

Indexes to correspondence relating to Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders, 1894-1905 – Deebing Creek

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Folder: 1897 - Deebing Creek, Part 1

Letter 1897/3523 [Top number]

15.3.1897. Letter from Crown Solicitor forwarding Memo of Transfer of Portions 197 and 204 Parish of Purga for execution by Mr Gutheridge, being land purchased by the Government for the Aboriginal Home Deebing Creek.

- Memorandum dated 16.1.1897 (**97/780**) regarding Aboriginal Reserves proclaimed in the Parish of Purga.
- Letter dated 18.2.1897 (**97/2290**) from W.H. Foote to the Home Secretary forwarding Deeds of Land proposed to be purchased in the Parish of Purga.
- Letter dated 14.12.1896 (**96/ 6483**) from W.H. Foote to the Home Secretary regarding obtaining the Deeds of Land proposed to be purchased for the Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home.

Letter 96/12562

29.10.1896. Letter from Sergeant E. Johnson, Police Station Caboolture to the Sub-Inspector of Police, Brisbane regarding destitute Aboriginals camping at Woodford and that *“four old gins and two blackfellows are anxious to go to Deebing”* but they need clothing to travel in. Refers to *“one blackfellow being quite blind and two of the gins very lame, and unable to walk from Woodford to Caboolture”* and request use of the Police dray and horse to convey them. [Indexer’s note: no specific names provided.]

Letter 95/11397

11.9.1895. Report by W.H. Foote regarding the Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home from 1 July 1894 to 30 June 1895; discusses Committee and religious meetings, visitations to the Home, clearing of land, fencing and building, School moved from tents to new building, Superintendent’s roles, sewing classes, stock and rations. Six marriages were celebrated during the year; two of young people and four of those *“who had been formerly married according to old tribal custom.”* Two deaths of old men and two births took place at the Home. Notes one of these dead men *“gave every indication of having become a true Christian.”* Number of Aboriginals on the station has varied from 54 to 90, School was Gazetted as provisional in January 1895 and attendance averages twenty-two. Refers to the expenses of the Cricket Club. [Indexer’s note: no specific names provided.]

Letter 97/3051

8.3.1897. Monthly Report for February 1897 by W.H. Foote to the Home Secretary regarding the Aboriginal Home Deebing Creek; discusses religious meetings, secular instruction, visitations, farm work and that there were 116 Aboriginals on the station (35 men, 25 boys, 30 women and 26 girls). Reports two deaths during the month; Blind Polly who died of old age and a child of Grimes, who was brought here from Southport.

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Letter 92/8667

1.7.1892. Extract from Minutes of Meeting taken by J.W. Johnson. Reverend P. Robertson presided and extract covers election of officers and trustees for the Aborigines Home.

Letter 1891-1898 [unnumbered]

Statement covering 1.2.1891 to 31.8.1898 outlining the provisions paid by the Department to Deebing Creek Mission. [Indexer's note: This sheet is the same as those produced by the Accountant's Branch of the Lands Department but not enough information appears on the sheet to confirm same – see also 1891-1898 / 10207 below, which appears to be the draft of this sheet with changes made in another hand.]

Letter 97/12129

20.9.1897. Report by Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Home Secretary discussing the condition of Deebing Creek including staffing levels, resident numbers vary from 115 to 172 (average for year 135), 15 children committed under Act, expenditure and accounts, stock, farming and produce, building and equipment, progress of education, religious meetings and rations.

Letter 97/5499

14.4.1897. Note asking for information regarding payments for State children.

Letter 98/10207

1891-1898. Statement covering 1.2.1891 to 31.8.1898 outlining the provisions paid by the Department to Deebing Creek Mission. [Indexer's note: This sheet is the same as those produced by the Accountant's Branch of the Lands Department but not enough information appears on the sheet to confirm same. – see also 1891-1898 / [unnumbered] above, which appears to be the final version of this sheet.]

Letter 97/11396

3.9.1897. Letter from Reverend Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to Mr Ryder regarding extra £100 applied for to undertake maintenance.

Letter 92/13421

14.11.1892. Proclamation under s.95 of *The Crown Lands Act* of 1884 in respect of 41 acres being temporarily reserved for Deebing Creek. Published in the Government Gazette 29.10.1892, pages 654-655.

Letter 97/6759

19.5.1897. Letter from Reverend Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Home Secretary regarding assistance required in order to carry on Deebing Creek Missions Station. Reports that around 135 people at Home and floating population of 50 or more occasionally; population still increasing; Meston sent man from Whitecliff two weeks ago "to prevent murder" and now wants his wife sent from Whitecliff; notes others are seeking to come for other parts to Deebing Creek; discusses accounts, men ringbarking, produce and lack of water. Reports there have been a large number of deaths already with the change of season and a visitation of Dengue which has gone through the Camp. Only one man died of Dengue, 3 old people and 2 babies died during the last six weeks from other causes. [Indexer's note: no names given.]

Letter 97/5826 [Top Number]

26.5.1897. Letter from Crown Solicitor's Office regarding transfer of land from Joseph Gutheridge to Her Majesty.

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- Memorandum of Transfer of 57 acres in the Parish of Purga from Joseph Etheridge to Her Majesty dated 29.3.1897.
- Letter dated 12.5.1897 **(97/6187)** from W.H. Foote, Secretary, Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home to Under Secretary, Home Secretary's Office noting Memorandum of Transfer duly signed by Mr Gutheridge.
- Letter dated 31.3.1897**(97/4295)** from W.H. Foote, Secretary, Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home to Under Secretary, Home Secretary's Office returning Transfer signed by Mr Gutheridge.
- Letter dated 22.4.1897 **(97/5353)** from Crown Solicitor's Office forwarding Memorandum of Transfer for signature of Joseph Gutheridge.

Letter 1896 [unnumbered]

Questions and notations regarding how much of Myora grant to go to Deebing Creek; terms on which Mrs Watts children are to be admitted to Deebing Creek; and purchase of land. [Indexer's note: see 20.11.1896 **(96/5056)** and 18.11.1896 **(96/15057)** below which also discuss Mrs Violet Watts' children.]

Letter 96/14687

4.3.1896. Letter from Reverend Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to Mr Ryder regarding the Committee seeing no objection to having Deebing Creek Station proclaimed an Industrial School under the Act and applying for an increased grant, provided only coloured children be sent by bench of Magistrates. Notes that report by the Superintendent showed there were 107 persons on the station (51 males and 56 females) with 36 children attending school; the children from Myora and the girl from Toowoomba came without their blankets; transfer of grant to Myora to Deebing Creek; and provision of list of Christian names will be sent in full as soon as the particulars are received from them.

Letter 96/15606

20.11.1896. Letter from Reverend Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Home Secretary noting they would be willing to receive the two children from Amity Point and the set from Woodford but will need the extra grant money. Also discusses not accepting special payments for the children directly, but if it went through the Department then there would be no perception of distinctions across families. [Indexer's note: see 1896 / [unnumbered] above which refers to Mrs Watts' children and 18.11.1896 / 15057 below which also discusses Mrs Violet Watts' children.]

Letter 96/2216 [Top Number]

20.11.1896. Front page to Memorandum by Sub Inspector Marrett.

- Letter dated 2.11.1896 **(96/12562)** from Sub Inspector Marrett to Chief Inspector Stuart, Brisbane noting there are two old blackfellows and four gins now camping at Woodford anxious to go to Deebing Creek but need clothing for the journey.
- Letter dated 16.9.1896 **(96/10656)** from Sub Inspector Marrett to Chief Inspector Stuart, Brisbane regarding destitute Aboriginals at Caboolture refusing to go to Deebing Creek or Myora Home.

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- Letter dated 15.9.1896 **(96/1617)** from Sergeant Johnson, Police Station, Caboolture to Sub Inspector of Police, Brisbane regarding destitute Aboriginals and noting the gins named are not willing to leave this district. [Indexer's note: the names are not written in this letter but see 11.9.1896 **(96/1578)** below which names the women.]
- Letter dated 11.9.1896 **(96/1578)** from Sergeant Johnson, Police Station, Caboolture to Sub Inspector of Police, Brisbane regarding destitute Aboriginals and reporting that there are five old Aboriginal gins that are too feeble to work viz Barbara, Queen Caboolture, Queen Beauty, Kittie and Maria.

Letter 97/5270

Monthly Report for the Deebing Creek Station dated March 1897 written by W.H. Foote to the Home Secretary reporting on religious meetings and education; work on station and need for rain. Gives numbers on the Mission (129 Aboriginals – 41 men, 23 boys, 31 women and 34 girls); and reports two deaths during the month and two births. Polly, sent to Deebing Creek from Brisbane, had a son born 3. 3.1897. He only lived a fortnight. Rodger Bell's wife had a son in March. It died the same day. Maloney's wife and her two children have consumption; do not think they will live long.

Letter 1895 [unnumbered]

30.6.1895. Balance Sheet of Income and Expenditure on Accounts of the Aboriginal Home for Year Ending June 30th 1895.

Letter 97/1781

31.1.1897. Monthly Report for the Deebing Creek Station dated January 1897 written by W.H. Foote, Secretary to the Home Secretary reporting on religious meetings and secular instruction; work on station and produce. Gives numbers on the Mission (125 Aboriginals – 40 men, 27 boys, 30 women and 28 girls); and reports two marriages celebrated; Edward and Nellie and W. Lake and Bella. One old woman died in month. A girl 14 years sent from Brisbane; noted never been in a camp or with other blacks. Another girl sent from Toowoomba, sentence 7 years, neglected child.

Letter 94/10207

5.9.1894. Report on Mission Station at Deebing Creek written by MacFarlane, Police Magistrate to the Under Secretary outlining clearing and building; land poor quality and gardening or agriculture will come to nothing; 5 girls (2 F/B, 3 H/C), 10 boys (7 F/B, 3 H/C) attending school regularly, 3 H/C and 2 single girls 17 or 18 (one H/C the other quadron) attending school 3½ hours daily; 10 young married women (1 H/C) and 12 young men, 4 old men past work and 4 old women. Could improve powers of the manger / overseer Mr Fitzgerald and native boys should not be allowed to come to the Station or stay there as it unsettles the Blacks at the mission and makes them discontented.

Letter 96/15057

18.11.1896. Letter from Violet Watts to Mr Ryder requesting that her children be sent to Deebing Creek from Myora as she can not care for them there at Amity. [Indexer's note: see 1896 / [unnumbered] and 20.11.1896 / 15056 above which also discuss Mrs Violet Watts' children.]

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Letter 92/14153

29.11.1892. Letter from Under Secretary to Under Colonial Secretary regarding re vesting land granted to the Ipswich Aboriginal Home in Trustees.

