Brisbane General Post Office Collection

Accession number 6190

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Abstract Collection from the Brisbane General Post Office previously in the collection of the GPO Museum.

Scope and content Material donated from the Brisbane General Post Office Museum upon its closure in 2005. The collection includes photographs documenting the history of postal services in Queensland including mail, telephone and telegram services; various samples of historic postal correspondence and ephemera; and scrapbooks. List available.

System of arrangement Arranged into 3 series

Description 63 telegrams, photographs, 6 postcards, 5 scrapbooks, 2 letters, 1 permit, 1 membership card, 1 menu

Access restrictions Unrestricted access.

Copyright status Multiple copyright statuses.

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Series 1: Photographs (1880-1989)

Series number 1

Series title Photographs

Date 1880-1989

Scope and content

Collection of photographs - both original and copy print - documenting the history of the Queensland Post Master General Department. Includes images relating to mail, telegraph and telephone services.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Boxes 11201, 10135   OMOSBOX Boxes 11200 O/S, 18744 O/S

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Multiple copyright statuses

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Items in this series:

Photographs (1900-1989)

Unit ID 6190/1

Date 1900-1989

Scope and content
Photographs depicting post office facilities and staff in Brisbane at the General Post Office and the Roma Street Mail Exchange. Includes images of mail sorting, despatch areas, training, machinery and damaged parcels.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 11201

Photographs (1900-1985)

Unit ID 6190/2

Date 1900-1985

Scope and content
Photographs relating to post office facilities and staff and postal service history Townsville, Queensland.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 11201

Photographs (1900-1972)

Unit ID 6190/3

Date 1900-1972

Scope and content
Photographs of the old and new post offices at Sunnybank, Brisbane, including the construction of the new building. Includes photographs of Sunnybank railway station.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 11201

Photographs (1959-1980)

Unit ID 6190/4

Date 1959-1980

Scope and content
Photographs relating to Surfers Paradise Post Office on the Gold Coast. Images show construction, staff, exteriors and interiors.

Description

Description Approximately 0 photographs

Locate OMBOX Box 11201

Photographs (1909-1989)

Unit ID 6190/5

Date 1909-1989

Scope and content
Photographs relating to post office history at Tweed Heads on the Gold Coast. Images show old and new post offices, staff, construction and promotions. Includes a copy of a telegram announcing the opening of the new post office

Description

Description Approximately 0 photographs

Locate OMBOX Box 11201

Photographs (1972-1989)

Unit ID 6190/6

Date 1972-1989

Scope and content
Photographs of development of Post Office Square, Brisbane City. Images show the construction and completion of the square. Includes photographs of Isles Love Lane.

Description

Description Approximately 0 photographs

Locate OMBOX Box 11201

Photographs (1973, December 5)

Unit ID 6190/7

Date 1973, December 5

Scope and content
Photographs depicting demolition of buildings, including Queenslander houses, in Spring Hill to make way for telecommunications building between Wharf and Bowen Streets.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 11201

Photographs (1890-1971)

Unit ID 6190/8

Date 1890-1971

Scope and content
Photographs of postmen and postwomen.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 11201

Photographs (1940-1949)

Unit ID 6190/9

Date 1940-1949

Scope and content
Photographs and negatives relating to the Queensland postal service during war time. Images include women postal workers during World War Two, a photograph of a World War Two victory parade. Negatives are reproductions from a publication featuring images from World

War One and Two.

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 10135

Photographs (1977, April 25)

Unit ID 6190/10

Date 1977, April 25

Scope and content
Photographs of ANZAC Day commemoration at the Central Mail Exchange, Brisbane, 1977.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 10135

Photographs (1965-1977)

Unit ID 6190/11

Date 1965-1977

Scope and content
Miscellaneous photographs relating to postal services in Queensland. Images include Hesketh House, Hamilton, 1967; Stratford non-official Post Office, near Cairns, 1977; reproduction of a social group portrait, ca. 1890; reproduction of a view of Adelaide Street, 1865.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMOSBOX Box 11200 O/S

Photographs (1899-1978)

Unit ID 6190/12

Date 1899-1978

Scope and content
Photographs of telephone exchange telephonists. Images include the first female telephonists at the Brisbane Telephone Exchange, 1899; and entrants in Commonwealth Telephonists Quiz competition, 1950s.

Description

Description Approximately 0 photographs

Locate OMOSBOX Box 11200 O/S

Photographs (1910-1976)

Unit ID 6190/13

Date 1910-1976

Scope and content
Photographs relating to the Brisbane Central Telephone Exchange and it's staff. Includes photographs of the old Parcel's Post Office and it's demolition to make way for the Exchange (ca. 1950s) and the construction of the Exchange.

