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Physical description

A solid silver coloured metal medal. The obverse features a raised image of a woman (Demeter [Greek] / Ceres [Roman], Goddess of Agriculture), holding a torch and a sheaf of wheat, surrounded by four nymphs and two sheep, standing on a raised platform, with the maker's mark "W.J. AMOR SYDNEY". Around the image are engraved the words "ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES". The reverse features a raised wreath following the shape of the sides of the medal and engraved text, which reads "A CENTURY AT MOORE PARK / BEST EXHIBIT / BEEF SHORTHORNS / 1882-1982".

Statement of significance

The Woodleigh Shorthorn Stud Collection is an extensive collection of trophies, ribbons, medals, badges, prize certificates, showing equipment and stud cattle photographs. The items are associated with a beef shorthorn stud established by the Davis family of the Corowa district in the early 1950s, and are in good condition.

These objects record a recent expression of a long tradition of showing stud livestock at agricultural shows in Australia and Britain. Stud competitions at annual shows in Australian cities and regional centres enabled the gradual improvement of sheep and cattle herds. Shorthorn cattle proved adaptable and hardy in Australia, and became one of the dominant breeds. The Woodleigh Shorthorn Stud Collection helps to record the successful establishment of the shorthorn breed in Australia and the role of agricultural shows in enabling the improvement of cattle breeds. The collection also reflects the dramatic changes experienced by the rural sector in the second half of

the twentieth century as tightening economic conditions forced many rural families, including the Davis family, to sell their properties.

Object information

What

Type	Medals
Collection	Woodleigh Shorthorn Stud collection
Dimensions	H 4mm x Dia 51mm
Material	Metal - non specific

When

Date of Event
[1882-1982](#)

Who

Maker
[Amor Pty Ltd](#)

Associated organisation
[Royal Agricultural Society of NSW](#)

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