

## **Brisbane General Post Office Collection**

Accession number 6190

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**Brisbane General Post Office Museum** 

**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

**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

**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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## 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

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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

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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

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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### 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

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

**Copyright status** Out of copyright

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## **Cablegrams (1916-1917)**

**Unit ID** 6190/34

Date 1916-1917

#### Scope and content

Seven cablegrams sent in 1916 and 1917.

Description

**Description** 7 telegrams

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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## Telegrams (1909)

**Unit ID** 6190/35

**Date** 1909

Scope and content

Thirty-six telegrams sent from Rockhampton in 1909.

Description

**Description** 36 telegrams

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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## **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

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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

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access

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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

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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

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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

**Copyright status** Out of copyright

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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

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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

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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

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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