



Pre-separation resource guide

A bibliography of sources held at Queensland State Archives relating to Queensland prior to separation from New South Wales in 1859

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Preface

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

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 entries are arranged alphabetically by the name of the creating agency (that is the agency which created the records) then in numeric order of the series identification number. Where there is more than once creating agency they are listed in order from the first creating agency to the last. Each listing contains a small administrative history of the creating or responsible agency followed by the series details then relevant items from the series are listed directly beneath. Therefore, entries appear exactly as they are listed in the [ArchivesSearch](#) catalogue. Each series and item listed is hyperlinked to the Archives Search catalogue. Please note that item lists of maps have not been included in this resource guide with the exception of some smaller series such as Series ID 3739 Moreton Bay Penal Settlement Maps and Architectural Drawings. A Series listing of relevant maps and drawings is included at the end of the booklet. Where there are a few relevant items within a series these have been listed as well. Researchers can conduct an [Advanced Search](#) within the ArchivesSearch catalogue to limit search parameter items within a series to a specific date range and then view the matching records.

The Archives Search catalogue is available for use in the Public Search Room at Runcorn and also via the Internet www.archivessearch.qld.gov.au.

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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 separation of Queensland from New South Wales, members of the Board of National Education for Queensland were appointed in February 1860, but in October 1860 the Board was replaced by the Board of General Education established under "The Education Act of 1860".

- QSA [Item ID 13950](#) Administration file, school: Brisbane Central Boys No.1, 13/10/1858 - 30/12/1907
- QSA [Item ID 9542](#) Journal - Departmental and School Expenditure, Cash Book, c 1/01/1859 - c 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 the Gaol, Brisbane. A new gaol was built at Petrie Terrace in 1860.

- QSA [Item ID 2917](#) Register of male and female prisoners admitted - HM Gaol, Brisbane Register, 3/1/1850 - 3/2/1864
- QSA [Item ID 2933](#) Admission register for male and female prisoners - Her Majesty's Gaol, Brisbane, 3/11/1863 - c31/12/1868

Brisbane Hospital Committee of Management

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. At a further meeting of subscribers in August 1848 Trustees were also appointed. The Moreton Bay Benevolent Society merged with the committee in November 1848 handing over its funds. The Committee was responsible for raising funds and administration of the hospital whose functions were provision of care for the sick and disabled as well as outdoor relief for the needy.

- [Item ID 2867](#) Minute Book - Brisbane Hospital Committee, 12/1/1849 – 31/3/1853
- [Item ID 2868](#) Minute Book - Brisbane Hospital Committee, 12/4/1853 - 3/4/1856
- [Item ID 2869](#) Minute Book - Brisbane Hospital Committee, 8/4/1856 - 9 /12/1858
- [Item ID 2870](#) Minute Book - Brisbane Hospital Committee, 16/12/1858 – 25/9/1862
- [Item ID 2884](#) Cash book - Moreton Bay Hospital, 1/1/1827- 30/9/1831

Brisbane Municipal Council

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

- [Item ID 665379](#) Payment vouchers, 1/01/1859 – 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 665717](#) Statements of Account, 7/09/1859 - c 31/12/1925
- [Item ID 2679](#) 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.

- [Item ID 86128](#) Letterbook, 21/06/1859 - 16/02/1860

Circuit Court, Moreton Bay Supreme Court, Moreton Bay Supreme Court of 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 in use until 1861, proceedings in Court were entitled or addressed to "The Supreme Court of Queensland". The Supreme Court is the highest court in Queensland, comprising a Trial Division and the Court of Appeal.

- [Item ID 92693](#) Letterbook of the Resident Judge, Moreton Bay (later the Chief Justice, Supreme Court) and their Associates, 7/01/1856 – 1/05/1878

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.

- [Item ID 110376](#) B & W Print "view of Moreton Bay in 1831", c1/01/1831 - c31/12/1831
- [Item ID 110377](#) B & W Print "view of Moreton Bay in 1831", c1/01/1831 - c31/12/1831

- [Item ID 111949](#) Chart of Moreton Bay - southern entrance with the mouth of the River Brisbane and Red Cliff Point, undated
- [Item ID 111950](#) River Brisbane (chart), undated
- [Item ID 111951](#) Chart of Moreton Bay showing Cape Byron to Cape Moreton, c1/01/1825 - c31/12/1825
- [Item ID 111952](#) Colour sketch of Moreton Bay Colony/Brisbane, c1/01/1831 - c31/12/1831
- [Item ID 111953](#) Plan of the north entrance into Moreton Bay, c1/01/1846 - c31/12/1846
- [Item ID 111954](#) Chart of "Isle of Stradbroke", undated

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.

- [Item ID 6808](#) Correspondence - buildings and public works, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1856 - 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 6809](#) 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.

- [Item ID 582351](#) Ipswich Court House, c1/01/1857 - c31/12/1857
- [Item ID 582354](#) Ipswich Court House, Plan, c1/01/1857 - 26/11/1858
- [Item ID 582480](#) Ipswich Court House, c1/01/1857 - c31/12/1857
- [Item ID 582481](#) 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.

- [Item ID 861035](#) Letterbook, 10/12/1859 – 11/08/1860
- [Item ID 266517](#) Correspondence, 17/8/1859 – 19/6/1863
- [Item ID 267681](#) Index book to ledger (Gall estray papers), 1/1/1859 – 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 308600](#) Register – lands alienated, 7/11/1859 – 10/12/1859
- [Item ID 6940](#) Index to names of applicants for appointment 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, were 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.

- [Item ID 869681](#) Register of a daily account of public labour performed by Crown Prisoners at Moreton Bay, 7/2/1828 – 17/2/1829
- [Item ID 869682](#) Book of trials held at Moreton Bay, c1/07/1835 - 28/02/1842
- [Item ID 869683](#) Book of returns of agricultural produce at the Moreton Bay penal settlement, 1/9/1829 – 30/4/1837
- [Item ID 869684](#) Book of monthly returns of land under cultivation at the Moreton Bay penal settlement, 1/09/1829 - 30/04/1837
- [Item ID 869685](#) Book of half-yearly returns of baptisms at the Moreton Bay penal settlement, 1/07/1832 - 30/06/1835
- [Item ID 869686](#) Book of half-yearly returns of burials at Moreton Bay penal settlement, 1/07/1832 - 30/06/1836
- [Item ID 869687](#) Book of manifests of cargo and passengers shipped on board at Moreton Bay, 4/02/1833 - 28/05/1837
- [Item ID 869688](#) Book of monthly returns of prisoners maintained by the government at Moreton Bay, 1/9/1829 – 30/4/1837
- [Item ID 869689](#) Chronological register of convicts at Moreton Bay, 14/09/1824 - 15/11/1839. See the online index to the [Chronological register of convicts 1824-1839](#).
- [Item ID 339165](#) 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

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The following individual plans are from [Series ID 3739](#), Moreton Bay penal settlement maps and architectural drawings, 28/09/1830 - c31/12/1848:

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659657	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), undated
659603	Map of Moreton Bay, including Stradbroke and Moreton Islands, with section showing elevation of Glasshouse Mountains from position marked 'A' at outer channel, undated
659658	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay. Scale 100 feet to an inch (photographic copy, part 1), 1838
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659660	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay. Scale 200 feet to an inch (photographic copy), 1839
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659607	Layout of Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, undated
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659609	Plans and sections of out station, Dunwich, 1839
659610	Plan, elevations and section of Superintendent of Agriculture's quarters, Eagle Farm, showing plan of Eagle Farm and Female Barracks, 1838

