

Walter Edmund Roth correspondence

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Date 1915-1919

Author / Creator

Roth, Walter E. (Walter Edmund), 1861-1933 creator.

Scope and content This collection contains letters written from Walter E Roth to "Charles". "Charles" is Charles William Holland (b. 27 Oct 1868), who worked in the Department of Public Lands and became Chief Clerk of that department in 1918. Charles Holland was living in Burns Road, Toowong, Brisbane, at the time he received the letters. The letters were written after Roth had left Australia for British Guiana. Roth writes mainly about current events in his life as well as reminiscing about the times he was living in Queensland. The letters often refer to former friends and colleges known to both Roth and Charles.

System of arrangement Arranged into 1 series

Description 5 letters

Additional format Photocopies are available for all five letters.

Administrative / Biographical history Walter Edmund Roth was born on 2 April 1861 in London to Mathias and Anna Maria Roth, nee Collins. He came to Sydney in late 1887. In 1896, he became government surgeon attached to hospitals at Boulia, then at Cloncurry and Normanton. In 1898 he became Queensland's first northern Protector of Aborigines, serving in that position until 1904, when he became Chief Protector. Between 1901 and 1906 Roth, published eighteen bulletins on northern Queensland ethnography. He left Australia in 1906 to work for the British Colonial Service in Guiana [Guyana], holding several positions. He later held the position of Government Archivist and Curator of the Georgetown Museum. Walter Edmund Roth died on 5 April 1933 in Georgetown, Guyana. He is remembered in the naming of the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology in Georgetown.

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Series 1: Correspondence (1915-1919)

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Date 1915-1919

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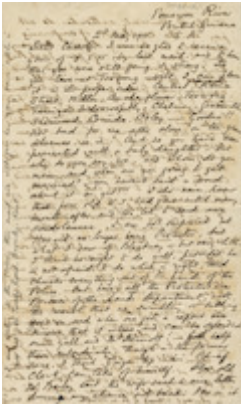
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Other guides Photocopies of the letters are available.

Items in this series:

Letter (2 May 1915)



Unit ID OM87-12/1

Date 2 May 1915

Scope and content

A letter from Walter E. Roth to Charles Holland. The letter was written at Pomeroon River, British Guiana. It contains recent news of Roth's career and personal life in Guiana. Roth also mentions former colleagues at the Department of Public Lands and the role of the Protector.

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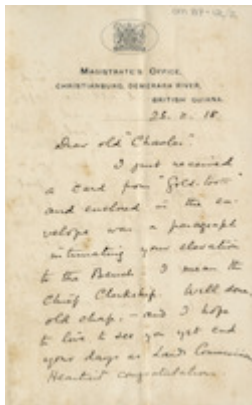
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Letter (25 February 1918)



Unit ID OM87-12/2

Date 25 February 1918

Scope and content

A letter from Walter E. Roth to Charles Holland, sent on the letterhead of the Magistrate's Office, Christianburg, Demerara River, British Guiana. Roth mentions receiving a letter mentioning Holland's appointment as Chief Clerk of the Department of Public Lands. Roth also mentions members of his family.

Author / Creator

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Description

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Letter (15 December 1918)

Unit ID OM87-12/4

Date 31 August 1919

Scope and content

A letter from Walter E. Roth to Charles Holland, addressed "Dear Old Chap", written from Christianburg, Demerara River. Roth writes about his view of politics in Queensland, his new appointment, old colleagues, and his family.

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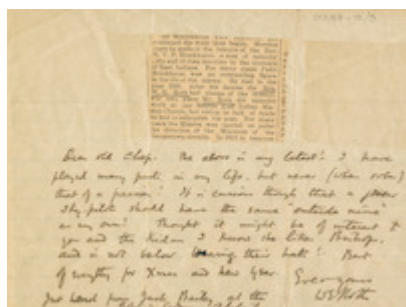
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Letter (1915-1919)



Unit ID OM87-12/5

Date 1915-1919

Scope and content

A note from Walter E. Roth to Charles Holland, with a clipping attached. The note refers to the mistake in the clipping, which refers to Roth as a minister of religion. The source of the clipping is not included.

Description

Description 1 letter

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