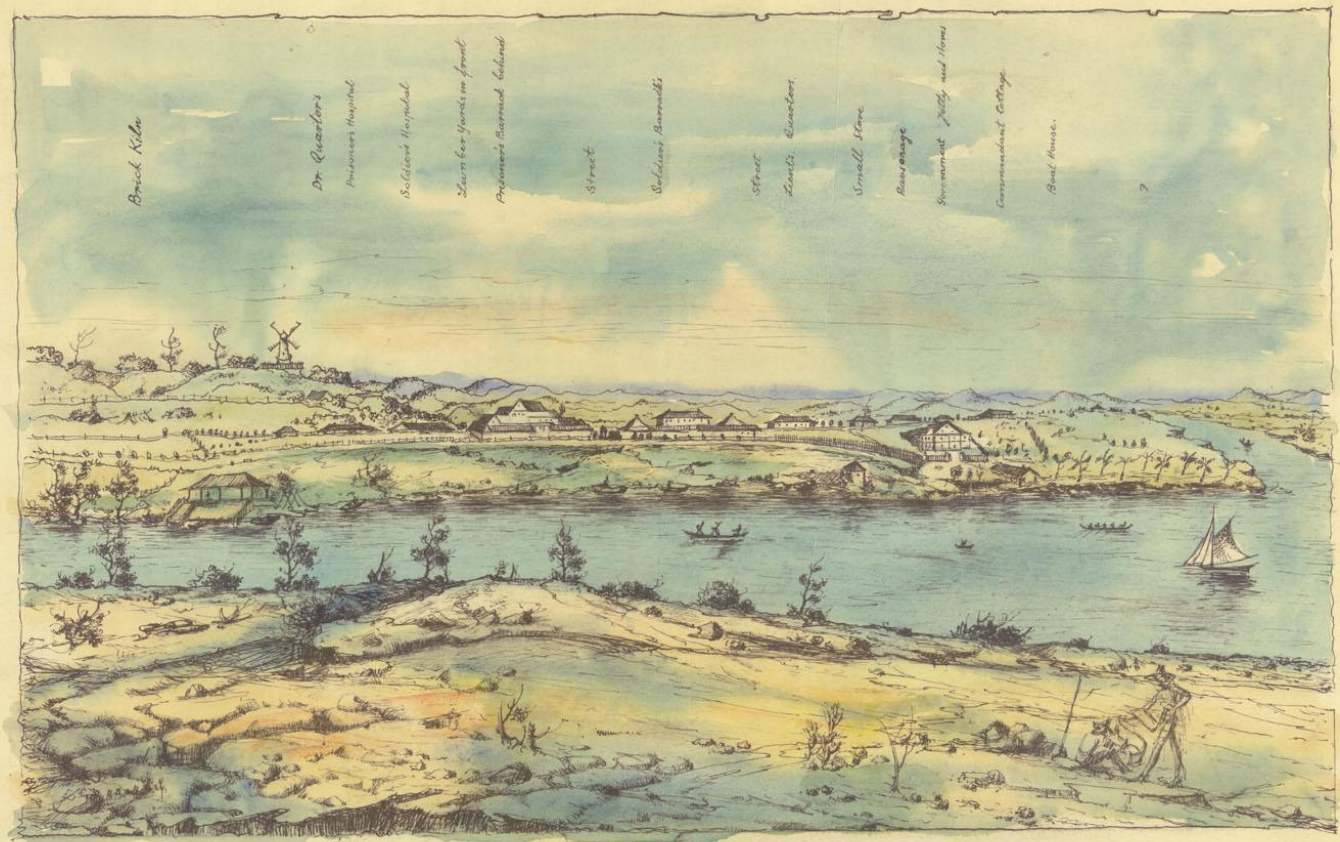


Pre-separation archives



DR21884 - Colour sketch of Moreton Bay Colony, Circa 1831

Research Guide for records created prior to 1859
held at Queensland State Archives

Queensland State Archives (QSA) is the official repository for Queensland Government records selected for permanent retention because of their continuing value. The archived public records are from state government departments, state courts, local government authorities and statutory authorities. The records are in our facility at [Runcorn, Brisbane](#), and open records are available for viewing in the Reading Room, free-of-charge.

Queensland officially separated from the colony of New South Wales on 10th December 1859. Consequently, the majority of records held at the Queensland State Archives date from this period on.

However, there are some records held for the pre-separation period. Up until 1842 the Colony is referred to as the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement of the Colony of New South Wales; from 1842 until separation it is referred to as the Free Settlement of Moreton Bay. To assist researchers interested in Queensland's early history Queensland State Archives staff have completed this bibliography of all known pre-separation sources held at the Queensland State Archives.

The main finding aid for records held at is the [Queensland State Archives' online catalogue](#) (known as ArchivesSearch).

The following citation abbreviations are used throughout our catalogue:

ITM	Item (describes the item)
PR	Physical Representation (generally the original or microfilm copy)
DR	Digital Representation (for a digital image)
S	Series (for a series of records)
A	Agency (for the creating or responsible agency)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that our catalogue contains images, names and voices of people who have died.

The content in this guide is generally arranged under the name of the agencies responsible for creating the records

Board of National Education
Brisbane Correctional Centre
Brisbane Hospital Committee of Management
Brisbane Municipal Council
Brisbane National School
Circuit Court, Moreton Bay Supreme Court, Moreton Bay Supreme Court of Queensland
Civil Service Board
Clerk of Works, Moreton Bay
Colonial Architect's Office, New South Wales
Colonial Secretary's Office
Commandant's Office, Moreton Bay
Commandant's Office, Moreton Bay Colonial Architect's Office, New South Wales
Commissioner for Crown Lands, Darling Downs
Commissioner for Crown Lands, Leichhardt District
Commissioner for Crown Lands, Moreton District
Commissioner for Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett
Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane
Court of Petty Sessions, Gayndah
Court of Petty Sessions, Ipswich

Court of Petty Sessions, Nanango
Court of Petty Sessions, Taroom
Crown Lands Office
Crown Prosecutor, Moreton Bay
Crown Solicitor's Office, Moreton Bay
Crown Solicitor's Office
Curator of Intestate Estates, Moreton Bay
District Surveyor's Office, Moreton Bay
Dunwich Benevolent Asylum
Government Resident, Moreton Bay
Government Resident, Port Curtis
Harbours and Rivers
Immigration Agent, New South Wales
Immigration Department
Justice Department
Land Agent, Gladstone
Land Agent, Rockhampton
Lands Department
Moreton Bay Benevolent Society
Moreton Bay District Survey Office, New South Wales
Moreton Bay District Survey Office, New South Wales Surveyor General's Department
Moreton Bay Hospital
Moreton Bay Hospital Brisbane Hospital Committee of Management
Native Police
Native Police, New South Wales
Office of the Governor of Queensland
Official Assignee Office
Police Magistrate, Moreton Bay Government Resident, Moreton Bay
Police Station, Drayton
Public Works Department
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
Sheriff's Office
Small Debts Courts, Gladstone
Small Debts Court, Maryborough
Supreme Court, Moreton Bay Supreme Court of Queensland
Supreme Court of Queensland Supreme Court, Moreton Bay
Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane
Supreme Court, Southern District, Toowoomba
Survey Office
Surveyor General's Department
Surveyor General's Office - New South Wales
Tabragalba Divisional Board
Treasury Department
Other records: histories
Premier's Department
Other records: maps
Beach Protection Authority
Queensland State Archives
Surveyor General's Office, New South Wales Moreton Bay District Survey Office, New South Wales

Board of National Education

In 1848, the Board of National Education was established by a New South Wales Act (11 Vic 48) with responsibility for administration of the National school system. Following the creation of the colony of Queensland, members of the Board of National Education for Queensland were appointed in February 1860. In October 1860 the Board was replaced by the Board of General Education established under the *Education Act of 1860*.

School Correspondence Files for State Schools

Circa 13/10/1858–31/12/1907

[Series 12607](#)

[ITM13950](#) Administration file, school: Brisbane Central Boys No.1, 13/10/1858 - 30/12/1907

Journal - Departmental and School Expenditure - Board of National Education

Circa 01/01/1859–31/12/1876

[Series 12573](#)

[ITM9542](#) Journal - Departmental and School Expenditure, Cash Book, Circa 01/01/1859 - 31/12/1876

Brisbane Correctional Centre

Following the closure of the Moreton Bay penal settlement in 1842, tenders were called in 1847 to convert the Female Factory in Queen Street to a gaol. On 14 December 1849, the altered building was proclaimed a prison known as HM Gaol, Brisbane. A new gaol was built at Petrie Terrace in 1860.

Registers of Male and Female Prisoners Admitted - HM Gaol, Brisbane

03/01/1850–31/12/1868

[Series 10826](#)

[ITM2917, DR91649](#), Register of male and female prisoners admitted - HM Gaol, Brisbane, 03/01/1850–03/02/1864

[ITM2933, DR64907](#), Admission register for male and female prisoners - Her Majesty's Gaol, Brisbane, 03/11/1863–31/12/1868

Brisbane Hospital Committee of Management

Following the closure of the Moreton Bay convict hospital in January 1848 and prior to the opening the Moreton Bay Hospital in October 1848, a Committee was formed in May 1848 in accordance with the advice of the New South Wales Colonial Secretary that the hospital could be handed over to a civilian committee. At a further meeting of subscribers in August 1848, Trustees were appointed. The Moreton Bay Benevolent Society merged with the Committee in November 1848, and handed over its funds. The Committee was responsible for raising funds and administration of the hospital. The Hospital functions were provision of care for the sick and disabled as well as outdoor relief for the needy.

Minute Books - Brisbane Hospital Committee

12/01/1849–21/03/1917

[Series 10814](#)

- [ITM2867](#) Minute Book - Brisbane Hospital Committee, 12/1/1849 – 31/3/1853
- [ITM2868](#) Minute Book - Brisbane Hospital Committee, 12/4/1853 - 3/4/1856
- [ITM2869](#) Minute Book - Brisbane Hospital Committee, 8/4/1856 - 9/12/1858
- [ITM2870](#) Minute Book - Brisbane Hospital Committee, 16/12/1858 – 25/9/1862
- [ITM2884, DR24203](#) Cash book - Moreton Bay Hospital, 01/01/1827- 30/9/1831

Brisbane Municipal Council

The *Municipalities Act 1858* [New South Wales] applied in Queensland prior to and for five years after separation, until repealed by the *Municipal Institutions Act 1864*. The *Municipalities Act 1858* [New South Wales] provided for two kinds of municipalities based on population and area, viz., towns or cities and municipal districts. On 7 September 1859, Brisbane was proclaimed a municipality within the old town boundaries defined in 1856 under the *[Towns] Police Act*.

Payment Vouchers - Brisbane Municipal Council

Circa 01/01/1859–31/12/1859

[Series 4109](#)

- [ITM665379](#) Payment vouchers, 1/01/1859 – 31/12/1859

Statements of Accounts - Brisbane Municipal / City Council

07/09/1859–Circa 31/12/1925

[Series 4173](#)

- [ITM665717](#) Statements of Account, 7/09/1859 - c 31/12/1925
- [ITM2679](#) Letterbook of the Brisbane Municipal Council, 14/10/1859 – 31/01/1870

Brisbane National School

In early 1860, the National Board of Education established the National School (Number 1) in Brisbane. The first Headmaster was John Rendall and on the opening day the attendance was 50 boys and 8 girls. The school was located in Adelaide Street and was conducted as a mixed school until 14 August 1860.

Letterbook - Brisbane National School

21/06/1859 - 16/02/1860

[Series 14720](#)

- [ITM86128](#) Letterbook, 21/06/1859 - 16/02/1860
Compiled in the latter half of 1859, this letterbook contains copies of letters sent. The letters concern the erection of the new National School which was opened the following year.

Circuit Court & Supreme Court, Moreton Bay; Supreme Court, Queensland

On 12 February 1850, Brisbane was proclaimed a place to hold a Circuit Court, with jurisdiction covering both criminal and civil cases. Under the New South Wales *Moreton Bay Supreme Court Act 1857*, a resident judge was appointed to commence duties on 1 April 1857.

At separation the only judge in Queensland was a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, exercising jurisdiction in what had previously been the District of Moreton Bay and was now the colony of Queensland. Although the seal of the Moreton Bay Court continued to be used until 1861, proceedings in Court were entitled or addressed to "The Supreme Court of Queensland".

Letterbook of the Resident Judge, Moreton Bay and Associates - Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane

07/01/1856 – 1/05/1878

[Series 15490](#)

[ITM92693, DR56443–DR56444](#) Letterbook of the Resident Judge, Moreton Bay (later the Chief Justice, Supreme Court) and their Associates

Civil Service Board

Following the recommendations of a Royal Commission into the working of the civil service, *The Civil Service Act of 1889* was passed, and the Civil Service Board was established. Board members were appointed on 4 December 1889, and the Act commenced on and took effect from 1 January 1890.

