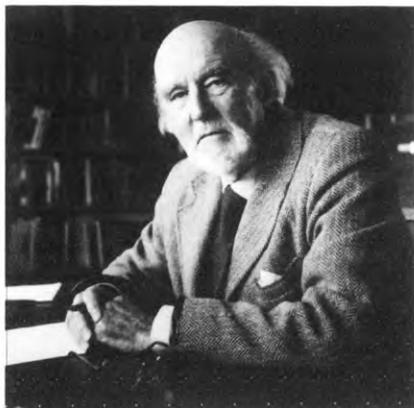


Professor Manning Clark

1915-1991



Professor Charles Manning Hope Clark, historian, writer, teacher and a great and good friend of libraries and archives, died at his home in Canberra on 23 May 1991 aged 76 years.

Manning Clark's considerable reputation in Australia and internationally rests on his authorship of the six volumes of *A History of Australia* published in Melbourne between the years 1962 and 1987. He was both editor and author of a number of other works including the pioneering *Select Documents in Australian History* (2 vols),

1950-1955 and *Sources of Australian History*, 1957. He also produced *In Search of Henry Lawson*, 1978 and two autobiographical volumes *The Puzzles of Childhood*, 1989 and *The Quest for Grace*, 1990.

The massive and highly personal work which is Manning Clark's *A History of Australia* was an heroic undertaking which presents in a great work of literature the Australian story from the days before European settlement until 1935. In this history, Clark wrote passionately as an Australian about Australia and its people. In doing so, he ensured a recognition both at home and abroad that Australian history existed absolutely in its own right, unique and distinct and as no mere footnote to a larger imperial story.

As a scholar and researcher, Manning Clark was well-known to librarians and archivists both in Australia and overseas. In his own country his work owed a special debt to a wide range of Australian libraries and archives. Of special importance to him was the Mitchell Library in Sydney and the National Library of Australia in Canberra. Of the latter, he stated publicly on several occasions that it provided one of the reasons why he chose to make Canberra his home.

His debt to libraries was acknowledged explicitly in the final volume of his *History*: 'My debt to the Mitchell Library and the National Library of Australia is even greater at the end of this work than it was in the beginning.' Of the National Library, he wrote: 'The Petherick Room, the Manuscripts Room and the Newspaper Room are present in every page of this volume, just as they are present always in my heart'. It is in the National Library that Manning Clark chose to place the vast collection of his personal papers which will eventually provide a rich resource for later generations of researchers and historians.

During his lifetime, Manning Clark was the recipient of many awards and honours. Outstanding among these was his appointment as Companion of the Order of Australia in 1975. In 1980 he was named Australian of the year.

Manning Clark is survived by his widow Dymphna and by five sons and one daughter. To this family, the Australian library profession extends its sympathy in a loss which is both their own and private but which is shared by the wider family of Australians. *Vale* Manning Clark.

John Thompson

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