Letter 97/357

6.1.1897. Letter from W.H. Foote, Secretary to Committee, to Under Secretary, Department of Public Instruction noting Eva Eliza Fuller appointed as teacher at Deebing Creek Provisional School.

Letter 94/10063

30.8.1894. Letter from W.H. Foote to Principal Under Secretary, Brisbane applying for a subsidy for maintenance instalment.

Letter 1892 [unnumbered]

21.11.1892. Letter from Barlow to W.E. Parry-Okeden, Under Colonial Secretary noting that the Aboriginal Society at Ipswich placed in difficulty by non-receipt of promised monies.

Letter 92/9136

27.7.1892. Letter from Under Secretary to Under Colonial Secretary regarding proposed extension of the reserve for Aborigines, Parish of Purga, held in abeyance.

Letter 93/8667

27.9.1893. Front page from Under Secretary's Office to Mr Ryder.

Letter 1894 [unnumbered]

5.9.1894. Telegram from MacFarlane to Principal Under Secretary "*Deebing Creek report will [be] posted today.*"

Letter 96/16877

21.12.1896. Letter from Under Secretary, Department of Public Instruction to Home Secretary forwarding an extract from Mr District Inspector Kennedy's report on his recent inspection of Deebing Creek Provisional School. Extract attached dated 17 November 1896 and discussing the roles, issues and payments to head teacher and Supervisor, Thomas Ivins.

Letter 96/2849 [Top number]

26.2.1896. Letter from W.H. Foote to C.A. Woodcock, Department of Public Instruction regarding supplies of wash-basin, clocks and hat-pegs to Aboriginal Home.

- Report dated December 1895 (**95/13312**) on the material organisation, Deebing Creek Provisional School written by MacFarlane, Police Magistrate discussing school builds and equipment, and notes a wash-basin, clocks, closets and hat-pegs are needed.
- Letter dated 3.1.1895 (**95/89**) from W.H. Foote to Under Secretary, Department of Public Instruction giving thanks for school requisites.
- Letter dated 11.2.1895 (**95/1255**) from J.S. Fitzgerald, Home Secretary regarding school requisites for Deebing Creek Provisional School.

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Letter 96/16658

16.12.1896. Letter from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek Committee to the Home Secretary regarding obtaining certain articles duty free.

Letter 97/4688

7.4.1897. Letter from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek Committee to the Home Secretary asking for grant of £25 for purchase of building material.

Letter 97/4554

7.4.1897. Letter from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek Committee to Mr Ryder re proposed visit of His Excellency and the Home Secretary on 4th of May. Mentions a concert in the evening on behalf of the Cricket Club etc.

Letter 94/10769

30.11.1894. Letter from .W.H. Foote, Secretary to Committee, Deebing Creek Aboriginal Mission to the Secretary for Public Instruction asking for Government Assistance for Deebing Creek. Discusses the work started 7 years ago and was taken over by present Committee on 2.4.1889; total Aboriginals on Station 62 of whom 5 are under 3 years, 26 over 3 years and under 10 years and 31 of the age 20 years and upwards; 27 attend school of whom 3 are aged 20 years and 24 under that age; support from Government for food but some difficulty in supporting Station by voluntary subscriptions; asks for grant on strength of educational work being done. Also discusses religious services, discipline, that four hours work is required per day from each able bodied male, and people are encouraged to build own dwellings and cultivate own land. Refers to "*attempts to ameliorate the condition of the Aborigines.*"

Attached is a list of people at Deebing Creek. [Indexer's note: noted in letter that ages are only approximates] - * = Taught at school.

Men

Johnny Foote, 55 yrs
Dick, 50 yrs
Billy Brown, 27 yrs
Old Peter, 55 yrs
Harry Thompson, 27 yrs
Sandy, 45 yrs
Jimmy Green, 30 yrs
Duggandon Tommy, 60 yrs
Alf Coolwool , 26 yrs [Indexer's note: Coolwell]
Billy Collins, 25 yrs
George Collins, 19 yrs
Albert Collins, 22 yrs
Ben Logan, 46 yrs
Albert Williams, 25 yrs
Fred Fogarty, 24 yrs
Fred Yarrah, 30 yrs
George Sandy, 18 yrs
Johnny Logan, 27 yrs

Women

Topsy Brown, 27 yrs*
Old Maggy, 45 yrs

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Maryann Green, 30 yrs
Jane Collins, 47 yrs
Amy Thompson, 27 yrs
Susan Morgan, 35 yrs
Maggy Sandy, 23 yrs
Sarah Logan, 25 yrs
Old Annie, 45 yrs
Bridget Collins, 24 yrs*
Louisa Yarrah, 26 yrs
Mrs Sandy, 46 yrs
Maryann Drumley, 26 yrs
Ida Sandy, 23 yrs

Boys

Bobby Anderson, 11 yrs*
Paul Sandy, 11 yrs*
Alick Morgan, 11 yrs*
Johnny Morgan, 9 yrs*
Albert Sandy, 9 yrs*
Harry Green, 8 yrs*
Harry Woods, 8 yrs*
Jimmy Woods, 6 yrs*
Norman Sandy, 11 yrs*
Lindsay Sandy, 11 yrs*
Robby Logan, 8 yrs*
Alfred Billy, 6 yrs*
Robert Yarrah, 4 yrs*
Bertie Brown, 2 yrs

Girls

Daisy Thompson, 20 yrs*
May Edwards, 13 yrs*
Ann Collins, 13 yrs*
Eva Richard, 13 yrs*
Lilly Lango 12 yrs* [Indexer's note: Langlo],
Ida Drumley, 12 yrs*
Bessy Richard, 10 yrs*
Jessie Brown, 6 yrs*
Maud Morgan, 5 yrs*
May Thompson, 4 yrs*
Jane Logan, 3 yrs*
Florrie Thompson, 2 yrs
Margaret Yarrah, 2 yrs
Jessie Thompson, 1 yr 6 mths
Baby Logan, 4 mths
Baby Green, 4 mths

Letter 96/13409

8.10.1896. Letter from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek Committee to the Home Secretary re mode of obtaining supplies.

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Letter 95/9281

31.7.1895. Letter from W.H. Foote to the Under Colonial Secretary remitting a voucher for £20.16.8 for maintenance of Mission at Deebing Creek for July.

Letter 95/9280

30.7.1895. Letter from W.H. Foote, Committee of the Aborigines Protection Association to the Under Colonial Secretary sending thanks for government for £50 grant.

Letter 97/4293 [Top number]

2.4.1897. Note regarding list of effects Myora to be forwarded by first steamer.

- Letter dated 11.2.1897 (**97/1952**) from W.H. Foote to the Home Secretary requests that cooking utensils and tools belonging to Myora Mission Station may be handed over to Deebing Creek.
- Memo dated 30.3.1897 from L. Hamilton, Myora noting that as per instructions all listed articles had been sent to Dunwich to be sent to the Colonial Store for the Aboriginal Mission Station Deebing Creek.

Letter 95/9280

30.7.1895. Letter from W.H. Foote, Committee of the Aborigines Protection Association to the Colonial Secretary applying for a grant to erection additional accommodation for orphan children. Notes Mrs McConnell of Cressbrook has requested the Home to receive 6 orphans from Cressbrook but no accommodation for them at present.

Letter 02/6936

16.4.1902. Letter from Thomas Ivins, Superintendent to Home Secretary noting the death of an Aboriginal male child (Albert Morton) died on 3.4.1902 aged 3 months.

Folder: 1898 - Deebing Creek, Part 2

Letter 98/15099

12.12.1898. Home Secretary's Office Memo discussing the removal of a young girl from Deebing Creek Station because she is so fair – believed her mother was H/C (if not quadroon) and father a white man. Notes the girl had been sent to the Station as a "*neglected child*" from "*some place in the northern part of the Colony.*" A. Meston asks the Home Secretary for authority to ask Mrs Meston to go up and bring the girl to Brisbane to be placed with a mistress. [Indexer's note: the girl is unnamed]

Letter 1899 [unnumbered, Top Letter]

22.11.1899. Typed paper entitled "*Re Deebing Creek Aboriginal Mission*" outlining provisions paid for by the Lands Department.

- Attached statement dated 15.11.1898 (**98/9018**) by Accountant's Branch of the sums paid on account of the Mission re provisions paid by the Department.
- Report dated 1.7.1898 (**98/9018**) from W.H. Foote to the Home Secretary regarding the Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home and Industrial School of Aboriginal and Half-Caste Children. Discusses regular visits by the

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Committee, behavioural aspects of people, notes *“there are representatives of many different tribes from all parts of the colony”*, attendance at School, religious matters, work done by people on the Mission, stock, produce raised, equipment bought and leasing of farm. Notes there have been 178 Aboriginals at the Home during the year, with weekly average of 118 people. Two boys and two girls have been hired out.

Folder: 1899 - Deebing Creek, Part 3

Letter 99/1889

13.2.1899. Letter dated 13 February 1899 from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek Home to Home Secretary notes Jessie King sent to Home by the police at Dalby and was sentenced to five years as a neglected child. She is almost white and the Committee is of the opinion it would be to her advantage to be trained with white children. Suggest she be sent to the Salvation Army Home.

Folder: 1900 - Deebing Creek, Part 4

Letter 00/12457 [Top number]

8.8.1900. Letter from James M. Bean, Clerk, Goolman Divisional Boards Office to Under Secretary, Home Secretary's office objecting to Green Swamp Reserve being used as an Aboriginal Settlement.

- Letter dated 20.7.1900 (**00/11311**) from James M. Bean, Clerk, Goolman Divisional Boards Office advising correspondence relating to Green Swamp reserve for Aboriginals was mislaid but would be attended to at the next Boards meeting.
- Section of Parish of Purga map.
- Memo dated 18.7.1900 advising that the Under Secretary directing that a letter be sent to the Clerk, Goolman Division Divisional Board reminding him that no reply has been received re communication of 25 May 1900. Notes also the Mr Ryder desires that it be ascertained whether any Aboriginals are at present camped on the area of land acquisition.
- Memo dated 11.6.1900 (**00/9699**) and noting that Application for Water Reserve Parish of Purga, Nine Mile, Ipswich is apparently for a Reserve for Aboriginals.
- Section of Parish of Goolman map.
- Followed by close up of portion of map.
- Letter dated 1.5.1900 (**00/11311**) from James Lucas, William Creech, Joseph Harding, George Ishmael Chant, James Walsh, Mrs B. Kelly, William Allison, Mrs I. Kerwin, F. Ford, James Chalk and Henry Shard to the Chairman and Members of the Purga Divisional Board requesting that

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an application be made to the Secretary for Public Lands that the Nine-mile Water Reserve, Purga be proclaimed a public water reserve.