B & W Print "View of Moreton Bay in 1831" - Civil Service Board

Circa 01/01/1831 - 31/12/1831

[Series 17609](#)

Plans/Charts/Sketch of Moreton Bay

Circa 01/01/1825–31/12/1846

[Series 17611](#)

[ITM111949, DR23836](#) Chart of Moreton Bay - southern entrance with the mouth of the River Brisbane and Red Cliff Point, Circa 01/01/1825–31/12/1825

[ITM111950](#) River Brisbane (chart), Circa 01/01/1825–31/12/1846

[ITM111951, DR23837](#) Chart of Moreton Bay - Cape Byron to Cape Moreton, Circa 01/01/1825 - 31/12/1825

[ITM111952, DR21884](#) Colour sketch of Moreton Bay Colony/Brisbane, Circa 01/01/1831 - 31/12/1831

[ITM111953](#) Plan of the north entrance into Moreton Bay, Circa 01/01/1846 - 31/12/1846

[ITM111954, DR23825](#) Chart of "Isle of Stradbroke", Circa 01/01/1825–31/12/1846

Clerk of Works, Moreton Bay

The position of Clerk of Works, Moreton Bay was established in 1856 and the first appointee, Alexander Beazeley, took up his duties on 4 March 1856. His successor, Charles Tiffin (later Colonial Architect), was appointed on 15 May 1857 and responsibility for the office was handed over on 24 June 1857.

The Clerk of Works, Moreton Bay operated under the Architectural Division of the Public Works Department. He was responsible for organising and supervising the building of public works in Moreton Bay under the direction of the Secretary for Public Works in New South Wales. The position was abolished by the publishing of Letters Patent to create the colony of Queensland on 10 December 1859.

Correspondence - Buildings and Public Works [Clerk of Works, Moreton Bay]

Circa 01/01/1856 – 31/12/1859

[Series 11893](#)

[ITM6808](#) Correspondence - buildings and public works, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1856 - 31/12/1859

Letterbook [Clerk of Works, Moreton Bay]

04/03/1856–10/12/1859

[Series 11894](#)

[ITM6809](#) Letterbook of the Clerk of Works, Moreton Bay, 4/3/1856 – 10/12/185

Colonial Architect's Office, New South Wales

The Colonial Architect's Office, New South Wales, was established in 1832 with responsibility for the planning, construction and repair of public buildings, and from 1844, public works within New South Wales, including Moreton Bay.

Architectural Drawings of Public Buildings

Circa 01/01/1857–01/02/2010

[Series 1162](#)

[ITM582351](#) Ipswich Court House, Circa 1/01/1857 – circa 31/12/1857

[ITM582354](#) Ipswich Court House, Plan, Circa 1/01/1857 - 26/11/1858

[ITM582480](#) Ipswich Court House, Circa 1/01/1857 – circa 31/12/1857

[ITM582481](#) Ipswich Court House, 26/11/1858

Colonial Secretary's Office

Robert George Wyndham Herbert, Queensland's first Colonial Secretary, was appointed by Governor Bowen on 10 December 1859 following the proclamation and publication of the Letters Patent establishing the colony. In 1859 the Colonial Secretary's function was defined negatively, being responsible for all matters not the responsibility of the Colonial Treasurer or the Attorney-General.

Miscellaneous Letterbooks - Colonial Secretary's Office

11/11/1849 – 30/12/1876

[Series 5333](#)

[ITM861035](#) Letterbook, 10/12/1859 – 11/08/1860

Draft Copies of Correspondence - Colonial Secretary's Office

17/08/1859–19/06/1863

[Series 6692](#)

[ITM266517](#) Correspondence, 17/8/1859 – 19/6/1863

Gall Estrays [Gall Collection]

01/01/1859 –31/12/1934

[Series 6786](#)

[ITM267681, DR203615](#) Index book to ledger (Gall estray papers), 1/1/1859 – 31/12/1859

Register of Lands Alienated - Colonial Secretary's Office / Colonial Secretary's Department

07/11/1859–10/12/1859

[Series 10393](#)

[ITM308600](#) Register – lands alienated, 7/11/1859 – 10/12/1859

Index to Names of Applicants for Appointment to Various Positions

Circa 01/01/1859 - 31/12/1860

[Series 11937](#)

[ITM6940](#) Index to various positions within agencies for which the Colonial Secretary's Office was responsible, 1/1/1859 – 31/12/1860

Commandant's Office, Moreton Bay

The penal settlement at Moreton Bay was established on 14 September 1824 when the first convicts, transported on the *Amity* from Sydney, as well as their guards and non-military personnel, landed at Red Cliff Point. The settlement was placed under the authority of a military Commandant, the first being Lieutenant Henry Miller whose appointment was dated 12 September 1824. The Commandant's administrative duties included selection of a suitable site, construction of the necessary facilities, planting of crops, issuing of rations, and control, employment, and correction of offences of the convicts. The Commandant was also responsible for maintaining records and providing returns relating to the convicts and stores.

Book of Public Labour Performed by Crown Prisoners / "Spicer's Diary"

07/02/1828–17/02/1829

[Series 5645](#)

[ITM869681, DR24297–DR24300](#) Register of a daily account of public labour performed by Crown Prisoners at Moreton Bay, 7/2/1828 – 17/2/1829

Book of Trials - Moreton Bay Penal Settlement

01/07/1835–28/02/1842

[Series 5646](#)

[ITM869682, DR24301–DR24303](#) Book of trials held at Moreton Bay, Circa 1/07/1835 - 28/02/1842

Book of Returns of Agricultural Produce - Moreton Bay Penal Settlement

01/09/1829–30/04/1837

[Series 5647](#)

[ITM869683, DR24304](#) Book of crops grown and livestock kept, 1/9/1829 – 30/4/1837

Book of Monthly Returns of Land under Cultivation - Moreton Bay Penal Settlement

01/09/1829–30/04/1837

[Series 5648](#)

[ITM869684, DR24305-DR24306](#) Land cultivated and crops grown at the Moreton Bay penal settlement, 1/09/1829 - 30/04/1837

Book of Half-Yearly Returns of Baptisms

01/07/1832–30/06/1835

[Series 5649](#)

[ITM869685, DR24307](#) Records of baptisms at the Moreton Bay penal settlement, 1/07/1832 - 30/06/1835

Book of Half-Yearly Returns of Burials - Moreton Bay Penal Settlement

01/07/1832–30/06/1836

[Series 5650](#)

[ITM869686, DR24308](#) Book of burials performed at Moreton Bay penal settlement, 1/07/1832 - 30/06/1836

Book of Manifests of Cargo and Passengers

04/02/1833–28/05/1837

[Series 5651](#)

[ITM869687, DR24309](#) Book of manifests of cargo and passengers leaving Moreton Bay, 4/02/1833 - 28/05/1837

Book of Monthly Returns of Prisoners Maintained by the Government

01/09/1829–30/04/1837

[Series 5652](#)

[ITM869688, DR24143–DR24145](#) Book of monthly returns of convicts and their employment at Moreton Bay, 1/9/1829 – 30/4/1837

Chronological Register of Convicts at Moreton Bay

14/09/1824–15/11/1839

[Series 5653](#)

[ITM869689, DR23420–DR23442, DR23467–DR23468](#) Chronological register of convictions and register of convicts, 14/09/1824 - 15/11/1839.

See the online index to the [Chronological register of convicts 1824-1839](#) to search by names of individuals.

Letterbook of Captain Logan [third Commandant] - Commandant's Office, Moreton Bay

29/03/1826–08/11/1830

[Series 18209](#)

[ITM339165, DR83533–DR83534](#) Letterbook of Captain Patrick Logan, Commandant of the penal settlement, Moreton Bay, 29/03/1826 - 8/11/1830

Commandant's Office, Moreton Bay, Colonial Architect's Office, New South Wales

Following the establishment of the Moreton Bay penal settlement in 1824, the settlement was placed under the authority of a military Commandant. The 1829 regulations confirmed the Commandant's overall authority. The Colonial Architect's Office, New South Wales, was established in 1832 with responsibility for the planning, construction and repair of public buildings, and from 1844, public works, within New South Wales, including Moreton Bay.

The individual plans in [Series 3739](#), Moreton Bay penal settlement maps and architectural drawings, 28/09/1830 – circa 31/12/1848 are listed in Appendix 1. Many have been digitised in [ArchivesSearch](#); these have a DR number to view the digital copy. For those that are not yet digitised, you may wish to request a digital copy quote using your [ArchivesSearch account](#).

Commissioner for Crown Lands, Darling Downs

On 21 May 1839 the Pastoral District of New England was proclaimed. It extended well into what became the Darling Downs Pastoral District on 11 May 1843. Christopher Rolleston became the first Commissioner for the District when he was appointed on 16 May 1843. This diary records briefly the daily activities of Commissioner of Crown Lands Rolleston and the members of the Border Police under his command.

Register of Free Police - Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs

09/09/1844–31/03/1847

[Series 5966](#)

[ITM896449](#) Register of Free Police [free by pardon or ticket of leave], 9/09/1844 - 31/03/1847

Register of Warrants

23/10/1843–12/04/1846

[Series 5967](#)

[ITM896450](#) Register of Warrants maintained by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, 23/10/1843 – 12/07/1846

Pay Accounts

[ITM896451, DR83526](#) Accounts for Police and others and Return of Pay Lists maintained by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, Circa 1/08/1845 – circa 31/01/1853

Return of Certificates of Freedom [Convicts] - Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs

Circa 01/01/1845– 31/12/1845

[Series 5969](#)

[ITM896452](#) Return of Certificates of Freedom forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, Circa 1/01/1845 – circa 31/12/1845

Register of Passports - Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs

01/03/1846

[Series 5970](#)

[ITM896453](#) List of passports re-issued 1846, maintained by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, 1/03/1846

Register of Occupants of Crown Lands

12/06/1845– 19/06/1846

[Series 5971](#)

[ITM896454](#) List of persons occupying Crown Lands in the District of Darling Downs, 12/06/1845 - 19/06/1846

General Accounts [Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs]

01/01/1847– 04/01/1853

[Series 5972](#)

[ITM896455](#) General Accounts maintained by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, Circa 1/01/1847 – c 4/01/1853

Sketch of Darling Downs 1844 [map]

01/01/1844

[Series 6067](#)

[ITM922702, DR96985](#) Sketch of Darling Downs 1844 (map), Circa 1/01/1844 – circa 31/12/1844

Diary of Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs

1/7/1845 – 21/9/1852

[Series 7094](#)

[ITM269673, DR57637](#) Diary of Commissioner of Crown Lands Rolleston and the members of the Border Police under his command, 1/7/1845 – 21/9/1852

Commissioner for Crown Lands, Leichhardt District

In 1854, the Districts of Leichhardt and Port Curtis incorporated most of what had been Burnett. Leichhardt was proclaimed as a separate district on 10 January 1854 and Henry Master was appointed Commissioner. The Commissioner was responsible for pastoral occupation and, until 1868, timber and quarry licenses.

Register of Tenders and Letters Received

Circa 01/01/1850– 31/12/1863

[Series 7831](#)

[ITM276009](#) Annual lists of tenders for runs, and letters received, 1/1/1850 – 31/12/1863

Letterbook - Commissioner of Crown Lands, Leichardt District / Leichhardt Commissioner of Crown Lands

05/02/1855– 30/05/1860

[Series 11963](#)

[ITM7203, DR111884–DR111885](#) Letterbook (W.H. Wiseman), 5/2/1855 – 30/5/1860

Commissioner for Crown Lands, Moreton District

In 1848 the name became Moreton and the boundaries were adjusted to accommodate the establishment of the Districts of Burnett and Wide Bay. The Commissioner was responsible for pastoral occupation and, until 1868, timber and quarry licenses.

Commissioner's Letterbook - Commissioner for Crown Lands, Moreton District

Circa 01/05/1842– 31/12/1852

[Series 7427](#)

[ITM272324, DR272324](#) Letterbook [copies of letters written by Dr S.Simpson in his capacity as Commissioner for Crown Lands for the Moreton District of New South Wales], 1/05/1842 - 31/12/1852

Commissioner for Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett

On 7 November 1848 the Pastoral District boundaries for the Burnett District and the Wide Bay District were proclaimed and Commissioners of Crown Land were appointed; John Carne Bidwell in Wide Bay and Maurice Charles O'Connell in the Burnett District. Changes were made to the boundaries in 1851 and in the proclamation of 1854; the boundaries of the two districts were completely redrawn. The Districts of Leichhardt and Port Curtis incorporated most of what had been Burnett. Wide Bay and the eastern portion of Burnett were amalgamated to form the District of Wide Bay and Burnett. Existing commissioners were confirmed in their positions at the time of separation. The Commissioner was responsible for pastoral occupation and, until 1868, timber and quarry licenses.

