

Gigoomgan Station and George Mant papers

Accession number R 448

Date 1854-1939

Author / Creator

Mant, George Smyth, 1872-1943

Abstract Photocopied records relating to Gigoomgan Station and the papers of George Mant.

Scope and content Of note: the ledgers record expenditure, dividends, petty cash, stores, and wages, including those paid to Aboriginal, South Sea Islander and 'Coolie' (South Asian / Chinese or Indian) labourers.

System of arrangement Arranged into 11 series

Description 8 archival boxes

Administrative / Biographical history In partnership with Henry Stuart Littleton (1844-1933) Mant 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 1887 68,400 acres were resumed from the Gigoomgan run and offered for selection for the establishment of small farms. George Mant married Ellen Palmer in 1861, they had four sons and four daughters: Mary, Edith, Charles, William, Reginald, George, Ethel and Constance.

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Series 1: Manuscripts (1 December 1848)

Series number 1

Series title Manuscripts

Date 1 December 1848

Scope and content

[Item 1] Photocopies of notes compiled by Ellen Palmer later Ellen Mant, titled 'Continuation of the Questions in English History from the Reformation to the Reign of George the Third'. 24 pages.

Author / Creator

Palmer, Ellen Hall, 1835-1915

Description

Description 1 folder (24 pages)

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Access

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Series 2: General correspondence (1872-1931)

Series number 2

Series title General correspondence

Date 1872-1931

Scope and content

This series contains photocopied letterbooks containing correspondence by George Mant of Gigoomgan Station; and copies of individual letters received by George and his wife Ellen Mant, from family, friends and business partners, both from within Australia and overseas.

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Description 2 folders

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Items in this series:

Letters (1870-1872)

Unit ID R448/2

Date 1870-1872

Scope and content

Letters received by George and Ellen Mant, including items from Ellen's sister, Agnes Hall Palmer 1851-1907, of Ferncliff, Hunters Hill; and George Mant's aunt, Mary Anderson 1840-1871, also of Hunters Hill.

Author / Creator

Palmer, Agnes Hall, 1851-1907

Anderson, Mary, 1840-1871

Description

Description 8 letters

Letters (1886-1931)

Unit ID R448/3

Date 1886-1931

Scope and content

Letters which were received by George Mant, and his son George Smyth Mant, of Gigoomga Station, from family and friends both from within Australia and overseas. Correspondents include: items from his sons William and Charles Mant; George Mant's business partner Henry Stuart Littleton; Edward Palmer; Stanley Hill; god-daughter Ada Violet Ross; Ellen's niece Lillie Clements and others.

Author / Creator

Littleton, Henry Stuart, 1844-1933

Mant, William Hall, 1869-1911 ;

Mant, Charles Outram, 1867-1940

Description

Description Approximately 35 letters

Letterbook (1879-1880)

Unit ID R448/4

Date 1879-1880

Scope and content

Letterbook containing copies of correspondence sent by George Mant, of Gigoomgan Station for the years 1879 to 1880.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 letterbook

Letterbook (1888-1901)

Unit ID R448/5

Date 1888-1901

Scope and content

Gigoomgan Station letterbook containing copies of correspondence, written by George Mant. Also included are several loose letters he received from his brother Charles, and several other correspondents.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Mant, Charles, 1840-1881

Description

Description 1 letterbook (with loose correspondence)

Letters & narrative (1912-1913)

Unit ID R448/6

Date 1912-1913

Scope and content

Narrative based on the letters of George Mant titled "A Door to Door Bull Sale, 1912" which describes how George Mant of Gigoomgan Station sought the assistance of Charles Outram Mant, an agent for Dalegety's, on who best to sell his stock, during the severe drought of 1912. They planned to rail the cattle from Boompa to Clermont and undertake a "door to door" sale to pastoral stations in the district. 36 letters, statements and receipts detail the initial employment of Mr Plummer as drover, who was then replaced by Oscar Von Stieglitz, who although he encountered 4 floods and 15 inches of rain, managed to complete his assignment with few animals lost. The author of the narrative is not identified.

