

# Alan Bartholomai papers and photographs.

**Accession number** 33227

**Date** [between 1890 and 2016?]

**Author / Creator**

**Bartholomai, Alan, compiler**

**Abstract** A collection of photographs, personal papers, newspaper clippings and ephemera related to Dr Alan Bartholomai AM.

**Scope and content** This collection contains field books with Alan Bartholomai's handwritten notes of scientific expeditions around Queensland, where he documents Australian Aboriginal significant sites, and the locations of fossils and dinosaur bones. There are scrapbooks of newspaper clippings from throughout his career, many related to dinosaur research and the expansion of the Queensland Museum. There are photographs of the extended Bartholomai, Betts, Love, Pocock, Raguse and Stolz families, as well as many others in the Boonah and Southport community including boxer Ron Richards, and the Boonah Trick Riders. Many of the photographs relate to the childhood and professional life of Alan Bartholomai. There are also personal and professional papers, many relating to the expansion, relocation and rebranding of the Queensland Museum in the 1980s, and two artworks created by Alan Bartholomai.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 7 series.

**Description** 10 field books, 5 files of papers, 2 scrapbooks, 1 envelope of newspaper clippings, approximately 500 photographs and negatives, 2 artworks, 1 certificate and a digital memoir.

**Guides** A series and item list is available.

**Administrative / Biographical history** Alan Bartholomai (1938-2015) was a geologist and palaeontologist. He attended Boonah State School, Southport State School, Gatton College, Southport State High School and the University of Queensland, graduating in 1960. He was appointed the Curator of Geology at the Queensland Museum, and then Director from 1969-1999. He maintained an active interest in palaeontology and oversaw the expansion of the Queensland Museum and its relocation from Bowen Hills to Southbank. In 2012 he was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to the advancement of science, particularly through administrative roles with the Queensland Museum. The Bartholomai family were pioneers of the Boonah district, with generations stretching back to the 1860s. Alan's parents were Harold (Shorty) and Vera (nee Love) Bartholomai.

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## Series 1: Field books (1960-1998)

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Field books

**Date** 1960-1998

**Scope and content**

10 field books belonging to Alan Bartholomai, containing handwritten notes from scientific expeditions and study tours. The field books record dates, travel arrangements, and the colleagues who travelled with him, as well as maps, diagrams and details of the fossils, plants and animals observed and collected. Some trips were associated with the discovery of dinosaur fossils in the Winton region, and sites of significance to Australian Aboriginal people. The later field books are from when Alan Bartholomai was Director of the Queensland Museum, and was visiting museums around the world to help inform the design and operation of the Queensland Museum. These field books are all housed on Level 2 of OMBOX 23918 O/S.

**Author / Creator**

Bartholomai, Alan

### Description

**Description** 10 field books

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23918 O/S

### Access

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**Copyright status** In copyright

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Items in this series:

### Field book (1960)

**Unit ID** 33227/1

**Date** 1960

#### Scope and content

Notebook with handwritten notes about a field trip to the bora ground at Cawdor near Toowoomba, including diagrams of traverse sections.

Description

**Description** 1 field book

### Field book (1962-1967)

**Unit ID** 33227/2

**Date** 1962-1967

#### Scope and content

Notebook with handwritten notes about various expeditions:

- Darling Downs in February 1962
- Julia Creek in May-June 1964
- Mount Morgan in April 1965
- Gulf of Carpentaria in 1965
- Clermont in 1966
- Talgai in 1967
- Boat Mountain to Chinchilla in August 1967.

The trips were done with colleagues J.T. Woods, Dr O.A. Jones, Ken Cornelius, and D.P. Vernon. He notes people they liaised with, travel arrangements, local geology, fossil specimens found, animals and birds collected, and sites of Aboriginal significance.

Description

**Description** 1 field book

### Field book (1964)

**Unit ID** 33227/3

**Date** 1964

#### Scope and content

Notebook with handwritten notes about a field trip to the Chinchilla rifle range and Macalister at Easter 1964.

Description

**Description** 1 field book

### Field book (1970-1973)

**Unit ID** 33227/4

**Date** 1970-1973

#### Scope and content

Notebook with handwritten notes about field trips to:

- North east South Australia in 1970;
- South east Queensland in 1971;
- Darwin in 1971;
- Mid and south west Queensland in 1971;
- South east and central Queensland in 1971;
- Chinchilla in 1972 and 1973.

Other people on these trips include Jeanette Covacevich, Errol Beutel, R. McKay, H. Archer and C. Limpus.