- Letter dated 5.6.1900 **(00/8829)** from Purga Divisional Boards to Public Lands, Brisbane regarding the Nine Mile Water Reserve.
- Letter dated 17.9.1900 **(00/14438)** from Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Home Secretary requesting the matter regarding annual grant be further considered. Outlines allowances and payments over 1898 to 1900 and discusses grant arrangements and changes.
- Letter dated 22.8.1900 **(00/3106)** from Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Home Secretary regarding reduction in voucher for maintenance July. Outlines previous payments.

Letter 00/12960

18.8.1900. E.A. Perkins (mortgages) absolute Surrender of Deebing Creek Mission Station to Her Majesty – subdivisions 1 and 2 of Portion 50, 36 acres Churchill, Purga.

Letter 00/09313

16.6.1900. Letter from Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Home Secretary regarding reduction in subsidy in connection with purchase of land. Requests that the full amount be allowed for this financial year.

Letter 00/06570

7.5.1900. Crown Solicitor advising Mrs Perkins solicitors informed that they have not yet been able to obtain the consent of the mortgagee to this surrender Deebing Creek Mission Station to Her Majesty free from mortgage.

Letter 00/3781 [Top number]

15.3.1900. Bank of NSW absolute Surrender of Portion 67, Purga to Her Majesty.

- Letter dated 12.3.1900 **(00/3567)** from Bank of New South Wales to the Home Secretary regarding transfer of portion 67, Parish of Purga from the Bank to Her Majesty and relative Certificate of Title No. 134633.
- Entitled 'Deebing Creek Land Purchases' and dated 10.3.1900 **(00/2062)** outlines payments and purchases from John Dwyer, Bank of New South Wales and Mr Perkins.
- Dated 8.3.1900 **(00/03374)** John Dwyer Absolute Surrender of Portion 369, Ipswich 161 acres to Her Majesty.
- Letter dated 6.3.1900 **(00/1595)** from Elias Harding to the Home Secretary noting Fitzgerald and Power request that matter of purchase of land Purga be completed.
- Letter dated 24.1.1900 [unnumbered] from G.N. Perkins to Mr Harding stating the deeds only came yesterday and Messrs Fitzgerald and Power have been instructed to do all that is necessary.

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- Telegram dated 25.7.1900 [unnumbered] to Elias Harding from Fitzgerald and Power stating *“Perkins Purga land are instructing exchange deed and transfer for purchase money please arrange wire reply.”*
- Letter dated 17.2.1900 **(00/02474)** from Crown Solicitor to Under Secretary reporting on status of Deebing Creek Aboriginal Station land transfers and payments. Attached is a legal transfer by Justin Fox Greenlaw Foxton, Home Secretary.
- Letter dated 8.2.1900 **(00/1022)** from Crown Solicitor to the Home Secretary noting that transfer for portion 67, Parish of Purga be handed to Inspector Bank of New South Wales Brisbane who will receive the money and execute transfer.
- Letter dated 8.2.1900 **(00/1982)** from Elias Harding, Solicitors to the Home Secretary returning transfer for portion 369, Parish of Ipswich signed by Mr J. Dwyer.
- Letter dated 31.1.1900 **(00/1527)** from Crown Solicitor to Under Secretary regarding forwarding Absolute Surrender of Portion 67, Parish of Purga containing 127 acres for execution.
- Letter dated 31.1.1900 **(00/1404)** from Crown Solicitor to Under Secretary regarding forwarding Absolute Surrender of Portion 369, Parish of Purga for execution.
- Letter dated 26.1.1900 **(00/1304)** from Elias Harding, Solicitors to the Home Secretary sending cheque for £157.19.6 being amount for land purchases from Hon. P. Perkins.
- Letter dated 23.12.1899 **(99/16238)** from Crown Solicitor to Under Secretary regarding listing prices for portions to be purchased for Deebing Creek Aboriginal Station and asking for relevant deeds to be forwarded.
- Letter dated 19.12.1899 **(99/15989)** from Crown Solicitor to Under Secretary asking to be informed about the variation of the portions to be purchased.
- Letter dated 28.11.1899 **(99/15099)** from Elias Harding, Solicitors to the Committee of the Aboriginal Home outlining lands on offer for purchase.
- Report dated 16.11.1899 **(99/14649)** from Peter Robertson to the Home Secretary discussing report by Elias Harding regarding on value of land proposed to be purchased; stock; dairy and agriculture. Discusses old and inform coming in from many districts and poor destitute children.
- Letter dated 16.11.1899 **(99/14649)** from Elias Harding, Solicitors to Reverend Peter Robinson [Indexer's note: Robertson], Ipswich outlining fair value for the three properties.
- Map of Parish of Ipswich.

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- Letter dated 10.11.1899 **(99/14310)** from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek Mission to the Home Secretary discussing certain land under offer in connection with proposed extension of Reserve.
- Memo dated 8.9.1899 **(99/11753)** responding to proposition by Mr Robertson, Chairman of the Mission Committee for the purchase of 147 acres near the station for a price not to exceed £4 per acre, for farming purposes. Notes prepared to purchase subject to conditions outlined.

Letter 00/17919 [Top number]

21.00.1900. Letter from Under Secretary, Public Instruction to Under Secretary, Home Department noting a Union Jack had been sent that day to the Deebing Creek Mission School, and enclosing a claim for the amount expended on the flag.

- Letter dated 21.11.1900 **(00/17919)** from Under Secretary, Public Instruction to Under Secretary, Home Department stating one more Union Jack will be sent as soon as the contractor is able to complete his order.
- Letter dated 31.8.1900 **(00/13560)** from Under Secretary, Public Instruction to Under Secretary, Home Department forwarding 6 Union Jacks for issue to schools under their department, and enclosing a claim for the amount expended on the flags.

Letter 00/06175 [Top number]

28.4.1900. Letter from Honourable Secretary, W.H. Foote to W.H. Ryder, Home Secretary's Office replying that willing to take charge of blind Aboriginal woman Kitty but asks she be put on the Industrial School list as she will require someone to look after her. Many children who are sent arrive without clothing and blankets and asking advice on how to act in connection with them.

- Letter dated 21.4.1900 **(00/05760)** from Aboriginal Girls Home, West End asking that blind woman Kitty be sent to Deebing Creek.

Letter 00/06517

5.5.1900. Letter from Honourable Secretary, W.H. Foote to Home Secretary acknowledging the receipt of cheque for £52.16.8 and stating the accompanying vouchers were duly signed.

Folder: 1901 - Deebing Creek, Part 5

Letter 01/6217

10.4.1901. Letter from Under Secretary acknowledging receipt of letter from Reverend Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek Committee for the reservation for Aboriginals of certain lands at Flinders Peak.

Letter 01/584 [Top number]

15.1.1901. Letter from Peter Robertson to the Under Secretary regarding newspaper cutting from the Queensland Times regarding proposal to utilise the Nine Mile Water Reserve for the Aboriginals.

- [Undated] Petition to the Chairman and Members of the Purga Aboriginal Board from ratepayers regarding open use of Nine Mile Water Reserve.

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- The Queensland Times, 10 January 1901, Newspaper Article entitled "*Nine-Mile Reserve.*"
- The Queensland Times, circa 14 January 1901, Letter to the Editor from "A *Purga Resident*" entitled "*The Nine-Mile Reserve.*"
- The Brisbane Courier, Thursday 24 January 1901, Newspaper Article entitled "*Deebing Creek Reserve: Deputation to the Home Secretary.*"
- Letter dated 23.1.1901 regarding Reserve for Aboriginals Purga (9 Mile Reserve) and there being some misunderstanding when referring to Green Swamp as a suitable place to be made a reserve of Aboriginals in lieu of the Nine Mile Reserve.
- Letter dated 29.1.1901 from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek to Under Secretary regarding the land proposed for exchange is the Green Swamp on Warrill Creek adjoining Snowfield's farm.
- The Queensland Times, 9 February 1901, Newspaper Article entitled "*The Nine-Mile Reserve.*"
- Letter dated 5.2.1901 from Under Secretary asking whether any objection to opening of a road along and within the north boundary of Reserve for Aboriginals, Parish of Purga.
- The Queensland Times, 15 January 1901, Rundown of monthly meeting of the Bundanba Divisional Board.
- The Queensland Times, 15 January 1901, Newspaper Article entitled "*The Nine-Mile Reserve.*"
- Letter dated 11.2.1901 from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek to Under Secretary sending newspaper cuttings from the Queensland Times regarding meeting of Bundanba Divisional Board regarding The Nine-Mile Reserve.
- Letter dated 5.2.1901 from Under Secretary outlining application being made for the opening of a road along and within the north boundary of the Reserve for Aboriginals. [Indexer's note: Attached portion of map, Purga Parish.]
- Letter dated 21.2.1901 from Peter Robertson, Chairman, Deebing Creek to Under Secretary, Home Office outlining no objection to proclamation of a road on north side of Aboriginal Reserve and also reporting that a piece of land consisting of 2000 acres has been suggested as a Reserve instead of the land at present under dispute.
- Letter dated 29.4.1901 from Under Secretary regarding instructions issued for survey of a road along and within the north boundary of Reserve for Aboriginals, Parish of Purga.

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Letter 01/18479 [Top Number]

12.11.1901. Application to Hire Out a Child Under Licence between Harry Hill, Ascog Terrace for a 15 year half-caste Aboriginal female. [Notations on Application] Maria [McKenzie], half-caste, to be licensed out to Harry Hill. Maria was transferred from Toowoomba Reformatory to the Deebing Creek Industrial School on the 2nd of November 1897.