659611	Plan of Female Barracks, Eagle Farm, 1839
659612	Plan of proposed Prisoner's Barracks, Moreton Bay, undated
659613	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
659614	Plan of Commandant's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
659615	Plan of Commissariat Officer and Chaplain's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
659616	Plan, elevation and sections of Commissariat Officer and Chaplain's quarters, showing proposed kitchen, Moreton Bay, 1840
659617	Plan, elevation and sections of Commissariat Officer and Chaplain's quarters, showing proposed kitchen, Moreton Bay, 1838
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659620	Plan and section of Commissariat Store, Moreton Bay, 1840
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659622	Plan of Military Barracks designed to accommodate two subaltern officers, four sergeants and one hundred rank and file, Moreton Bay, 1830
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659626	Survey of ground at Brisbane Town required for ordinance purposes and conveyed by Deed of Grant, dated 21 July 1843
659627	Sketch of the proposed site of the Fives Court, showing a detailed plan and elevation of the work, Moreton Bay, 1845
659628	Plan of Female Factory, Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 1837
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659632	Drawing showing sections of hospitals and Surgeon's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
659633	Plans, elevations and section of Convict and Military Hospitals, with Surgeon's quarters, Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 1840
659634	Plan and elevations of hospitals and Surgeon's quarters, Moreton Bay, undated
659635	Plan and sections of Commissariat Clerk's quarters and kitchen, Superintendent of Convict's quarters, kitchen and office, solitary cells, Barrack Sergeant's quarters and store, and married soldiers' room, Moreton Bay, 1838
659636	Plan and sections of Commissariat Clerk's quarters and kitchen, Superintendent of Convict's quarters, kitchen and office, solitary cells, Barrack Sergeant's quarters and store, and married soldiers' room, 1838
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659647	Plan of Prisoners' Barracks, showing proposed additions and alterations for converting the barracks into the Military Barracks, hospital, and Officers' and Surgeon's quarters, etc, Moreton Bay, undated
659648	Plan of Prisoners' Barracks, showing proposed additions and alterations for converting the barracks into the Military Barracks, hospital, and Officers' and Surgeon's quarters, etc, Moreton Bay, undated

659649	Plan of Prisoners' Barracks, showing proposed additions and alterations for converting the barracks into the Military Barracks, brick store, hospital, and Officers' and Surgeon's quarters, etc, Moreton Bay, undated
659650	Longitudinal section of Prisoners' Barracks, showing proposed additions and alterations for converting the barracks into the Military Barracks, hospital, and Officers' and Surgeon's quarters, etc, Moreton Bay, undated
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659654	Drawing showing elevations of proposed Military Barracks, Moreton Bay, 1839
659655	Plan of Foreman of Work's quarters, Moreton Bay, 1838
659656	Plan, elevation and sections of Foreman of Work's quarters, Brisbane Town, Moreton Bay, 1838

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.

- [Item ID 896449](#) Register of Free Police, 9/09/1844 - 31/03/1847
- [Item ID 896450](#) Register of Warrants maintained by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, 23/10/1843 – 12/07/1846
- [Item ID 896451](#) Pay Accounts for Police and others and Return of Pay Lists, c1/08/1845 - c31/01/1853
- [Item ID 896452](#) Return of Certificates of Freedom forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, c1/01/1845 - c31/12/1845
- [Item ID 896453](#) List of re-issued Passports maintained by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, c1/03/1846 - c31/03/1846
- [Item ID 896454](#) List of persons occupying Crown Lands in the District of Darling Downs, 12/06/1845 - 19/06/1846
- [Item ID 896455](#) General Accounts of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, c1/01/1847 - c4/01/1853
- [Item ID 922702](#) Sketch of Darling Downs 1844 (map), c1/01/1844 - c31/12/1844

- [Item ID 269673](#) Diary of Commissioner of Crown Lands, Darling Downs, 1/9/1845 – 21/9/1852

Commissioner for Crown Lands, Leichhardt District

In the proclamation of 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 licences.

- [Item ID 276009](#) Register of tenders and letters received, 1/1/1850 – 31/12/1863
- [Item ID 7203](#) 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 licences.

- [Item ID 272324](#) Letterbook, 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 licences.

- [Item ID 7205](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 24/9/1853 – 30/12/1854
- [Item ID 7206](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 1/1/1855 – 13/12/1857
- [Item ID 7207](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 1/1/1858 - 8 /3/1866
- [Item ID 7210](#) 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
- [Item ID 7211](#) 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
- [Item ID 7212](#) Copies of the reports on tenders for runs of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wide Bay and Burnett, 1/02/1855 - 31/07/1860

- [Item ID 7208](#) Register of runs in the Wide Bay and Burnett Pastoral Districts under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1849 - 30/09/1858
- [Item ID 7608](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Port Curtis under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/07/1856 - 1/01/1868
- [Item ID 7609](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Maranoa under the 1847 Orders in Council, 18/03/1850 - 2/01/1858
- [Item ID 7610](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett under the 1847 Orders in Council, 19/03/1849 - 25/01/1864
- [Item ID 7613](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Leichhardt under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/04/1855 - 30/06/1860
- [Item ID 7614](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Leichhardt under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1853 - 31/07/1860
- [Item ID 7617](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Maranoa under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1852 - 30/06/1862
- [Item ID 7618](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Maranoa under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1852 - 31/07/1863
- [Item ID 7619](#) Register of runs in the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett under the 1847 Orders in Council, 1/01/1852 - 30/06/1858
- [Item ID 7650](#) Registers of runs in the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett under the 1847 Orders in Council, 12/06/1849 - 22/05/1875
- [Item ID 7651](#) 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 ejectment 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 ejectment commenced by private prosecutors) and traffic court.

Brisbane Court of Petty Sessions started on 5 Apr 1843.

- [Item ID 518884](#) Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane - Depositions book, 6/2/1846 – 31/10/1846

- [Item ID 518886](#) Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane - Depositions and minutes book, 15/1/1850 – 3/12/1850
- [Item ID 518885](#) Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane - Depositions and minutes book, 7/12/1850 – 30/12/1854
- [Item ID 970907](#) Court of Petty Sessions, Brisbane - Deposition and minute book, Police Court, 1/07/1858 - 19/11/1860
- [Item ID 3974](#) Register of cases tried in the Court of Requests (Petty Sessions) for the recovery of small debts, 6/05/1844 - 3/02/1851
- [Item ID 4213](#) Register of recognizances - publicans' licences - Brisbane, 18/4/1848 – 14/7/1857
- [Item ID 4214](#) Register of applications for liquor licences - Brisbane, 20/4/1858 - 11/6/1867

Court of Petty Sessions, Gayndah

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

- [Item ID 212593](#) 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.

- [Item ID 5152](#) Minutes of proceedings, 22/1/1858 – 2/10/1858
- [Item ID 5153](#) Register of proceedings, 2/2/1847 – 28/4/1852
- [Item ID 5372](#) In-letters and circulars received, 1/1/1847 – 30/1/1850
- [Item ID 5373](#) 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.

- [Item ID 278152](#) Bench Book, 19/04/1859 - 31/12/1881

Court of Petty Sessions, Taroom

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

- [Item ID 6378](#) Deposition and minute book, 2/04/1858 – 26/02/1869
- [Item ID 6380](#) 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 in Dec 1859, 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.