Description

**Description** 1 field book

### Field book (1973-1979)

**Unit ID** 33227/5

**Date** 1973-1979

**Scope and content**

Notebook with handwritten notes about field trips to:

- North-east South Australia and south west Queensland in 1973;
- Hughenden to Julia Creek in 1978;
- Richmond near Townsville in 1979;
- Chinchilla in September 1982.

Other people on these trips include Dr R.H. Tedford, M. Plane, R. Wells, R. Brown, T.P. Tebble and Temple Lees. This notebook has small photographs glued into the pages. He records collecting animal specimens and fossils, seeing Aboriginal artworks on rock walls, and other scientific observations.

Description

**Description** 1 field book

**Field book (1974-1983)**

**Unit ID** 33227/6

**Date** 1974-1983

**Scope and content**

Notebook containing handwritten notes taken on study tours of museums in Canada, United States, Europe, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. There are notes about the museum's operations and facilities, as well as their scientific collections and staff.

Description

**Description** 1 field book

**Field book (1979-1981)**

**Unit ID** 33227/7

**Date** 1979-1981

**Scope and content**

Notebook containing handwritten notes taken on study tours of museums in Europe in 1979

and 1981. There are notes about the museum's operations and facilities, as well as their scientific collections and staff. This notebook also has lists of his travel expenses.

#### Description

**Description** 1 field book

### Field book (1984-1985)

**Unit ID** 33227/8

**Date** 1984-1985

#### Scope and content

Notebook containing handwritten notes taken on a study tour of museums in the United States, Canada and Japan in 1984, and Macau in 1985. There are observations about Louisiana World Fair, as well as notes on the museum's operations and facilities, as well as their scientific collections and staff. This notebook also lists his travel expenses.

#### Description

**Description** 1 field book

### Field book (1989-1998)

**Unit ID** 33227/9

**Date** 1989-1998

#### Scope and content

Notebook containing handwritten notes taken on a study tour of museums in the United States, Canada and Japan in 1989, the United States and Europe in 1994, and Australia and New Zealand in 1998. There are notes on the museum's operations and facilities, as well as their scientific collections and staff. This notebook also lists his travel expenses.

#### Description

**Description** 1 field book

### Field book (1992)

**Unit ID** 33227/10

**Date** 1992

**Scope and content**

Notebook containing handwritten notes taken on a study tour of museums in Hong Kong and Korea in 1992. There are notes on the museum's operations and facilities, as well as their scientific collections and staff.

Description

**Description** 1 field book

## Series 2: Papers (1955-2016)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Papers

**Date** 1955-2016

**Scope and content**

A collection of papers related to Alan Bartholomai, mostly relating to his education and his professional life.

Description

**Description** 6 folders

Access

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Items in this series:

## Education (1955-1993)

**Unit ID** 33227/11

**Date** 1955-1993

### Scope and content

A folder of papers related to Alan Bartholomai's education at Queensland Agricultural High School and College Lawes, Southport State High School, and the University of Queensland. There are also some papers relating to his involvement with the Boy Scouts Association, the RAAF University Squadron and some later professional courses.

### Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23919

## Correspondence (1984-2016)

**Unit ID** 33227/12

**Date** 1984-2016

### Scope and content

Folder of correspondence received by Alan Bartholomai, mostly relating to his work with professional organisations, and a letter of introduction written by Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen in 1984. Also in this folder are get well cards and letters of condolence received by Patricia Bartholomai after Alan's death in 2015.

### Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23919

## Official invitations (1980-1992)

**Unit ID** 33227/13

**Date** 1980-1992

### Scope and content

Folder of invitations received by Alan Bartholomai to attend official functions and events,



mostly in his capacity as Director of the Queensland Museum. Events include the opening of the Performing Arts Complex in 1985, the opening of the Queensland Museum in 1986, Expo 88 and various receptions at Government House.

#### Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23919

### Professional papers (1990-2008)

**Unit ID** 33227/14

**Date** 1990-2008

#### Scope and content

Folder of papers related to Alan Bartholomai's work at the Queensland Museum. Included is his curriculum vitae, papers related to the Cobb and Co Museum, and reports to the Queensland Museum board from his overseas study tours. There is also material related to the resignation of Alan Bartholomai as director of the Queensland Museum and his professional activities after his retirement.

#### Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23919

### Card, ephemera and realia (1996-1999)

**Unit ID** 33227/15

**Date** 1996-1999

#### Scope and content

5 items related to promoting the new Queensland Museum building, opened in 1986. There is a name badge for Alan Bartholomai, a branded bar pin, and three pamphlets with the new branding. There is also a handmade card presented to Alan Bartholomai on the day of his retirement on 1 October 1999, signed by many of the Queensland Museum's staff. These items are housed on and Level 2 and Level 4 of OMOSBOX 23918 O/S.