- [Copy of] Regulations under the *Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act of 1865* relating to the Hiring-out of Children under Licence.
- Letter dated 23.10.1896 **(96/14128)** from Acting Superintendant, Toowoomba Industrial School regarding medical examination of Maria “half-caste Aboriginal”.
- Letter dated 23.10.1896 **(96/14128)** from Prison Surgeon, The Reformatory, Toowoomba noting he had that day examined Maria McKenzie. She is in good health and has never had any sickness.
- Letter dated 15.10.1896 **(96/13721)** from Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Home Secretary regarding accepting half-caste girl [Maria McKenzie] but suggests she be sent to Lock Hospital first.
- Memorandum dated 15.10.1896 from Chief Inspector, W.E. Parry-Okeden that half-caste child [Maria McKenzie] was forwarded on to Toowoomba Reformatory on morning of 13.10.1896.
- Telegram dated 10.10.1896 From Rockhampton Police to Under Secretary regarding Half-caste Aboriginal female [Maria McKenzie] aged 12 years sent to Brisbane on 9.10.1896. She had been arrested as a neglected child under the provisions of the Vagrant Act.
- Telegram dated 16.10.1896 W.H. Ryder to Acting Superintendant Toowoomba Industrial School: *“Please give name and particular of sentence of half-caste female [Maria McKenzie] recently from Rockhampton.”*
- Letter dated 16.10.1896 **(96/13797)** from Acting Superintendant, Toowoomba Industrial School regarding particulars re half-caste girl from Rockhampton recently received at Institution. Maria [McKenzie] “half-caste Aboriginal” was brought before Police Magistrate at Rockhampton, charged with being a neglected child and had been found wandering about with Aboriginals. Sentenced to three (3) years detention in Industrial School for Girls at Toowoomba. Girl is about 11 years of age and was received into the Institution on 13.10.1896.
- Telegram dated 16.10.1896 From Acting Superintendant to Under Secretary: *“Maria [McKenzie] half-caste Aboriginal sentence three 3 years detention being neglected child having no means of support.”*

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Letter 02/699

31.12.1902. Annual Report for 1902, Deebing Creek Industrial School sent to the Home Secretary, reporting:

*Seventeen (17) children committed to School on 31.12.1901.
4 children transferred to free list
2 children discharged, sentence expired
1 child licensed to serve Mrs Reeve of Toowong for six months, her term ran out on 2 August and she was handed over to Mrs Frew
10 children presently at School*

Girls and boys under 14 years of age are sent to day school and boys over 14 years are taught farm and station work. Girls over 15 are sent to Mrs Frew to be placed in service.

Health and conduct of children has been good.

Letter 02/15698

10.10.1902. Letter from Superintendent Ivins to Home Secretary regarding Annie H/C died from burns 14.9.1902. Sent from Cunnamulla in June 1900, both her parents being dead. She has a little sister aged 4 years on the Station. [Indexer's note: see below correspondence which also relates to Annie discussed here.]

Letter 02/14656

17.9.1902. Letter from Superintendent Ivins to Home Secretary discussing Annie H/C girl, aged around 7 years, died at Deebing Creek Station on 14.9.1902 from burns received when her clothes caught on fire.

Letter 02/55

January 1902. Letter from Superintendent Ivins to Home Secretary regarding Jackey Arvey [Indexer's note: Harvey] F/B, aged about 75 years, died 26.12.1901 from consumption. Belonged to the Yackara tribe.

Letter 01/20026

17.12.1901. Memorandum from Superintendent Ivins to Home Secretary noting Trampa Johnny F/B died at the Home on 17.12.1901 from consumption, aged about 75 years. He was born at Trampa and belonged to the Yackara tribe. [Indexer's note: Handwritten "Tarampa Johnny died on 17th inst." – note different spelling of Trampa.]

Letter 01/15272

21. 9.1901. Letter from Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to Home Office, Brisbane noting Superintendent Ivins had just called to say Peter an old man aged about 70 years, died at Deebing Creek Home (Thursday last).

Noted this is the first death at the Home since they received notification deaths must be reported to the Home Office.

Letter 02/237

31.12.1902. Return of Reformatory Inmates at Deebing Creek School, December:

Amelia Perkins, 19 yrs, neglected child, 7 years, sentenced 28.1.1897 from Toowoomba, admitted 29.1.1897

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Charlie King, 7 yrs, neglected child, 7 years, sentenced 13.10.1897 from Dalby, admitted 4.10.1897

Doolah Katchong, 15 yrs, offence not known, transferred from Diamantina Reformatory School, 20.2.1900

Harry Green, 14 yrs, neglected child, 5 years, sentenced 2.6.1900 from Ipswich, admitted 2.6.1900

Albert Sandy, 15 yrs, neglected child, 5 years, sentenced 2.6.1900 from Ipswich, admitted 2.6.1900

Robert Mackinze [Indexer's note: Mackenzie], 14 yrs, from Ipswich, 1900

Bertie Bundi, 8 yrs, neglected child, 5 years, sentenced 2.6.1900 from Ipswich, admitted 2.6.1900

Willie, 14 yrs, convicted of theft, 4 yrs, sentenced 1.12.1900 from Alpha, sentenced 15.12.1900

Johnny, 13 yrs, convicted of theft, 4 yrs, sentenced 1.12.1900 from Alpha, sentenced 15.12.1900

* Eva, 13 yrs, convicted of theft, 2 yrs, sentenced 1.12.1900 from Alpha, sentenced 15.12.1900

Harry Wilson, 9 yrs, transferred from Westbrook Reformatory School, 26.2.1901

Above listed and signed by Superintendent Ivins

* Eva, 13 yrs, sentenced on 1 December but too young to care for herself still kept at School and name removed to other list under arrangement.

Signed by Peter Robertson

Letter 02/6836

16. 4.1902. Letter from Superintendent Ivins to Home Secretary informing that Aboriginal male child, Albert Morton, died on the Station on 3.4.1902 aged 3 months.

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Letter 01/18480

21.11.1901. Letter from W.H. Foote to Home Secretary regarding hiring out H/C Maria. [Indexer's note: probably part of the correspondence surrounding Maria McKenzie.]

Also recommends reducing the stipulated wages *"in order that the people may be induced to engage the dark coloured children"* in their homes.

Letter 03/4248

20.3.1903. Letter from Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to Home Office Under Secretary informing that additions to the school building and fittings at Deebing Creek have been completed.

Letter 02/14013

1901-1902. Report by Peter Robertson to Home Secretary regarding Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home and School. Covers topics including: behaviour of people, religious meetings, progress of children at day school, health and work done to benefit the home, stock and crops, buildings, visitors and the Committee. Financial statement attached. [Indexer's note: no specific names given.]

Letter 02/5198

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12.3.1902. Handwritten note regarding Committee furnishing particulars of additions and estimated costs to enlarge Deebing Creek. [Indexer's note: connects with the next letter.]

Letter 02/4562

12.3.1902. Letter from W.H. Foote, Secretary of the Deebing Creek Committee to Under Secretary making application for enlarging the current Home which is too small for the number of children attending.

Letter 01/12861

August 1901. Report to Home Secretary regarding Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home and School. Covers topics including: behaviour of people, numbers of people at the School and Home, religious meetings, men working on property and some also going to Barambah to help with fencing the land there, health generally good except for the influenza epidemic in July and August in 1900 which caused 6 deaths, This year 4 deaths through the year, 5 births and three marriages. Also mentions stock and crops, tools and implements, and the Committee. Financial statement attached. [Indexer's note: no specific names given.]

Letter 99/10619

1898-1899. Annual Report by Peter Robertson to Home Secretary regarding Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home. Covers topics including: Committee meetings and visitors, Sabbath School and religious meetings, receipt of small library, picnic at Sandgate, cultivation of land and men undertaking local contracts, produce raised at Home and on farm, stock and equipment, rations, meat and groceries. Notes their farm land is a bit far from the Home and discusses acquiring land closer to the Home.

Discusses how only "*the older members of the tribes*" no people go "*for the old wandering life*" away from the Home. Also notes that "*coming from many different tribes and different parts of the country*" people have been living very harmoniously together. Discusses "civilising effects" and general behaviour. During the year there have been 2 marriages, 4 births and 8 deaths. Financial statement attached. [Indexer's note: no specific names given.]

Letter 02/421

11.12.1902. Accounts for Deebing Creek Mission Statement covering maintenance of children – noting children of the district (West Moreton) to be maintained without cost to the government, the same for children arriving with parents or other adults. All children coming from other districts to be committed under the *Reformatories Act* and be paid for until estimated age of 15 years.

Two blind women, not married and coming from another district, are to be paid for at the same rate as the children at Deebing Creek.

[Indexer's note: Handwritten across the above accounts is a run down of aspects of the *Reformatories Act* terms and concepts informing payments for committed children.]

Letter 1903 [unnumbered]

20.1.1903. Letter from Under Secretary to W.H. Foote, Honorary Secretary to the Committee, Deebing Creek, regarding further rearrangement as to payments for "orphan" and "committee" children.

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Letter 01/3954 [Top number]

Top sheet noting Harry Wilson transferred from Westbrook Reformatory to Deebing Creek.

- Letter dated 5.3.1901 from Superintendent Ivins to the Honourable J.F.Y. Foxtton reporting arrival of Harry Wilson from Westbrook Reformatory and his attendance at the Deebing Creek Industrial School.

Letter 01/1194

14.1.1901. Letter from Gerald Gore, Yandilla to Foxtton regarding Harry Wilson, 8 years of age, being sent to Gribble at Bellenden Ker [Indexer's note: Yarrabah].

Letter 01/655

11.1.1901. Letter from Rev. W.S. Marshall, Pittsworth to Home Secretary recommending Harry Wilson, 8 years of age, who on 2.1.1901 was sentenced to three years detention in Westbrook Reformatory, be sent to Yarrabah. Notes that circumstances of the case and severity of the sentence would not have happened to a white child. States Harry bright and harmless but lead astray by others. When questioned about missing money, Harry made no attempt at denial and showed where the hiding space was; sentenced by his own statement. [Indexer's note: see Folios 4.1.1901 (01/275) and 25.2.1901 (01/03479) below.]

Letter 01/275

4.1.1901. Letter from Superintendent Westbrook to Under Home Secretary regarding Harry Wilson, F/B, 7 year old boy, sentenced on 2.1.1901 to three years detention for larceny be sent to Deebing Creek School. [Indexer's note: see Folio 11.1.1901 (01/655) above and Folio 25.2.1901 (01/03479) below.]

Letter 96/13992 [Top number]

8.6.1896. Letter from G. Wilton, Solicitor, Hughenden to J. Neal, Millungera regarding the taking of action against Young and that such action will result in the early return of the blackboy. [Indexer's note: Young is reference to James Young and "blackboy" refers to Alec / Alic from Normanton – see following correspondence.]