Letterbooks - Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett

24/09/1853– 08/03/1866

[Series 11965](#)

[ITM7205, DR57987, DR170994](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 24/9/1853 – 30/12/1854

[ITM7206, DR61967, DR61969](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 1/1/1855 – 13/12/1857

[ITM7207, DR57988](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 1/1/1858 - 8 /3/1866

Tabular Registers of Tenders - Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett / Commissioner of Crown Lands, Burnett / Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay

Circa 01/02/1849 – 31/10/1863

[Series 11968](#)

[ITM7210, DR84052–DR84053](#) Tabular registers of tenders received for runs, and of reports forwarded by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 1/2/1849 – 31/12/1857

[ITM7211, DR57989](#) Tabular registers of tenders received for runs, and of reports forwarded by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 1/2/1857 – 31/10/1863

Copies of Commissioner's Reports - Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett / Commissioner of Crown Lands, Burnett / Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay

Circa 1/02/1855 – 31/07/1860

[Series 11969](#)

[ITM7212, DR57990](#) Copies of the reports on tenders for runs of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 1/02/1855 - 31/07/1860

Run Registers - Lands Department

Circa 01/01/1849–31/12/1979

[Series 13924](#)

[ITM7208](#) Register of runs in the Wide Bay and Burnett Pastoral Districts under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1849 - 30/09/1858

[ITM7608](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Port Curtis under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/07/1856 - 1/01/1868

[ITM7609](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Maranoa under the 1847 Orders in Council, 18/03/1850 - 2/01/1858

[ITM7610](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett under the 1847 Orders in Council, 19/03/1849 - 25/01/1864

[ITM7613](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Leichhardt under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/04/1855 - 30/06/1860

[ITM7614](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Leichhardt under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1853 - 31/07/1860

[ITM7617](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Maranoa under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1852 - 30/06/1862

[ITM7618](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Maranoa under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1852 - 31/07/1863

[ITM7619](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1852 - 30/06/1858

[ITM7650](#) Registers of runs in the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett under the 1847 Orders in Council, 12/06/1849 - 22/05/1875

[ITM7651](#) Registers of runs in the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett under the 1847 Orders in Council, 6/02/1849 - 31/12/1865

Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane

Under the First and Second Charters of Justice (proclaimed in 1787 and 1814 respectively under the authority of *Imperial Act 27* George III) justices of the peace appointed by the Governor were granted summary jurisdiction to hear petty criminal matters in the first instance without a jury. The Court of Petty Sessions held original jurisdiction in minor criminal cases and held jurisdiction for summary actions of ejection between lessors and lessees. Petty criminal can be briefly described as jurisdiction over summary trials of simple offences and committal proceedings for indictable offences sent to the Supreme Court. In practice Courts of Petty Sessions were divided into three courts: police court (prosecutions commenced by police), summons court (prosecutions and proceedings for ejection commenced by private prosecutors) and traffic court. Brisbane Court of Petty Sessions started on 5 Apr 1843.

Deposition and Minute Books - Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane

06/02/1846–30/03/1905

[Series 753](#)

[ITM518884](#) Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane - Depositions book, 6/2/1846 – 31/10/1846

[ITM518886](#) Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane - Depositions and minutes book, 15/1/1850 – 3/12/1850

[ITM518885, DR83172–DR83175](#) Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane - Depositions and minutes book, 7/12/1850 – 30/12/1854

Deposition and Minute Books - Police Court - Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane

01/07/1858–31/03/1905

[Series 6300](#)

[ITM970907, DR127850–DR127851](#) Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane - Deposition and minute book, Police Court, 1/07/1858 - 19/11/1860

Register of Cases Tried in the Court of Requests (Petty Sessions) for the Recovery of Small Debts - Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane

6/05/1844 - 3/02/1851

[Series 11117](#)

[ITM3974, DR57148](#) Register of cases tried in the Court of Requests (Petty Sessions) for the recovery of small debts, 6/05/1844 - 3/02/1851

Register of Recognizances - Publicans' Licences - Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane

18/04/1848–14/07/1857

[Series 11146](#)

[ITM4213](#) Register of recognizances - publicans' licences - Brisbane, 18/4/1848 – 14/7/1857, available on Reading Room computers, see Z4140

Register of Applications for Liquor Licences - Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane

20/4/1858 - 11/6/1867

[Series 11147](#)

[ITM4214](#) Register of applications for liquor licences - Brisbane, 20/4/1858 - 11/6/1867, available on Reading Room computers, see Z4140

Court of Petty Sessions, Gayndah

The Gayndah Court of Petty Sessions started on 1 Jan 1850.

Record Book - Court of Petty Sessions, Gayndah

30/10/1850 - 19/10/1857

[Series 6613](#)

[ITM212593, DR84513-DR84514](#) Court Record Book, 30/10/1850 - 19/10/1857

Court of Petty Sessions, Ipswich

The Ipswich Court of Petty Sessions started on 21 Dec 1846.

Minutes of Proceedings - Court of Petty Sessions, Ipswich

22/01/1858 – 02/10/1858

[Series 11454](#)

[ITM5152](#) Minutes of proceedings, 22/1/1858 – 2/10/1858, available on Reading Room computers, see Z909

Register of Proceedings - Court of Petty Sessions, Ipswich

02/02/1847– 28/04/1852

[Series 11455](#)

[ITM5153](#) Register of proceedings, 2/2/1847 – 28/4/1852, available on Reading Room computers, see Z909

In-Letters and Circulars Received - Court of Petty Sessions, Ipswich

1/1/1847–6/7/1860

[Series 11462](#)

[ITM5372](#) Papers received (in-letters and circulars received), 1/1/1847 – 30/1/1850

[ITM5373](#) In-letters and circulars, 20/9/1854 - 6/7/1860

Court of Petty Sessions, Nanango

The settlement known as Burnett Inn was officially named Nanango on 1 July 1859. The Nanango Court of Petty Sessions started on 8 Dec 1857.

Bench Books - Court of Petty Sessions, Nanango

19/04/1859–09/11/1906

[Series 8167](#)

[ITM278152, DR50893–DR50894](#) Bench Book, 19/04/1859 - 31/12/1881

Court of Petty Sessions, Taroom

The Taroom Court of Petty Sessions started on 11 Feb 1859.

Deposition and Minute Book - Court of Petty Sessions, Taroom

2/04/1858–26/02/1869

[Series 11801](#)

[ITM6378](#) Deposition and minute book, 2/04/1858 – 26/02/1869

Statements of Money Received - Court of Petty Sessions, Taroom

1/03/1859 - 31/12/1863

[Series 11803](#)

[ITM6380](#) Statements of money received, 1/03/1859 - 31/12/1863

Crown Lands Office

Prior to Queensland's separation from New South Wales, as settlement spread westward and northward, the pastoral districts of Darling Downs, Burnett, Wide Bay and Maranoa were created. When Queensland became a separate colony, control of land administration within the new Colony automatically passed to the Queensland Government. Augustus Charles Gregory was appointed both Surveyor-General and, on the 19 Jan 1860, Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands. Because of the close link between surveying and leasing of land, it was thought desirable that both operations should be within the same administrative organisation.

Tabular Registers of Land - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

Circa 01/03/1855 –31/10/1863

[Series 12032](#)

[ITM7557](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/3/1855 – 30/11/1859

[ITM7558](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/12/1859 – 31/10/1863

Tabular Register of Demands made for leases - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

Circa 01/01/1852–31/12/1914

[Series 12034](#)

[ITM7560, DR192199](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/01/1852 - 31/12/1914

Registers of Demands - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

Circa 01/01/1848–31/12/1870

[Series 12035](#)

[ITM7561, DR217163](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/1/1848 – 31/12/1868

[ITM7562, DR192200](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/1/1858 – 31/12/1870

Tabular Register of Lands Open for the Selection of Pastoral Runs - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

Circa 01/02/1848–31/03/1855

[Series 12038](#)

[ITM7597](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/02/1848 - 31/03/1855

Receipt Book - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

20/3/1850 – 13/8/1851

[Series 12054](#)

[ITM7648, DR125632–DR125634](#), Receipt book - cash, 20/3/1850 – 13/8/1851

Various Letters - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

1/01/1847 - 31/12/1866

[Series 12055](#)

[ITM7649](#) Various letters in connection with the lease of Canning Downs, Darling Downs Pastoral Districts, 1/01/1847 - 31/12/1866

Lists of Sale, Rent and Renewal of Leases - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

Circa 1/01/1859 - 31/12/1860

[Series 12058](#)

[ITM7653](#) Lists of sale, rent and renewal of leases in the Police District of Brisbane, 1/01/1859 - 31/12/1860

Land Regulations - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

Circa 1/01/1848 - 31/12/1879

[Series 12059](#)

[ITM7654](#) Miscellaneous Correspondence - Crown Lands Office, 1/01/1848 - 31/12/1879

Papers Relating to the Transfer of Runs - Crown Lands Office / Chief Commissioner Of Crown Lands

Circa 01/01/1848–31/12/1874

[Series 12061](#)

[ITM7656, DR24599–DR24600](#) Papers relating to the transfer of runs, 1/01/1848 - 31/12/1869

Crown Prosecutor, Moreton Bay

On 1 April 1857 Robert Little was appointed to the position of Crown Solicitor for civil and criminal business in the Moreton Bay district to act as solicitor and provide legal advice to other government agencies in the district. Following separation of the colony of Queensland from New South Wales, Robert Little was appointed Crown Solicitor on 23 Dec 1859.

In-Letters - Crown Prosecutor, Moreton Bay

Circa 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1859

[Series 12062](#)

[ITM7657](#) In-letters - Crown Prosecutor, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1859

Correspondence Files - Crown Solicitor's Office / Solicitor General's Office

22/06/1854 – 31/12/1970

[Series 18679](#)

[ITM8172](#) Correspondence, deeds and miscellaneous papers associated with the Moreton Bay Savings Bank, 22/06/1854 - 31/12/1869

Crown Solicitor's Office, Moreton Bay

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In-Letters, Crown Solicitor's inwards correspondence

20/08/1854–31/10/1906

[Series 12063](#)

[ITM7658](#) In-letters - Crown Solicitor's Office, 20/08/1854 - 18/12/1867

Briefs and Transcripts of Depositions Read During Criminal Trials at Various Locations

Circa 01/01/1858–31/12/1945

[Series 12116](#)

[ITM7862](#) Briefs etc relating to criminal trials at: Mackay, Millchester, Maryborough, Moreton Bay, Muttaborra, Nanango, Normanton, Circa 1/01/1858 – circa 31/12/1896

[ITM7873](#) Briefs etc relating to criminal trials at: Yeppoon and Warwick, Circa 1/01/1859 – circa 31/12/1945

Correspondence Files - Crown Solicitor's Office / Solicitor General's Office

22/06/1854 – 31/12/1970

[Series 18679](#)

[ITM7901](#) Briefs and transcripts of depositions - Aboriginal, Chinese, Cingalese, Javanese, Malay and Polynesian labourers, Circa 1/01/1858 – circa 31/12/1908

Crown Solicitor's Office

The position of Crown Solicitor has been in continuous existence in Queensland since separation from New South Wales in 1859; however, the position has not always been accompanied by a Crown Solicitor's Office. The first Crown Solicitor's Office was established at the same time as the position of Crown Solicitor on 23 December 1859 and continued until the appointment of a Solicitor General in 1922.

Letterbooks - Crown Solicitor's Office

26/11/1858–Circa 31/12/1915

[Series 12264](#)

[ITM8399](#) Crown Solicitor's Letterbook, 26/11/1858 – 12/11/1867

Curator of Intestate Estates, Moreton Bay

On 1 April 1857, under the *Moreton Bay Supreme Court Act 1857*, the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay was established. The Act also included the appointment of a Curator of Intestate Estates. There was no reference to an appointment to this position has been located, although John Clements Wickham had originally been appointed Commissioner of Insolvent Estates in 1845. Records may have been kept from 1857 by the Registrar of the Supreme Court who fulfilled a number of roles and acted as Official Assignee of Insolvency

until replaced on 1 October 1857. On 30 December 1859, following separation of Queensland from New South Wales, a Curator of Intestate Estates was appointed.

Intestacy Registers, Brisbane Office

28/05/1857–02/02/1917

[Series 9602](#)

[ITM298698, DR102352](#), Intestacy register, 28/05/1857 - 22/10/1880

District Surveyor's Office, Moreton Bay

Surveyors were sent to Moreton Bay Penal Settlement in May 1839 to begin surveying in preparation for free settlement. Surveying was carried out in accordance with New South Wales instructions for the land to be divided into counties then parishes then smaller blocks for lease or sale. The first land sales were held in Brisbane in 1842. Surveyors were responsible to the New South Wales Surveyor General until separation and the appointment of the first Queensland Surveyor General in December 1859.

Letterbook - District Surveyor's Office, Moreton Bay

06/04/1844–21/12/1859

[Series 12549](#)

[ITM9512](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 22/06/1858 - 21/12/1859

[ITM9513](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 6/4/1844 – 20/10/1851

[ITM9514](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 28/10/1851 – 20/11/1856

[ITM9515](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 21/11/1856 – 15/1/1858

[ITM9516](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 26/2/1856 – 19/12/1859

Dunwich Benevolent Asylum

Dunwich Benevolent Asylum was established 13 May 1865 when people were first transferred to the Dunwich Quarantine Station from the Benevolent Ward attached to the Brisbane Hospital. Dunwich Benevolent Asylum continued to operate until it was officially closed on 30 September 1946. Residents were gradually transferred to Eventide, Sandgate, which was officially opened on 4 October 1946.

Registers of Personal Details Relating to Persons Admitted - Males - Dunwich Benevolent Asylum

Circa 01/01/1859–29/09/1882

[Series 12552](#)

[ITM9518, DR51258](#) Register of personal details relating to persons admitted to Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, Circa 1/01/1859 - 29/09/1882

[ITM9519, DR51268](#) Register of the personal details relating to males and females admitted to Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, Circa 1/01/1859 - 26/01/1875

[ITM9520, DR51287](#) Register of personal details relating to females admitted to Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, Circa 1/10/1859 - 28/06/1906

Government Resident, Moreton Bay

Captain John Clements Wickham was appointed New South Wales Government Resident at Moreton Bay on 8 April 1853, and was given the responsibility of administering the Moreton Bay settlement. [Note: Some of the records attached to this agency are earlier than the agency's 1853 start date. These early records are addressed to the Police Magistrate, Moreton Bay which was the position held by Captain Wickham before his appointment as Government Resident. The Government Resident, Moreton Bay was responsible to the Colonial Secretary's Office, New South Wales. Captain Wickham was assisted in his duties by a government clerk.]