- [Item ID 7557](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/3/1855 – 30/11/1859
- [Item ID 7558](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/12/1859 – 31/10/1863
- [Item ID 7560](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/01/1852 - 31/12/1914
- [Item ID 7561](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/1/1848 – 31/12/1868
- [Item ID 7562](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/1/1858 – 31/12/1870
- [Item ID 7597](#) Register - pastoral runs, 1/02/1848 - 31/03/1855
- [Item ID 7648](#) Receipt book - cash, 20/3/1850 – 13/8/1851
- [Item ID 7649](#) Various letters in connection with the lease of Canning Downs, Darling Downs Pastoral Districts, 1/01/1847 - 31/12/1866
- [Item ID 7653](#) Lists of sale, rent and renewal of leases in the Police District of Brisbane, 1/01/1859 - 31/12/1860
- [Item ID 7654](#) Miscellaneous Correspondence - Crown Lands Office, 1/01/1848 - 31/12/1879
- [Item ID 7656](#) 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.

- [Item ID 7657](#) In-letters - Crown Prosecutor, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 8172](#) 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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- [Item ID 7658](#) In-letters - Crown Solicitor's Office, 20/08/1854 - 18/12/1867
- [Item ID 7862](#) Briefs etc relating to criminal trials at: Mackay, Millchester, Maryborough, Moreton Bay, Muttaborra, Nanango, Normanton, c1/01/1858 - c31/12/1896
- [Item ID 7873](#) Briefs etc relating to criminal trials at: Yeppoon and Warwick, c1/01/1859 - c31/12/1945
- [Item ID 7901](#) Briefs and transcripts of depositions - Aboriginal, Chinese, Cingalese, Javanese, Malay and Polynesian labourers, c1/01/1858 - c31/12/1908

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.

- [Item ID 8399](#) 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, but 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.

- [Item ID 298698](#) 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.

- [Item ID 9512](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 22/06/1858 - 21/12/1859
- [Item ID 9513](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 6/4/1844 – 20/10/1851
- [Item ID 9514](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 28/10/1851 – 20/11/1856

- [Item ID 9515](#) Letterbook of letters sent by the District Surveyor's office, Moreton Bay to the Surveyor-General, Sydney, 21/11/1856 – 15/1/1858
- [Item ID 9516](#) 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 inmates 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. Inmates were gradually transferred to Eventide, Sandgate, which was officially opened on 4 October 1946.

- [Item ID 9518](#) Register of personal details relating to persons admitted to Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, c1/01/1859 - 29/09/1882
- [Item ID 9519](#) Register of the personal details relating to males and females admitted to Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, c1/01/1859 - 26/01/1875
- [Item ID 9520](#) Register of personal details relating to females admitted to Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, c1/10/1859 - 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.

- [Item ID 17594](#) Advices from the Colonial Treasury, Sydney, re payment of Government Resident salary etc., 9/01/1857 - 31/12/1857
- [Item ID 17595](#) Register of letters addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, 1/01/1854 -31/12/1855
- [Item ID 17602](#) Miscellaneous in-letters - Government Resident, Moreton Bay, 16/02/1853 - 22/08/1860
- [Item ID 17604](#) Returns of Public Works buildings, etc. for which money expended - Government Resident, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1858 - 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 17605](#) Monthly Cash Accounts - Government Resident, Moreton Bay, 1/04/1857 - 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 17606](#) Reports of the Surveyor of Moreton Bay Roads and other correspondence re road making, 20/6/1854 – 25/10/1857

- [Item ID 17608](#) Correspondence – inwards, 23/04/1855 - 23/09/1857
- [Item ID 17609](#) Correspondence – inwards, 2/09/1856 - 12/05/1857
- [Item ID 17610](#) Correspondence – inwards, 5/01/1857 - 24/12/1857
- [Item ID 17611](#) Correspondence – inwards, 10/01/1857 - 28/12/1857
- [Item ID 17612](#) Correspondence – inwards, 1/04/1857 - 24/10/1857
- [Item ID 17613](#) Correspondence – inwards, 9/04/1857 - 20/10/1857
- [Item ID 17614](#) Correspondence – inwards, 9/06/1857 - 26/08/1857
- [Item ID 17615](#) Correspondence – inwards, 6/08/1857 - 6/08/1857
- [Item ID 17616](#) Letters addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, on the Native Police, 22/2/1858 – 14/12/1858
- [Item ID 17617](#) Letters addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, on the Native Police, 25/2/1857 – 23/11/1857
- [Item ID 17618](#) In-letters on Native Police matters - Government Resident, Moreton Bay, 14/12/1855 – 28/11/1858
- [Item ID 17619](#) 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).

- [Item ID 212594](#) 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.

- [Item ID 17742](#) Plan register for contracts, c 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.

- [Item ID 339031](#) Passenger lists of immigrant ships (A2.44), c1/01/1848 - c31/12/1855
- [Item ID 339032](#) Passenger lists of immigrant ships (A2.45), c1/01/1855 - c31/12/1859

- [Item ID 339033](#) Passenger lists of immigrant ships (A2.46), c1/01/1848 - c31/12/1859

These records have been indexed by State Records of New South Wales. Search the index, [Assisted Immigration arriving in Sydney, Newcastle, Moreton Bay and Port Phillip](#).

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.

- [Item ID 18474](#) Register of passengers on immigrant ships arriving in Queensland, No 16, 15/08/1848 – 31/17/1868
- [Item ID 18475](#) Register of passengers on immigrant ships arriving in Queensland, No 17, 30/05/1857 - 21/11/1869

Search the online name index, [Assisted immigration 1848-1912](#).

- [Item ID 18621](#) Lists of ships arriving in Queensland, c1/01/1859 - c31/12/1938
- [Item ID 18602](#) Index to registers of immigrants ships arriving in Queensland, c1/01/1848 - c31/12/1923
- [Item ID 18636](#) Index to registers of immigrants ships arriving in Queensland, c1/01/1848 - c31/12/1912
- [Series ID 18174](#) Passenger Lists of Immigrant Ships [microfilm], c1/01/1852 – c31/12/1881
- [Item ID 339040](#) Passenger lists of immigrant ships, c1/01/1852 - c31/12/1867
Note: The original record is in the custody of National Archives of Australia.

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.

- [Series ID 36](#) Inquest files, c1/01/1859 - c31/12/1978
- [Item ID 348600](#) Inquest file, c1/01/1859 - c31/12/1860, M/film Z2839

Search the online name index, [Inquests 1859-1886](#).

- [Item ID 18903](#) Papers relating to Julius Theodor Baetz , c 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1878
- [Series ID 13369](#) Calendars of Criminals Brought to Trial, c1/01/1857 - c31/03/1966
- [Item ID 19755](#) Court calendars, c1/01/1857 - c31/12/1865
- [Series ID 13400](#) Papers Relating to Legislation, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1965
- [Item ID 20142](#) 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'.

- [Item ID 464065](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 6/7/1863 - 26/7/1864
- [Item ID 464066](#) 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.

- [Item ID 276003](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 17/11/1858 - 29/12/1862
- [Item ID 276004](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 28/1/1863 – 28/3/1865

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 licences; rabbit control; the control of noxious weeds; land development projects; loans; valuations and roads.