Author / Creator

Mant, Charles Outram, 1867-1940

Von Stieglitz, Oscar Ernest, 1856-1914

Description

Description 1 folder (38 letters & invoices, 1 agreement)

Letters, Charles Mant (1884-1937)

Unit ID R448/7

Date 1884-1937

Scope and content

Correspondence chiefly relating to or received by Charles Outram Mant, son of George Mant of Gigoomgan Station.

Included in the correspondence is: a declaration assigning George Mant permission to act on Charles Mant's behalf to select land in his name in 1886; letter from G M Roebeck, Maryborough, regarding the use of a brand; Joseph Bushnell wrote of a cure for cancer in horses; and several from Charles Outram Mant to his brother George Smyth Mant and his father.

Author / Creator

Mant, Charles Outram, 1867-1940

Bushnell, Joseph James, 1854-1946 ;

Roebuck, George William, 1821-1904

Description

Description 19 letters (& agreements)

Letters, Mant to Littleton (1885-1901)

Unit ID R448/8

Date 1885-1901

Scope and content

Correspondence primarily between George Mant, of Gigoomgan Station, and his partner Henry Stuart Littleton, 1844-1933, in England. In partnership with Henry Littleton, George Mant chose to destock Gigoomgan which was originally a sheep station, and establish a quality shorthorn cattle property; they also actively encouraged mining activity on the run, which yielded quantities of gold, copper and other minerals. Littleton who had emigrated from England in the 1850s went into partnership with Mant in 1866 but later moved to Sydney where he obtained the position of private secretary to Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of New South Wales for a short time. Littleton returned to England in 1879. In 1918 Littleton transferred the title to a number of properties in Brisbane to the four children of his former partner.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Littleton, Henry Stuart, 1844-1933

Description

Description Approximately 20 letters

Series 3: Mining correspondence (1872-1910)

Series number 3

Series title Mining correspondence

Date 1872-1910

Scope and content

This series contains photocopied correspondence relating to mining activities and mineral selections on the Gigoomgan Run. It includes items relating to: Yorkies Paddock; Louisa Copper Mine; Warratah Reef, Triad and Zealandia mining leases; Beer's Reef, and Rogers claim.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description Approximately 350 letters (with invoices, agreements etc.)

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Items in this series:

Yorkies Paddock (1872-1898)

Unit ID R448/9

Date 1872-1898

Scope and content

Correspondence relating to mining activities and mineral selections on the Gigoomgan Run, these include items from James Elliot, Yorkie; Edgar Finney, John Ray, Malcolm McLean & others.

Description

Description 15 letters (with invoices, agreements, notes)

Gigoomgan Run (1887-1907)

Unit ID R448/10

Date 1887-1907

Scope and content

Correspondence relating to mining activities and mineral selections on the Gigoomgan Run, these include items from R.A. Pollock, Gympie; James Higgins, Mount Shamrock; Ort of Mt Steadman, Ivanhoe & Leichhardt Syndicates, and Newton of Yorkie.

Description

Description Approximately 38 letters

Louisa, Yorkey etc. (1877-1906)

Unit ID R448/11

Date 1877-1906

Scope and content

Correspondence relating to Louisa Copper Mine and Yorkey's Surprise Gold mine, Calgoa Consolidated Copper Co., Cerro Syndicate and Lady Florence Extended Gold and Biggenden Mining share certificates. The papers include maps, memoranda, prospectuses and articles of association.

Description

Description 65 letters (with maps, memoranda, certificates)

Gigoomgan lease (1894-1895)

Unit ID R448/12

Date 1894-1895

Scope and content

Correspondence between George Mant, Henry Littleton and solicitors Power and Ruthning, regarding a mining lease on their selection known as Portion 649.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Littleton, Henry Stuart, 1844-1933

Description

Description 8 letters (agreements & telegrams)

Warratah Reef (1897-1905)

Unit ID R448/13

Date 1897-1905

Scope and content

Correspondence regarding the mining lease known as Waratah Reef, consisting of 50 acres, situated outside the Marodian gold fields. Correspondents include: M.S. Ort of Running Creek; Thomas Lym, Gympie, and W.E. Burbidge, Gympie; the papers include maps.