Advice from the Colonial Treasury, Sydney, re Payment of Government Resident Salary Etc.

09/01/1857–31/12/1857

[Series 12746](#)

[ITM17594, DR50909](#) Advices from the Colonial Treasury, Sydney, re payment of Government Resident salary etc., 9/01/1857 - 31/12/1857

Register of Letters Addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney

Circa 01/01/1854–31/12/1855

[Series 12747](#)

[ITM17595, DR92933](#) Register of letters addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, 1/01/1854 -31/12/1855

Miscellaneous In-Letters - Government Resident, Moreton Bay

16/02/1853–22/08/1860

[Series 12749](#)

[ITM17602, DR50891–DR50892](#) Miscellaneous in-letters - Government Resident, Moreton Bay, 16/02/1853 - 22/08/1860

Returns of Public Works Buildings, Etc.

Circa 01/01/1858–31/12/1859

[Series 12751](#)

[ITM17604, DR50911](#) Returns of Public Works buildings, etc. for which money expended - Government Resident, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1858 - 31/12/1859

Monthly Cash Accounts - Government Resident, Moreton Bay

Circa 01/04/1857 – 31/12/1859

[Series 12752](#)

[ITM17605, DR50912](#) Monthly Cash Accounts - Government Resident, Moreton Bay, 1/04/1857 - 31/12/1859

Reports of the Surveyor of Moreton Bay Roads and Other Correspondence re Road Making - Government Resident, Moreton Bay

20/06/1854–09/12/1857

[Series 12753](#)

[ITM17606, DR50913–DR50915](#) Reports of the Surveyor of Moreton Bay Roads and other correspondence re road making, 20/6/1854 – 25/10/1857

Correspondence to the Government Resident - Government Resident, Moreton Bay

23/04/1855–28/12/1857

[Series 12755](#)

[ITM17608, DR50917](#) Correspondence – inwards, (a) P.M.G. Sydney, 23/04/1855 - 23/09/1857

[ITM17609, DR50918](#) Correspondence – inwards, (b) Clerk of Work, 2/09/1856 - 12/05/1857

[ITM17610, DR50919](#) Correspondence – inwards, (c) Superintendent of Light House, 5/01/1857 - 24/12/1857

[ITM17611, DR50920](#) Correspondence – inwards, (d) Police Magistrate, Ipswich, 10/01/1857 - 28/12/1857

[ITM17612, DR50921](#) Correspondence – inwards, (e) Immigration Agent, 1/04/1857 - 24/10/1857

[ITM17613, DR50922](#) Correspondence – inwards, (f) Harbour Master, 9/04/1857 - 20/10/1857

[ITM17614, DR50905](#) Correspondence – inwards, (g) Sheriff, 9/06/1857 - 26/08/1857

[ITM17615, DR50904](#) Correspondence – inwards, (h) Clerk of Bench, Police Office, 6/08/1857 - 6/08/1857

Letters Addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, on the Native Police

25/02/1857–14/12/1858

[Series 12756](#)

[ITM17616, DR50996](#) Letters addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, on the Native Police, 22/2/1858 – 14/12/1858

[ITM17617, DR50997](#) Letters addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, on the Native Police, 25/2/1857 – 23/11/1857

In-Letters on Native Police Matters

14/12/1855– 28/11/1858

[Series 12757](#)

[ITM17618, DR57991](#) In-letters on Native Police matters - Government Resident, Moreton Bay, 14/12/1855 – 28/11/1858

Letters received by Government Resident, Moreton Bay

02/03/1855– 07/11/1857

[Series 12758](#)

[ITM17619](#) Letters addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, and by the Inspector-General Police, on native police matters (including various enclosures), 2/3/1855 – 7/11/1857

Government Resident, Port Curtis

The Government Resident was Mr M C O'Connell at Port Curtis (Gladstone).

Letterbook - Government Resident, Port Curtis

09/01/1854– 02/06/1857

[Series 6614](#)

[ITM212594, DR84515–DR84520](#), Letterbook - Government Resident, Port Curtis, 9/1/1854 – 2/6/1857

Harbours and Rivers

On 16 August 1874 the Harbours and Rivers Department was established, but the department was abolished from 1 January 1894 then re-instated on 1 February 1902.

Plan Register for Contracts - Department of Harbours and Marine

Circa 01/01/1856– 31/12/1892

[Series 12809](#)

[ITM17742](#) Plan register for contracts, Circa 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1892

Immigration Agent, New South Wales

With the proclamation of free settlement on 10 Feb 1842, the Immigration Agent in Sydney became responsible for immigration to Moreton Bay. The Immigration Agent in Sydney was responsible for shipping arrangements, and the welfare of passengers. With the proclamation of the colony of Queensland on 10 Dec 1859, the responsibility for immigration passed to the Queensland Colonial Secretary's Office and subsequently the Immigration Department.

Passenger Lists of Immigrant Ships [microfilm] - Immigrants arriving in Queensland ports (Moreton Bay) from Europe

Circa 01/01/1848– 31/12/1859

[Series 18173](#)

[ITM339031](#) Passenger lists of immigrant ships (A2.44), Circa1/01/1848 - circa31/12/1855, available on Reading Room computers, see Z598 and Z1524

[ITM339032](#) Passenger lists of immigrant ships (A2.45), Circa1/01/1855 - circa31/12/1859, available on Reading Room computers, see Z599 and Z1525

[ITM339033](#) Passenger lists of immigrant ships (A2.46), Circa1/01/1848 - circa31/12/1859, available on Reading Room computers, see Z600 and Z1526

These records have been indexed by State Records of New South Wales. Search the index, [Assisted Immigrants index 1838–1896](#).

Immigration Department

The Immigration Department was responsible for the promotion of immigration and administration of immigrants' passages including the nomination system, land orders and assisted passages as well as services to immigrants on arrival in Queensland. Arthur Clark Kemball was appointed the first Immigration Agent for Queensland on 30 December 1859.

Registers of Immigrant Ships' Arrivals

15/08/1848– 25/12/1912

[Series 13086](#)

[ITM18474, DR7427–DR39700](#) Register of passengers on immigrant ships arriving in Queensland, No 16, 15/08/1848 – 31/17/1868. Each ship voyage has a separate DR.

[ITM18475, DR37824–DR39680](#) Register of passengers on immigrant ships arriving in Queensland, No 17, 30/05/1857 - 21/11/1869. Each ship voyage has a separate DR.

Search the online name index, [Assisted immigration 1848-1912](#) for the name/s of the individual/s.

Lists of Ships Arriving in Queensland

Circa 01/01/1859–31/12/1940

[Series 13103](#)

[ITM18621](#) Lists of ships arriving in Queensland, Circa 1/01/1859 - circa 31/12/1938

Indexes to Registers of Immigrant Ships Arriving in Queensland

Circa 01/01/1848– 31/12/1923

[Series 13108](#)

[ITM18602, DR45467–DR45468](#) Index to registers of immigrants ships arriving in Queensland, Circa 1/01/1848 - circa 31/12/1923

[ITM18636](#) Index to registers of immigrants ships arriving in Queensland, Circa 1/01/1848 – circa 31/12/1912, available on Reading Room computers, see Z2849

Justice Department

In 1859/1860, the Offices of the Attorney General were comprised of the Law Officers of the Crown including the Crown Solicitor, the Supreme Court, the Insolvent Court, three district Coroners, and the Sheriff.

Coronial Files (Inquests and No Inquests)

Circa 1/01/1859 – circa 31/12/1978

[Series 36](#)

[ITM2720122–ITM2720169](#), Inquest file, Circa 1/01/1859 – circa 31/12/1860, available on Reading Room computers, see Z2839

Search [the catalogue](#) or the online name index, [Inquests 1859-1905 \(2-parts, digital and non-digital\)](#), for the name/s of individual/s.

Papers - Department of Justice (I)

Circa 01/01/1858 – 31/12/1878

[Series 13223](#)

[ITM18903](#) Papers relating to Julius Theodor Baetz, Circa 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1878

Calendars of Criminals Brought to Trial

Circa 1/01/1857 – circa 31/03/1966

[Series 13369](#)

[ITM19755, DR84377](#), Court calendars, Circa1/01/1857 - circa31/12/1865

Papers Relating to Legislation

Circa 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1965

[Series 13400](#)

[ITM20142](#) Papers – legislation, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1892

Land Agent, Gladstone

The Land Agent, Gladstone was a district office which began c 1 Jan 1858. Land Agents administered matters relating to the sale, selection and leasing of Crown land. The Land Agent was required to keep a register in which to enter all applications to select land in the consecutive order of their receipt. The title Land Agent includes other titles used for this office, such as 'Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands' and 'Crown Land Agent'.

Report of Crown Land Sales - Land Agent, Gladstone

31/07/1855–09/10/1883

[Series 336](#)

[ITM464065](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 6/7/1863 - 26/7/1864

[ITM464066](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 31/07/1855 - 9/10/1883

Land Agent, Rockhampton

The Land Agent, Rockhampton was a district office which began 17 Sep 1858. Land Agents administered matters relating to the sale, selection and leasing of Crown land.

Register of Crown Land Sales - Land Agent, Rockhampton

17/11/1858– 28/03/1865

[Series 7826](#)

[ITM276003](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 17/11/1858 - 29/12/1862

Lands Department

The primary purpose of the Lands Department was to acquire and develop ("open-up") new land for settlement. This broad mandate entailed a variety of functions, including: the selling, auctioning or leasing of town, country and suburban land; the issuing of occupation licenses; rabbit control; the control of noxious weeds; land development projects; loans; valuations and roads.

Pastoral Holdings (Run files)

Circa 1/10/1850 - 9/08/1994

[Series 14031](#)

[ITM26827](#) File – pastoral run: Lower Palm Creek No. 7, Leichhardt District: Run No. 1541, 1/10/1850 – 30/9/1901

[ITM26941](#) File – pastoral run: Yarrows, Leichhardt District: Run No. 1555, 1/02/1856 - 31/07/1888

[ITM27470](#) File – pastoral run: Basin Creek, Port Curtis District: Run No. 1212, 1/10/1859 – 31/10/1823

[ITM27500](#) File – pastoral run: Goshen, Port Curtis District: Run No.1635, 1/10/1856 - 31/08/1885

[ITM27837](#) File – pastoral run: Kingahume, 1/02/1858 – 30/06/1860

[ITM27864](#) File – pastoral run: Yarounbah, Circa 1/04/1857 - circa 30/06/1857

Reports of the Sale of Crown Land

16/05/1859 - 26/06/1915

[Series 14038](#)

[ITM66192](#) Reports, 16/05/1859 - 29/12/1862

Works Carried Out by the Public Estate Improvement Branch

Circa 1/01/1831 - circa 31/12/1951

[Series 14043](#)

[ITM67073, DR65886-DR65887](#) File - public works undertaken, Paddington Cemetery, Circa 1/01/1831 - circa 31/12/1913

Sale of Crown Land after Auction

13/10/1858 - 24/03/1916

[Series 14078](#)

[ITM77836](#) File – Crown land sales: Land Purchase: YONE, John; Maryborough, 13/10/1858 – 7/07/1881

Reserve Files

Circa 1/01/1856 - circa 31/12/2003

[Series 17925](#)

[ITM141288](#) File – reserve, c 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1961

Moreton Bay Benevolent Society

At a meeting of Moreton Bay residents the Moreton Bay Benevolent Society was established on 14 October 1844 for charitable purposes to "relieve the poor the distressed and the aged". With closure of the convict hospital in January 1848, and the formation of a committee to administer the Moreton Bay Hospital which began operations in October 1848, the Benevolent Society merged with the Moreton Bay Hospital Committee in approximately November 1848.

Minute Book - Moreton Bay Benevolent Society

14/10/1844 – 19/03/1847

[Series 10813](#)

[ITM2866](#) Minutes of meetings of the Moreton Bay Benevolent Society, 14/10/1844 - 19/03/1847

Moreton Bay District Survey Office, New South Wales

The survey of lands within the colony of New South Wales was the responsibility of the Surveyor General. Surveying and mapping of the Moreton Bay area was initially undertaken by surveyors sent from Sydney. The agency operated as a district office of the New South Wales Surveyor General in Sydney and instructions were generally issued by the Surveyor General. Surveyors of the Moreton Bay district undertook the primary survey of the public estate, the boundaries of public roads and reserves and surveys relating to the alienation or leasing of Crown Lands and the associated mapping, record-keeping within the district. It began operation from about 1 Jan 1840 to 23 Dec 1859.