- [Series ID 14031](#) Run files, c 1/10/1850 - 9/08/1994
- [Item ID 26827](#) File – pastoral run: Lower Palm Creek No. 7, Leichhardt District: Run No. 1541, 1/10/1850 – 30/9/1901
- [Item ID 26941](#) File – pastoral run: Yarrows, Leichhardt District: Run No. 1555, 1/02/1856 - 31/07/1888
- [Item ID 27470](#) File – pastoral run: Basin Creek, Port Curtis District: Run No. 1212, 1/10/1859 – 31/10/1823
- [Item ID 27500](#) File – pastoral run: Goshen, Port Curtis District: Run No. 1635, 1/10/1856 - 31/08/1885
- [Item ID 27837](#) File – pastoral run: Kingahume, 1/02/1858 – 30/06/1860
- [Item ID 27864](#) File – pastoral run: Yarounbah, c 1/04/1857 - c 30/06/1857
- [Series ID 14038](#) Reports of the Sale of Crown Land, 16/05/1859 - 26/06/1915
- [Item ID 66192](#) Reports, 16/05/1859 - 29/12/1862
- [Series ID 14043](#) Works Carried Out by the Public Estate Improvement Branch, c 1/01/1831 - c 31/12/1951
- [Item ID 67073](#) File - public works undertaken, c 1/01/1831 - c 31/12/1913, M/film Z1167

- [Series ID 14078](#) Sale of Crown Land after Auction, 13/10/1858 - 24/03/1916
- [Item ID 77836](#) File – Crown land sales: Land Purchase: YONE, John; Maryborough, 13/10/1858 – 7/07/181
- [Series ID 17925](#) Reserve Files, c 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/2003
- [Item ID 141288](#) 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.

- [Item ID 2866](#) 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 c 1 Jan 1840 to 23 Dec 1859.

- [Series ID 678](#) General Correspondence Relating to Land Reservations, c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1939
- [Item ID 516093](#) File – reserve: Church, parsonage and school house – Ipswich, 1/01/1848 - 31/12/1848
- [Item ID 516097](#) File – reserve: Benevolent Asylum – Toowoomba, 1/01/1857 – 1/01/1861
- [Item ID 516105](#) File – reserve: Sale of allotments – Westwood, 1/1/1859 – 1/1/1861
- [Item ID 516106](#) File – reserve: Church of England and school – Gayndah, 1/01/1857 - 1/01/1862
- [Item ID 516108](#) File – reserve: Recreational reserve – Toowoomba, 1/01/1859 – 1/01/1862
- [Item ID 516109](#) File – reserve: Presbyterian Church – Little Ipswich and north Ipswich, 1/01/1859 - 1/01/1862
- [Item ID 516110](#) File – reserve: Benevolent Asylum – Condamine, 1/01/1859 – 1/01/1862
- [Item ID 281450](#) Letterbook (incomplete), Copies of letters sent by the Moreton Bay District Survey office, 4/06/1842 - 2/03/1843

- [Item ID 310836](#) File - survey work: Principal triangles of the trigonometrical survey of the Moreton District, c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1849
- [Item ID 310837](#) File - survey work: Secondary triangles of the trigonometrical survey of the Moreton District, c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1849
- [Item ID 310838](#) File - survey work: Trigonometrical survey of the Darling Downs, c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1849
- [Item ID 310839](#) File - survey work: Trigonometrical survey of the Darling Downs (duplicate), c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1849
- [Item ID 310840](#) File - survey work: Trigonometrical survey of the Moreton District, 1848 - 1849; Darling Downs, 1848 - 1849; and Moreton Bay, 1845, c 1/01/1848 – c 31/12/1849
- [Item ID310841](#) File - survey work: Copy book of calculations, c 1/01/1848 – c 31/12/1849
- [Item ID310842](#) File - survey work: Copy book of calculations, c 1/01/1848 – c 31/12/1849
- [Series ID 16117](#) Correspondence re Deeds of Grant for Lands Sold in Moreton Bay District, c 1/07/1855 - c 1/07/1855
- [Item ID 101510](#) Correspondence, c 1/07/1855 - c 30/11/1855
- [Series ID 16118](#) Reports of Sales, Descriptions of Lands Sold, Schedules of Leases Taken Up and Renewed, c 1/08/1842 - c 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 101511](#) Report – land: Brisbane, c 1/08/1842 - c 30/04/1858
- [Item ID 101512](#) Report – land: Ipswich, c 1/03/1852 - c 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 101513](#) Report – land: Maryborough, c 1/10/1853 - c 31/03/1856
- [Item ID 101514](#) Report – land: Warwick, c 1/11/1853 - c 31/03/1856
- [Item ID 101515](#) Report – land: Drayton, c 1/01/1854 - c 31/03/1856
- [Item ID 101516](#) Report – land: Gladstone, c 1/07/1855 - c 31/03/1856
- [Series ID 16119](#) Lists of Land Sold - Colony of Queensland, c 1/09/1842 - c 31/08/1859
- [Item ID 101517](#) Register - sales of Crown land: Lists of land sold - colony of Queensland, c 1/09/1842 - c 31/08/1859 M/film Z318
- [Series ID 17469](#) Survey Catalogue of Plans Books for Pastoral Districts, c 1/11/1823 - c 31/07/1986
- [Item ID 324900](#) Survey Plans: Darling Downs, Maranoa and Warrego, 6/12/1848 - 11/5/1886
- [Item ID 324909](#) Survey Plans: Leichhardt and Port Curtis, 30/1/1855 – 21/1/1901
- [Item ID 324913](#) Survey Plans: Moreton, 1/11/1823 – 17/7/1879
- [Series ID 18292](#) Record of Pre-Separation Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 -c 31/12/1889
- [Item ID 341488](#) Survey Plans, c 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.

- [Series ID 9963](#) Registers of Sales of Crown Lands, Town and Suburban Lands, 16/01/1855 - 18/03/1959
- [Item ID 301837](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 16/01/1855 - 2/09/1958
- [Series ID 16131](#) Letterbook - Letters to Surveyors, 8/12/1855 - 11/04/1861
- [Item ID 101548](#) Letterbook, 8/12/1855 - 11/04/1861
- [Series ID 16151](#) Registers of Letters Received, c 1/07/1855 - c 31/12/1979
- [Item ID 102543](#) Register - correspondence, inwards, c 1/07/1855 - c 31/12/1859
- [Series ID 16154](#) General Correspondence, c 1/01/1855 - c 31/12/1979
- [Item ID 103524](#) Correspondence – inwards, c 1/01/1855 - c 31/12/1859
- [Series ID 16158](#) Gazettal References – Various, c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1960
- [Item ID 212200](#) Register - circulars/gazettal notices: Loose reference papers originally located amongst the gazettal notices regarding boundaries of local authorities, but later bound separately. Includes gazettal notices and lists c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1959
- [Series ID 17667](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1853 - 13/02/1961
- [Item ID 1246186](#) Map: Skeleton tracing of Suburban Allotments at Gladstone, c 1/01/1853 - c 31/12/1853
- [Item ID 1102166](#) Map: Diagram of Angular Survey at Port Curtis by Surveyor McCABE, c 1/12/1855 - c 1/02/1856
- [Item ID 1251028](#) 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.