## Description

**Description** 6 items of ephemera

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23918 O/S

## Order of Australia papers (2011-2012)

**Unit ID** 33227/16

**Date** 2011-2012

### Scope and content

Folder of material related to the appointment of Alan Bartholomai to the Order of Australia in 2011. There is official correspondence from Government House, and many letters of congratulations.

## Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23919

## Series 3: Scrapbooks and newspaper clippings (1960-2012)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Scrapbooks and newspaper clippings

**Date** 1960-2012

### Scope and content

Two scrapbooks of newspaper clippings relating to the Bartholomai family. The articles mostly related to Alan Bartholomai's professional life and the Queensland Museum, but there are also articles featuring his daughters Kim Bartholomai and Leigh Bartholomai, Leigh's husband musician Tom Coyle, and advertisements featuring Patricia Bartholomai as a model. There is also an envelope of loose newspaper clippings.

## Description

**Description** 3 scrapbooks and envelopes

Access

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access.

**Copyright status** In copyright

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Items in this series:

### Scrapbook (1960-1991)

**Unit ID** 33227/17

**Date** 1960-1991

#### Scope and content

Scrapbook containing newspaper articles relating to the work of Alan Bartholomai, mostly about his dinosaur and fossil research.

Description

**Description** 1 scrapbook

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23919

### Scrapbook (1964-2000)

**Unit ID** 33227/18

**Date** 1964-2000

#### Scope and content

Scrapbook containing newspaper articles relating to the Bartholomai family, including Alan, Patricia, their daughter Leigh and her husband Tom Coyle. Many of the articles relate to Alan's work in dinosaur research and the Queensland Museum.

Description

**Description** 1 scrapbook

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23919

## Newspaper clippings (1973-2012)

**Unit ID** 33227/19

**Date** 1973-2012

### Scope and content

An envelope of loose newspaper clippings mostly related to Alan Bartholomai's research and work with the Queensland Museum.

### Description

**Description** 1 envelope

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23919

## Series 4: Photographs (between 1890 and 1997?)

**Series number** 4

**Series title** Photographs

**Date** between 1890 and 1997?

### Scope and content

A collection of photographs spanning several generations of the Bartholomai and related families. The photographs depict weddings, family events and social occasions, mostly around the Boonah area. Many of the photographs are of Alan Bartholomai - from childhood to his professional careers as a geologist and Museum director.

### Description

**Description** 7 photograph albums and envelopes of negatives

**System of arrangement** Arrangement maintains creator's original order.

## Access

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access.

**Copyright status** Multiple copyright statuses

Items in this series:

### Bartholomai family photographs (between 1890 and 1960?)

**Unit ID** 33227/20

**Date** between 1890 and 1960?

#### Scope and content

A folder of loose family photographs, some mounted on board. There are photographs of the wedding of Tom and Mary Love in 1903 (Alan's grandparents), his great-grandparents Pocock, and other family members including his grandfather Harry Bartholomai, Louise Bartholomai, Ernstine Stolz and his parents Harold (Shorty) and Vera Bartholomai. There is a photograph of Vera Bartholomai and others outside Rose's Café in Boonah, a collage dedicated to William Blair who was killed in action in 1915 (service number 1309), and photographs of Alan and Patricia Bartholomai's wedding. Other photographs include Boonah State School classes in 1948 and 1950 (with names written on the back), and Alan Bartholomai as a young man, riding motorcycles, with friends, and on the day of his university graduation.

## Description

**Description** Approximately 50 photographs

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23920

### Bartholomai family photograph album (between 1900 and 1980?)

**Unit ID** 33227/21

**Date** between 1900 and 1980?

#### Scope and content

An album of about 200 family photographs relating to the Bartholomai family, and their extended friends and family, notably the Love, Pocock, Dalrymple, Forshey, Grace and Raguse families. There are photographs of social activities around Boonah, weddings,

racehorses and many of Alan Bartholomai's childhood. Some images feature Ron (Ranald) Richards, a successful boxer who grew up in Boonah and won three Australian titles (middleweight, light heavyweight, heavyweight) and a British Empire (middleweight) title. Some photographs document the World War Two service of Harold (Shorty) Bartholomai, (Alan's father), who served in Egypt and New Guinea, and there are photographs of him in uniform and driving tanks. There is a portrait of Bobby Forshey in his Vietnam War uniform, and some of the Boonah Trick Riders in action. There are two photographs of Diamantina Station, featuring George Stolz and his Aboriginal Australian housekeeper described as 'Wopuna (?)', Queen of the Diamantina'. The photographs have been rehoused into an archival album. Many of the photographs have names written on the back.