General Correspondence Relating to Land Reservations

Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1939

[Series 678](#)

[ITM516093](#) File – reserve: Church, parsonage and school house – Ipswich, 1/01/1848 - 31/12/1848

[ITM516097](#) File – reserve: Benevolent Asylum – Toowoomba, 1/01/1857 – 1/01/1861

[ITM516105](#) File – reserve: Sale of allotments – Westwood, 1/1/1859 – 1/1/1861

[ITM516106](#) File – reserve: Church of England and school – Gayndah, 1/01/1857 - 1/01/1862

[ITM516108](#) File – reserve: Recreational reserve – Toowoomba, 1/01/1859 – 1/01/1862

[ITM516109](#) File – reserve: Presbyterian Church – Little Ipswich and north Ipswich, 1/01/1859 - 1/01/1862

[ITM516110](#) File – reserve: Benevolent Asylum – Condamine, 1/01/1859 – 1/01/1862

Letterbook (Incomplete) - Moreton Bay District Survey Office

04/06/1842–02/03/1843

[Series 8483](#)

[ITM281450](#) Letterbook (incomplete), Copies of letters sent by the Moreton Bay District Survey office, 4/06/1842 - 2/03/1843

Trigonometrical Survey

Circa 01/01/1848–31/12/1849

[Series 10476](#)

[ITM310836](#) File - survey work: Principal triangles of the trigonometrical survey of the Moreton District, Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1849

[ITM310837](#) File - survey work: [Secondary triangles of the trigonometrical survey of the Moreton District](#), Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1849

[ITM310838](#) File - survey work: Trigonometrical survey of the Darling Downs, Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1849

[ITM310839](#) File - survey work: Trigonometrical survey of the Darling Downs (duplicate), Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1849

[ITM310840](#) File - survey work: Trigonometrical survey of the Moreton District, 1848 - 1849; Darling Downs, 1848 - 1849; and Moreton Bay, 1845, Circa 1/01/1848 – c 31/12/1849

[ITM310841](#) File - survey work: Copy book of calculations, Circa 1/01/1848 – c 31/12/1849

[ITM310842](#) File - survey work: Copy book of calculations, Circa 1/01/1848 – c 31/12/1849

Correspondence re Deeds of Grant for Lands Sold in Moreton Bay District

Circa 1/07/1855 - c 1/07/1855

[Series 16117](#)

[ITM101510](#) Correspondence, Circa 1/07/1855 - c 30/11/1855

Reports of Sales, Descriptions of Lands Sold, Schedules of Leases Taken Up and Renewed

Circa 1/08/1842 - c 31/12/1859

[Series 16118](#)

[ITM101511](#) Report – land: Brisbane, Circa 1/08/1842 - c 30/04/1858

[ITM101512](#) Report – land: Ipswich, Circa 1/03/1852 - c 31/12/1859

[ITM101513](#) Report – land: Maryborough, Circa 1/10/1853 - c 31/03/1856

[ITM101514](#) Report – land: Warwick, Circa 1/11/1853 - c 31/03/1856

[ITM101515](#) Report – land: Drayton, Circa 1/01/1854 - c 31/03/1856

[ITM101516](#) Report – land: Gladstone, Circa 1/07/1855 - c 31/03/1856

Lists of Land Sold - Colony of Queensland

Circa 1/09/1842 - c 31/08/1859

[Series 16119](#)

[ITM101517, DR51698](#) Register - sales of Crown land: Lists of land sold - colony of Queensland, 1/09/1842 - 31/08/1859

Survey Catalogue of Plans Books for Pastoral Districts

Circa 1/11/1823 - c 31/07/1986

[Series 17469](#)

[ITM324900](#) Survey Plans: Darling Downs, Maranoa and Warrego, 6/12/1848 - 11/5/1886

[ITM324909](#) Survey Plans: Leichhardt and Port Curtis, 30/1/1855 – 21/1/1901

[ITM324913, DR24232–DR24233, DR24242–DR24244](#) Survey Plans: Moreton, 1/11/1823 – 17/7/1879

Record of Pre-Separation Survey Plans

Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1889

[Series 18292](#)

[ITM341488](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1889

Moreton Bay District Survey Office, New South Wales Surveyor General's Department

When Queensland became a separate colony in 1859, control of land administration within the new colony was automatically transferred to the Queensland Government with the Surveyor General's Office administered as a single sub-department within the Colonial Secretary's Office. The Surveyor General's Department began operation from 23 Dec 1859.

Registers of Sales of Crown Lands, Town and Suburban Lands

16/01/1855 -18/03/1959

[Series 9963](#)

[ITM301837](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 16/01/1855 - 2/09/1958

Letterbook - Letters to Surveyors

8/12/1855 - 11/04/1861

[Series 16131](#)

[ITM101548](#) Letterbook, 8/12/1855 - 11/04/1861

This letterbook is unavailable due to its format. Where possible, a copy will be made available.

Registers of Letters Received

Circa 1/07/1855 - c 31/12/1979

[Series 16151](#)

[ITM102543, DR81465](#) Register - correspondence, inwards, Circa 1/07/1855 - c 31/12/1859

General Correspondence

Circa 1/01/1855 - c 31/12/1979

[Series 16154](#)

[ITM103524](#) Miscellaneous – letters received, Survey Office, Circa 1/01/1855 - c 31/12/1859

Gazettal References – Various

Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1960

[Series 16158](#)

[ITM103938, DR214919](#) & [ITM1143234, DR214925](#), Register - circulars/gazettal notices: Loose reference papers originally located amongst the gazettal notices regarding boundaries of local authorities. Later bound separately. Includes gazettal notices and lists Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1960

Survey Plans

Circa 1/01/1853 - 13/02/1961

[Series 17667](#)

[ITM1246186](#) Map: Skeleton tracing of Suburban Allotments at Gladstone, Circa 1/01/1853 - c 31/12/1853

[ITM1102166](#) Map: Diagram of Angular Survey at Port Curtis by Surveyor McCABE, Circa 1/12/1855 - c 1/02/1856

[ITM1251028](#) Map: TOOTH, application to purchase 160 acres; Jondaryan Run, 14/09/1857 - 14/09/1857

Moreton Bay Hospital

The hospital treated prisoners and military personnel and their families as out-patients or in-patients. With the end of penal settlement and the opening of Moreton Bay to free settlement from February 1842, the hospital continued to operate and commenced treatment of all persons although free settlers were charged a fee if they were not deemed to be paupers. It operated between the years 1827 and 1848.

Register of out-patients treated

25/3/1829 – 12/5/1850

[Series 10809](#)

[ITM2858, DR24190-DR24194 Register - hospital out-patients, 25/03/1829 - 30/05/1832](#)

[ITM2898, DR24188-DR24189 Register - hospital out-patients, 22/01/1841 - 12/05/1850](#)

Journal of accounts for treatment of patients at the Brisbane General Hospital

20/11/1847 – 26/12/1869

[Series 10818](#)

[ITM2888, DR92945 Journal \(cash\), 1/3/1852 – 26/12/1869](#)

[ITM2889, DR92946 Journal \(cash\), 20/11/1847 – 19/8/1850](#)

Daily Register of the numbers of persons at the Moreton Bay Settlement

1/4/1829 – 31/10/1829

[Series 10820](#)

[ITM2893, DR24195 Returns, 1/4/1829 – 31/10/1829](#)

Monthly Abstract of the Daily Register Kept at the Moreton Bay Settlement

1/9/1829 – 31/10/1829

[Series 10821](#)

[ITM2894, DR24196 Monthly returns, 1/9/1829 – 31/10/1829](#)

Register of Cases and Treatment

8/12/1830 – 27/9/1862

[Series 10822](#)

[ITM2865, DR24180-DR24183](#) Case book, 17/8/1837 – 22/7/1839

[ITM2864, DR124162-DR124165](#) Case book, 17/6/1858 – 27/9/1862

[ITM2895, DR24197-DR24202](#) Case book, 8/12/1830 – 3/11/1831

[ITM2896, DR24184-DR24187](#) Case book, 16/11/1831 – 27/1/1833

[ITM2897, DR24168-DR24171](#) Case book, 6/8/1839 – 7/7/1842

[ITM2899, DR124166-DR124167](#) Case book, 3/3/1847 – 28/1/1848

[ITM2900, DR124168-DR124170](#) Case book, 6/11/1848 – 26/10/1850

[ITM2901, DR24165-DR24167](#) Case book, 13/7/1842 – 20/11/1843

[ITM2902, DR124171-DR124172](#) Case book, 6/1/1846 – 27/2/1847

[ITM2903, DR124173-DR124177](#) Case book, 8/1/1853 – 14/6/1858

Moreton Bay Hospital Brisbane Hospital Committee of Management

The Brisbane Hospital Committee was responsible for raising funds and administration of the Moreton Bay / Brisbane Hospital whose functions were provision of care for the sick and disabled as well as outdoor relief for the needy. Following the closure of the Moreton Bay convict hospital in January 1848 and prior to the opening of the Moreton Bay Hospital in October 1848, a Committee was formed in May 1848 in accordance with the advice of the New South Wales Colonial Secretary that the hospital could be handed over to a civilian committee. The New South Wales and Queensland governments provided subsidies for capital works and equipment. It operated from 1848 to 1917.

Letterbooks - Moreton Bay Hospital / Brisbane Hospital Committee of Management

7/11/1836 – 7/5/1867

[Series 10815](#)

[ITM2881](#) Letterbook, 15/1/1849 – 29/8/1859, available on Reading Room computers, see MF 90896

[ITM2883, DR24179](#) Letterbook, 7/11/1836 – 3/7/1848

Native Police

A Native Police force was established in New South Wales in 1848, and following a Select Committee Report 1856-7, a local commandant with jurisdiction in the Moreton Bay area, including what was to become the northern part of New South Wales, was appointed on 5 May 1857.

Quarterly Account Book

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1858

[Series 6587](#)

[ITM212550](#) Native Police records, Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1858, available on Reading Room computers, see Z2436

Letterbook – Native Police

6/05/1857 - 28/06/1859

[Series 8677](#)

[ITM282454, DR83530-DR83531](#) Memoranda and Letters sent from the commander and the secretary of the Native Mounted Police Force, 6/05/1857 - 28/06/1859

Native Police, New South Wales

Native Police were aboriginal people employed as mounted police to help enforce law and order, reduce conflict between Europeans and aboriginal people. The first New South Wales Commandant of the Native Police was appointed on 17 August 1848. A local commandant for what was to become the colony of Queensland was not appointed until 1857.

General Correspondence Records of the Native Police

Circa 1/10/1848 - 2/01/1857

[Series 14725](#)

[ITM86134, DR190284](#) Native Police records, Circa 1/10/1848 - 2/01/1857

[ITM86133, DR190283](#) Native Police records, 22/02/1849 - 28/08/1854

Communication from Banks

Circa 1/04/1851 - c 30/04/1856

[Series 14728](#)

[ITM86136, DR190286](#) Native Police records, Circa 1/04/1851 - c 30/04/1856

Papers re Work of Native Police

5/01/1849 - c 31/03/1858

[Series 14733](#)

[ITM86131, DR190281](#) Native Police records, 5/07/1851 - 12/02/1857

[ITM86132, DR190282](#) Native Police records, 4/08/1852 - 23/06/1857

[ITM86137, DR190287](#) Native Police records, 21/11/1853 - c 31/03/1858

[ITM86138, DR190288](#) Native Police records, 10/05/1851 - 28/09/1857

[ITM86139, DR190289](#) Native Police records, 25/10/1850 - 22/07/1857

[ITM86140](#) Native Police records, 22/08/1850 - 18/01/1857, available on Reading Room computers, see Z2433

[ITM86141](#) Native Police records, 5/01/1849 - 1/08/1857, available on Reading Room computers, see Z2432, Z2433

[ITM86145](#) Native Police records, 11/11/1853 - 12/01/1857, available on Reading Room computers, see Z2434

Requisitions for Supplies, Advice from the Treasury, Statements of Disbursement of Pay, Etc.,

Circa 1/1/1848 - 16/4/1856

[Series 14734](#)

[ITM86142, DR83507](#) Native Police records, Circa 1/1/1848 - 16/4/1856

Accounts for Goods and Services Supplied to Native Police etc.

Circa 1/10/1848 - c 31/03/1857

[Series 14735](#)

[ITM86143, DR83508-DR83509](#) Native Police records, Circa 1/10/1848 - c 31/03/1857

Miscellaneous Correspondence Records, Vouchers and Warrants Respecting the Native Police

1/12/1845 - 21/12/1854

[Series 14736](#)

[ITM86144](#) Native Police records, 1/12/1845 - 21/12/1854, available on Reading Room computers, see Z2432

Office of the Governor of Queensland

The Governor is the Representative of the Crown in Queensland. Duties and responsibilities of the Office include being the Representative of the Crown, the Constitutional Head of Government and maintaining all administrative functions and activities; and Head of Defence (nineteenth century only). The Governor's Office includes an Official Secretary, Executive Officer, Public Affairs Advisor, Aide-de-Camp and Aide. The Governor presides over the Executive Council which provided assistance and advice on the administration of the Office and of the Government.

Original Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies

12/08/1859 - 30/12/1910

[Series 9188](#)

[ITM294394, DR56445-DR56447](#) Despatches, 12/08/1859 - 22/12/1860

Letterbooks of Official Letters to Various Persons

22/11/1859 - 14/12/1904

[Series 12771](#)

[ITM17659, DR56438-DR56439](#) Letterbook, Circa 22/11/1859 - 12/08/1871

Letterbooks of Despatches to the Secretary of State for the Colonies

18/11/1859 – 23/9/1861

[Series 12774](#)

[ITM17670, DR56440-DR56442](#) Letterbook, 18/11/1859 - 23/09/1861

Duplicate Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies

12/8/1859 – 22/12/1869

[Series 12779](#)

[ITM17697](#) Despatches, 12/08/1859 - 22/12/1860

Official Assignee Office

The *Moreton Bay Supreme Court Act 1857* resulted in the appointment of an Official Assignee of Insolvent Estates. On 1 October 1857, William Pickering was appointed Official Assignee. The Official Assignee was an officer of the Insolvency Court.

