

Camboon Station Records ; Coochin Coochin Station Records

Accession number OMF

Date 1870-1978

Author / Creator

Bell family

Scope and content These records not only described the daily activities of a pastoral station, the climate, rainfall and stock production, they also identify employees of Asian and Aboriginal heritage. For additional information relating to the history of Camboon station see: 'Camboon Reminiscences' by Francis M Bell, 1947.

System of arrangement Arranged into 11 series.

Description 60 station diaries; 3 letterbooks; 16 station ledgers; 4 day books; 8 cashbooks; 2 wages ledgers; 11 stock ledgers; correspondence; 4 notebooks.

Administrative / Biographical history Camboon (Caamboon in the language of the Wulli Wullli people) was first occupied by James Reid in 1856, who took up a run of 10,000 acres.

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Series 1: Station diaries (1884-1978)

Series number 1

Series title Station diaries

Date 1884-1978

Scope and content

James T M Bell (1839-1903) purchased Camboon Station in partnership with Colville Hyde, in 1874. Located on the banks of the Dawson River, by 1888 the consolidated lease covered over 525 square miles. In 1882 Bell and Hyde purchased the 22,000 acre freehold Coochin Coochin Station, as a fattening paddock for Camboon; from 1882-1887 William Price managed the property, followed by Frederick Rowbotham until 1902. After the death of his father and in the wake of the 1902 drought, Francis Marsh Bell (1883-1961) took over management of the station assisted by Murray Jardine and Walter Winthrop until 1921. At its height Camboon ran 20,000 head of cattle, at first Shorthorn then Herefords which were more suited to the climate. Camboon was also known for its Clydesdale draught horses. Four generations of the Walsh family worked for the Bell family. William Walsh who started in 1879 lived and worked on Camboon for sixty-four years. The main drovers were Jack Johnson and James Ryan, and the station employed many people of Asian and Aboriginal heritage as station hands. This series consists of 61 diaries, the earliest dated 1884, followed by 1904-1914, then 1926-1927, 1930, 1935-1978. The diaries record daily activities on the property, rainfall received, mustering, stock sales, visitors and social activities.

Description

Description 61 diaries

Locate OMBOX Boxes 2733-2738

Access

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Series 2: Letterbooks (1874-1911)

Series number 2

Series title Letterbooks

Date 1874-1911

Scope and content

Three letterbooks containing copies of correspondence written by James T M Bell and others from Camboon and Coochin Coochin Stations. The books are very fragile.

Author / Creator

Bell, James Thomas Marsh Bell, 1839-1903

Description

Description 3 letterbooks

Locate OMBOX Box 2738

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access.

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Items in this series:

Letterbook (1874-1903)

Unit ID OMF/62

Date 1874-1903

Scope and content

Letterbook containing copies of correspondence by or on behalf of James Bell & Colville Hyde, of Camboon & Coochin Coochin Stations. The item is very fragile.

Author / Creator

Bell, James Thomas Marsh Bell, 1839-1903

Description

Description 1 letterbook (200 of 500 numbered pages have been used)

Letterbook (1903-1905)

Unit ID OMF/63

Date 1903-1905

Scope and content

Letterbook containing copies of correspondence by or on behalf of the Bell family, of Camboon & Coochin Coochin Stations. The item is very fragile.

Author / Creator

Bell, Ernest Thomas, 1880-1930

Bell, Francis Marsh, 1883-1961

Description

Description 1 letterbook (500 pages)

Letterbook (1905-1911)

Unit ID OMF/64

Date 1905-1911

Scope and content

Letterbook containing copies of correspondence by or on behalf of the Bell family, of Camboon & Coochin Coochin Stations. The item is very fragile.

Author / Creator

Bell, Ernest Thomas, 1880-1930

Bell, Francis Marsh, 1883-1961

Description

Description 1 letterbook (151 of 230 pages have been used)

Series 3: Station ledgers (1872-1967)

Series number 3

Series title Station ledgers

Date 1872-1967

Scope and content

Station ledgers which record much of the financial activities of Umbercollie, Walloon, Wandabell, Camboon and Coochin Coochin Stations from 1872 to 1967. They also identify employees of Chinese and Aboriginal heritage associated with the stations.