- [Series ID 10809](#) Register of out-patients treated, 25/3/1829 – 12/5/1850
- [Item ID 2858](#) Register - hospital out-patients, 25/03/1829 - 30/05/1832 M/film Z4226
- [Item ID 2898](#) Register - hospital out-patients, 22/01/1841 - 12/05/1850 M/film Z4226

- [Series ID 10818](#) Journal of accounts for treatment of patients at the Brisbane General Hospital, 20/11/1847 – 26/12/1869.
- [Item ID 2888](#) Journal (cash), 1 /3/1852 – 26/12/1869 M/film 90938
- [Item ID 2889](#) Journal (cash), 20/11/1847 – 19/8/1850 M/film 90938
- [Series ID 10820](#) Daily Register of the numbers of persons at the Moreton Bay Settlement 1/4/1829 – 31/10/1829
- [Item ID 2893](#) Returns, 1/4/1829 – 31/10/1829 M/film Z4226
- [Series ID 10821](#) Monthly Abstract of the Daily Register Kept at the Moreton Bay Settlement, 1/9/1829 – 31/10/1829
- [Item ID 2894](#) Monthly returns, 1/9/1829 – 31/10/1829 M/film Z4226
- [Series ID 10822](#) Register of Cases and Treatment, 8/12/1830 – 27/9/1862
- [Item ID 2865](#) Case book, 17/8/1837 – 22/7/1839 M/film 1623
- [Item ID 2864](#) Case book, 17/6/1858 – 27/9/1862 M/film 1626
- [Item ID 2895](#) Case book, 8/12/1830 – 3/11/1831 M/film 1622
- [Item ID 2896](#) Case book, 16/11/1831 – 27/1/1833 M/film 1622/1623
- [Item ID 2897](#) Case book, 6/8/1839 – 7/7/1842 M/film 1623/1624
- [Item ID 2899](#) Case book, 3/3/1847 – 28/1/1848 M/film 1625
- [Item ID 2900](#) Case book, 6 /11/1848 – 26/10/1850 M/film 1625
- [Item ID 2901](#) Case book, 13/7/1842 – 20/11/1843 M/film 1624
- [Item ID 2902](#) Case book, 6/1/1846 – 27/2/1847 M/film 1624/1625
- [Item ID 2903](#) Case book, 8/1/1853 – 14/6/1858 M/film 1625/1626

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 the 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.

- [Series ID 10815](#) Letterbooks, 7/11/1836 – 7/5/1867
- [Item ID 2881](#) Letterbook, 15/1/1849 – 29/8/1859 M/film 90896
- [Item ID 2883](#) Letterbook, 7/11/1836 – 3/7/1848 M/film 90896

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.

- [Series ID 6587](#) Quarterly Account Book, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1858
- [Item ID 212550](#) Native Police records, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1858 M/film Z2436
- [Series ID 8677](#) Letterbook, 6/05/1857 - 28/06/1859
- [Item ID 282454](#) Letterbook – police, 6/05/1857 - 28/06/1859 M/film Z2437

Native Police, New South Wales

Native Police were aborigines employed as mounted police to help enforce law and order, reduce conflict between Europeans and aborigines and "introduce more civilized habits among the native tribes". 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.

- [Series ID 14725](#) General Correspondence Records of the Native Police, c 1/10/1848 - 2/01/1857
- [Item ID 86134](#) Native Police records, c 1/10/1848 - 2/01/1857 M/film Z2435
- [Item ID 86133](#) Native Police records, 22/02/1849 - 28/08/1854 M/film Z2435
- [Series ID 14728](#) Communication from Banks, c 1/04/1851 - c 30/04/1856
- [Item ID 86136](#) Native Police records, c 1/04/1851 - c 30/04/1856 M/film Z2434
- [Series ID 14733](#) Papers re Work of Native Police, 5/01/1849 - c 31/03/1858
- [Item ID 86131](#) Native Police records, 5/07/1851 - 12/02/1857 M/film Z2434
- [Item ID 86132](#) Native Police records, 4/08/1852 - 23/06/1857 M/film Z2434
- [Item ID 86137](#) Native Police records, 21/11/1853 - c 31/03/1858 M/film Z2434
- [Item ID 86138](#) Native Police records, 10/05/1851 - 28/09/1857 M/film Z2434
- [Item ID 86139](#) Native Police records, 25/10/1850 - 22/07/1857 M/film Z2433
- [Item ID 86140](#) Native Police records, 22/08/1850 - 18/01/1857 M/film Z2433
- [Item ID 86141](#) Native Police records, 5/01/1849 - 1/08/1857 M/film Z2432, Z2433
- [Item ID 86145](#) Native Police records, 11/11/1853 - 12/01/1857 M/film Z2434
- [Series ID 14734](#) Requisitions for Supplies, Advices from the Treasury, Statements of Disbursement of Pay, Etc., c 1/1/1848 - 16/4/1856
- [Item ID 86142](#) Native Police records, c 1/1/1848 - 16/4/1856 M/film Z2432

- [Series ID 14735](#) Accounts for Goods and Services Supplied to Native Police Etc., c 1/10/1848 - c 31/03/1857
- [Item ID 86143](#) Native Police records, c 1/10/1848 - c 31/03/1857 M/film Z2432
- [Series ID 14736](#) Miscellaneous Correspondence Records, Vouchers and Warrants Respecting the Native Police, 1/12/1845 - 21/12/1854
- [Item ID86144](#) Native Police records, 1/12/1845 - 21/12/1854 M/film 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 provides assistance and advice on the administration of the Office and of the Government.

- [Series ID 9188](#) Original Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 12/08/1859 - 30/12/1910
- [Item ID294394](#) Despatches, 12/08/1859 - 22/12/1860 M/film Z2094
- [Series ID 12771](#) Letterbooks of Official Letters to Various Persons, 22/11/1859 - 14/12/1904
- [Item ID 17659](#) Letterbook, c 22/11/1859 - 12/08/1871
- [Series ID 12774](#) Letterbooks of Despatches to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 18/11/1859 – 23/9/1861
- [Item ID 17670](#) Letterbook, 18/11/1859 - 23/09/1861 M/film Z1646
- [Series ID 12779](#) Duplicate Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 12/8/1859 – 22/12/1869
- [Item ID 17697](#) Despatches, 12/08/1859 - 22/12/1860

Official Assignee Office

The Moreton Bay Supreme Court Act 1857 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.

- [Series ID 9589](#) Insolvency Registers, 15/04/1857 - c 31/10/1928
- [Item ID 298674](#) Register – insolvency, 15/04/1857 – 30/09/1874 M/film Z2871
- [Series ID 15200](#) Insolvency files, 15 Apr 1857 - 2 Jul 1861
Items in this series are listed on [ArchivesSearch](#) in alphabetical order. Search the Series to locate the name you are researching.

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.

- [Series ID 12750](#) List of White Men Murdered by the Aboriginals in the District of Maranoa, 1/1/1847 – 31/1/1851
- [Item ID 17603](#) Lists, 1/1/1847 – 31/1/1851 M/film Z1495
- [Series ID 15134](#) Butts of Receipts Issued for Various Sums of Money Received on the Public Service Butts of receipts issued for various sums of money received on the public service, 30/10/1848 – 20/3/1850
- [Item ID 88115](#) Receipts – cash, 30/10/1848 - 20/03/1850
- [Series ID 12748](#) Letters Addressed to the Government Resident by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney 10/1/1849 – 26/12/1856
- [Item ID 17596](#) Correspondence – inwards, 10/1/1849 – 31/12/1849 M/film Z1496
- [Item ID 17597](#) Correspondence – inwards, 1/1/1851 – 22/12/1851 M/film Z1496, Z2287
- [Item ID 17598](#) Correspondence – inwards, 1/1/1853 – 31/12/1853 M/film Z1496, Z2287
- [Item ID 17599](#) Correspondence – inwards, 9/1/1854 – 30/12/1854 M/film Z1497, Z2287
- [Item ID 17600](#) Correspondence – inwards, 6/1/1855 – 31/12/1855 M/film Z1497, Z2287
- [Item ID 17601](#) Correspondence – inwards, 8/1/1856 – 26/12/1856 M/film Z1497, Z1497
- [Series ID 12754](#) Circulars Addressed to the Government Resident, Moreton Bay, by the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, 1/1/1849 – 31/12/1855
- [Item ID 17607](#) Circulars, 1/1/1849 – 31/12/1855 M/film Z1494
- [Series ID 15133](#) Receipt Butts for Land Selected, 13/08/1851 - 28/11/1853
- [Item ID 88114](#) 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.