Insolvency Registers

15/04/1857 - c 31/10/1928

[Series 9589](#)

[ITM298674, DR102347](#) Register – insolvency, 15/04/1857 – 30/09/1874

Insolvency files

15 Apr 1857 - 2 Jul 1861

[Series 15200](#)

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Police Magistrate, Moreton Bay Government Resident, Moreton Bay

The Police Magistrate was responsible for law and order in Moreton Bay settlement. Captain John Clements Wickham was appointed Police Magistrate, Moreton Bay on 14 Nov 1842, and took up his appointment in January 1843. A Chief Constable and four constables under his authority also commenced duties in January 1843. Captain John Clements Wickham was appointed New South Wales Government Resident at Moreton Bay on 8 April 1853, and was given the responsibility of administering the Moreton Bay settlement.

List of White Men Murdered by the Aboriginals in the District of Maranoa

1/1/1847 – 31/1/1851

[Series 12750](#)

[ITM17603, DR50910](#) Lists, 1/1/1847 – 31/1/1851

Butts of Receipts Issued for Various Sums of Money Received on the Public Service

30/10/1848 – 20/3/1850

[Series 15134](#)

[ITM88115](#) Receipts – cash, 30/10/1848 - 20/03/1850

Letters Addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney

10/1/1849 – 26/12/1856

[Series 12748](#)

[ITM17596, DR97258-DR97259](#) Correspondence – inwards, 10/1/1849 – 31/12/1849

[ITM17597, DR97260-DR97264](#) Correspondence – inwards, 1/1/1851 – 22/12/1851

[ITM17598, DR97265-DR97268](#) Correspondence – inwards, 1/1/1853 – 31/12/1853

[ITM17599, DR97269-DR97272](#) Correspondence – inwards, 9/1/1854 – 30/12/1854

[ITM17600, DR97273-DR97277](#) Correspondence – inwards, 6/1/1855 – 31/12/1855

[ITM17601, DR97278-DR97281](#) Correspondence – inwards, 8/1/1856 – 26/12/1856

Circulars Addressed to the Government Resident, Moreton Bay, by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney

Circa 1/1/1849 – 31/12/1855

[Series 12754](#)

[ITM17607, DR50916](#) Circulars, 1/1/1849 – 31/12/1855

Receipt Butts for Land Selected

13/08/1851 - 28/11/1853

[Series 15133](#)

[ITM88114](#) Receipts – cash, 13/08/1851 - 28/11/1853

Police Station, Drayton

The Police District, Drayton was gazetted 1850 and a Chief Constable was appointed 1 Jan 1851. In the 1860s and 1870s Drayton and Toowoomba operated as one unit.

Letterbook

3/9/1858 - 26/10/1866

[Series 7064](#)

[ITM269566](#) Letterbook – police, 3/09/1858 - 26/10/1866

Public Works Department

The Public Works Department was established on 4 January 1890 from the former Mines and Works Department.

Miscellaneous Specifications and Papers related to public buildings

Circa 1/01/1836 - c 31/12/1968

[Series 6910](#)

[ITM269294](#) Papers - public works, Indenture and specification of workhouse at Sturminster, England, Circa 1/01/1836 - c 31/12/1836

Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

Following the closure of the old convict hospital in January 1848, the president of the Moreton Bay Benevolent Society Captain Wickham appealed to the Colonial Secretary for the convict hospital to be retained. Approval was given for the 'Moreton Bay District Hospital' (previously Her Majesty's Moreton Bay Hospital) to be transferred to a civilian committee which would administer the hospital. Trustees were appointed on 19 August 1848, and the hospital was formally established in October 1848 when the convict hospital was handed over to the trustees of the Moreton Bay District Hospital. The Royal Brisbane Hospital and the Royal Women's Hospital merged to become the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in 2003.

Register of Provisions, Medicines and Patients in the Moreton Bay General Hospital

1/10/1847 – 22/6/1850

[Series 10810](#)

[ITM2891, DR24175–DR24178](#) Register - stock (supplies), 1/7/1832 – 31/7/1834

[ITM2892, DR24172–DR24174](#) Register - stock (supplies), 1/6/1842 – 31/12/1844

[ITM2859](#) Register - stock (supplies), 1/10/1847 - 22/06/1850, available on Reading Room computers, see MF 94644

Sheriff's Office

A Sheriff, Moreton Bay was appointed on 1 April 1857, and following separation, a Sheriff of Queensland was appointed on 15 December 1859. The Sheriff's Office was given legislative status by the *Supreme Court Act of 1867*. The Sheriff's duties included the execution of writs, summonses, rules, order, warrants, precepts, commands and processes of the court. The Sheriff was also responsible for the summoning of juries.

General Letterbooks of the Sheriff/Comptroller General of Prisons

15/04/1857 - 18/03/1920

[Series 15169](#)

[ITM89487](#) Letterbook, 15/04/1857 - 9/12/1859

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Small Debts Courts, Gladstone

The Small Debts Court dealt with cases relating to minor financial matters and was also known as Courts of Requests. The Small Debts Court, Gladstone started on 20 Jan 1854.

Minute Book

4/5/1857 – 14/3/1872

[Series 7955](#)

[ITM276953](#) Minute book – courts, 4/5/1857 – 14/3/1872

Plaint and Summons Book

28/3/1856 – 2/4/1872

[Series 7958](#)

[ITM276956](#) *Plaint, 28/3/1856 – 2/4/1872*

Small Debts Court, Maryborough

The *Australian Courts Act of 1828* established courts possessing summary jurisdiction in certain types of civil matters involving the payment or recovery of small debts, known as Courts of Requests. The *Small Debts Recovery Act of 1846* and subsequent Queensland legislation of 1864 provided for Courts of Petty Sessions to administer such actions. The Small Debts Court, Maryborough was established on 12 October 1853.

Judgment Books

4/05/1857 - 26/02/1987

[Series 4547](#)

[ITM799522](#) *Judgment Book (formerly register of cases heard in the Court of Requests), 4/05/1857 - 9/12/1863*

Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, Supreme Court of Queensland

The Supreme Court is the highest court in Queensland. In 1857 a Resident Judge was appointed to Moreton Bay. At separation the only judge in Queensland was a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, exercising jurisdiction in what had previously been the District of Moreton Bay and was now the colony of Queensland.

Registers of Miscellaneous Files [Proceedings Commenced Otherwise Than by Writ]

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1991

[Series 540](#)

[ITM512041, DR51627](#) *Register - court applications, Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1883*

Registers of Ecclesiastical Files

Circa 1/01/1857 - 29/11/1991

[Series 5170](#)

[ITM823158, DR52167, DR61053](#) *Register – ecclesiastical files, 1-396, 1/01/1857 – 21/12/1857*

These registers control S4486, Ecclesiastical files. Note: The departmental number / agency control number is essential to find the appropriate file for the individual's name; please search the online index, [Wills 1857-1940](#) or the indexes in the Reading Room.

Oaths of Allegiance Administered to Justices of the Peace

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1976

[Series 5739](#)

[ITM882125, DR86896](#) *Register - Justices of the Peace, Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1861*
Search for a name using the online index to [Justices of the Peace 1857-1957](#).

Articles of Clerkship Files

Circa 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1984

[Series 5751](#)

[ITM883121](#) File - articulated clerks, Book 1, Circa 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1871

Information, Depositions and Associated Papers in Criminal Cases Heard in Sittings in Brisbane

Circa 1/01/1857- 24/11/1958

[Series 15536](#)

[ITM95394](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1857- 31/05/1857

[ITM95564](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/08/1857- 31/10/1857

[ITM1738458](#) – [ITM1738476](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1858 - 31/07/1858; Names are listed in [ArchivesSearch](#).

[ITM96017](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/04/1858 - 31/08/1868

[ITM96251](#) Depositions and indictments, 29/04/1858 - 24/11/1865

[ITM96373](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1858 - 31/12/1858

[ITM96384](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1859 - 31/05/1859

[ITM96395](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/08/1859 - 30/11/1859

[ITM96407](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1859 - 31/12/1859

Supreme Court of Queensland Supreme Court, Moreton Bay

The Supreme Court is the highest court in Queensland, comprising a Trial Division and the Court of Appeal. From December 10, 1859, official notice, appointments of court officers, and rules of court were gazetted under the title Supreme Court of Queensland.

Ecclesiastical files

Circa 1/01/1857 – 31/12/1859

[Series 4486](#)

Note: The departmental number / agency control number is essential to find the appropriate file for the individual's name; please search the online index, [Wills 1857-1940](#) or the indexes in the Reading Room.

Registers of Aliens to Whom Oaths of Allegiance for Naturalisation Were Administered

6/09/1858 - c 31/12/1903

[Series 5177](#)

Search for the name of the individual/s in the online name index, [Naturalisations, 1851–1908](#)

Writs

Circa 1/01/1857 – c 31/12/1859

[Series 5687](#)

[ITM2320045](#)– [ITM2320479](#); Names are listed in [ArchivesSearch](#).

Writs of Prohibition

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1900

[Series 5720](#)

[ITM881827](#) Writ, Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1863

Indexes to Writs of Prohibition

Circa 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1900

[Series 5721](#)

[ITM881841](#) Index – writs, Circa 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1878

Oaths of Allegiance Sworn by Aliens Being Naturalised

6/09/1858 - 15/01/1904.

[Series 5741](#)

Search for the name of the individual in the online name index, [Naturalisations, 1851–1908](#)
[ITM882252, DR152964-DR152967](#) Papers – naturalization, 6/09/1858 - 12/12/1863

Miscellaneous Files (proceedings started otherwise than by Writ)

15/04/1857 - 6/10/2007

[Series 5750](#)

[ITM882692](#) Court file - civil, miscellaneous, 15/04/1857- 30/08/1866

Register Boards re Admissions to Practice as Attorneys, Barristers and Conveyancers

Circa 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1912

[Series 15516](#)

[ITM95277](#) Index: Register boards relating to files of admissions to practice as attorneys, barristers and conveyancers, Circa 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1912

Rolls of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, Proctors and Conveyancers admitted to practice [photocopy]

Circa 1/01/1835 - c 31/12/1953

[Series 15521](#)

[ITM95286, DR59117](#) Register - admission to practice as barrister, solicitor etc.: Roll of barristers admitted to practice for the Supreme Court of Queensland, Circa 1/01/1835 -c 31/12/1941

[ITM95287, DR59118](#) Register - admission to practice as barrister, solicitor etc.: Roll of attorneys, solicitors and proctors of the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay (and Queensland), Circa 1/01/1857-c 31/12/1953

Files Relating to the Admission of Persons to Practice as Barristers, Solicitors and Other Legal Practitioners

13/03/1850- 10/10/1935

[Series 15522](#)

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Letters Received by the Registrar, Supreme Court, Moreton Bay

1/01/1855 - 18/05/1863

[Series 15456](#)

[ITM92465](#) Correspondence – inwards: Letters received by the Registrar, Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1855 - 18/05/1863

Correspondence and Papers re Cases in the Supreme Court, Moreton Bay

3/01/1855 – 22/01/1858

[Series 15464](#)

[ITM92483](#) Correspondence: Correspondence and papers re cases in the Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, mostly concerning Mr Justice Milford, 3/01/1855 – 22/01/1858

Judgment Files in Civil Cases, Including Affidavits and Associated Papers

Circa 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1868.

[Series 15530](#)

Items in this series are listed by case in [ArchivesSearch](#).

Miscellaneous Papers filed in criminal cases

Circa 1/1/1856 – 31/12/1863

[Series 15673](#)

Items in this series are listed by case in [ArchivesSearch](#).

Attorney's Papers on Various Matters Retained in Supreme Court

Circa 1/01/1856 - 31/12/1866

[Series 15687](#)

[ITM98723](#) Papers – court, 1/01/1856 - 31/12/1866

Judges' Notebooks (Supreme Court)

6/05/1857 - 7/03/1994

[Series 18554](#)

[ITM96957](#) Notebook - registrar's: Judge's Notebook - Resident Judge Moreton Bay and Supreme Court Southern District, Brisbane, Registrar's Record, Term, Banco and Equity Sittings, 6/05/1857 - 24/03/1863

[ITM99742](#) Notebook - judge's: Lutwyche's Notebook (Resident Judge Moreton Bay) - Civil Sittings, Brisbane, 16/05/1859 -17/05/1859

[ITM99743](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook (Resident Judge Moreton Bay) - Civil Sittings, Brisbane, 15/08/1859 -19/08/1859

[ITM99744](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook - Supreme Court of Queensland, Civil Sittings, Brisbane, 14/11/1859 -14/02/1860

[ITM99747](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook - Supreme Court of Queensland, Civil Sittings, Brisbane, 20/08/1859 -17/04/1860

[ITM99751](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook - Supreme Court of Queensland, in Term and Equity (includes Toowoomba sittings, 12 Mar 1860, and Maryborough sittings, 2 Apr 1860), 28/11/1859 -25/05/1860

- [ITM99830](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook (Resident Judge Moreton Bay) - Criminal Sittings, Brisbane, 23/05/1859 -28/05/1859
- [ITM99831](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook (Resident Judge Moreton Bay) - Criminal Sittings, Brisbane, 30/05/1859 -1/06/1859
- [ITM99832](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook - Supreme Court of Queensland, Criminal Sittings, Brisbane, 21/11/1859 -17/02/1860

Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane

Until the introduction of the *Supreme Court Act of 1874*, the Brisbane Supreme Court and the Circuit Courts were required to deal with all judicial matters of their concern that might arise within Queensland. The 1874 Act allowed for the creation of Supreme Court Districts. The Brisbane Registry then became known as the Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane. The Supreme Court exercises broad original jurisdiction (i.e. right to hear cases at first instance) in major civil and criminal matters as well as appellate jurisdiction (i.e. the right to hear appeals from a lower court). The Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane began operation on 30 Jun 1874.