Author / Creator

Bell, James Thomas Marsh Bell, 1839-1903

Description

Description 16 ledgers

Locate OMBOX Boxes 2738-2741

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access.

Copyright status Multiple copyright statuses

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Items in this series:

Station ledger (1872-1873)

Unit ID OMF/65

Date 1872-1873

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Umbercollie Station and includes monies spent on wages, rations and stores. It includes several loose items of correspondence & sketch maps relating to the selection & resumption of land on the Coochin

Coochin estate. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including King Jackey [page 29], Tommy, Billey.

Author / Creator

Bell, James Thomas Marsh Bell, 1839-1903

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2738

Station ledger (1875-1878)

Unit ID OMF/66

Date 1875-1878

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Bell family estates including Calandoon and Minima Stations from 1875 to 1878. This ledger also identifies employees of Asian and Aboriginal heritage including: Tommy, Sandy; Ah Yow, Sam Quee and others.

Author / Creator

Bell, James Thomas Marsh Bell, 1839-1903

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2738

Station ledger (1874-1876)

Unit ID OMF/67

Date 1874-1876

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon and Walloon Stations form 1874 to 1876. This ledger also lists contracted and casual employees, including those of Aboriginal heritage.

Author / Creator

Bell, James Thomas Marsh Bell, 1839-1903

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2738

Station ledger (1901-1904)

Unit ID OMF/68

Date 1901-1904

Scope and content

Station ledger for Wandabell and Camboon Stations, which principally records petty cash expenses and stock sales.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2739

Station ledger (1903-1913)

Unit ID OMF/70

Date 1903-1913

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1903 through to 1913. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including: Alfred Nipps (page 181)

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2739

Station ledger (1914-1917)

Unit ID OMF/71

Date 1914-1917

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1914-1917. This ledger also identifies employees of Asian and Aboriginal heritage including: Ah Sing (page 204), Arthur Horn (page 311), David Coocher (Mate Mate) (page 282); Ranji Logan (page 297, 309), Banjo (page 298, 310).

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2739

Station ledger (1917-1929)

Unit ID OMF/72

Date 1917-1929

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1917 through to 1929. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including: Banjo Bond and wife, Bunda, W & G Coutchy, W Jones, Sammy, Percy Saltner, Fred Dodds, Jim Williams and others.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2740

Station ledger (1929-1936)

Unit ID OMF/73

Date 1929-1936

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1929 through to 1936. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including: E

Banjo, Percy Saltner, F Dodds, W Jones and others.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2740

Station ledger (1936-1939)

Unit ID OMF/75

Date 1936-1939

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1936 through to 1939. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including: members of the Dodd and Law families.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2740

Station ledger (1950-1956)

Unit ID OMF/76

Date 1950-1956

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1950 through to 1956. This ledger identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including many members of the Dodd family, William Ivory, and Eric Bond.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2740

Station ledger (1957-1958)

Unit ID OMF/77

Date 1957-1958

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1957 - 1958. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including: members of the Dodd and Bond families, William Ivory and others.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2740

Station ledger (1958-1961)

Unit ID OMF/78

Date 1958-1961

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1958 through to 1961. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including: members of the Ivory and Saltner families.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2741

Station ledger (1962-1967)

Unit ID OMF/79

Date 1962-1967

Scope and content

Station ledger which records much of the financial activities of Camboon for the years 1962 through to 1967. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including: members of the Dodd and Saltner families.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2741

Series 4: Day books (1883-1935)

Series number 4

Series title Day books

Date 1883-1935

Scope and content

Day books which record daily activities such as stock movement across station paddocks, dipping, and other related activities, the earliest from 1883 by Bell & Hyde, through to 1935 by the Bell Brothers. Not all years are represented.