Description

Description Approximately 0 photographs

Locate OMBOX Box 10135

Photographs (1900-1980)

Unit ID 6190/14

Date 1900-1980

Scope and content
Photographs depicting telephone related equipment.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMOSBOX Box 11200 O/S

Photographs (1966, April 26)

Unit ID 6190/15

Date 1966, April 26

Scope and content
Photographs from an event at Lennon's Hotel, Brisbane, launching Brisbane to Cairns microwave radio.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 10135

Photographs (1930-1976)

Unit ID 6190/16

Date 1930-1976

Scope and content
Photographs depicting promotional displays and exhibition stands relating to telephones and telephone technology.

Description

Description   Approximately 0 photographs

Locate   OMBOX Box 10135

Photographs (1925-1978)

Unit ID 6190/17

Date 1925-1978

Scope and content
Photographs of technicians in telephone related roles. Includes images of exchange technicians, laying cables and wiring.

Description

Description Approximately 0 photographs

Locate OMBOX Box 10135

Photographs (1880-1980)

Unit ID 6190/18

Date 1880-1980

Scope and content
Photographs relating to the history of the telephone. These photographs are mostly reproductions from other publications.

Description

Description Approximately 0 photographs

Locate OMBOX Box 10135

Photographs (1890-1970)

Unit ID 6190/19

Date 1890-1970

Scope and content
Photographs relating to the Brisbane Central Telegraph Office and telegraph history in Queensland. Includes a large image of operators in the Chief Telegraph Office, August 4, 1934

(Box 18744 O/S).

Description 1 photograph (large)   2 2 envelopes

Locate OMOSBOX Box 11200 O/S   OMOSBOX Box 18744 O/S

Photographs (1900-1980)

Unit ID 6190/20

Date 1900-1980

Scope and content
Photographs of telegraph messengers.

Description

Description Approximately 0 photographs

Locate OMBOX Box 10135

Series 2: Papers and ephemera (1836-1957)

Series number 2

Series title Papers and ephemera

Date 1836-1957

Scope and content
Collection of documents and ephemera that provide examples of postal services during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Description

Description 63 telegrams, 2 letters 1 permit 8 paper money, 1 envelope 1 menu 6

postcards, 1 sketch, 1 membership card

Locate OMBOX Box 10135

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

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Items in this series:

Gum leaf letter (1910)

Unit ID 6190/21

Date 1910

Scope and content
One 'gum leaf letter' from 1910. The pressed gumleaf has been written on as one would write on a postcard and was sent in 1910 from Yetman, New South Wales to Eagle Street in Brisbane City. The item is accompanied by related clippings and correspondence.

Description

Description 1 letter

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Postal notes (1946-1957)

Unit ID 6190/22

Date 1946-1957

Scope and content
Queensland postal notes. 16 x 4 shilling notes, 1 x 3 shilling note, 1 x 1 pound note.

Description

Description 8 paper money

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status In copyright

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Telegram (1941)

Unit ID 6190/23

Date 1941

Scope and content
One telegram with envelope sent to a Mrs Southcombe in Toowoomba in 1941. Mrs
Southcombe has written some background information on the back of the telegram.

Description

Description 1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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of Queensland.

Postcard (1911)

Unit ID 6190/24

Date 1911

Scope and content
One birthday greetings postcard sent from Nanango to Yarraman in 1911.

Description

Description 1 postcard

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Postcards (1880-1893)

Unit ID 6190/25

Date 1880-1893

Scope and content
Four postcards sent to Queensland and South Australian addresses in the late 1800s.

Description

Description 4 postcards

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Congratulatory telegrams (1939)

Unit ID 6190/26

Date 1939

Scope and content
Five congratulatory wedding telegrams sent from Augathella and Sandgate to Killarney, Queensland, in 1939.

Description

Description 5 telegrams

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Telegram (1905)

Unit ID 6190/27

Date 1905

Scope and content
One telegram sent from Capertee to Moree (New South Wales) in 1905.

Description

Description 1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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of Queensland.

Envelope (1884)

Unit ID 6190/28

Date 1884

Scope and content
One registered linen envelope sent to Coolgarra, Queensland, in 1884.

Description

Description 1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Queensland Electric Telegraph messages (1893-1899)

Unit ID 6190/29

Date 1893-1899

Scope and content
Three Queensland Electric Telegraph messages with envelopes sent to New Farm and Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, in the 1890s.

Description

Description 3 telegrams

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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New Zealand telegraphic messages (1898)

Unit ID 6190/29

Date 1898

Scope and content
Three New Zealand telegraphic messages sent in 1898.

Description

Description   3 telegrams

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Telegram (1902)

Unit ID 6190/30

Date 1902

Scope and content
One New South Wales Post and Telegraph telegram sent from Brisbane to Mossman, New South Wales, in 1902.

Description

Description   1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Telegram (1902)

Unit ID 6190/31

Date 1902

Scope and content
One New South Wales Post and Telegraph telegram sent from Brisbane to Mossman, New South Wales, in 1902.

