

Pair of cotton knitted riding gloves

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Physical description

A pair of cotton knitted riding gloves. The gloves are a dirty cream colour. They feature a wide band of rib knit around each wrist, whilst the rest of the glove features a square patterning formed by the raised knit of each third row. Both gloves appear to be well worn, especially around the fingers which have been darned in several areas. The left hand glove features holes in both the index finger and thumb, the latter also features a 50 millimetre length of loose thread. The right hand glove features some brown staining on the index finger and on the wrist band.

Statement of significance

The collection consists of documents, photographs, scrapbooks, clothing and other memorabilia from the careers and personal lives of Emma (Emilie) Roach, a well-known and successful equestrian, and her husband John (Jack) Burton, who made several record-breaking drives in motor vehicles across Australia during the 1910s and 1920s.

Born in Narrandera, New South Wales, in 1898, Roach began equestrian competition at the age of 10, and continued through most levels and types of competition, remaining an unpaid amateur, until her retirement in 1955. Her main competitions and successes were in the show-ring. After Burton and Roach married in 1925, they lived in Sydney for many years and travelled from there to agricultural shows in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland where Roach would compete and Burton worked in motor vehicle sales and writing articles for motoring magazines.

Object information

What

Type	Gloves
Collection	Colledge Family collection
Material	Textile - non specific

When

[1914-1960](#)

Who

Associated person
[Miss Emilie Roach](#)

Where

Place of use
[Australia](#)