Description

Description 4 ledgers

Locate OMBOX Box 2741 OMBOX Box 2744

Access

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Items in this series:

Day book (1883-1894)

Unit ID OMF/80

Date 1883-1894

Scope and content

Camboon Station Day book for the years 1883 through to 1894 recording stock movement, use of paddocks, dipping, mustering, and other related activities, by Bell and Hyde.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2741

Day book (1916-1917)

Unit ID OMF/82

Date 1916-1917

Scope and content

Camboon Station Day book for the years 1916 to 1917 recording stock movement, use of paddocks, dipping, mustering, and other related activities.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2741

Day book (1924-1935)

Unit ID OMF/98

Date 1924-1935

Scope and content

Camboon Station Day book for the years 1924 through to 1935 recording stock movement, dipping, mustering, and other related activities.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Day book (1922-1930)

Unit ID OMF/99

Date 1922-1930

Scope and content

Day book recording for the years 1922 to 1930 stock movement, and other related activities. The entries are scant.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Series 5: Cash books (1898-1969)

Series number 5

Series title Cash books

Date 1898-1969

Scope and content

Cash ledgers which record basic financial activities for Coochin Estates, and Camboon Pastoral Company for the years 1898 through to 1969. They also identify several employees of Aboriginal heritage (See Item 81, 1898-1916)

Description

Description 8 ledgers

Locate OMBOX Boxes 2741-2743

Access

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Items in this series:

Cash book (1898-1916)

Unit ID OMF/81

Date 1898-1916

Scope and content

Cash ledger which records basic financial activities for Coochin Estates for the years 1898 through to 1916. This ledger also identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage, including J & A Nipps, and others.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2741

Cash book (1898-1916)

Unit ID OMF/83

Date 1898-1916

Scope and content

Cash ledger which records basic financial activities for Coochin Estates for the years 1898 through to 1916. [This is not a duplicate of Item 81]

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2742

Cash book (1916-1917)

Unit ID OMF/84

Date 1916-1917

Scope and content

Cash ledger which records basic financial activities for Coochin Estates for the years 1916 and 1917.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2742

Cash book (1917-1920)

Unit ID OMF/85

Date 1917-1920

Scope and content

Cash ledger which records basic financial activities for Coochin Estates for the years 1917 to 1920.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2742

Cash book (1929-1932)

Unit ID OMF/86

Date 1929-1932

Scope and content

Cash ledger which records basic financial activities for Coochin Estates for the years 1929 to 1932.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2742

Cash book (1937-1942)

Unit ID OMF/87

Date 1937-1942

Scope and content

Cash ledger which records basic financial activities for Camboon Pastoral Company for the years 1937 to 1942.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2742

Cash book (1964-1969)

Unit ID OMF/88

Date 1964-1969

Scope and content

Cash ledger which records basic financial activities for Camboon Pastoral Company for the years 1964 to 1969.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2743

Cash book (1930)

Unit ID OMF/89

Date 1930

Scope and content

Cash ledger which records basic financial activities for Coochin Estates for 1930.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2743

Series 6: Wages ledgers (1921-1932)

Series number 6

Series title Wages ledgers

Date 1921-1932

Scope and content

Ledgers recording wages and insurance returns for employees of the Camboon Pastoral Company for the years 1921 to 1932. They also identify employees of Aboriginal heritage including members of the Dodd and Law families, and Banjo Bond. (See Item 90)

Description

Description 2 ledgers

Locate OMBOX Box 2743

Access

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Items in this series:

Wages insurance ledger (1923-1926)

Unit ID OMF/90

Date 1923-1926

Scope and content

Ledger recording wages and insurance returns for employees of the Camboon Pastoral Company for the years 1923 to 1926. This ledger identifies employees of Aboriginal heritage including: members of the Dodd and Law families, and Banjo Bond.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Wages & returns ledger (1921-1932)

Unit ID OMF/91

Date 1921-1932

Scope and content

Ledger recording wages and ireturns for employees of the Camboon Pastoral Company for the years 1921 through to 1932.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Series 7: Stock ledgers (1892-1948)

