |   |         |
| S470/32 | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Torrens Island Power Station | Torrens Island                                | 1967    |
| S470/33 | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                           | No date |
| S470/34 | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Corner Hindley St and<br>Bank St, Adelaide    | 1958    |
| S470/35 | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Mt Gambier                                    | 1959    |
| S470/36 | House  | Glenelg                                       | 1961    |
| S470/37 | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Offices                      | Eastwood                                      | 1962    |
| S470/38 | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Offices                      | Eastwood                                      | 1962    |
| S470/39 | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Corner Rundle St and<br>Pulteney St, Adelaide | 1968    |
| S470/40 | Royal Exchange Assurance   | Currie St, Adelaide                           | No date |
| S470/41 | Municipal Tramways Trust   | Port Adelaide                                 | 1956    |
| S470/42 | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Information Centre           | Rundle St, Adelaide                           | 1957    |
| S470/43 | Municipal Tramways Trust<br>Administration Building                        |   | 1958    |
| S470/44 | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Corner Hindley St and<br>Bank St, Adelaide    | 1958    |
| S470/45 | Electricity Trust of South Australia<br>ETSA, Information Centre           | Rundle St, Adelaide                           | 1957    |
| S470/46 | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Mt Gambier                                    | 1959    |
| S470/47 | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Mt Gambier                                    | 1959    |
| S470/48 | Office Building  | North Adelaide                                | 1959    |
| S470/49 | Young Women's Christian Association<br>YWCA                                | North Adelaide                                | 1959    |
| S470/50 | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Corner Rundle St and<br>Pulteney St, Adelaide | 1968    |
| S470/51 | House  | Glenelg                                       | 1956    |
| S470/52 | House  | Glenelg                                       | 1956    |
| S470/53 | House  | Springfield                                   | 1956    |
| S470/54 | House  | Crafers                                       | 1960    |
| S470/55 | Dining Hall, Royal Agricultural and<br>Horticultural Society Showgrounds   | Wayville                                      | 1955    |
| S470/56 | St Jude's Church   | Brighton                                      |         |
| S470/57 | St Jude's Church   | Brighton                                      |         |
| S470/58 | St Peter's Girls School  |   |         |
| S470/59 | St Peter's Girls School  |   |         |
| S470/60 | St Peter's Girls School  |   |         |
| S470/61 | Savings Bank of South Australia  | Corner Rundle St and                          | 1968    |

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|         |                                 | Pulteney St, Adelaide                      |        |
| S470/62 | Savings Bank of South Australia | Corner Rundle St and Pulteney St, Adelaide | 1968   |
| S470/63 | Savings Bank of South Australia | Corner Rundle St and Pulteney St, Adelaide | 1968   |
| S470/64 | Savings Bank of South Australia | Corner Rundle St and Pulteney St, Adelaide | 1968   |
| S470/65 | Savings Bank of South Australia | Victoria Square, Adelaide                  | 1968   |
| S470/66 | Savings Bank of South Australia | Port Adelaide                              | 1968   |
| S470/67 | Perry Engineering Co Ltd        | Mile End                                   | 1968   |
| S470/68 | Perry Engineering Co Ltd        | Mile End                                   | 1968   |
| S470/69 | Chrysler automobile plant       | Tonsley Park                               | [1965] |