

Donald Sydney Thistlethwayte drawings

Accession number 6158

Date 1863-1870; 1892

Author / Creator

Thistlethwayte, Donald Sydney, 1842-1933.

Abstract Six pen and wash sketches by Donald Thistlethwaite, and one other unidentified artist.

Scope and content The collection consists of six sketches including works entitled: (1) "Government Bounty - distribution of blankets to Brisbane Aborigines on the Queen's Birthday"; (2) "Celestials" on the way to the Ravenswood Diggings-Northern Queensland" (1870); (3) "Sunday Visitors At Our Camp False Bay-Cairns 27/11/92".

System of arrangement Arranged into 1 series

Description 6 sketches

Additional format Digital copies available.

Administrative / Biographical history Donald Sydney Thistlethwayte came to Brisbane in 1862 where he was engaged in survey work, partly on the Toowoomba line, and he remained connected with the Queensland railway survey for the next 50 years. He became engineer-in-charge of the Drayton deviation, Melbourne Street railway, the Roma Street to Mayne Junction section and Central Station. He married Mary de Lacey Moffatt, a niece of Sir Joshua Peter Bell and became a prominent and influential member of the Queensland art scene, serving as Honorary Treasurer (1892), Vice-President (1894-1897; 1904-1907) and President of the Queensland Art Society (1912-1914).

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Custodial history Early provenance is obscure. The six sketches were offered for sale at Brightwells of Leominster on Australia Day, 26 January 2005, where they were purchased by

Maggs Brothers Booksellers for 2,500 pounds.

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Series 1: Works of art (1863-1892)

Series number 1

Series title Works of art

Date 1863-1892

Scope and content

The collection consists of 5 sketches by Donald Sydney Thistlethwayte, depicting: Distribution of blankets to Aboriginal people Brisbane, 1863 ; Chinese workers on their way to the Ravenswood diggings ; Gold escort, to Townsville ; Wallaby hunt and skinning ; Junction of the Bremer with the Brisbane River ; and 1 sketch [by an unidentified artist] of Aboriginal people, False Bay Cairns.

Author / Creator

Thistlethwayte, Donald Sydney, 1842-1933

Description

Description 6 sketches (pen and ink)

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Items in this series:

Government Bounty (24 May 1863)



Unit ID 6158/1

Date 24 May 1863

Scope and content

Full title: 'Government Bounty - distribution of blankets to Brisbane Aborigines on the Queen's birthday, Brisbane, Queensland', 24 May 1863.

Author / Creator

Thistlethwayte, Donald Sydney, 1842-1933

Description

Description 1 sketch

350 x 250 mm

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Celestials on the way to the Ravenswood diggings (9 December 1870)



Unit ID 6158/2

Date 9 December 1870

Scope and content

Full title 'Celestials on the way to the Ravenswood diggings', 9 December 1870

Author / Creator

Thistlethwayte, Donald Sydney, 1842-1933

Description

Description 1 sketch

235 x 165 mm

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Gold escort en route to Townsville (28 November 1870)



Unit ID 6158/3

Date 28 November 1870

Scope and content

Full title: 'The Gilbert, Cape River and Ravenswood Gold Escort en route to Townsville, Kennedy District, Queensland'. Showing 7 mounted troopers crossing a stream.

Author / Creator

Thistlethwayte, Donald Sydney, 1842-1933

Description

Description 1 sketch

225 x 140 mm

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Wallaby drive Queensland (undated)



Unit ID 6158/4

Date undated

Scope and content

Full title: 'A wallaby drive Queensland, skinning the dead'. Depicts a group of Aboriginal people inside a palisade skinning animals.

Author / Creator

Thistlethwayte, Donald Sydney, 1842-1933

Description

Description 1 sketch

235 x 165 mm

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Junction of the Bremer with the Brisbane River (4 August 1866)



Unit ID 6158/5

Date 4 August 1866

Scope and content

Full title: 'Junction of the Bremer with the Brisbane River'. Depicts the confluence of the Brisbane and Bremer Rivers.

Author / Creator

Thistlethwayte, Donald Sydney, 1842-1933

Description

Description 1 sketch

280 x 200 mm

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Sunday visitors to our camp (27 November 1892)



Unit ID 6158/6

Date 27 November 1892

Scope and content

Sketch by another unknown artist titled: 'Sunday visitors to our camp, False Bay Cairns'. Sketches of Aboriginal people (5 half-length portraits, 2 full-length).

Description

Description 1 sketch

220 x 160 mm

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