Description

Description 34 letters (& maps)

Zealandia etc (1899-1907)

Unit ID R448/14

Date 1899-1907

Scope and content

Correspondence relating to A. Wells Newton, manager of Triad and Zealandia mining leases, which describe various claims in the vicinity of Running Creek, including Yorkey's, Triad, Beer's, Edwards, Waratah, Ray's, Ortt's and McLean's loads.

Description

Description 95 letters

Beers Reef (1901-1910)

Unit ID R448/15

Date 1901-1910

Scope and content

Correspondence from William Beer of Kilkivan, regarding the mining lease known as Beers Reef, located outside the Marodian gold fields.

Author / Creator

Beer, William, 1866-1951

Description

Description 23 letters

Newton, Rogers (1902-1904)

Unit ID R448/16

Date 1902-1904

Scope and content

Correspondence from P.C. Rogers & A. Wells Newton, to George Mant, regarding prospecting for gold.

Description

Description Approximately 50 letters

Series 4: Shire correspondence (1898-1938)

Series number 4

Series title Shire correspondence

Date 1898-1938

Scope and content

[Items 18 & 19]

Photocopied correspondence relating to the Woocoo Shire Council, both personal and business related. George Smyth Mant was a member of the council for more than 25 years. Included are

copies of property valuations for the year 1917.

Description

Description Approximately 200 letters

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Series 5: Station correspondence (1858-1939)

Series number 5

Series title Station correspondence

Date 1858-1939

Scope and content

[Items 20-28] This series contains general correspondence relating to Gigooman Station, Alpha Sugar Palntation and Alpha Diary at Tinana and makes reference to labourers of Aboriginal heritage.

Photocopied correspondence relating to Gigoomgan Station for the years 1858 through to 1939, including statements of account, receipts, share dividends, handwritten memorandums of agreement and stock transactions.

Correspondence received by George Mant regarding his property 'Alpha' for the years 1880 through to 1917. Mant was in partnership with several others who invested in Alpha Sugar Plantation and Alpha Dairy.

Employment contract / agreement made under "The Aborigines Protections and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Acts, 1897 to 1901" between George Mant and Burnett Pope of the Barambah Aboriginal Settlement, for 12 months. Burnett Pope married Alice Brown in 1924. Pope is reported in the newspapers of the day to have been an experienced buckjumper and horseman.

Description

Description 9 folders

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Other

Notes

This series contains items 20-28

Series 6: Financial records (1854-1940)

Series number 6

Series title Financial records

Date 1854-1940

Scope and content

[Items 29-44] This series of financial records relating to Gigoomgan Station includes:

Cash books recording stock sales, station stores and other related expenses, including wages paid and cash balances. Meat export statements for beef supplied by Geoge Mant of Gigoomgan Station, to Queensland and overseas agents. Mant was a pioneer in the frozen meat export trade from Australia. Bank books in the name of George Mant and his son George Smyth Mant - 1904-1905 titled 'Alpha Dairy a/c' Gigoomgan, Tiaro ; 1910-1912, 1913-1915, 1924-1926 Gigoomgan Memorandum book for George Smyth Mant, Gigoomgan, Brooweena, in which he records requests for supplies or payment on behalf of Gigoomgan Station. Checkbook stubs for money orders issued on behalf of Gigoomgan Station for the years 1893-1894 and 1900-1901 Statements of account, receipts for goods and stock purchased by or on behalf of George Mant and Henry Littleton. The merchants include: R. Travis & Co, Maryborough; Bodimeade & Co, Blacksmiths & wheelwrights; G Horsburgh & Co, ironmongers; Buss & Co, outfitters; J Wearin,

saddler; Powell, Gardner & Bell, ironmongers etc. for the years 1873-1874; 1875-1879; 1880-1889; 1890-1899 Miscellaneous receipts and correspondence relating to Gigoomgan Station. Mortgage document or 'indenture' made between George Mant and the British and Australasian Trust and Loan Company Ltd, agreeing to the sum of £17,500 for security over the property known as Gigoomgan Station. Agricultural and pastoral statistical return for the year ended 1940 for Gigoomgan Station.

