



# John Howard Simmonds Papers

**Accession number** M 777

**Author / Creator**

**Simmonds, John Howard, 1901-1992**

**Abstract** Papers and photographs of John Howard Simmonds, and the Simmonds Family.

**Scope and content** This collection consists of personal papers, correspondence, ephemera and artwork relating to John Howard Simmonds as well as photographs of the Simmonds Family.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 9 series.

**Description** 1.00 linear metres

**Administrative / Biographical history** John Howard Simmonds (1901-1992), plant pathologist, was born in the Brisbane suburb of Taringa. His parents were Victorian-born John Howard Simmonds, a third generation stonemason, and English-born Rose Simmonds, nee Culpin, photographer. Simmonds Jr. was educated at Clayfield Boys' College, Clayfield (Brisbane Boys' College) and graduated from the University of Queensland (BSc, 1923; MSc, 1926) with first class honours. He was subsequently appointed to the staff of the entomology branch of the State Department of Agriculture and Stock. Simmonds became the first full-time plant pathologist in the department. He served in New Guinea during World War Two and on his return was placed in charge of the science branch of the department. Simmonds retired in 1966, having made world class contributions to research in the field of plant disease. The University of Queensland conferred an honorary doctorate of science on him in 1969. Simmonds was also an ardent member of the Queensland Naturalists' Club and a keen boating enthusiast.

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## Series 1: Photographs ([1860-1905])

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Photographs

**Date** [1860-1905]

**Scope and content**

Photographs of the Simmonds family

Description

**Description** 7 photographs

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Items in this series:

### Photographs ([1870-1905])

**Unit ID** M 777/1

**Date** [1870-1905]

**Scope and content**

Five unframed portraits of members of the Simmonds family. These include Emily Sarah Simmonds, sister of J. H. Simmonds Senior; Elsie Simmonds, sister of J. H. Simmonds Senior; Rose Simmonds (nee Culpin), wife of J. H. Simmonds Senior; John Simmonds Junior, father of John Howard Simmonds Senior; Mary Jemima Coombs, mother of John Howard Simmonds Senior. Photograph attributed to Wiley.

Description

**Description** 5 photographs (unframed)

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 7686 O/S

## Ambrotype ([1860])

**Unit ID** M 777/2

**Date** [1860]

### Scope and content

Ornately framed, oval ambrotype of John Simmonds Senior as an old man

## Description

**Description** 1 ambrotype (framed)

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 20169 O/S

## Opaltype ([1901])

**Unit ID** M 777/3

**Date** [1901]

### Scope and content

One black and white opaltype depicting Rose Simmonds (nee Culpin) and a baby, assumed to be John Howard Simmonds Junior. Photograph attributed to Poulsen

## Description

**Description** 1 opaltype

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 20169 O/S

## Series 2: Correspondence (1937-1973)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1937-1973

## Description

**Description** 2 envelopes

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 7686 O/S

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Items in this series:

### Correspondence (1937-1973)

**Unit ID** M 777/4

**Date** 1937-1973

#### Scope and content

Correspondence between J. H. Simmonds and numerous parties in relation to land that he owned at Tamborine Mountain. The correspondence discusses a mining lease application on the land and the donation of the land as a National Park. The correspondence includes relevant newspaper clippings and tracings of the land.

## Description

**Description** 1 envelope

### Correspondence (1984)

**Unit ID** M 777/5

**Date** 1984

#### Scope and content

Two letters between J. H. Simmonds and J. M. Davis, School of Science, Griffith University, discussing power alcohol.

## Description

**Description** 2 letters

## Series 3: Papers (1930-1952)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Papers

**Date** 1930-1952

## Description

**Description** 1 document 1 envelope

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 7686 O/S

## Access

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Items in this series:

## Papers (1934 March 22)

**Unit ID** M 777/6

**Date** 1934 March 22

### Scope and content

Bill of Mortgage between J. H. Simmonds wife Marjorie Isabel Simmonds and his mother Rose Simmonds in relation to property at Indooroopilly.

## Description

**Description** 1 document

## Papers (1930-1952)

**Unit ID** M 777/7

**Date** 1930-1952

### Scope and content

Papers relating to drafting the Queensland Fauna Protection Act.

## Description

**Description** 1 envelope

## Series 4: Ephemera (1922-1937)

**Series number** 4

**Series title** Ephemera

**Date** 1922-1937

### Scope and content

One envelope of ephemeral material relating to J. H. Simmonds. Includes two programmes for Y's Men's Club of Brisbane events ca. 1932, both containing signatures of members; a hand-written programme for a concert held at Russell Island Sports Club, Sept. 1922; an official programme for a Brisbane Sailing Club 18 ft. handicap race, Nov. 1923; a Wilson Marine Engines price list; invitations and a menu relating to University of Queensland events, 1923-1937; assorted receipts and advertising leaflets. The ephemera also includes an undated, unused postcard depicting a bogged bullock wagon with the caption 'Stuck'. Item 8.

## Description

**Description** 1 envelope

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## Series 5: Plant specimens (1920-1950)

**Series number** 5

**Series title** Plant specimens

**Date** 1920-1950

### Scope and content

Two large dried flower and plant arrangements. These items are very fragile. They were given to a member of the Simmonds Family by Cousin Alice (Addis) (from inscription). They are described as 'Fern Splashwork'.

Item 9.

### Description

**Description** 2 plant specimens

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 6658 O/S

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## Series 6: Genealogical and biographical papers ([1980-1989])

**Series number** 6

**Series title** Genealogical and biographical papers

**Date** [1980-1989]

### Scope and content

Handwritten genealogical papers including a family tree of the Simmonds Family. A biographical clipping on J. H. Simmonds. A typescript outlining J. H. Simmonds involvement in the Queensland Naturalist's Club. Item 10

## Description

**Description** 3 sheets

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# Series 7: Notebook (1929)

**Series number** 7

**Series title** Notebook

**Date** 1929

## Scope and content

Notebook containing financial figures relating to the cost of living expenses of J. H. Simmonds in 1929. Item 11

## Description

**Description** 1 notebook

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## Series 8: Chart ([1920])

**Series number** 8

**Series title** Chart

**Date** [1920]

**Scope and content**

Hand-drawn boating chart on linen depicting part of Brisbane River The chart includes notes on navigating a boat along the river. Landmarks, natural features and boating hazards are marked on the chart. Item 12

### Description

**Description** 1 chart

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 10402 O/S

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## Series 9: Work of art (1900-1950)

**Series number** 9

**Series title** Work of art

**Date** 1900-1950

**Scope and content**

Matted pencil sketch on coloured paper depicting an unidentified hilled residential area, possibly in the Taringa, Indooroopilly area where the Simmonds Family resided. The artist is also unidentified. Item 13

### Description

**Description** 1 pencil drawing

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