- [Series ID 7064](#) Letterbook, 3/9/1858 - 26/10/1866
- [Item ID 269566](#) 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.

- [Series ID 6910](#) Miscellaneous Specifications and Papers related to public buildings, c 1/01/1836 - c 31/12/1968
- [Item ID 269294](#) Papers - public works, c 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.

- [Series ID 10819](#) Registers of Provisions, Patients and Medicines, in the Commissariat Stores, 25/9/1825 – 31/12/1844
- [Item ID 2891](#) Register - stock (supplies), 1/7/1832 – 31/7/1834
- [Item ID 2892](#) Register - stock (supplies), 1/6/1842 – 31/12/1844
- [Series ID 10810](#) Register of Provisions, Medicines and Patients in the Moreton Bay General Hospital 1/10/1847 – 22/6/1850
- [Item ID 2859](#) Register - stock (supplies), 1/10/1847 - 22/06/1850

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.

- [Series ID 15169](#) General Letterbooks of the Sheriff/Comptroller General of Prisons, 15/04/1857 - 18/03/1920
- [Item ID 89487](#) Letterbook, 15/04/1857 - 9/12/1859

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.

- [Series ID 7955](#) Minute Book, 4/5/1857 – 14/3/1872
- [Item ID 276953](#) Minute book – courts, 4/5/1857 – 14/3/1872
- [Series ID 7958](#) Plaint and Summons Book, 28/3/1856 – 2/4/1872
- [Item ID 276956](#) 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.

- [Series ID 4547](#) Judgment Books, 4/05/1857 - 26/02/1987
- [Item ID 799522](#) Judgment Book, 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.

- [Series ID 540](#) Registers of Miscellaneous Files [Proceedings Commenced Otherwise Than by Writ], c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1991
- [Item ID 512041](#) Register - court applications, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1883 M/film Z7911
- [Series ID 5170](#) Registers of Ecclesiastical Files, c 1/01/1857 - 29/11/1991
- [Item ID 823158](#) Register – ecclesiastical files, 1-396, 1/01/1857 – 21/12/1857 M/film Z244

These registers control Series ID 4486, Ecclesiastical files. N.B. The departmental number is required to locate the appropriate file; please consult the indexes in the Public Search Room or the online index, [Wills 1857-1900](#).

For further information please consult [Brief Guide 19: Will and intestacy records](#).

- [Series ID 5739](#) Oaths of Allegiance Administered to Justices of the Peace, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1976
- [Item ID 882125](#) Register - Justices of the Peace, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1861 M/film Z7484

To search for a name please consult the online index to [Justices of the Peace 1857-1910](#).

- [Series ID 5751](#) Articles of Clerkship Files, c 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1984
- [Item ID 883121](#) File - articulated clerks, c 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1871

- [Series ID 15536](#) Information, Depositions and Associated Papers in Criminal Cases Heard in Sittings in Brisbane, c 1/01/1857- 24/11/1958
- [Item ID 95394](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1857- 31/05/1857
- [Item ID 95564](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/08/1857- 31/10/1857
- [Item ID 95758](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1858 - 31/07/1858
- [Item ID 96017](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/04/1858 - 31/08/1868
- [Item ID 96251](#) Depositions and indictments, 29/04/1858 - 24/11/1865
- [Item ID 96373](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1858 - 31/12/1858
- [Item ID 96384](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/01/1859 - 31/05/1859
- [Item ID 96395](#) Depositions and indictments, 1/08/1859 - 30/11/1859
- [Item ID 96407](#) 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.

- [Series ID 4486](#) Ecclesiastical files, c 1/01/1857 – 31/12/1859
- Item ID Various * 22/06/1857 – 20/08/1859 M/film Z49
- Item ID Various * 8/08/1859 – 13/06/1862 M/film Z50

* N.B. The departmental number is required to locate the appropriate file; please consult the indexes in the Public Search Room or the online index, [Wills 1857-1900](#).

For further information please consult [Brief Guide 19: Will and intestacy records](#).

- [Series ID 5177](#) Registers of Aliens to Whom Oaths of Allegiance for Naturalisation Were Administered, 6/09/1858 - c 31/12/1903
- [Item ID 841181](#) Register – naturalizations, 6/09/1858 - 27/01/1862 M/film Z2286
- [Series ID 5687](#) Writs, c 1/01/1857 – c 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 870037](#) Writs (Common Law) - Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, 1857
- [Item ID 870038](#) Writs (Common Law) - Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, 1858
- [Item ID 870039](#) Writs (Common Law) - Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, 1859
- [Series ID 5720](#) Writs of Prohibition, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1900
- [Item ID 881827](#) Writ, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1863
- [Series ID 5721](#) Indexes to Writs of Prohibition, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1900

- [Item ID 881841](#) Index – writs, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1878
- [Series ID 5741](#) Oaths of Allegiance Sworn by Aliens Being Naturalised, 6/09/1858 - 15/01/1904
- [Item ID 882252](#) Papers – naturalization, 6/09/1858 - 12/12/1863 M/film Z2171
- [Series ID 5750](#) Miscellaneous Files (proceedings started otherwise than by Writ), 15/04/1857 - 6/10/2007
- [Item ID 882692](#) Court file - civil, miscellaneous, 15/04/1857- 30/08/1866
- [Series ID 15516](#) Register Boards re Admissions to Practice as Attorneys, Barristers and Conveyancers, c 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1912
- [Item ID 95277](#) Index: Register boards relating to files of admissions to practice as attorneys, barristers and conveyancers, c 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1912
- [Series ID 15521](#) Rolls of Barristers, Attorneys, Solicitors, Proctors and Conveyancers admitted to practice [photocopy], c 1/01/1835 - c 31/12/1953
- [Item ID 95286](#) Register - admission to practice as barrister, solicitor etc.: Roll of barristers admitted to practice for the Supreme Court of Queensland, c 1/01/1835 -c 31/12/1941
- [Item ID 95287](#) Register - admission to practice as barrister, solicitor etc.: Roll of attorneys, solicitors and proctors of the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay (and Queensland), c 1/01/1857-c 31/12/1953
- [Series ID 15522](#) Files Relating to the Admission of Persons to Practice as Barristers, Solicitors and Other Legal Practitioners, 13/03/1850- 10/10/1935

Items in this series are roughly chronological by dates of admission; (alphabetical) names are listed in these listed in [ArchivesSearch](#) in alphabetical order.

