



Gigoomgan Station records

Accession number OM68-13

Date 1854-1884

Scope and content Records of Gigoomgan Station that include letter books, stock and accounts books and journals.

System of arrangement Arranged into 5 series

Description 2 archival boxes

Administrative / Biographical history In 1908 George handed over the management of Gigoomgan to his son George Smyth Mant, and it remained in control of the family until the death of his son Reginald Smyth Mant in 1978.

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Series 1: Ledgers (1854-1863)

Series number 1

Series title Ledgers

Date 1854-1863

Scope and content

Station ledgers of financial transactions for Gigoomgan Station for the years 1854-1863. The entries detail stores, interest and commission, cheques issued and sundry expenses. The entries also detail rations issued to employees such as drovers and station hands, but also Native Police employed by Mant. First occupied by the Scott brothers in 1848, the property was next taken up by Henry Cox Corfield, (1823-1883) who in 1850 sold the run to James and Norman Leith-Hay, who in turn sold to Peter Anderson and George Leslie. Initially stocked with sheep the property was acquired by Anderson's nephew George Mant (1836-1913) who was in occupancy from 1856. In partnership with Henry Stuart Littleton (1844-1933) Mant established a quality shorthorn cattle station. Of special interest: Entries contain references to Aboriginal people employed on the station, which was located on the traditional lands of the Kabi Kabi [Gubbi Gubbi] Nation.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Anderson, Peter Dalgairns

Description

Description 3 ledgers

Locate OMBOX Box 8640 and Box 8641

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Items in this series:

Cattlebook (1854-1861)

Unit ID OM68-13/2

Date 1854-1861

Scope and content

Leather bound ledger in which is recorded dates of mustering, branding, sales and deaths of bullocks and cows. Later entries also detail the heritage of stud bulls and their brands.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 8640

Station ledger (1854-1871)

Unit ID OM68-13/5

Date 1854-1871

Scope and content

Station ledger of accounts and wages for Gigoomgan Station for the years 1854-1871. The entries detail rations issued to employees such as drovers and station hands, but also Native Police employed by Mant.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 8640

Station ledger (1858-1863)

Unit ID OM68-13/6

Date 1858-1863

Scope and content

Station ledger of financial transactions for Gigoomgan Station for the years 1858-1863. The entries detail stores, interest and commission, cheques issued and sundry expenses.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 8641

Series 2: Diaries (1854-1868)

Series number 2

Series title Diaries

Date 1854-1868

Scope and content

Station diaries in which are recorded daily entries of activities, weather, and work undertaken at Gigoomgan Station. First occupied by the Scott brothers in 1848, the property was next taken up by Henry Cox Corfield, (1823-1883) who in 1850 sold the run to James and Norman Leith-Hay, who in turn sold to Peter Anderson and George Leslie. Initially stocked with sheep the property was acquired by Anderson's nephew George Mant (1836-1913) who was in occupancy from 1856. In partnership with Henry Stuart Littleton (1844-1933) Mant established a quality shorthorn cattle station. Of special interest: Entries contain references to Aboriginal people employed on the station, which was located on the traditional lands of the Kabi Kabi [Gubbi Gubbi] Nation.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Anderson, Peter Dalgairns

Description

Description 2 diaries

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Items in this series:

Station diary (1854-1858)

Unit ID OM68-13/7

Date 1854-1858

Scope and content

Journal or diary kept by Peter Anderson who took up Gigoomgan Station, in 1854, along with his financial partner George Leslie. This journal details daily activities on the station, stock movements, fencing stockyards and daily weather reports. The journal also records the use of Aboriginal labour and reports of clashes with local tribes over livestock.

Author / Creator

Anderson, Peter Dalgairns

Description

Description 1 diary

Locate OMBOX Box 8641

Station diary (1859-1868)

Unit ID OM68-13/3

Date 1859-1868

Scope and content

Leather bound journal in which is recorded daily entries of activities, weather, and work undertaken at Gigoomgan Station. The first entry beings 1 January 1859 and concludes 31 December 1868. Many entries to refer to Aboriginal people who were employed by the station mustering, harvesting corn and clearing scrub. On 27 December 1866 the first Gigoomgan races were held, at Washpool Flat, over a course of 3/4 mile, 55 people attended. Prizes of bridles and whips were presented to first and second place getters. 10 races were held with up to seven horses competing. The last race of the day was the 'Blackboys Race' with small sums of money awarded. The race meet was repeated the following years, in 1867 it finished with a

foot race between 50 of the Aboriginal people who were in attendance and in 1868 seven jockeys rode mounts in the 'Blackboys Race'. Gigoomgan station was located on the traditional lands of the Kabi Kabi [Gubbi Gubbi] Nation.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 diary

Locate OMBOX Box 8640

Series 3: Correspondence (1854-1881)

Series number 3

Series title Correspondence

Date 1854-1881

Scope and content

Letterbooks in which are recorded copies of correspondence written by owners and managers of Gigoomgan Station. They include Peter Anderson, George Mant and Henry Littleton. Some loose items are also enclosed.

Author / Creator

Anderson, Peter Dalgairns

Mant, George, 1836-1913 ;

Littleton, Henry Stuart, 1844-1933

Description

Description 2 letterbooks

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Items in this series:

Letterbook (1854-1881)

Unit ID OM68-13/8

Date 1854-1881

Scope and content

This journal contains handcopied letters written by Peter Anderson and his nephew George Mant from Gigoomgan Station. George Mant took over the property from his uncle, along with financial partner Henry Littleton and established a quality shorthorn cattle station and later actively encouraged mining activity on the run, which yielded quantities of gold, copper and other minerals. In the first letter dated 9 July 1854, Anderson writes to his partner George Leslie, of his concern for the safety of the manager after clashes with Aboriginal tribes. Later correspondence shows however their confidence in employing Aboriginal labourers on the property for stock work, around the homestead, stripping bark or cultivating crops. There is much correspondence regarding cattle and stock management and the prospect of further land selection to add to their holdings. It also contains several loose items of correspondence.

Author / Creator

Anderson, Peter Dalgairns

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 letterbook

Locate OMBOX Box 8641

Letterbook (1873-1884)

Unit ID OM68-13/4

Date 1873-1884

Scope and content

Letterbook of correspondence written by George Mant and Henry Littleton. The letters were primarily to suppliers or prospective buyers of their prime cattle but also detail their financial transactions with regard to property selections.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Littleton, Henry Stuart, 1844-1933

Description

Description 1 letterbook (490 sheets, with loose notes)

Locate OMBOX Box 8640

Series 4: Notebooks (1850-1890)

Series number 4

Series title Notebooks

Date 1850-1890

Scope and content

Small cloth covered notebook used to record shopping lists and expenses. Very few pages have been used.

Description

Description 1 notebook

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