Returns to Writs and Associated Papers

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 1/01/1857

[Series 5729](#)

[ITM881851](#) Register – writs, 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1871

List of Rules of Court

15/04/1857 - 17/05/1899

[Series 6674](#)

[ITM212783](#) Papers – court, 15/04/1857 – 17/05/1899

Insolvency Files

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1928

[Series 15499](#)

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Equity files

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1895

[Series 15505](#)

[ITM94874](#) File – equity, 1/01/1857 – 31/12/1859

Register of Equity Papers

28/02/1857 – 5/04/1867

[Series 15510](#)

[ITM95110](#) Index: Register of Equity papers, 28/02/1857 - 5/04/1867

Miscellaneous Insolvency Papers

Circa 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1901

[Series 15548](#)

[ITM96824](#) Papers – insolvency, Circa 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1901

Indexes to Registers of Judgments and Orders

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1925

[Series 15608](#)

[ITM97157](#) Index to register of judgments and orders, Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1866

Registers of Stock Mortgages

Circa 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1956

[Series 15668](#)

[ITM98670](#) Register - stock mortgages, Circa 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1956

Financial Returns

Circa 1/1/1858 – 31/12/1876

[Series 15684](#)

[ITM98720](#) Financial Returns – court, Circa 1/1/1858 - 31/12/1876

Index to Registers of Rules of Court

Circa 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1930

[Series 15729](#)

[ITM98777](#) Register – court, Circa 1/1/1857 - 31/12/1930

Bills of Sale and Stock Mortgages

Circa 1/01/1851 - c 31/12/1969

[Series 17873](#)

[ITM133243](#) Bills of sale and/or Stock mortgages, 1/01/1851 – 31/12/1851

Supreme Court, Southern District, Toowoomba

Prior to separation from New South Wales, the Supreme Court, Drayton was established as a place for holding Circuit Court sittings. Following separation, from 16 February 1860, the Drayton court was transferred to Toowoomba.

Depositions and Related Material

1/2/1856 – 30/9/1860

[Series 7403](#)

Names are listed in [ArchivesSearch](#).

Survey Office

In controlling and regulating the survey, sale, occupation and management of Crown Lands in Queensland, the Survey Office was responsible for the primary survey of the public estate, the boundaries of public roads and reserves and surveys relating to the alienation, sale or leasing of Crown Lands and for the associated mapping, record-keeping and administration. A re-organisation of the Lands Department on 26 October 1874 made the Surveyor General administratively subordinate to the Under Secretary of Lands.

Index to Gazette Notices re Boundaries of Petty Sessions Districts

Circa 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1962

[Series 16160](#)

[ITM103940](#) Index, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1962, available on Reading Room computers, see Z338

Index to Catalogue Numbers for Survey Plans

Circa 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1960

[Series 17016](#)

[ITM321370](#) Index, Photocopy of A/74928, Circa 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1960

[ITM321371](#) Index, A/74928, Circa 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1960

Survey Catalogue of Plans for Towns

24/03/1840 - 12/11/1963

[Series 17470](#)

[ITM324926, DR58778](#) Register – surveys: Town catalogue of plans: Vol. 1, 24/03/1840 - 12/11/1963

[ITM324927](#) Register – surveys: Town catalogue of plans: Vol. 2, 27/09/1850 - 25/10/1963

Record of Pre-Separation Survey Plans

Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1889

[Series 18292](#)

[ITM341488](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1889

Surveyor General's Department

When Queensland became a separate colony in 1859, control of land administration within the new colony was automatically transferred to the Queensland Government with the Surveyor General's Office administered as a single sub-department within the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Register of Lands Sold

19/04/1849 - 21/02/1861

[Series 16130](#)

[ITM101547, DR109113](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 19/04/1849 - 21/02/1861

Surveyor General's Office - New South Wales

This agency existed as a New South Wales Office until 29 Mar 1887. The Surveyor General's Office, New South Wales ceased its Queensland responsibilities with the proclamation and publication of Letters Patent creating the colony of Queensland on 10 December 1859. Upon appointment of Queensland's Surveyor General on 23 December 1859, control of land administration within the new colony was automatically transferred to the Queensland Government. The Queensland Surveyor General's Office which was administered as a single sub-department within the Colonial Secretary's Office assumed responsibility for the functions previously undertaken by the New South Wales Surveyor General.

Surveyor James Warner's Survey Plans of Moreton Island

Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[Series 1256](#)

[ITM610986, DR94113](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM610987, DR94114](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM610988, DR94115](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM610989, DR94116](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

Survey Plans, Charts and Maps of Moreton Bay Settlement and Queensland

Circa 1/01/1802 - c 31/12/1889

[Series 4314](#)

[ITM714430](#) Field Book: Surveyor's notebook. Fitzroy River from Yaamba. Book 3. Includes sketches, by Clarendon Stuart, Circa 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1859

Surveyor James Warner's Coast Survey Plans of Moreton Island

Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[Series 4780](#)

[ITM808969, DR23839](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM808970, DR23826](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM808971, DR23830, DR96733](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM808972, DR23827](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM808973, DR23829](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM808974, DR23828](#) Survey Plans, Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

Coastal Survey Field Books

24/10/1823 -12/10/1824

[Series 8884](#)

[ITM291075, DR24275](#) Field Book: Coastal Surveys - Port Curtis and Vicinity, Rivers, Creeks, etc - Bearings and Soundings, Log, Port Jackson to Port Curtis, Surveyor Hoddle, Book No.3, 24/10/1823 - 15/11/1823

[ITM291076, DR24319](#) Field Book: Memoranda - Surveys in Co. Cumberland, Hawkesbury River, New South Wales [incl. Wiseman's and Brisbane Water]; Specimens of Rock [and timber] in Queensland, Port Curtis, [and Port Wilmot], Surveyor Hoddle, Book No.5, c 1/11/1823 -c 1/11/1823

[ITM291077, DR23993](#) Field Book: Coastal surveys in vicinity of Red Cliffe Point, Uniacke [Luggage] Point, Brisbane and Canoe Rivers - Moreton Bay, Surveyor Hoddle, Book No.8, 30/11/1823 -5/12/1823

[ITM291078, DR24320](#) Field Book: Coastal survey of Moreton Bay [Brisbane River, Redcliffe, Moreton Island, etc; Drawings of Wentworth House, Vaucluse and Port Macquarie, Surveyor Hoddle, Book No.1, 10/09/1824 -12/10/1824

[ITM290179, DR24321](#) Field Book: Coastal Survey of Entrance to Moreton Bay, Surveyor Hoddle, Book No.2, 9/10/1824 - 11/10/1824

Trigonometrical Survey Books

7/03/1839 -7/03/1839

[Series 18516](#)

[ITM291080, DR24225](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Angles and sketches taken at Moreton Bay, Surveyor Dixon, Book 1, c 1/10/1839 - 29/04/1840

[ITM291081, DR24226](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Calculated distances from a trigonometrical survey at Moreton Bay, Surveyor Dixon, Book 2, c 1/10/1839 - 29/04/1840

[ITM291082, DR24227](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Calculated observations for latitudes and variation of the compass taken at Moreton Bay, Surveyor Dixon, Book 3, 27/08/1839 - 29/04/1840

[ITM291083, DR24228](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Angles and sketches at Moreton Bay, Surveyor Dixon, 24/05/1840 - 11/09/1840

[ITM291084, DR24229](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Latitudes and longitudes and variation of compass at Moreton Bay, Surveyor Dixon, 22/05/1840 - 17/11/1840

[ITM291085, DR24230](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Calculated distances from a trigonometrical survey from Cape Moreton to Lennox Head, Surveyor Dixon, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840

[ITM291086, DR24322-DR24323](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Moreton Bay to Richmond River Field Notes, Surveyor Dixon, 7/03/1839 - 21/05/1839

[ITM291087, DR24324](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Moreton Bay to Richmond River Field Notes, Surveyor Dixon, 18/06/1839 - 20/01/1840

[ITM291088, DR24325-DR24326](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Moreton Bay to Richmond River Field Notes, Surveyor Dixon, 20/06/1840 - 19/05/1841

Tabragalba Divisional Board

The Divisional Boards Act of 1879 provided for local government for any part of the Colony not included in a municipality and proclaimed a division by the Governor. The first Divisional Boards were proclaimed on 11 Nov 1879. The Tabragalba Divisional Board was established on that date.

Parish Maps

Circa 01/01/1856–31/12/1988

[Series 18652](#)

[ITM1103307](#) Map: Parish maps: Tamborine Book 2 Portions 103-129, Circa 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1984

Treasury Department

The Treasury Department was established on 15 December 1859. Governor Bowen appointed Robert Ramsay Mackenzie to be Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Internal Revenue; the Colonial Secretary, Attorney General and Colonial Treasurer were the only ministers and members of the Executive Council appointed at that time. On 22 March 1860 the Colonial Treasurer was also appointed Postmaster General.

Register of Miscellaneous Accounts and Journal of Deposits

7/01/1856 - 30/06/1865

[Series 6848](#)

[ITM267887](#) Accounts register, 7/01/1856 - 30/06/1865

Legal and Financial Miscellaneous Documents

5/08/1851 - 17/10/1963

[Series 10431](#)

[ITM277455](#) Papers: Certificate of Title: Sale of land at North Quay, from W & A Binstead to the Crown, 5/08/1851

OTHER RECORDS: HISTORIES

Premier's Department

Carbon copies of brief histories of various Queensland Government Departments prepared by relevant Ministers of the day at the request of the Premier's Department. The histories were for inclusion in an Amoco time capsule possibly buried at Bulwer Island. Although histories were prepared in 1964, there are dates and information from the 19th Century both pre- and post-separation.

Histories of Various Queensland Government Departments

Circa 01/01/1827 – 30/06/1966

[Series 10567](#)

[ITM311068, DR186118](#) Papers: History of the Queensland Treasury Department, Circa 1/01/1859 – 30/06/1966

[ITM311072, DR186122](#) Papers: History of Public Works in Queensland, Circa 1/01/1859 - 30/06/1960

[ITM311075, DR186125](#) Papers: History of the Department of Labour and Industry, Circa 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964

[ITM311077, DR186127](#) Papers: History of the Department of Local Government, Circa 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964

[ITM311079, DR186129](#) Papers: History of the Department of Justice, Circa 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964

[ITM311081, DR186131](#) Papers: Mining in 1964 - A Review of Mineral Development in Queensland, Past and Present, 1/1/1827 – 31/12/1964

[ITM311085, DR186135](#) Papers: History of the Department of Primary Industries, Circa 1/01/1855 – c 31/12/1964

[ITM311087, DR186137](#) Papers: History of the Department of Lands, Circa 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964

[ITM311089, DR186139](#) Papers: The State Department of Health - Historical Outline, Circa 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964

OTHER RECORDS: MAPS

There are many series of maps and survey plans which can be searched at item level for the period prior to separation.

Beach Protection Authority

Prior to the establishment of the Beach Protection Authority, the Co-coordinator General's Department had been engaged in investigating beach erosion problems. The Beach Protection Authority was constituted as a statutory body under the *Beach Protection Act 1968*.

Beach Protection Maps and Plans

Circa 1/01/1848 - 10/10/2000

[Series 5421](#)

[ITM1380746, DR96844](#) Map: Copy of 1848 Owen Stanley Historical Map of Cape Grafton to Cape Tribulation, 1/01/1848

Queensland State Archives

This collection of county maps is an artificial series created by the Queensland State Archives. The purpose of this artificial series is to bring together maps depicting the same geographical or hydrographical area (i.e. rivers and/or parishes within a county). These maps were quite often single items, collected from various sources. Some maps were removed from other record series and incorporated into the map series. Maps are drawn on various scales.

Plan of Brisbane Town [map]

Circa 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1859

[Series 1230](#)

[ITM610792, DR86229](#) Map, Circa 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1859

Moreton District, County of Stanley Maps - A1 Series

Circa 1/01/1824 - c 31/12/1987

[Series 1748](#)

[ITM620239, DR94228](#), Running survey of ocean shore of Stradbroke Island from Point Lookout to Jumpinpin, N.D.