Series number 7

Series title Stock ledgers

Date 1892-1948

Scope and content

Ledgers for Camboon Station and Camboon Pastoral Company which record stock purchases: the number of cattle, horses; Clydesdale pedigrees and sales, brandings, muster counts and other related expenses for the years 1892 through to 1948. To date still the largest privately owned cattle property in the Banana Shire, Camboon Station covers over 34,500 hectares. In the 1890s their herd was reportedly the best in the country, and they were the first in the region to change over from Shorthorns to Herefords, breeding bulls suitable not only for their own use, but to meet the demand in the area. Camboon was also noted for its horses,

particularly its Clydesdale draughts, which at the time were the farmers work-horse, used for hauling and draughting, and now known as the 'horse that built the nation'.

Description

Description 11 ledgers

Locate OMBOX Boxes 2743-2744

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Items in this series:

Stock book (1906-1917)

Unit ID OMF/92

Date 1906-1917

Scope and content

Ledger for the Camboon Pastoral Estate, recording activities such as branding, muster counts, and sales of horses and cattle.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2743

Sales ledger (1913-1921)

Unit ID OMF/93

Date 1913-1921

Scope and content

Ledger for Camboon Station and Camboon Pastoral Company which records stock sales for their cattle and horses for the years 1913 through to 1921.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2743

Stock & muster book (1892-1915)

Unit ID OMF/94

Date 1892-1915

Scope and content

Camboon Station stock and muster ledger, recording purchases, cattle and horses, Clydesdale pedigrees & sales, brandings, and muster counts for the years 1892 through to 1915.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2743

Stock book (1912-1948)

Unit ID OMF/95

Date 1912-1948

Scope and content

Camboon Station stock ledger recording activities such as branding, muster counts, sales, horses, cattle for the years 1912 through to 1948.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2743

Stock & muster book (1917-1921)

Unit ID OMF/96

Date 1917-1921

Scope and content

Camboon Station ledger recording mustering camps, stock counts and other related activities for the years 1917 to 1921.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Stock book (1917-1945)

Unit ID OMF/97

Date 1917-1945

Scope and content

Camboon Station ledger recording activities such as branding and mustering camps for the years 1917 to 1945.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Stock book (1936-1937)

Unit ID OMF/100

Date 1936-1937

Scope and content

Stock ledger for Camboon Station, and the Camboon Pastoral Company recording notes on cattle, muster counts and camps for the years 1936-1937. [Recorded in 1929 printed diary]

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Stock book (1905-1945)

Unit ID OMF/101

Date 1905-1945

Scope and content

Camboon Station ledger recording notes on horses: a brief physical description, their pedigree, and details of sales including price and buyer.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Stock book (1905-1944)

Unit ID OMF/102

Date 1905-1944

Scope and content

Camboon Station ledger recording notes on horses & cattle, sales, descriptions, brands and pedigrees for the years 1905 to 1944.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Stock book (1915-1934)

Unit ID OMF/103

Date 1915-1934

Scope and content

Camboon Station ledger recording notes on stock, branding etc. for they years 1915 to 1945.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Stock book (1940-1949)

Unit ID OMF/104

Date 1940-1949

Scope and content

Camboon Station ledger recording notes on horse draughts, counts of fillies, mares, foals, geldings etc. for the years 1940 to 1949.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2744

Series 8: Note books (1939-1951)

Series number 8

Series title Note books

Date 1939-1951

Scope and content

Pocket notebooks with dated entries recording activities at Camboon Station including stock mustered, drafted, branded & dipped for the years 1939 through to 1951.

Description

Description 4 note books

Locate OMBOX Box 2745

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Items in this series:

Notebook (1939)

Unit ID OMF/107

Date 1939

Scope and content

Pocket notebook principally recording stock counts for Camboon Station for 1939.

Description

Description 1 notebook

Locate OMBOX Box 2745

Note book (1940)

Unit ID OMF/108

Date 1940

Scope and content

Pocket notebook principally recording stock counts for Camboon Station for 1940.

Description

Description 1 notebook

Locate OMBOX Box 2745

Notebook (1944)

Unit ID OMF/109

Date 1944

Scope and content

Notebook or diary with dated entries recording activities at Camboon Station including stock mustered, drafted, branded & dipped.