- Letter dated 8.6.1896 from Commissioner of Police to Chief Inspector, Brisbane regarding Aboriginal boy Alec from Normanton being forwarded to Deebing Creek.
- Note dated 8.12.1896 by Acting Sergeant, Ipswich Police Station saying received from Constable Wilson, Alec a blackboy sent to Deebing Creek Mission School.
- Memorandum dated 5.12.1896 *"For action – An order here with from the Under Home Secretary for transfer of Aboriginal Alec from Lytton to Deebing Creek Mission Industrial School."*
- Letter dated 27.12.1896 regarding Aboriginal Alec to be forwarded to Deebing Creek Industrial School. Sentenced by the Magistrate at Georgetown to 7 years detention in the Reformatory School for Boys at Lytton. Requesting Alec be forward to Deebing Creek.
- Memorandum dated 3.12.1896 *"Re blackboy from Normanton. This boy arrived on Monday night 30.11.1896 and was forward to Lytton on Tuesday morning."*

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- Copy of Telegram dated 1.12.1896 from Normanton Inspector to Commissioner of Police stating blackboy Alec left here for Lytton Industrial School on last Sunday week and should arrive about Thursday next.
- Telegram dated 2.12.1896 regarding swearing in of special Constable to escort blackboy Alec. [Indexer's note: also spelt as 'Alic' in this telegram.] Discusses how Warder Slattery had to resign from gaol service for permitting prisoner Cawley to escape.
- Telegram dated 1.12.1896 from Normanton Inspector to Commissioner of Police noting blackboy Alic [Indexer's note: Alec] left for Lytton Industrial school Sunday last, should arrive Thursday.
- Telegram dated November 1896 from Normanton Inspector to Commissioner of Police stating that blackboy Alic [Indexer's note: Alec] was brought before the court at Georgetown as a neglected child and ordered to be sent to Lytton Industrial School for seven (7) years.
- Letter dated 9.10.1896 from Police Department, Inspector's Office, Normanton to Commissioner of Police regarding abducted blackboy Alic [Indexer's note: Alec] and J. Young near Gilberton. Young refuses to give him up and the boy wants to stay with him. [Indexer's note: handwritten across this letter is discussion that no man can just take a boy away and refers to the *Reformatory Act*.]
- Letter dated 23.9.1896 from Constable, Percyville Police Station to Inspector Graham, Normanton regarding abducted blackboy Alec and James Young being in the vicinity of Gilberton, about 27 miles south from Percyville. Young is very attached to the boy and likely to oppose the constable trying to take Alec.
- Telegram dated 9.10.1896 from Parry-Okeden to Inspector Graham, Normanton noting does not seem advisable to interfere with blackboy Alec, act as deem fit.
- Letter dated 25.7.1896 Sub Inspectors Office, Hughenden to Inspector Townsville returning correspondence in reference to blackboy Alick [Indexer's note: Alec] who was taken from Millungera Station in January last by J. Young and who was supposed to be present about Woolgar. Inquiries found Young and the boy had passed through Woolgar around March last and now supposed to be at Georgetown or Mount McDonald Goldfield.
- Telegram dated October 1896 from D. Graham, Inspector to Commissioner of Police noting blackboy Alic [Indexer's note: Alec] alleged to have been abducted from Millungera Station. Casey reports the boy is with John Young near Gilberton and will not willing give the boy up. Should the constable take the boy by force back to Millungera Station?
- Letter dated 21.7.1896 from Senior Constable, Richmond Police Station reporting to Sub Inspector, Hughenden that Young is either in Georgetown or McDonald Goldfield.

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- Letter dated 21.7.1896 from Constable, Richmond Police Station to Sub Inspector, Hughenden reporting that inquiries at Woolgar concerning the whereabouts of blackboy Alec. Constable had been reliably told that James Young was travelling enroute from Millungera to the Gilbert with a dray and passed through Woolgar early in March last. Young had then been travelling with a blackboy named Alec who was about 13 years of age. Young is supposed to be heading to locality of Mount McDonald Goldfield.
- Memorandum dated 8.7.1896 from Police Department, Sub-Inspectors Office to Senior Constable Power, Richmond forwarding correspondence re abduction by J. Young of a blackboy from Millungera. Send constable at once to Woolgar and get the boy if possible.
- Memorandum dated 8.7.1896 *“For inquiry and report – note the Colonial Secretary, instructing and act accordingly – if appears likely a case of ‘kidnapping’.”*
- Letter dated 9.5.1896 from Sergeant Hughenden to Colonial Secretary reporting under instructions of Mr J. Neal, Manager Millungera Station to bring under notice facts relative to forcible abduction by one John Young of a blackboy. *“His name is Alec, 13 years of age and has always resided at Millungera Head Station with his mother. On or about month of January last Young took the boy forcibly and against boy’s own will and without his mother’s consent. Boy’s mother very anxious for his return.”*

Letter 01/3479

25.2.1901. Letter sent by Gerard Gore to Foxton regarding sending the Aboriginal boy from Westbrook Reformatory to Deebing Creek Mission Station. [Indexer’s note: see Folios 11.1.1901 **(01/655)** and 4.1.1901 **(01/275)** below.]

Letter 1903 [unnumbered]

12.12.1903. Memo by Accountant, Dept. of Public Lands re vouchers for maintenance of children, Deebing Creek Industrial School.

[Indexer’s notes: the next letter in the images is **4.4.1903/CR 346/3** – see further down – however, this letter seems to have been separated from the list it discusses. This list seems to appear later in the series, but because it is undated and unstamped I cannot be certain it is one and the same list discussed in the letter. There is a P.S. on the letter which refers to *“the Coppers in the list are children of half-caste and black”* and the list later in the series includes a heading of *“Coppers”*.]

Letter 01/14205

6.9.1901. Proclamation of the setting aside of land in the counties of Stanley and Churchill, parishes of Undullah and Goolman for an Aboriginal Mission Station, from the Government Gazette, 31.8.1901, page 1147.

Letter 00/6132 [Top number]

3.4.1900. Memorandum re Aboriginal Reserve, Parish of Purga. Discusses protests against the fencing of the Aboriginal Reserve in the Parish of Purga and notes that Reserves for Aboriginals *“ought to be isolated and not planted amongst the travelling public.”* Issues over fencing off the only close watering hole and negotiations over forfeiting some of the Purga land for “Green Swamp” in the Goolman District.

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- 5.1.1900 **(00/244)** Letter protesting against proposed extension of Reserve for Aboriginals.
- 5.1.1900 **(00/334)** Letter from George Thorn protesting against proposed extension of Reserve for Aboriginals.
- 14.3.1900 **(00/3861)** Letter from Deebing Creek Mission to Home Secretary stating no objection to “Green Swamp” being reserved for Deebing Creek Mission.
- 26.1.1900 **(00/1307)** Letter from Deebing Creek Mission notifying the matter re proposed Aboriginal reserve will be considered at meeting on 1 February 1900.
- 10.1.1900 **(00/484)** Telegram from Peter Robertson to Under Secretary, Home Office states “*Engaged all day will come first train tomorrow morning.*” [Indexer’s note: Handwritten on telegram is reference to suggesting proposed two portions be exchanged for Green Swamp reserve instead and how discussions with Mr Robertson on the question of reserves for Aboriginals in the district.]
- 5.1.1900 **(00/1307)** Letter from Peter Robertson, Deebing Creek Home to Home Secretary noting a deputation of five farmers protesting against fencing in, and use by Aboriginals, of the reserve granted in 1893. States they are going to get a petition together.
- 9.1.1900 [unnumbered] File note discussing deputation of local residents supporting George Thorn, and asking that reserve be made a water reserve.

Letter 01/3691

February 1901. Miscellaneous sheet noting “*Superintendent Deebing Creek to forward quarterly Return of Inmates.*”

Letter 01/15951

12.12.1901. Miscellaneous sheet noting that the October return furnished by Superintendent of Industrial School indicates that there were only 18 inmates during that month. Ask for particular as to how the number 37 on voucher is arrived at. Questions whether the number also includes inmates of the Mission (but not of the Industrial School) payment for whom is sought from the Government and needs to be done on separate vouchers.

Letter 01/122

31.12.1901. Return of children sent to Deebing Creek from outside West Moreton and Burnett:

Alice Tanner, from Texas, 10 yrs
Nellie Tanner, from Texas, 8 yrs
Jack Madaquill, SSI, 12 yrs
Harold Donald, from Cooktown, 12 yrs
Edie, from Springsure, 12 yrs
Lizzie, from Maryboro [Indexer’s note: Maryborough], 11 yrs
Dorothy Salisbury, from Crows Nest, 9 yrs
Grace Salisbury, from Crows Nest, 4 yrs

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Peter, from Mitchell Downs, 12 yrs
Willie, from Mitchell Downs, 9 yrs
Maude, from Mitchell Downs, 5 yrs
Alice, from Cunnamulla, 11 yrs
Elsie, from Mitchell Downs, 6 yrs
Sarah, from Mitchell Downs, 5 yrs
Alick, from Thursday Island, 6 yrs
Andrew Richard, from Gympie, 8 yrs
May Ileson(?), from Maryboro [Indexer's note: Maryborough], 4 yrs
Tommie, from Leper Station Dunwich, 6 yrs
Kate Bowen, from Dalby, 14 yrs

Letter 01/122

31.12.1901. *"Return to the Honourable The Home Secretary of the Inmates of the Reformatory (and Industrial) School for Aboriginals at Deebing Creek for the month ended December 31st, 1901"* by Superintendent Ivins:

Kate Howling, aged 8 years, transferred from Myora Industrial School, admitted 17.10.1896
Emily Howling, aged 10 years, transferred from Myora Industrial School, admitted 17.10.1896
Cissie, aged 9 years, transferred from Myora Industrial School, admitted 17.10.1896
Jackie, aged 5 years, transferred from Myora Industrial School, admitted 17.10.1896
Kate Bowen *, aged 14 years, neglected, sentenced to 4 years on 1.12.1897 at Dalby, admitted 2.12.1897
Amelia Perkins, aged 14 years, neglected, sentenced to 7 years on 28.1.1897 at Toowoomba, admitted 29/1/1897
Dora, aged 8 years, neglected, sentenced to 5 years on 2.7.1897 at Burketown, admitted 29.7.1897
Nellie, aged 8 years, neglected, sentenced to 5 years on 2.7.1897 at Burketown, admitted 29.7.1897
Charlie King, aged 3 years, neglected, sentenced to 7 years on 13.11.1897 at Dalby, admitted 14.10.1897
Doolah Katchong, aged 13 years, offence not known, transferred from the Diamantina Reformatory School, admitted 20.2.1900
Harry Green, aged 12 years, neglected, sentenced to 5 years on 2.6.1900 at Ipswich, admitted 2.6.1900
Albert Sandy, aged 13 years, neglected, sentenced to 5 years on 2.6.1900 at Ipswich, admitted 2.6.1900
Robert Mackenzie, aged 13 years, neglected, sentenced to 5 years on 2.6.1900 at Ipswich, admitted 2.6.1900 [Indexer's note: Robert Mackenzie.]
Bertie Bundi, aged 13 years, neglected, sentenced to 5 years on 2.6.1900 at Ipswich, admitted 2.6.1900
Willie, aged 13 years, theft, sentenced to 4 years on 1.12.1900 at Alpha, admitted 15.12.1900
Johnny, aged 12 years, theft, sentenced to 4 years on 1.12.1900 at Alpha, admitted 15.12.1900
Eva, aged 12 years, theft, sentenced to 2 years on 1.12.1900 at Alpha, admitted 11.1.1901
Harry Wilson, aged 8 years, transferred from the Westbrook Reform School, admitted 26.2.1901

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* Kate Bowen was discharged on the 2nd December 1901.