- [Series ID 15456](#) Letters Received by the Registrar, Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1855 - 18/05/1863
- [Item ID 92465](#) Correspondence – inwards: Letters received by the Registrar, Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, 1/01/1855 - 18/05/1863
- [Series ID 15464](#) Correspondence and Papers re Cases in the Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, 3/01/1855 – 22/01/1858
- [Item ID 92483](#) Correspondence: Correspondence and papers re cases in the Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, mostly concerning Mr Justice Milford, 3/01/1855 – 22/01/1858
- [Series ID 15530](#) Judgment Files in Civil Cases, Including Affidavits and Associated Papers, c 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1868
- [Item ID 95352](#) Case file - civil court, c 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858
- [Item ID 95353](#) Case file - civil court, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1859
- [Series ID 15673](#) Miscellaneous Papers filed in criminal cases, 1/1/1856 – 31/12/1863

- [Item ID 98700](#) File - criminal cases, 1/1/1856 - 31/12/1863
- [Series ID 15687](#) Attorney's Papers on Various Matters Retained in Supreme Court, 1/01/1856 - 31/12/1866
- [Item ID 98723](#) Papers – court, 1/01/1856 - 31/12/1866
- [Series ID 18554](#) Judges' Notebooks (Supreme Court), 6/05/1857 - 7/03/1994
- [Item ID 96957](#) 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
- [Item ID 99742](#) Notebook - judge's: Lutwyche's Notebook (Resident Judge Moreton Bay) - Civil Sittings, Brisbane, 16/05/1859 -17/05/1859
- [Item ID 99743](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook (Resident Judge Moreton Bay) - Civil Sittings, Brisbane, 15/08/1859 -19/08/1859
- [Item ID 99744](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook - Supreme Court of Queensland, Civil Sittings, Brisbane, 14/11/1859 -14/02/1860
- [Item ID 99747](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook - Supreme Court of Queensland, Civil Sittings, Brisbane, 20/08/1859 -17/04/1860
- [Item ID 99751](#) 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
- [Item ID 99830](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook (Resident Judge Moreton Bay) - Criminal Sittings, Brisbane, 23/05/1859 -28/05/1859
- [Item ID 99831](#) Notebook - judge's: Judge Lutwyche's Notebook (Resident Judge Moreton Bay) - Criminal Sittings, Brisbane, 30/05/1859 -1/06/1859
- [Item ID 99832](#) 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.

- [Series ID 5729](#) Returns to Writs and Associated Papers, c 1/01/1857 - c 1/01/1857
- [Item ID 881851](#) Register – writs, 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1871
- [Series ID 6674](#) List of Rules of Court, 15/04/1857 - 17/05/1899

- [Item ID 212783](#) Papers – court, 15/04/1857 – 17/05/1899
- [Series ID 15499](#) Insolvency Files, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1928
- [Item ID 92731](#) Insolvency file, 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1858
- [Item ID 92732](#) Insolvency file, 1/01/1858 - 31/12/1858
- [Item ID 92733](#) Insolvency file , 1/01/1858 - 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 92734](#) Insolvency file , 1/01/1859 - 31/12/1860
- [Series ID 15505](#) Equity files, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1895
- [Item ID 94874](#) File – equity, 1/01/1857 – 31/12/1859
- [Series ID 15510](#) Register of Equity Papers, 28/02/1857 – 5/04/1867
- [Item ID 95110](#) Index: Register of Equity papers, 28/02/1857 - 5/04/1867
- [Series ID 15548](#) Miscellaneous Insolvency Papers, c 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1901
- [Item ID 96824](#) Papers – insolvency, c 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1901
- [Series ID 15608](#) Indexes to Registers of Judgments and Orders, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1925
- [Item ID 97157](#) Judgments, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1866
- [Series ID 15668](#) Registers of Stock Mortgages, c 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1956
- [Item ID 98670](#) Register - stock mortgages, c 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1956
- [Series ID 15684](#) Financial Returns, 1/1/1858 – 31/12/1876
- [Item ID 98720](#) Returns – court, 1/1/1858 - 31/12/1876
- [Series ID 15729](#) Index to Registers of Rules of Court, 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1930

- [Item ID 98777](#) Register – court, 1/01/1857 - 31/12/1930
- [Series ID 17873](#) Bills of Sale and Stock Mortgages, c 1/01/1851 - c 31/12/1969
- [Item ID 133243](#) 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.

- [Series ID 7403](#) Depositions and Related Material, 1/2/1856 – 30/9/1860
- [Item ID 3621](#) File - criminal cases, 1/02/1856 - 30/09/1860

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.

- [Series ID 16160](#) Index to Gazette Notices re Boundaries of Petty Sessions Districts, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1962
- [Item ID 103940](#) Index, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1962 M/film Z338
- [Series ID 17016](#) Index to Catalogue Numbers for Survey Plans, c 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1960
- [Item ID 321370](#) Index, c 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1960
- [Item ID 321371](#) Index, c 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1960
- [Series ID 17470](#) Survey Catalogue of Plans for Towns, 24/03/1840 - 12/11/1963
- [Item ID324926](#) Register – surveys: Town catalogue of plans: Vol. 1, 24/03/1840 - 12/11/1963
- [Item ID324927](#) Register – surveys: Town catalogue of plans: Vol. 2, 27/09/1850 - 25/10/1963
- [Series ID 18292](#) Record of Pre-Separation Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1889
- [Item ID 341488](#) Survey Plans, c 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.

- [Series ID 16130](#) Register of Lands Sold, 19/04/1849 - 21/02/1861
- [Item ID 101547](#) Register - sales of Crown land, 19/04/1849 - 21/02/1861 M/film Z318

Surveyor General's Office - New South Wales

This agency existed as a NSW 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.

- [Series ID 1256](#) Surveyor James Warner's Survey Plans of Moreton Island, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 610986](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 610987](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 610988](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 610989](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Series ID 4314](#) Survey Plans, Charts and Maps of Moreton Bay Settlement and Queensland, c 1/01/1802 - c 31/12/1889
- [Item ID 714430](#) Field Book: Surveyor's notebook. Fitzroy River from Yaamba. Book 3. Includes sketches, by Clarendon Stuart, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1859
- [Series ID 4780](#) Surveyor James Warner's Coast Survey Plans of Moreton Island, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 808969](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 808970](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 808971](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 808972](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 808973](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Item ID 808974](#) Survey Plans, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1840
- [Series ID 8884](#) Coastal Survey Field Books, 24/10/1823 -12/10/1824
- [Item ID 291075](#) 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
- [Item ID 291076](#) 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
- [Item ID 291077](#) 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
- [Item ID 291078](#) 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
- [Item ID 290179](#) Field Book: Coastal Survey of Entrance to Moreton Bay, Surveyor Hoddle, Book No.2, 9/10/1824 - 11/10/1824
- [Series ID 18516](#) Trigonometrical Survey Books, 7/03/1839 -7/03/1839

- [Item ID 291080](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Angles and sketches taken at Moreton Bay, Surveyor Dixon, Book 1, c 1/10/1839 - 29/04/1840
- [Item ID 291081](#) 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
- [Item ID 291082](#) 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
- [Item ID 291083](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Angles and sketches at Moreton Bay, Surveyor Dixon, 24/05/1840 - 11/09/1840
- [Item ID 291084](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Latitudes and longitudes and variation of compass at Moreton Bay, Surveyor Dixon, 22/05/1840 - 17/11/1840
- [Item ID 291085](#) 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
- [Item ID 291086](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Moreton Bay to Richmond River Field Notes, Surveyor Dixon, 7/03/1839 - 21/05/1839
- [Item ID 291087](#) Field Book: Moreton Bay Trigonometrical Survey - Moreton Bay to Richmond River Field Notes, Surveyor Dixon, 18/06/1839 - 20/01/1840
- [Item ID 291088](#) 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.