Description

Description 16 folders (statements, cash books, receipts, bank books & check stubbs)

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Other

Notes

This series contains Items 29-44

Series 7: Station ledgers (1869-1897)

Series number 7

Series title Station ledgers

Date 1869-1897

Scope and content

[Items 45-67] This series contains ledgers relating to Gigoomgan Station which record summaries of expenditure, records of dividends, petty cash, stores, and wages, including those paid to Aboriginal, South Sea Islander and 'Coolie' [South Asian ie Chinese or Indian] labourers. Of note: Item 47

Journal / ledger for Gigoomgan Station records wages paid to Aboriginal and South Sea Islander labourers; [Page 26] refers to the following: Peebee, Mossoo, Whoccow [Islanders]; Andrew

[Blackboy], Charley Paraw, Charley Boubeyjan and others. Work is recorded variously as mustering, droving, and cutting sapplings. Also of note: Item 49

This ledger records stores issued and wages paid to Aboriginal and South Sea Islander labourers. Many names are identified in the front index, but others may be found within the volume. Identified are: Andrew [Blackboy], Bella [SSI], Billy [SSI], Bobby [SSI], Booubyjan Charlie [Blackboy], Byimia [Blackboy], Captain [Blackboy], Charcoal [Blackboy], Charlie & Topsy, Cobbo [Blackboy], Detto [SSI], Gardiner [Blackboy], Harry [SSI], Jemmy [SSI], Johnny Walker [Blackboy], Kargundy [Blackboy], Moosoo [SSI], Paddy [Blackboy], Peter Blackboy [?], Sambo [SSI], Toby [Blackboy], Tom [SSI], Topsy [SSI / Kanaka woman], White [Blackboy], Whoccow [SSI], Widger Jemmy [SSI], Willy [SSI], Woogaroo [Blackboy].

Description

Description 15 ledgers

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Other

Notes

This series contains items 45-67

Series 8: Stock books (1865-1934)

Series number 8

Series title Stock books

Date 1865-1934

Scope and content

[Items 59-63, 68-70] This series consists of ledgers, stud books, stock lists [stocktake] horse books and pedigree ledgers relating to Gigoomgan Station. Ledger sheets recording cattle and

horse returns, for Gigoomgan Station, for 1932. Stud book for Gigoomgan Station in which is recorded the life stories of cattle and horses bred on the property. Included are stud bulls, brood mares and their progeny. Also included are loose notes and pages of correspondence that had been inserted in the original. Notebook titled 'Horse stock unbroken' recording, the heritage, date of birth, description, name and date of horses and when they had been broken in. Small notebook recording breeding pedigree etc of bulls and horses associated with Gigoomgan Station. Gigoomgan Station horse book recording the life stories of horses associated with the pastoral station. The entries describe the horses by name, brand, mated to, offspring and fate. Papers relating to the sale of stock for their hides and tallow from Gigoomgan Station for the years 1872 to 1877. Stock lists which are counts of stores [stocktake] as held by Gigoomgan Station and their approximated values for various periods during 1873 and 1876. The stores include food stuffs, medicines, clothing and equipment.