Letter 01/15931

27.9.1901. Letter from Accountant to Under Secretary clarifying particulars for Maintenance for the months of July, August and September as per voucher, being for children from outside the district of West Moreton, or from other districts accompanied by parents or other adults "*in loco parentis*."

Letter 01/9357

11.6.1901. Letter regarding children and women sent to the Station without proper papers, includes following list: [see * notes at end]

Alick, aged 15 years - sent by Home Secy. 96/6953 by police, from Georgetown
Jack Madaquil *, aged 10 years - SSI boy sent by Home Office 99/4185, from Brisbane
Alice Tanner ***, aged 8 years (sisters) - Meet at railway station Home Secy. Needing instructions, from Texas
Nellie Tanner ***, aged 5 years (sisters) - Meet at railway station Home Secy. Needing instructions, from Texas
Harold Donald, aged 12 years – sent by Police, suffers from fits, toes severed off, from Thursday Island
Minnie McKenzie, aged 9 years – sent by Mrs Meston, Protectress [Indexer's note: Mackenzie] Eddie, aged 10 years – sent by Mrs Meston, Protectress
Lizzie, aged 7 years – sent by Mrs Meston, Protectress
Dorothy Salisbury, aged 9 years (sisters) – sent by Police, from Crows Nest
Grace Salisbury, aged 4 years (sisters) – sent by Police, from Crows Nest
Peter, aged 12 years – sent by Police , from Mitchell Downs
Willie, aged 9 years – sent by Police , from Mitchell Downs
Maude, aged 5 years – sent by Police , from Mitchell Downs
James Daylight *****, aged 2 years – sent by Police , from Mitchell Downs
Peter Daylight *****, aged 1 year – sent by Police , from Mitchell Downs
Alice, aged 11 years – sent by A. Meston. Meet at Railway Station at ? request
Elsie, aged 6 years – sent by Police, from Cunnamulla
Sarah, aged 5 years – sent by Police, from Cunnamulla
Alick, aged 5 years – sent by A. Meston, from Thursday Island

Blind Women

Blind Kitty **, very old – sent by Home Office 00/3832
Blind woman, very old – sent by Mrs Frew
Blind Topsy ****, aged 21 years – sent by Mrs Frew

* The boy Jack Madaquil was received at the Home after promise that he would be paid for as the committed children were. As also Blind Kitty **, when the Committee received the other children and blind women they understood that they came on the same terms because they were all a like helpless.

*** The two children Alice and Nellie Tanner from Texas not being aboriginals have always been kept in their own home by Mr and Mrs Ivins. As also the blind girl Topsy **** until the 1st of June when she was married by Peter Robertson to one of the men on the Home. [Indexer's note: man not named.]

***** None of them but the two children James and Peter Daylight have any friends at the Home whose mother, about 18, came with them.

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Letter 01/1675

29. 1.1901. Letter by Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Under Secretary, Home Office regarding the young people sent to the Home and Industrial School at Deebing Creek during the months of December and January without any documents, including:

Willie	Half-caste	9 years
Peter	Half-caste	12 years
Maude	Half-caste	5 years
Alice	Half-caste	11 years

And one young woman apparently about 19 years of age with two children, half caste 2 and 1 years of age respectively. [Indexer's note: see 11.6.1901 (01/9357) above as this information appears to relate to James and Peter Daylight, and their mother.]

Would be pleased to receive the papers concerning them at earliest convenience as have *"no control over them in any way without them."*

Letter 99/8082

14.6.1899. Letter by Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to the Under Secretary, Home Office regarding accepting a South Sea Island boy about 10 years of age into the Home and School at Deebing Creek. The mother of this land and two other children were drowned in the *Pearl* accident. The father being specially noticed at that time in saving life (aiding I understand over 40 of those rescued), himself fell a victim to the waves during the later hurricane near Thursday Island. Noting would be pleased to received him at Deebing Creek should it be wished.

Letter 01/19392

1901. Reformatories: Front Page only for *"Returns for October 1901 from Deebing Creek Reformatory."* [Indexer's note: no further documentation with this front page and handwritten notation *"still away."*]

Letter 03/26271

5.9.1903. List of Residents at Deebing Creek circa 31 August 1903. [Indexer's note: front page has stamp of *"Dept of Public Lands 26271 – 5 Sept 1903 Abor"*]

[Indexer's note: Page 1 - Adult Female]

Lizzie Slab, (*n.n.* Waggil), aged 24 years, H/C, native of Rosedale
Topsy Brown, (*n.n.* Goongarnjin), aged 38 years, F/B, native of Esk
Bella Lake, aged 36 years, F/B
Princess King Yarga, aged 42 years, H/C, native of Bunyah Mt
Emily Harvey (*n.n.* Wanjin), aged 38 years, H/C, native of Laidley
Amy Thompson (*n.n.* Bundarcha), aged 34 years, H/C, native of Helidon
Nellie Edwards, aged 30 years, F/B
Ellen Foote (*n.n.* Archer), aged 56 years, F/B, native of Upper Logan
Carrie (*n.n.* Woongargun), aged 60 years, F/B, native of Ipswich
Janey Collins, (*n.n.* Tingila), aged 55 years, H/C, native of Harrisville
Bridget Collins, (*n.n.* Bidgi), aged 27 years, H/C, native of Dalby
Hanna Collins, aged 20 years, F/B, native of Fassifern
Daisy Morton (*n.n.* Muminda), aged 25 years, H/C, native of Laidley
Mary Ann Morgan (*n.n.* Woolley Head), aged 54 years, F/B, native of Maroon

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Brinda Becket (*n.n.* Bunjul), aged 26 years, F/B, native of Gulf Carpentaria
Maryann Anson (*n.n.* Bungarrie), aged 68 years, F/B, native of Crows Nest
Ellen Brooks (*n.n.* Geenjubi), aged 54 years, F/B, native of N.S.W.
Kate George, aged 24 years, H/C, native of Chinchilla
Topsy Ord (*n.n.* Biteara), aged 23 years, F/B, native of Townsville
Annie Ben (*n.n.* Boonjeen), aged 68 years, F/B
Sarah Barry (*n.n.* Garndin), aged 36 years, F /B, native of Peak Crossing
Kittie Jackson, aged 58 years, F/B
Sarah Shields, aged 34 years, F/B, native of Townsville
Alice Mitchell, aged 30 years, F/B, native of Cooktown
Charlotte Walsh, aged 33 years, H/C
Biddy Daylight, aged 25 years, H/C
Fanny Thorp, aged 40 years, H/C, native of Nanango

[Indexer's note: Page 2 - Adult Male]

Willie, aged 19 years, F/B, native of St George
Jack, (*n.n.* Wamban), aged 29 years, F/B, native of Bundi Station
W. Brown, aged 30 years, H/C, native of Logan district
J. Slab, aged 30 years, F/B, native of Southport
A. Collins (*n.n.* Bingpul), aged 28 years, H/C, native of Normanby St
J. Crofton, aged 32 years, F/B, native of N.S.W.
J. Blake, aged 50 years, F/B, native of Nanango
H. Thompson (*n.n.* Goolparjo), aged 30 years, H/C, native of Normanby St
Henry, aged 23 years, F/B, native of Tabinga
Edward (*n.n.* Mundi), aged 40 years, F/B, native of Logan
Neddie McGrath (*n.n.* Bunbi), aged 65 years, F/B, native of Warril Creek
Tommy, aged 70 years, F/B, native of Dougandan
W. Collins, aged 30 years, F/B, native of Normanby St
A. Morgan (*n.n.* Buyu), aged 20 years, F/B, native of Normanby St
J. Morgan (*n.n.* Cobmine), aged 18 years, F/B, native of Laidley Creek
G. Close, aged 18 years, H/C, native of N.S.W.
G. Beckett, aged 45 years, H/C, native of Mt Walker
J. Gibson, aged 25 years, H/C, native of Morvan - Cripple
H. Ord, aged 30 years, H/C, native of Esk - Cripple
C. Morton (*n.n.* Mookoin), aged 32 years, F/B, native of Stradbrook Is
Wagtail, aged 35 years, F/B, native of Nanango
Norman, aged 33 years, F/B, native of Normanton
C. George, aged 35 years, F/B, native of Nerang
Barlow, aged 25 years, F/B, native of Mt Hooby
Ben, aged 28 years, F/B, native of Logan
F. Ben, aged 60 years, F/B, native of Logan
W. Mitchell, aged 30 years, F/B, native of Cooktown
W. Lake, aged 35 years, F/B, native of Nanango
A. Robinson (*n.n.* Muningah), aged 22 years, F/B, native of Normanton
J. Gowry, aged 21 years, F/B, native of Cooktown
H. Green, aged 16 years, H/C, native of Logan
Burnett, aged 23 years, F/B, native of Bunara
W. Daylight, aged 35 years, F/B, native of Emu Creek
W. Martin, aged 27 years, F/B, native of Maryborough
A. Chapman, aged 31 years, F/B, native of Nanango

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[Indexer's note: Page 3 - Child Female]

Jessie Brown (*n.n.* Hoombunpa), aged 14 years, H/C, native of Ipswich
Sylvia (*n.n.* Loan), aged 17 years, F/B, native of Nanango
Dorothy Salisbury, aged 12 years, H/C, native of Brisbane
Grace Salisbury, aged 5 years, H/C, native of Brisbane
May Thompson (*n.n.* Muggarie), aged 13 years, H/C, native of Gatton
Florrie Thompson, aged 12 years, H/C, native of Gatton
Jessie Thompson, aged 9 years, H/C, native of Helidon
Lottie Thompson, aged 7 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
Vida Thompson, aged 4 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
Emily Howling, aged 11 years, H/C, native of 'not known' [Indexer's note: Emily How Ling.]
Kate Howling, aged 9 years, H/C, native of 'not known' [Indexer's note: Kate How Ling.]
Mable Sandy (*n.n.* Biambin), aged 13 years, F/B, native of Beaudesert
Alice Florrie, aged 12 years, H/C, native of Killarney
Nellie Florrie, aged 10 years, H/C, native of Stanthorpe
Edie Wilson (*n.n.* Bungarrie), aged 15 years, H/C, native of Winton
Annie Daylight (*n.n.* Bunjoon), aged 12 years, F/B, native of Esk
Kathleen Anson (*n.n.* Yangaran), aged 7 years, H/C, native of Esk
Mary Brown (*n.n.* Narinbun), aged 13 years, H/C, native of Bourktown
Charlotte Slab, aged 3 years, H/C, native of Barcaldine
Mable Brown, aged 4 years, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
Janet Brown, aged 1 year, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
Mollie King, aged 4 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
Jessie King, aged 17 years, H/C, native of Dalby
Alice King, aged 2 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
Violet Collins, aged 4 years, H/C, native of Alpha
Harriet Collins (*n.n.* Billinga), aged 3 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
Louie George, aged 3 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
Elcie Walsh, aged 5 years, H/C, native of Mitchell
Nation Thorp, aged 14 years, H/C/, native of Nanango
Sarah Thorp, aged 11 years, H/C/, native of Nanango
Emma Thorp, aged 9 years, H/C/, native of Nanango
Violet Sandy, aged 1 year, H/C/, native of Esk