#### Description

**Description** 1 photograph album

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23858 O/S

### Bartholomai family photograph album (between 1914 and 1953?)

**Unit ID** 33227/22

**Date** between 1914 and 1953?

#### Scope and content

An original photograph album belonging to the Bartholomai family. It includes some humorous postcards written to Alan as a child from his father whilst away during World War Two, and some photographs he took in Egypt and New Guinea. One of the postcards is of young Aboriginal Australian boy, with the words 'Noel Butler, Palm Islands, Townsville Australia' written on the front. There are photographs of Alan Bartholomai as a child, and of his trip to the Pan Pacific Jamboree of Boy Scouts in 1952-53 in Sydney. There are also photographs of Vera and Harold Bartholomai, the Love family, the Fox family, the Grace family, two group photographs of Gatton College football teams and an action photograph of Alan Bartholomai and others doing surf lifesaving training with a belt and reel. The photographs are compiled in an original album with a cardboard cover and bound together with string. Many of the photographs have names written on the back. This item is housed in Level 1 of Box 23918 O/S.

#### Description

**Description** 1 photograph album

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23918 O/S

## Photographs of Alan Bartholomai (1955-1965?)

**Unit ID** 33227/23

**Date** 1955-1965?

### Scope and content

A folder of photographs glued to loose pages from a scrapbook, many have captions. The photographs are of Alan Bartholomai as a young man travelling in north Queensland with friends (possibly on a field trip), around Mount Morgan mine, Green Island, Cairns, Hinchinbrook Island and Port Douglas. Some of the photographs feature archaeological tools. There are also photographs of a street parade, featuring university students in fancy dress.

### Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23920

## Photographs of Alan Bartholomai (between 1960 and 1997?)

**Unit ID** 33227/24

**Date** between 1960 and 1997?

### Scope and content

Folder of loose photographs of Alan Bartholomai. There are photographs of field trips, and professional head shots. There are also some press photographs promoting activities and exhibitions at the Queensland Museum, and a series of images from a study tour in Japan.

### Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Locate** OMBOX Box 23920

## Large format Bartholomai family photographs (1890-1993?)

**Unit ID** 33227/25

**Date** 1890-1993?

### Scope and content

Four large portraits of unidentified members of the Bartholomai family. There is also a professional portrait of Alan Bartholomai in the boardroom of the Queensland Museum, taken by Victoria Cooper in October 1993. These items are all located on Level 3 of Box 23918 O/S.

#### Description

**Description** 5 photographs

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23918 O/S

### Photographic negatives (1940-1970?)

**Unit ID** 33227/26

**Date** 1940-1970?

#### Scope and content

10 small packets of negatives of photographs relating to the Love and Bartholomai families. Most depict family scenes, pets, horse riding, portraits, boating and holidays. There is a packet dedicated to a scouting Jamboree in Sydney. Some of the packets contain negatives presumably taken by Harold Bartholomai on his World War Two service, driving tanks and living in a camp. There are negatives in this series that are not included in the collection as printed photographs. The negatives are arranged in an album with the envelopes they were in at time of donation.

#### Description

**Description** 1 envelope

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS Box 23569, Trolley 84 Shelf C

## Series 5: Artworks (undated)

**Series number** 5

**Series title** Artworks



**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Two original artworks signed by Alan Bartholomai. These items are located on Level 3 of Box 23918 O/S.

**Author / Creator**

Bartholomai, Alan

Description

**Description** 2 works of art

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23918 O/S

Access

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Items in this series:

**Artworks (undated)**

**Unit ID** 33227/27

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Two original artworks signed by Alan Bartholomai. One depicts the side profile of a man. It is in colour, possibly oil paint. The other artwork is a pencil sketch of a rural scene titled 'The sulky shed'.

Description

**Description** 2 works of art

## Series 6: Certificate (1985)

**Series number** 6

**Series title** Certificate

**Date** 1985

### Description

**Description** 1 certificate

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23918 O/S

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### Items in this series:

#### Certificate (1985 December 5)

**Unit ID** 33227/28

**Date** 1985 December 5

#### Scope and content

A certificate of appreciation awarded to Alan Bartholomai on 5 December 1985, at the conclusion of his three-year term on the Council of the Brisbane College of Advanced Education. This item is housed on Level 1 of Box 23918 O/S.

### Description

**Description** 1 certificate