[ITM620570, DR23834](#), Shows part of the expedition of Captain Sturt, Circa 1/01/1830

Moreton District, County of Cavendish - A3 Series

1/01/1858 - 31/12/1984

[Series 1750](#)

[ITM621031](#) Tracing of 580 acres at Wivenhoe, Parish of Wivenhoe, County of Cavendish, Queensland, applied for as a pre-emptive purchase by Messrs North in tight of their Licensed Run of Wivenhoe. 20 chains to the inch M.E.L. Burrowes, Circa 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858

Moreton District, County of Churchill Maps - A4 Series

Circa 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1986

[Series 1751](#)

[ITM621492](#) Plan of the Village of Laidley, County of Churchill 8 chains to the inch Surveyor General's Office, Sydney, Circa 1/10/1859 - c 31/10/1859

Moreton District, County of Ward Maps - A5 Series

Circa 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1985

[Series 1752](#)

[ITM714426, DR23838](#) Coastline South Passage Point at Moreton Bay towards the Richmond River. James Warner, Circa 1/10/1840 - c 31/10/1840

Darling Downs District, County of Aubigny Maps - B1 Series

Circa 1/01/1849 - c 31/12/1986

[Series 1754](#)

[ITM622218](#) Drayton Town, Parish of Drayton County of Aubigny, Circa 1/01/1849 - c 31/12/1849

[ITM622219, DR94359](#) Drayton Town, Parish of Drayton County of Aubigny, Circa 1/01/1849 - c 31/12/1849

[ITM622220, DR94360](#) Tracing from plan of proposed reserve at Drayton, description of reserve and letter from Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, Sydney to Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, Circa 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1850

[ITM622221, DR94361](#) Town of Toowoomba, Parish of Drayton, County of Aubigny. 16 chains to the inch. Survey Office, Brisbane, Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1857

Darling Downs District, County of Merivale Maps

Circa 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1985

[Series 1756](#)

[ITM622882, DR91967](#) Plan of the Town and Parish of Warwick County of Merivale New South Wales. 20 chains to the inch. Surveyor General's Office, Sydney, Circa 1/05/1857 c 31/05/1857

[ITM622883](#) Plan of the Town and Parish of Warwick, County of Merivale, Darling Downs, New South Wales. 20 chains to the inch. Surveyor General's Office, Sydney, 1/06/1858 - 1/06/1858

[ITM622984](#) Plan of Allora Town Reserve, Parish of Allora, County of Merivale. 10 chains to the inch. Survey Office, Brisbane, Circa 1/11/1859 - c 30/11/1859

Cook District Maps - N Series

Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1988

[Series 1853](#)

[ITM626650](#) Tracing of Kennedy's 1848 expedition from Rockingham Bay towards Cape York, compiled by A.G. Maclean, from Kennedy's notes/papers hidden about the time of his death in Dec 1848, recovered on 11 May 1849. c.8 miles/inch Survey Office, Sydney. (2 parts), Circa 1/01/1850 - c 31/01/1850

[ITM626651](#) Tracing of Kennedy's 1848 expedition from Rockingham Bay towards Cape York, compiled by A.G. Maclean, from Kennedy's notes/papers hidden about the time of his death in Dec 1848, and recovered on 11 May 1849. c.8 miles to the inch. Survey Office, Brisbane, 1/06/1848

Scale Maps - 10 Mile Series

Circa 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1971

[Series 1910](#)

[ITM629660, DR57423](#) Route of the Leichhardt Search Expedition. Mar and Apr 1858. Signed by A .C. Gregory, 13 Dec 1858.10 miles to the inch. (copy 1), Circa 01/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858

[ITM629661](#) Route of the Leichhardt Search Expedition. By A .C. Gregory, Mar and Apr 1858. Signed by A. C. Gregory, 13 Dec 1858. 10 miles to the inch. (copy 2), Circa 01/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858

[ITM629662](#) Route of the Leichhardt Search Expedition. By A. C. Gregory, Mar and Apr 1858. Signed by A. C. Gregory, 13 Dec 1858. 10 miles to the inch. (copy 3), Circa 01/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858

Scale Maps - 16 Mile Series

Circa 1/01/1847 - c 31/12/1984 (6 maps)

[Series 1911](#)

[ITM629668](#), [DR96049](#), Expedition of Major Sir Thomas Mitchell along the Belyando River. Map VI. 16 miles to the inch. Longmans, London. (negative and photocopy, quarter-size), Circa 01/01/1848

Hydrographic Charts and Maps

Circa 1/01/1826 - c 31/12/1985 (5 maps)

[Series 2010](#)

[ITM631299](#), [DR96241](#), Plan of the North Entrance into Moreton Bay compiled by Comr. J.C. Wickham, with the assistance of Lieut. C.B. Yule, HMS Bramble, and J.C. Burnett, Surveyor General's Department. 1 nautical mile/inch, Circa 01/01/1846

City of Brisbane and Suburbs Maps - A1A Series

Circa 1/01/1825 – c 31/12/1987 (14 maps)

[Series 2043](#)

[ITM634472](#), [DR96361](#), Town of Brisbane, drawn by R. Dixon, 24 Mar 1840, with lines of later streets superimposed by H. Marriott, transmitted to Surveyor General, Sydney, by H. Wade, Surveyor, 26 Apr 1842, Moreton Bay, N.S.W. 4 chains to the inch.

Moreton District Maps - A Series

Circa 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1988

[Series 2058](#)

[ITM634879](#), [DR93063](#), Photographic print of map of Moreton District, New South Wales, compiled by Robert Dixon from a trigonometrical survey. 4 miles to the inch. Liley, Lithographer, Sydney, c 1/01/1842 - c 31/12/1842

[ITM634891](#), [DR96407](#) Contact print of Baker's map of Moreton Bay, part of the Darling Downs, Clarence Districts, New South Wales shewing the stations of squatters. Insets of plan of Brisbane town at 40 chains/inch; and plan of Ipswich 8 miles/ inch. Hibernian Press, Sydney, c 1/11/1846 - c 1/11/1846

[ITM634892](#), Contact print of map of Moreton District, New South Wales compiled by Robert Dixon from a trigonometrical survey. 4 miles to the inch. Liley, Lithographer, Sydney, c 1/01/1842 - c 31/12/1842

Darling Downs District Maps - B Series

Circa 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1976

[Series 2060](#)

[ITM634975](#) Map: Negative photostat of Plan of Squatting District of Darling Downs. Sheets 1, 3-6. 8 miles to the inch. c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1848

Miscellaneous Items including Plans and Maps

Circa 1/01/1855 - c 31/12/1967

[Series 2063](#)

[ITM635130, DR23289](#) Tracing of land at present appropriated for a Botanic Gardens, and land proposed to be annexed thereto, c 1/01/1855 - c 31/12/1855

Port Curtis District Maps - F Series

Circa 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1983

[Series 2115](#)

[ITM635603, DR107892](#), Sketch of the District of Port Curtis, 1859. No. Scale shown. Photographic Print (same size as original). from the New South Wales Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, volume IV p 984. (quarter-size), c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1860

Scale Maps - 25 Miles Series

Circa 1/01/1847 - c 31/12/1971

[Series 2119](#)

[ITM635667, DR20726, DR184415–DR184427](#), Detailed map of Ludwig Leichhardt's route in Australia from Moreton Bay to Port Essington (1844 & 1845), from his Original Map, adjusted and drawn by John Arrowsmith. (negative photostat, 12 parts), Circa 1/01/1847 – c 31/12/1847

Survey and Exploration Maps

Circa 1/01/1827 - c 31/12/1879 (9 maps)

[Series 4928](#)

Early Brisbane Town Map

1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1850

[Series 4957](#)

[ITM812314](#), Early Brisbane Town compiled by S.W.Jack, Circa 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1850

Surveyor General's Office, New South Wales Moreton Bay District Survey Office, New South Wales

Survey Plans, Charts and Maps of Moreton Bay Settlement and Queensland

Circa 1/01/1802 - c 31/12/1889 (127 maps)

[Series 4314](#)

[ITM714410, DR180437](#), Chart of Port Curtis by Edwardson, 1858.

Other information sources

The Convict Records of Queensland 1825-1842

Records held in Queensland State Archives and the State Library of Queensland document the relatively short period of Moreton Bay's life as a penal settlement before the modern city of Brisbane. These records held at Queensland State Archives were inscribed into [the Australian Register UNESCO Memory of the World](#) in 2013.

Prominent in this documentation are the architectural plans of buildings in the penal settlement that accompanied the report compiled by Andrew Petrie, Clerk of Government Works, in 1837 to investigate Brisbane's potential as a future port. These plans are held by the Queensland State Archives, as are records of trials conducted at the penal settlement, and of public labour performed by Crown prisoners, as well as other records relating to the penal settlement period, including a chronological register of convicts at Moreton Bay.

Appendix 1

Commandant's Office, Moreton Bay, Colonial Architect's Office, New South Wales

Many have been digitised in [ArchivesSearch](#); these have a DR number to view the digital copy. For those that are not yet digitised, you may wish to request a digital copy quote using your [ArchivesSearch account](#).

ITM/DR	Description
ITM659657	Map of Moreton Bay, including Stradbroke and Moreton Islands, with section showing elevation of Glasshouse Mountains from position marked 'A' at outer channel (photographic copy), Circa 01/01/1830–31/12/1848
DR5209	Map of Moreton Bay, including Stradbroke and Moreton Islands, with section showing elevation of Glasshouse Mountains from position marked 'A' at outer channel, Circa 01/01/1830–31/12/1848
ITM659658	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay. Scale 100 feet to an inch (photographic copy, part 1), Circa 01/01/1838–31/12/1838
DR5210	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, Circa 01/01/1838–31/12/1838
ITM659659	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, Circa 01/01/1838–31/12/1838
DR5211	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 20/09/1839
ITM659660	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay. Scale 200 feet to an inch (photographic copy), 20/09/1839
ITM659661	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay. Scale 200 feet to an inch (photographic copy), Circa 01/01/1830–31/12/1848
DR5212	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, Circa 01/01/1830–31/12/1848
DR5213	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, Circa 01/01/1830–31/12/1848
DR3534	Plans and section of Pilot Station, Moreton Bay, showing plan and section of Out Station at Lime Stone Hill, Circa 01/01/1838–31/12/1838
DR5214	Plans and sections of out station, Dunwich, 27/09/1839
DR5215	Plan, elevations and section of Superintendent of Agriculture's quarters, Eagle Farm, showing plan of Eagle Farm and Female Barracks, 27/09/1838
DR5216	Plan of Female Barracks, Eagle Farm, 28/09/1839
DR5219	Plan of proposed Prisoner's Barracks, Moreton Bay, Circa 01/01/1830–31/12/1848

DR5220	Plan showing section and elevations of proposed office for the Royal Engineer and Store Keeper's Department, New South Wales, to accompany the ordinance annual estimate for 1848-1849, undated
DR5221	Plan of Commandant's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5222	Plan of Commissariat Officer and Chaplain's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5223	Plan, elevation and sections of Commissariat Officer and Chaplain's quarters, showing proposed kitchen, Moreton Bay, 1840
DR5224	Plan, elevation and sections of Commissariat Officer and Chaplain's quarters, showing proposed kitchen, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5225	Plan of Commissariat Store, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR63532	Plan of Commissariat Store. Scale 20 feet to an inch (photographic copy), 1838
DR2775	Plan and section of Commissariat Store, Moreton Bay, 1840
DR5226	Plans, sections and elevations of garden cottage, corn crib and Commissariat Clerk's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5227 , DR63533	Plan of Military Barracks designed to accommodate two subaltern officers, four sergeants and one hundred rank and file, Moreton Bay, 1830
DR5228	Plan of Military Barracks, Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5229	Plan of Military Barracks, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5230	Ground plan of Military Barracks, showing the extent of ground and boundary lines, Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 1842
DR5231	Survey of ground at Brisbane Town required for ordinance purposes and conveyed by Deed of Grant, dated 21 July 1843
DR5235	Sketch of the proposed site of the Fives Court, showing a detailed plan and elevation of the work, Moreton Bay, 1845
DR5236	Plan of Female Factory, Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 1837
DR5237	Plan of Female Factory, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5238	Plan of Public Office, workshops and lumber yard, Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5239	Drawing showing sections of hospitals and Surgeon's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR3535	Drawing showing sections of hospitals and Surgeon's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5240	Plans, elevations and section of Convict and Military Hospitals, with Surgeon's quarters, Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 1840
DR5241	Plan and elevations of hospitals and Surgeon's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1830–1848

DR5242	Plan and sections of Commissariat Clerk's quarters and kitchen, Superintendant of Convict's quarters, kitchen and office, solitary cells, Barrack Sergeant's quarters and store, and married soldiers' room, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR3536	Plan and sections of Commissariat Clerk's quarters and kitchen, Superintendant of Convict's quarters, kitchen and office, solitary cells, Barrack Sergeant's quarters and store, and married soldiers' room, 1838
DR5243	Plan, elevation and sections of Commissariat Clerk's quarters, Commandant's Clerk's quarters, Military School, solitary cells, Barrack Sergeant's quarters and Surveyor's store, Moreton Bay, 1840
DR5244	Ground plan of Prisoners' Barracks, Moreton Bay, 1838
DR5245	Ground plan of Prisoners' Barracks. Scale 20 feet to an inch, 1838
DR5246	Drawing showing sections of Prisoners' Barracks, Moreton Bay, 1839
DR5247	Drawing showing sections of Prisoners' Barracks, Moreton Bay, 1838
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