[Indexer's note: possibly referring to Violet Thorpe (*alt.* Violet Turner), sister to three Thorp girls listed above]

[Indexer's note: Page 4 - Child Male]

R. Logan, aged 16 years, H/C, native of Milbong
S. Brown, aged 7 years, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
A. Sandy (*n.n.* Nimgun), aged 16 years, H/C, native of Logan [Indexer's note: Albert Sandy]
W. Billy (*n.n.* Grungan), aged 16 years, F/B, native of Alpha
J. Madiquill, aged 12 years, South Sea Islander, F/B, native of Brisbane
[Indexer's note: Madaquill, Madaquill]
R. McKenzie (*n.n.* Wongerdy), aged 16 years, F/B, native of Woodford
Doolah Kitchony, aged 15 years, caste Malay, F/B, native of Normanton
J. Edwards (*n.n.* Gimpojo), aged 14 years, F/B, native of Bundamba
A. Billy (*n.n.* Juberman), aged 14 years, H/C, native of Boonah
P. Billy (*n.n.* Urara), aged 11 years, H/C, native of Boonah

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- A. Kew, aged 9 years, H/C, native of Brisbane
B. Brown (*n.n.* Jugara), aged 9 years, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
J. Harvey, aged 9 years, H/C, native of 'not known'
H. Wilson, aged 9 years, H/C, native of Pittsworth [Indexer's note: Harry Wilson of Pittsworth.]
W. Welsh, aged 11 years, H/C, native of Mitchell
P. Welsh, aged 12 years, H/C, native of Mitchell
J. Linch, (*n.n.* Jeanbegara), aged 14 years, H/C, native of Alpha
Berty (*n.n.* Bundi), aged 9 years, H/C, native of Tooroom Stn
C. King, aged 8 years, H/C, native of Dalby
A. Bananda, aged 6 years, caste Half Malay, F/B, native of Thursday Is
C. Morgan, aged 7 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
Tommy, aged 6 years, caste Malay, F/B, native of 'not known'. The boy that was sent from the Lepper Stn [Indexer's note: Leper Station].
F. Slab, aged 1½ years, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
E. Morton, aged 4 years, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
C. Morton, aged 4 years, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
E. Oard, aged 3 years, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
N. George, aged 1 year, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
J. Welsh, aged 2 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
Norman, aged 2 years, F/B, native of Crows Nest
Bertie, aged 1 year, F/B, native of Crows Nest
P. Daylight, aged 2 years, F/B, native of Deebing Creek
J. Daylight, aged 3 years, H/C, native of 'not known'
Purcy Daylight, aged 1 year, F/B, native of Deebing Creek [Indexer's note: Percy Daylight.]
H. Thompson, aged 1 year, H/C, native of Deebing Creek
S. Thorpe, aged 3 years, H/C, native of Nanango
[Indexer's note: Sunny Thorpe (*alt.* John Thorpe, John Zimmerman).]
J. Thorpe, aged 2 years, H/C, native of Deebing Creek

[Indexer's note: Joey Thorpe (*alt.* Joseph Thorpe, Joseph Zimmerman).]

[Indexer's notes: see previous discussion of **Letter 03/CR346 dated 4.4.1903** – letter separated from list referred to in same. The list appears now in the images and I have matched the letter content here with the list. The use of "*Coppers*" in both is the possible link between the two.]

Letter 03/CR346

4.4.1903. Letter by Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to Dr Roth apologising for the delay in getting the numbers attending the Deebing Creek School.

Undated list of children at Deebing Creek Aboriginal School

Pure Blacks

Jim Edward
Tommy
Mabel Sandy

2 Boys
1 Girl
3

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Copper

Stanley Brown
Bertie Brown
Annie Daylight
Jessie Thompson
Esther Curtis

2 Boys

3 Girls

5

Half-caste

Jack Harvey
Alfie Billy
Peter Billy
Willie Welsh
Peter Welsh
Andrew Richards
Bertie Bunder
Charlie Morgan
Johnny Lynch
Harry Wilson
Alex Benanda
Charlie King
Dorothy Salisbury
Grace Salisbury
Emily Green
Kate Collins
May Thompson
Florrie Thompson
Lottie Thompson
Alice Florrie
Nellie Florrie
Edith Wilson
Mary Brown
Alice George
Kathleen Anderson

White

Albert French
Gordon Ivins
Ethel Ivins
Grace Ivins

Letter 03/26947

9.9.1903. Letter by Peter Robertson, The Manse, Ipswich to Mr Foxton discussing aspect of the State paying for the maintenance of “*committed*” children under the *Reformatories Act* (Industrial Schools) and difference when children are considered to be “hired out” or “neglected children.”

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Letter [Undated]

Note to R. McFarlane, Land Office, stating cannot pay salary until Mrs Macfarlane opens account.

Letter 03/29707 Sec

1903. [Indexer's note: Handwritten on the side of a letter with this date and folio – no copy of whole letter, just the handwritten information is on the file.] *"Sir, in respect the arrangement in regard to maintenance allowance paid, by the government in respect of children in the Aboriginal Industrial School at Mapoon whereby payment ceases on a child attaining the age of 12 years &c &c. Mapoon."*

Letter 03/19564

4.7.1903. Letter to the Under Secretary, Department of Public Lands from Roth and Home Secretary's Department noting separate provision has been made in the Estimates during the last three years for the Deebing Creek Reformatory while the inmates of Yarrabah have been paid for at the same rate from the general Vote for Aboriginals. Now proposed to discontinue the separate provision for Deebing Creek and pay for both institutions from the General Vote. Also discusses that if Mr Foxton decides to pay for the inmates at Mapoon, the amount will also have to be paid from the General Vote and that the condition he suggested regarding age is fair and should be applied to Yarrabah and Deebing Creek.

Letter 03/8345

26.5.1903. Letter from Walter Roth, Northern Protector, regarding not having received any maintenance for the fifteen (15) half-caste Aboriginal children sent to Mapoon Mission by Magistrates order under the Industrial Schools Act. Attached list shows that some have been maintained for up to eighteen months and required returns have been sent monthly to the Home Secretary's Office.

[Indexer's note: Handwritten on side is discussion of how no arrangements exist for the Mapoon Mission, or request for help previously received. Notes Deebing Creek receives government payment 4 per diem, and thinks reasonable Mapoon should receive the same. Also state that does not think any payment should continue after a child has reached the age of twelve (12) years when they can work.]

"Return to the Honourable The Home Secretary of the Inmates of the Reformatory (and Industrial) School for boys and girls at Mapoon Aboriginal Reserve for the month ended May 1903" by Arthur Richter:

[Indexer's note: Aboriginal half-caste is written down along the names below indicating all are half-caste children]

- Nellie, aged 10 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 28.11.1901 to 7 years, in Burketown, admitted 18.12.1901
- Mabel, aged 6 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 24.12.1901 to 6 years, in Burketown, admitted 4.1.1902
- Daisy, aged 7 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 24.12.1901 to 5 years, in Burketown, admitted 4.1.1902
- Mary, aged 8 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 24.12.1901 to 7 years, in Burketown, admitted 4.1.1902
- Rosie, aged 9 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 27.12.1901 to 7 years, in Normanton, admitted 4.1.1902
- Lucy, aged 10 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 2.12.1902 to 7 years, in Normanton, admitted 17.3.1902

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Rosy, aged 6 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 2.12.1902, indefinitely, in Burketown, admitted 31.12.1902
Ida, aged 7 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 17.12.1902, indefinitely, in Burketown, admitted 31.12.1902
Peter, aged 7 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 28.1.1903, to 7 years, in Burketown, admitted 15.3.1903
Norman, aged 5 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 28.1.1903, to 7 years, in Normanton, admitted 15.3.1903
Topsy, aged 10 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 28.1.1903, to 5 years, in Normanton, admitted 15.3.1903
Nancy, aged 7 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 28.1.1903, to 7 years, in Normanton, admitted 15.3.1903
Maude, aged 7 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 4.2.1903, to 7 years, in Camooweal, admitted 15.3.1903
Jessy, aged 11 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 18.2.1903, to 3 years, in Burketown, admitted 15.3.1903
Florrie Lancaster, aged 10 yrs, reason neglected, sentenced on 13.3.1903, to 3 years, on Thursday Is, admitted 15.3.1903

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Letter 04/14449

1904. Letter dated 5 May 1904 from Under Secretary giving direction that Bertie Bundi, an inmate of the Industrial School, Deebing Creek, be removed to Westbrook Reformatory School for boys.

Letter 04/CR1635

10.9.1904. Extract from Government Gazette, page 574 proclaiming Robert Morrison appointed Superintendent of Barambah in the Parish of Cherbourg.

Letter 04/CR171

30.1.1904. Letter from Ivins to Minister for Lands regarding Peter H/C, aged about 9 years, died 7.1.1904 from sunstroke. Came from Mitchell Downs.

Also Mrs C. Morton's infant female H/C child died 23. 1.1904 from convulsions.

Letter 04/CR334

27.2.1904. Letter from W.H. Foote to Dr W.E. Roth regarding a rail pass for Foote from Ipswich to Wondai.

Letter 04/CR324

25.2.1904. Letter from W.H. Foote to Dr W.E. Roth regarding a Foote accompanying Roth on a visit to Barambah, Monday 7 March 1904 would suit.

Letter 04/231 [Top number]

1904. Letter dated 12.2.1904 from Constable T. Reeves, Chinchilla Police Station, reporting to Protector of Aboriginals, Brisbane that he gave Ruby the pass and sent her to Deebing Creek.

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- Memorandum dated 26.1.1904 **(04/CR121)** from Constable T. Reeves, Chinchilla Police Station, reporting to Protector of Aboriginals, Brisbane that Ruby is willing to go to Deebing Creek if she is sent a pass.
- Letter dated 14.1.1904 **(04/CR51)** from Constable T. Reeves, Chinchilla Police Station, reporting to Protector of Aboriginals, Brisbane regarding Ruby being at Chinchilla since leaving Bowen about 6 weeks ago but he believes she should be removed away as he believes she is not leading a good life at present.
- Memo dated 13.1.1904 **(04/40/3)** from Walter E. Roth, Northern Protector of Aboriginals, stating that Aboriginal Billy Bowen applied for information re the whereabouts of his Ruby, about 23 years of age. Believed she was in the local camp with his father (lately a boundary rider at Logie Mains(?)).
- Telegram dated 12.1.1904 Sent by Merton, Brisbane to Police, Chinchilla: *"pass sent for Ruby tell her Bowen waiting for her here."*

Letter 04/1079

31.5.1904. Letter from Ivins to Roth regarding male child of George Beckett H/C and Brinda F/B died 21. 5.1904 at Deebing Creek.

