



STANLEY MELBOURNE BRUCE PC, CH, MC

BORN: 1883 DIED: 1967
POLITICAL PARTY: NATIONALIST PARTY
TERM AS PRIME MINISTER: 1923–1929

STANLEY MELBOURNE BRUCE AND THE NFSA COLLECTION

Parliamentarian for 13 years and Prime Minister for six years, Stanley Bruce is well-represented in moving image and recorded sound records.

He features in the 1927 visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia, touring Sydney, Melbourne and opening Parliament House in Canberra. Bruce was known for his travels not only within Australia but overseas during his term as PM. Records show him on hand to welcome the British Fleet in 1924, inspecting The Better Farming Train 1924, opening the Children's ward at Remark Hospital 1925, an extensive tour of Queensland in 1926 and opening the Heidelberg Golf Club in 1927.

Election campaigns from 1925 and 1929 are also represented in both film and sound recordings. Speeches cover a wide range of topics, including events leading to WW2, Bruce as President of the Food and Agriculture Organization, Australia's responsibilities and role during wartime and economic crises, and the British Empire's role in the League of Nations.

Bruce was appointed Australia's High Commissioner to London in 1933, and can be heard at the dedication of the Australian National War Monument at Villers-Bretonneux, France in 1938. He is seen in the Robert Menzies Home Movies taken during a UK holiday in 1941, and when on hand to greet PM Curtin on arrival in the UK in 1941.

Bruce gives a brief speech on the problem of peace which is facing Australia and Britain on his return to Australia in 1945 after 13 years in London as Australia's High Commissioner.

The highlight of the collection is a 1966 TV production featuring an elderly Stanley Bruce discussing his life as Prime Minister and High Commissioner.

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

TITLE	MEDIUM	TITLE NO.
Mister Prime Minister: Stanley Melbourne Bruce	Moving Image	19888
Bicentennial Minutes: A Time to Remember Ep 14 - Bruce	Moving Image	103862
The Australian tradition: Ep 17 - Bruce of Melbourne	Recorded Sound	449783
Prime Ministers of Australia: A compilation of speeches	Recorded Sound	214438

SEARCHING THE COLLECTION

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Search for Bruce records using the sequence **Name: "Stanley Melbourne Bruce"**

Other interesting key words

High Commissioner	Farming Train	Menzies Home
Election Campaign	Remark	Movies
Brisbane	Canberra	ANZAC Day
Heidelberg Golf Club	Speeches	Parliament House

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Australian Prime Ministers Centre www.apmc.oph.gov.au
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