Description

Description 1 note book

Locate OMBOX Box 2745

Note book (1951)

Unit ID OMF/110

Date 1951

Scope and content

Pocket notebook principally recording stock movements for Camboon Station for 1951.

Description

Description 1 note book

Locate OMBOX Box 2745

Series 9: Rainfall observations (1933-1973)

Series number 9

Series title Rainfall observations

Date 1933-1973

Scope and content

[Item 111] Camboon Station rainfall observations

- Report of monthly and yearly rainfall, 1870-1973;
- Rain map for March 1963, South East Queensland
- Notes for cyclone emergencies
- Booklet "Australian Rainfall Observer's Handbook", 1954, 35 p.

Instructions for taking rainfall observations

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 2745

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Series 10: Publications (1901-1933)

Series number 10

Series title Publications

Date 1901-1933

Scope and content

Printed material retained by members of the Bell family relating to the operation of Camboon Station.

Description

Description 5 booklets (catalogues & reports)

Locate OMBOX Box 2745

Access

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Queensland.

Items in this series:

Land Act of 1901

Unit ID OMF/112

Scope and content

Bound copy of the Land Act of 1910 (Queensland) annotated 'Camboon'.

Description

Description 1 statute (404 pages)

Sale book (1928)

Unit ID OMF/113

Date 1928

Scope and content

Printed exhibition catalogue for cattle sales, held at the Royal Agricultural Society, NSW in 1928.

Description

Description 1 catalogue

Report, Queensland Beef Cattle Industry (1928)

Unit ID OMF/114

Date 1928

Scope and content

Copy of printed report by the Beef Cattle Industry Commission, which also contains several loose pages of notes, presumably made by Ernest Thomas Bell, written on 'Parliament House, Brisbane' stationery.

Description

Description 1 report

Report, Land Administration Board (1933)

Unit ID OMF/115

Date 1933

Scope and content

Copy of printed report and recommendations regarding the Dawson Valley Irrigation Settlement as delivered by the Land Administration Board, 1933.

Description

Description 1 report

Cattle tick in Australia (Undated)

Unit ID OMF/116

Date Undated

Scope and content

Booklet produced by Geigy on tick research in Australia.

Description

Description 1 booklet (10 pages)

Series 11: Papers, correspondence (1920-1972)

Series number 11

Series title Papers, correspondence

Date 1920-1972

Scope and content

Correspondence, letters, invoices, statements of account, newspaper clippings relating to the

Bell Family and Camboon Station for the years 1920 through to 1970.

Description

Description 5 folders

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Items in this series:

Ernest Bell, papers (1920-1951)

Unit ID OMF/117

Date 1920-1951

Scope and content

Papers relating to Camboon Station, the late Ernest Thomas Bell; estate valuation; newspaper clippings and other related correspondence.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 2745

Invoices (1931-1934)

Unit ID OMF/105

Date 1931-1934

Scope and content

Statements of account from J.T.N. Bell in favour of W.D. White & Sons (William Duckett

White).

Description

Description 11 statements

Ernest Bell, papers (1929-1930)

Unit ID OMF/118

Date 1929-1930

Scope and content

Correspondence and notes relating to Ernest Thomas Bell, Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, who died in May 1930. In particular relating to his interests in the "Boonah Oil Prospecting Company".

Description

Description 1 folder

Camboon Station, correspondence (1946-1970)

Unit ID OMF/119

Date 1946-1970

Scope and content

Folder of letters written to and from Camboon Station by various members of the Bell family. between 1946 and 1970.

Description

Description 1 folder

Camboon Station, correspondence (1961-1972)

Unit ID OMF/120

Date 1961-1972

Scope and content

Folder of letters written to and from Camboon Station, as well as newspaper clippings. Several

letters relate to the Daly River Cattle Station; Clive Ogilvy, Mimosa Farm, Burradoo; J.T.N. Bell (Bill), Camboon; the consitution of the Monto Race Club.

Description

Description 1 folder