Also Mrs W Mitchell F/B, native of Cooktown, aged 31 years, died 28. 5.1904 of consumption.

Letter 04/CR775 [Top number]

May 1904. Letter dated 3 (?) May 1904 from Police Magistrate, Ipswich Court House to Chief Protector of Aboriginals re inspecting railway passes for Aboriginals.

- Letter dated 20.4.1904 **(04/CR682)** from W.H. Foote, Committee of Aboriginal Home, Ipswich to Dr Walter E. Roth noting that Mr Ivins had been instructed not to issue railway passes but to make application to Roth for same. Ivins asked to tell Roth that Darkie is very unsettled, wont work, fretting to return to his own district.
- Letter dated 16.2.1904 **(04/CR654)** from Police Magistrate, Ipswich Court House to Chief Protector of Aboriginals re sending applications for railway passes for Aboriginals directly to Chief Protector.

Letter 05/CR202

14.2.1905. Annual Report Deebing Creek 1904

Copy of typed two page report outlining: Work satisfactory, still some influence of drink when in town for race meetings, Sheffield handicaps, religious meetings, attendance at school, stock increases and numbers, cultivation, and value of work done on property. No names given.

Folder: 1905 - Deebing Creek, Part 9

Letter 05/6266

31.12.1905. Report by Ivins to Home Secretary on Deebing Creek Industrial School noting sixty eight (68) children have been committed to the Industrial School between 18.11.1896 and 31.12.1905. Of these

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4 died
6 had their sentence remitted
2 transferred
3 licensed to serve
20 discharged, sentence finished
33 are still at the school

Girls

Mary, 13 yrs, licensed to Mrs Daniels, 18.11.1897
Jessie King, 15 yrs, transferred to Salvation Army Home, 30.10.1902
Bessie King, 13 yrs, sent to service in care of Mrs Meston, 15.5.1899
Topsy McClaywood, 20 yrs, discharged, sentenced finished, 19.3.1901
Kate Bowen, 18 yrs, discharged, sentenced finished, 2.12.1901
Dora Ord, 13 yrs, licensed to serve Mrs Reeves, Toowong, 3.7.1902
Nellie, 13 yrs, discharged, sentenced finished, 3.7.1902
Eva, 14 yrs, discharged, sentenced finished, 1.12.1902
Kate Howling, 13 yrs, discharged, sentenced finished, 19.3.1901
Emily Howling, 15 yrs, discharged, sentenced finished, 19.3.1901
Cissie, 14 yrs, discharged, sentenced finished, 19.3.1901
Amelia Perkins, 21 yrs, discharged, sentenced finished, 28.1.1904
Pollie Dodd, sentence remitted, 14.3.1904
Daisy Dodd, sentence remitted, 14.3.1904
Annie Daylight, 12 yrs, licensed to serve Mrs Dudgon, 14.6.1904
Elsie Walsh, 5 yrs, sentenced remitted, sent to Nudgee Orphanage, 25.7.1904
Gertie, 1 yr, died 30. 7.1904 from consumption, attended by Dr Von Lossberg
Maud Williams, 4 yrs, sentence remitted, 11.10.1904
Rose Williams, 15 yrs, discharged, sentence finished, 15.8.1905
Andrew F/B, 15 yrs, died from consumption, 20.11.1898
George Quarry [Indexer's note], 11 yrs, died from consumption, 1.10.1900 Dr Lossberg
Jack Gowrie, 18 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 19.3.1901
Jackie, 10 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 19.3.1901

Boys

Tommy Dodd, 14 yrs, sentence remitted, 4.2.1904
Willie Walsh, 9 yrs, sentence remitted, 25.7.1904
Bertie Bundi, 11 yrs, transferred to Westbrook, 31.8.1904
Charlie King, 10 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 15.11.1904
Doolah Katchong, 18 yrs, sent to Goodna Asylum, 15.11.1904
Willie, 17 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 1.12.1904
Johnie [Indexer's notes: Johnnie], 16 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 2.6.1905
Harry Green, 17 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 2.6.1905
Albert Sandy, 18 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 2.6.1905
Robert McKenzie, 17 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 2.6.1905
Fred, 9 yrs, died 13.11.1905 from consumption, attended by Dr Von Lossberg
Harry Wilson, 13 yrs, sentence finished, discharged, 31.12.1905

Boys kept at school till 14 yrs then sent to station work. Girls taught until 14 years then sent to service under Mrs Frew, Protector of Aboriginals (female).

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Also mentions Arthur and Willie leaving the Station with other natives. Mentions a lot of children, especially those from the western district, were very diseased.

Letter 1905 [Unnumbered]

26. 6.1905. Letter from Ivins to W.H. Foote, Ipswich mentioning the following quadroon children present at Deebing Creek Station:

Johnny Walsh, 4 yrs, born 1.12.1900 at Deebing Creek. His mother was removed from Mitchell three months before he was born.

Paddy, aged 9 yrs, committed for seven years from Roma, 7.6.1904 by E.H. Craven PM.

Daisy, aged 4 yrs, committed for seven years from Roma, 7.6.1904 by E.H. Craven PM.

Lilly, aged 4 yrs, committed for seven years from Roma, 7.6.1904 by E.H. Craven PM.

Freddy, aged 3 yrs, committed for seven years from Roma, 7.6.1904 by E.H. Craven PM.

Florrie, aged 3 yrs, committed for seven years from Roma, 7.6.1904 by E.H. Craven PM.

Rose Williams, aged 14 yrs, committed from Crows Nest 15.8.1904 by J.T. Littleton and J. White JP for one year

May, aged 9 yrs, removed from Surat by Protector, 31.3.1905

Kittie, aged 4 yrs, removed from Surat by Protector, 31.3.1905

Lottie, aged 9 yrs, committed from St George L. Cronin PM 7.6.1905

Jimmie Daylight, sent from Brisbane with his mother 1901

Letter 05/CR775

2.6.1905. Memo re half-caste inmates at Deebing Creek:

	<u>Under 16 years of age</u>	<u>16 years of age</u>
Males	22	12
Females	32	20

Letter 05/12595 [Top number]

11.12.1905. Letter dated 11.12.1905 regarding Olu, a female leper at the Lazaret Dunwich, who wants her little boy to visit her at Christmas. He is at Deebing Creek. [Indexer's note: Handwritten on letter note that boy sent forward on Otter on 23.12.1905.]

- Telegram dated 20.12.1905 for Protector of Aborigines, Brisbane from Dunwich re meeting Otter today for Tommy [Indexer's note: child of Olu].
- Telegram date stamped 5.2.1906 **(06/182)** for Dr Roth, Lands Department, Brisbane from Dunwich regarding Tommy returning Wednesday, arrange to meet him on arrival of Otter.

Letter 05/CR1165

4.8.1905. Letter from W.H. Foote to Dr W.E. Roth, CPA re farm situated on Portion R371 and house is on east [Indexer's note: crossed out and west written faintly above] and farm on west [Indexer's note: crossed out and east written faintly above] end. Map attached.

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Letter 05/CR122

2.7.1905. Letter regarding 16 rail passes for Aboriginal boys at Deebing Creek to proceed to the Riverview reformatory home.

Letter 05/CR609

8.5.1905. Letter from W.H. Foote to Dr W.E. Roth, CPA re head teacher at Deebing Creek has not return forms for year, please send some.

Letter 05/CR318

7.2.1905. Letter from W.H. Foote to Dr W.E. Roth, CPA re Ivins writing to get a permit for Walker's boy.

Letter 05/CR286

4.3.1905. Letter from Ivins to Dr Roth mentioning Mr Walker of Ipswich wishes to employ Alphie Billy, a H/C boy aged about 14 years; please send up a permit.

Tomy [Indexer's note: Tommy] Lake and Samson wish to return to Taroom. They came to Deebing Creek to get Mary Bundi H/C and Mabel F/B who were sent here by the Police from Taroom.

Also mentions a boy George Brown who absconded from Woodford.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

18.12.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Enrolment and Attendance Average for Deebing Creek Industrial School for quarter ending 15.12.1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

4.10.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Enrolment and Attendance Average for Deebing Creek Industrial School for quarter ending 12.9.1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

5.7.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Enrolment and Attendance Average for Deebing Creek Industrial School for quarter ending 30.6.1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

12.3.1905 [Indexer's note: handwritten and initialled] Enrolment and Attendance Average for Deebing Creek Industrial School for quarter ending 31.3.1905.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

20.12.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Enrolment and Attendance Average for Deebing Creek Industrial School for quarter ending 16.12.1904.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

3.10.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Enrolment and Attendance Average for Deebing Creek Industrial School for quarter ending 30.9.1904.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

19.7.1904 [Indexer's note: handwritten and initialled] Enrolment and Attendance Average for Deebing Creek Industrial School for quarter ending 24.6.1904.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

19.7.1904 [Indexer's note: handwritten and initialled] Enrolment and Attendance Average for Deebing Creek Industrial School for quarter ending 25.3.1904.

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Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

29.1.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for December 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

4.12.1905 [Indexer's note: handwritten] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for November 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

4.10.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for September 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

12.9.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for August 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

10.8.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for July 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

5.7.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for 30 June 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

7.6.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for May 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

8.5.1905 [Indexer's note: handwritten and initialled] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for April 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

7.4.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for March 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

4.2.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for February 1905.

Letter 1905 [unnumbered]

2.2.1905 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for January 1905.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

29.12.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for December 1904.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

5.12.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for November 1904.

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17.11.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for October 1904.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

6.10.1904 [Indexer's note: Accountant Department of Lands date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for September 1904.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

31.8.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for August 1904.

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4.8.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for July 1904.

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13.7.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for 30 June 1904.

Letter 1904 [unnumbered]

20.6.1904 [Indexer's note: CPA date stamp] Monthly return of Aboriginal Attendance and Government Relief at Deebing Creek Mission Station for May 1904.

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30.9.1904 Letter from Ivins to W.H. Foote informing that the infant son F/B of Harry and Topsy Oard [Indexer's note: Ord] died on the station on 4.9.1904 from convulsions.

Also Edward F/B Aboriginal died on 20.9.1904 from consumption, he belonged to the Yuggara tribe [Indexer's note: Yugara], attended by Dr Von Lossberg.

[Indexer's note: partial letter only, only end page with one line] Letter from Ivins to ---- father was a H/C.