Description

Description 1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Postcard (1881)

Unit ID 6190/32

Date 1881

Scope and content
One postcard sent from Toowoomba to Nanango in 1881.

Description

Description 1 postcard

Access

Menu (1936)

Unit ID 6190/33

Date 1936

Scope and content
One souvenir menu from the Post Master General Staff (Rockhampton) First Charity Ball (in aid of local orphanages), held in May 1936.

Description

Description   1 menu

Access

Cablegrams (1916-1917)

Unit ID 6190/34

Date 1916-1917

Scope and content
Seven cablegrams sent in 1916 and 1917.

Description

Description   7 telegrams

Telegrams (1909)

Unit ID 6190/35

Date 1909

Scope and content
Thirty-six telegrams sent from Rockhampton in 1909.

Description

Description   36 telegrams

Sketch (1949)

Unit ID 6190/36

Date 1949

Scope and content
One humorous fishing sketch captioned "Farewell to Mr T. E. M. Hall, Dec. 17th '46"

Description

Description   1 sketch

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Members Card (1895, July 26)

Unit ID 6190/37

Date 1895, July 26

Scope and content
One Queensland Electric Telegraph Association member's card (no. 454) of Mr John Adams.

Description

Description   1 membership card

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Envelope (1911)

Unit ID 6190/38

Date 1911

Scope and content
One envelope addressed to "Oscar Nielsen Esq.; Acting Postmaster; In charge of what's left of the Post Office, Mossman, Queensland". On the back of the envelope there are sketches depicting what took place in the Mossman cyclone. The envelope is accompanied by correspondence giving background information.

Description

Description 1 envelope

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Permit to board ships (1944)

Unit ID 6190/39

Date 1944

Scope and content
One permit to board ships issued to W. C. Harris, Tele. Mechanic, P.M.G. Dept. Brisbane, 1944.

Description

Description 1 permit

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Letter (1836, May 14)

Unit ID 6190/40

Date 1836, May 14

Scope and content

One letter sent to Edinburgh in 1836.

Description

Description 1 letter

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Queensland Electric Telegraph message (1901, November 4)

Unit ID 6190/41

Date 1901, November 4

Scope and content
One Queensland Electric Telegraph message sent from Townsville to Mt Morgan in 1901. The message is accompanied by correspondence relating to it's donation.

Description

Description 1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Queensland Electric Telegraph message (1895, September 9)

Unit ID 6190/42

Date 1895, September 9

Scope and content
One Queensland Electric Telegraph message sent from St George to Mitchell in 1895.

Description

Description   1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Telegram (1909, November 25)

Unit ID 6190/43

Date 1909, November 25

Scope and content
One telegram sent from Brisbane to Cairns sending wedding congratulations, 1909

Description

Description   1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Telegram (1881, November 22)

Unit ID 6190/44

Date 1881, November 22

Scope and content
One New South Wales Electric Telegraph sent from Bourke to Thargomindah in 1881.

Description

Description 1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

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Telegram (1900, December 31)

Unit ID 6190/45

Date 1900, December 31

Scope and content
One Queensland Electric Telegraph message sent from Georgetown to Gayndah in 1900. The message is accompanied by a letter giving some background information.

Description

Description 1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

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Telegram (1901, February 26)

Unit ID 6190/46

Date 1901, February 26

Scope and content
One telegram sent from Gympie to Townsville in 1901.

Description

Description   1 telegram

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Money order (1905, May 10)

Unit ID 6190/47

Date 1905, May 10

Scope and content
One money order for two shilling, two pence, 1905.

Description

Description   1 money order

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Series 3: Scrapbooks (1971-1975)

Series number 3

Series title Scrapbooks

Date 1971-1975

Scope and content
Five alphabetically ordered scrapbooks compiling articles from the Telegraph newspaper that describe the origins of Queensland place names.

Description

Description 5 scrapbooks

Locate OMBOX Boxes 10135-10136

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

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Items in this series:

Queensland Place Names A to D (1971-1975)

Unit ID 6190/48

Date 1971-1975

Description

Description 1 scrapbook

Locate OMBOX Box 10135

Queensland Place Names E to L (1971-1975)

Unit ID 6190/49

Date 1971-1975

Description

Description   1 scrapbook

Locate   OMBOX Box 10136

Queensland Place Names M to N (1971-1975)

Unit ID 6190/50

Date 1971-1975

Description

Description   1 scrapbook

Locate   OMBOX Box 10136

Queensland Place Names O to S (1971-1975)

Unit ID 6190/51

Date 1971-1975

Description

Description   1 scrapbook

Locate   OMBOX Box 10136

Queensland Place Names T to Z (1971-1975)

Unit ID 6190/52

Date 1971-1975

Description

Description   1 scrapbook

Locate   OMBOX Box 10136