Description

Description 8 ledgers

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Series 9: Diaries (1871-1893)

Series number 9

Series title Diaries

Date 1871-1893

Scope and content

Personal and station diaries kept by George Mant recording an extended visit to England with his family in 1871; and detailed entries on the daily activities of Gigoomgan Station for the years 1891 and 1893.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 3 diaries

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Items in this series:**Diary, George Mant (1871)**

Unit ID R448/64

Date 1871

Scope and content

Personal diary kept by George Mant in which he recorded his journey from Queensland in March 1871 with his wife Ellen and five children, to England where they stayed for an extended visit. The voyage appears uneventful and he recorded the results of card games which helped to pass the time. When they arrived in England in early July they were met by his father, who helped them among other things to find accommodation. They were accompanied by family on many social occasions including visits to Wimbledon, Lords, Covent Garden, and Albert Hall. Included are copies of loose correspondence.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 diary

Station diary (1891)

Unit ID R448/65

Date 1891

Scope and content

This diary records in detail the daily activity of Gigoomgan Station for the year 1891; notes on the weather; stock movements, travellers and visitors to the property and duties assigned to employees such as harvesting corn, fencing, mustering or gathering grass to build huts. There are brief entries on the activities of Aboriginal labourers, the issuing of rations and blankets, and 'Coolies' who were South Asian labourers (from China and Bengal, India) employed by pastoralists on an 'indentured' basis.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 diary

Station diary (1893)

Unit ID R448/66

Date 1893

Scope and content

In this diary George Mant recorded in detail the daily activities of Gigoomgan Station for the year 1893. It includes notes on the weather; stock movements, travellers and visitors to the property and duties assigned to employees such as harvesting corn, fencing, mustering or working in the homestead garden. Mant often referred to his son George Smyth Mant with the initials G.S.M. In the rear is a handwritten petition to the Government of the day to halt the proposed boundary alterations in the Tiaro Division.

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Description

Description 1 diary

Series 10: Selection papers (1871-1902)

Series number 10

Series title Selection papers

Date 1871-1902

Scope and content

[Items 71-92] This series consists of correspondence relating to land intended for selection by George Mant and his partner Henry Littleton, including rejected applications. The papers also include relevant maps. The selections include the following:

- Karri Flat; Registered no. 233 for 1164 acres
- Registered no. 354 for 776 acres
- Merodian Stockyard; Registered no. 248 for 496 acres
- Upper Urah; Registered nos. 263 & 644A for 773 acres
- Little Sandy Creek; Registered no. 774 for 302 acres
- Property in the name of William Kinchella Palmer, brother to Ellen Mant; Registered no. 1453
- Kolo Track Selection; Registered no. 864 for 1740 acres
- Lower Urah; Registered nos. 865 & 1043A for 1480 acres
- Yorkies Run; Registered no. 649 for 1234 acres
- Wombah; Registered nos. 808 & 1022A for 3460 acres
- Congelli Selection; Registered no. 749 for 3631 acres
- Lagoons Pocket; Registered no. 1356 for 1940 acres
- Property in the name of Mary Gertrude Mant, daughter of George and Ellen Mant; Registered no. 1736 for 1492 acres
- Farm No.17 in the name of Edith Ellen Mant
- Head Station Preemptive; Registered no. 240 for 890 acres
- Morodian [Marodian] Station conditional selection; Registered no. 243 for 1037 acres

Author / Creator

Mant, George, 1836-1913

Littleton, Henry Stuart, 1844-1933

Description

Description 19 folders

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Series 11: Miscellaneous papers (1919-1938)

Series number 11

Series title Miscellaneous papers

Date 1919-1938

Scope and content

[Items 85-87] This series includes miscellaneous items relating to George Mant and his son George Smyth Mant and Gigoomgan Station.

- Veterinary charts for 3 shorthorn bulls, owner G S Mant
- Survey maps (2) of Resubdivisions 1 to 3 of Portion 913, County of Lennox, Parish of Gigoogman; Landing ground strip map, for Gigoomgan, Lat: 152 15 E Long: 25 44 S
- Article titled 'Wallangarra Abattoirs. Meat treatment works at border' published in the *Toowoomba Chronicle & Darling Downs Gazette*, 5 May 1932

Description

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