

Collier  
Charitable  
Fund ·

# Alice Edith Annette.



A philanthropic family — Our history





Jenkin Collier

1830 — 1921

A young immigrant committed himself to making  
Australia a better place.

His daughters stayed true to his values and after Edith's  
passing in 1954, the daughters' charitable wishes could  
be put into effect, thus benefitting institutions such as our  
public hospitals and the Lord Mayor's Charitable  
Foundation.

1955 — 2007 \$50M donated

\$100,000,000<sup>+</sup>

2007 — 2018 \$52M donated



Alice Collier

1863 — 1950



Annette Collier

1864 — 1947



Edith Collier

1869 — 1954



Jenkin Collier arrived in Melbourne from Wales as a 23 year old immigrant in 1852 and entered the building trade. It was while he was operating a mill to cut sleepers in Goulburn that he got to build the last 53 miles of the Melbourne to Echuca line, which he completed months ahead of schedule.

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Later, he built the line between Denilquin and Moama. His visionary plans to build a railway from Dalby to the Gulf of Carpentaria and from Charleville to the NSW border were too radical to be accepted by the Queensland parliament over one hundred years ago, but the government's vetoing of Collier's dream didn't dampen his active involvement in pastoral development of Queensland.

Collier made his money in the boom time of the 1870s. The family lived in 'Werndew', a 40-room mansion set on four acres on Irving Road, Toorak. Collier's three daughters Alice, Annette and Edith went to PLC. His son Herbert was educated at Melbourne Grammar and later became a Queensland farmer. Sadly Herbert died in his late 20s without leaving any descendants.

When Jenkin Collier died aged 91, he left his estate to his family. The three daughters, devoted to each other, never married. They travelled extensively but they lived very unpretentiously. They attended church at St John's Church, Toorak regularly and spent only a fraction of the 50,000 pounds income they received annually from their father's estate. Instead they gave generously to charities and people in need, always insisting on anonymity. Their private secretary of thirty years said they were "the sweetest and dearest souls" she ever knew.





They were also excellent business-  
women and made their own  
decisions as to how to invest their  
income. As a result they left a 1.25  
million pounds trust, the income  
from which has been donated  
annually ever since to charities,  
hospitals and educational  
institutions in proportions  
nominated in the sisters' wills.

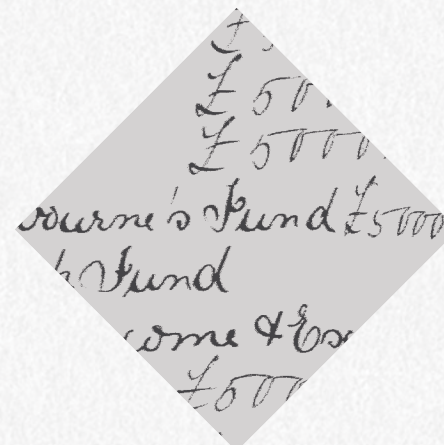


In 2007 the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, a direct recipient of the Fund, hosted a function to celebrate the Fund distributing \$50 million.

In the subsequent 11 years the Fund has distributed a further \$52 million to bring the total to just over \$102 million.

Since commencing in 1954 the Fund has provided support to over 3000 organisations.

The first annual report published in 1955 contains the following quote from the Book of Revelation (14:13) "and their works do follow them", a fitting tribute to the legacy of Alice, Annette and Edith Collier who stayed true to their father's commitment to making Australia a better place.





Annette Collier  
used list of Charities  
in my Will

General Hospital	£ 5000
of a Dumb	£ 5000
and Asylum	£ 5000
Wife of Melbourne's Fund	£ 5000
John Church Fund	
(Clergy's Income & Expenses)	
and Soldiers	£ 5000
Paul's Cathedral Clergy	£ 5000
Choir Fund	£ —

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