

ISAAC SELBY:

Lecturer, Historian,

Assassin!



Joining the Historical Society of Victoria (HSV) at the age of 60 was a turning point in Selby's life. He had enjoyed early career success on the public speaking platform and a happy family life, but in his early forties the bottom fell out of his world, and Selby committed a crime that made sensational headlines across the globe.

Isaac Selby (1859-1956) became a member of the HSV in October 1920. At the time he was fighting the City Council's plan of expanding Queen Victoria Market over the grounds of Old Melbourne Cemetery.

Selby went on to co-found the Old Pioneers' Memorial Association that put on over 150 musical entertainment events to raise funds, each including an original lecture illustrated with glass lantern slides. The Selby Collection at the RHSV holds 1700 of these slides as well as numerous notebooks, manuscripts and scrapbooks.

This exhibition presents the colourful life and times of Isaac Selby in his own words and pictures.



EXHIBITION DETAILS

RHSV Gallery Downstairs
From 14 Jun 2019

Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Curator: Alison Cameron

Curatorial support: Richard Barnden
and David Thompson