- [Series ID 18652](#) Parish Maps, undated
- [Item ID 1103307](#) Map: Parish maps: Tamborine Book 2 Portions 103-129, c 1/01/1856 - c 31/12/1984

Treasury Department

The Treasury Department was established on 15 December 1859 following separation of Queensland from New South Wales and the proclamation and publication on 10 December 1859 of the Letters Patent creating the colony. 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.

- [Series ID 6848](#) Register of Miscellaneous Accounts and Journal of Deposits, 7/01/1856 - 30/06/1865

- [Item ID 267887](#) Accounts register, 7/01/1856 - 30/06/1865
- [Series ID 10431](#) Legal and Financial Miscellaneous Documents, 5/08/1851 - 17/10/1963
- [Item ID 277455](#) 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 etc. 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. Histories were prepared in 1964, but include dates and information from the 19th Century both pre and post separation.

- [Series ID 10567](#) Histories of Various Queensland Government Departments
- [Item ID 311068](#) Papers: History of the Queensland Treasury Department, c 1/01/1859 – 30/06/1966
- [Item ID 311072](#) Papers: History of Public Works in Queensland, c 1/01/1859 - 30/06/1960
- [Item ID 311075](#) Papers: History of the Department of Labour and Industry, c 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964
- [Item ID 311077](#) Papers: History of the Department of Local Government, c 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964
- [Item ID 311079](#) Papers: History of the Department of Justice, c 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964
- [Item ID 311081](#) Papers: Mining in 1964 - A Review of Mineral Development in Queensland, Past and Present, 1/1/1827 – 31/12/1964
- [Item ID 311085](#) Papers: History of the Department of Primary Industries, c 1/01/1855 – c 31/12/1964
- [Item ID 311087](#) Papers: History of the Department of Lands, c 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964
- [Item ID 311089](#) Papers: The State Department of Health - Historical Outline, c 1/01/1859 – c 31/12/1964

Other records: maps

There are a number of series of maps and survey plans which can be searched at item level for the period prior to separation. Across the series there are over 200 maps and plans. The Series include:

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".

- [Series ID 5421](#) Beach Protection Maps and Plans, c 1/01/1848 - 10/10/2000
- [Item ID 1380746](#) 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.

- [Series ID 1230](#) Plan of Brisbane Town [map], c 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1859
- [Item ID 610792](#) Map, c 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1859
- [Series ID 1748](#) Moreton District, County of Stanley Maps - A1 Series, c 1/01/1824 - c 31/12/1987 (14 maps)
- [Series ID 1750](#) Moreton District, County of Cavendish - A3 Series, 1/01/1858 - 31/12/1984
- [Item ID 621031](#) Map: 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, c 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858
- [Series ID 1751](#) Moreton District, County of Churchill Maps - A4 Series, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1986
- [Item ID 621492](#) Map: Plan of the Village of Laidley, County of Churchill 8 chains to the inch Surveyor General's Office, Sydney, c 1/10/1859 - c 31/10/1859
- [Series ID 1752](#) Moreton District, County of Ward Maps - A5 Series, c 1/01/1840 - c 31/12/1985
- [Item ID 622036](#) Map: Map of Coast line from South Passage Point at Moreton Bay towards the Richmond River. (S/O Cat. No. 71151). 20 chains to the inch. James Warner, c 1/10/1840 - c 31/10/1840
- [Series ID 1754](#) Darling Downs District, County of Aubigny Maps - B1 Series, c 1/01/1849 - c 31/12/1986
- [Item ID 622218](#) Map: Drayton Town, in the Parish of Drayton County of Aubigny, N.S.W. c 1/01/1849 - c 31/12/1849
- [Item ID 622219](#) Map: Drayton Town, in the Parish of Drayton County of Aubigny, N.S.W. c 1/01/1849 - c 31/12/1849

- [Item ID 622220](#) Map: 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, c 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1850
- [Item ID 622221](#) Map: Town of Toowoomba, Parish of Drayton, County of Aubigny. N.S.W. 16 chains to the inch. Survey Office, Brisbane, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1857
- [Series ID 1756](#) Darling Downs District, County of Merivale Maps - C1 Series, c 1/01/1857 - c 31/12/1985
- [Item ID 622882](#) Map: Plan of the Town and Parish of Warwick County of Merivale New South Wales. 20 chains to the inch. Surveyor General's Office, Sydney, c 1/05/1857 c 31/05/1857
- [Item ID 622883](#) Map: 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
- [Item ID 622984](#) Map: Plan of Allora Town Reserve, Parish of Allora, County of Merivale. 10 chains to the inch. Survey Office, Brisbane, c 1/11/1859 - c 30/11/1859
- [Series ID 1853](#) Cook District Maps - N Series, c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1988
- [Item ID 626650](#) Map: 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), c 1/01/1850 - c 31/01/1850
- [Item ID 626651](#) Map: 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
- [Series ID 1910](#) Scale Maps - 10 Mile Series, c 1/01/1858 - c 31/12/1971
- [Item ID 629660](#) Map: 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 1), c 01/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858
- [Item ID 629661](#) Map: 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), c 01/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858
- [Item ID 629662](#) Map, 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), c 01/01/1858 - c 31/12/1858
- [Series ID 1911](#) Scale Maps - 16 Mile Series, c 1/01/1847 - c 31/12/1984 (6 maps)
- [Series ID 2010](#) Hydrographic Charts and Maps, c 1/01/1826 - c 31/12/1985 (5 maps)
- [Series ID 2043](#) City of Brisbane and Suburbs Maps - A1A Series, c 1/01/1825 – c 31/12/1987 (14 maps)
- [Series ID 2058](#) Moreton District Maps - A Series, c 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1988

- [Item ID 634858](#) Map: Part of the expedition of Captain. Chas. Sturt in the period 1828, 1829 & 830. c 1/01/1830 - c 31/12/1830
- [Item ID 634879](#) Map: 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
- [Item ID 634891](#) Map: 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
- [Item ID 634892](#) Map: 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
- [Series ID 2060](#) Darling Downs District Maps - B Series, c 1/01/1848 - c 31/12/1976
- [Item ID 634975](#) 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
- [Series ID 2063](#) Miscellaneous Items including Plans and Maps, c 1/01/1855 - c 31/12/1967
- [Item ID 635130](#) Map: 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
- [Series ID 2115](#) Port Curtis District Maps - F Series, c 1/01/1859 - c 31/12/1983
- [Item ID 635603](#) Map: 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
- [Series ID 2119](#) Scale Maps - 25 Miles Series, c 1/01/1847 - c 31/12/1971
- [Item ID 635667](#) Map: 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), c 1/01/1847 – c 31/12/1847
- [Series ID 4928](#) Survey and Exploration Maps, c 1/01/1827 - c 31/12/1879 (9 maps)
- [Series ID 4957](#) Early Brisbane Town Map, c 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1850
- [Item ID 812314](#) Map, c 1/01/1850 - c 31/12/1850

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- [Series ID 4314](#) Survey Plans, Charts and Maps of Moreton Bay Settlement and Queensland, c 1/01/1802 - c 31/12/1889 (127 maps)