

Australian Public Curators: Guardians of Family History Treasure

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Introduction

- ▶ Public Curator/Public Trustee
 - Wills and intestacies
 - Insolvencies
 - Insanity
- ▶ Terminology



Issues

- ▶ Underused records
- ▶ Few guides
- ▶ Few online indexes
- ▶ No central registration – Colonies/states and territories



Discovery

- ▶ Newspapers
- ▶ Government gazettes
- ▶ Trove
- ▶ Text Queensland, State Library of WA or VIC
- ▶ Supreme Court indexes at State Archives





Hightville cemetery Queensland

HIGHTVILLE CEMETERY
In Memory of those who lay here

THOMAS TAME WITTENHAM, WORCESTER, ENGLAND DIED 15 FEB 1912 AGED 37 YRS ASPHYXIA BY POWDER FUMES GRAND CENTRAL MINE CARPENTER	HAROLD VINCENT GORDON KNIGHT BORN PICTON NSW DIED 24 DECEMBER 1911 AGED 26 YEARS ACCIDENTLY DROWNED LABOURER
HUGH WHITE DIED 26 FEB 1915 AGED 44 YRS HEAT STROKE LABOURER	WILLIAM AHMOOK OR CONNORS BORN GILBERT QLD DIED 1 DEC 1915 AGED 44 YRS BUCKET FELL DOWN SHAFT GREATER EDMOND MINE
THOMAS KEMPTON DIED 12 JUN 1915 AGED 35 YRS ACCIDENT DRANK ANT POISON MINER	THOMAS PRICE DIED 16 JUN 1918 AGED 60 YRS BROKEN NECK, FRACTURED SKULL MINER

In memory of those who lay nearby

JAMES BRADY
BORN GEELONG VICTORIA
DIED 18 OCT 1899
AGED 31 YRS
LANDSLIDE
STORAGE OF WATER
BORDO WEE MCGREGOR

A PROJECT BY THE MOUNT ISA AND CLONCURRY COMMUNITIES
IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US
JULY 2010





Wee McGregor Mine, Hightville, Queensland

<https://aus.geonamebase.com/node/20089>

Australian Geographic Names Database




Death on the Way to Work



Townsville Daily Bulletin 18 Jun 1918



What's in a Name?



Telegrams

CLONCURRY NEWS.

CLONCURRY, Tuesday
A man named William Price, employed at the McGregor mine, was killed near Ballara on Sunday. It appears that deceased was walking on the bridge of the tramway line between Ballara and Hightville, when he fell from the bridge and broke his neck. Price was a very old and respected resident of Charters Towers, and was aged about sixty.

The Evening Telegraph
19 Jun 1918



Supreme Court

In the Matter of "The Public Curator Act of 1915,"
and
In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas Price

late of Hightville near blomewry
in the State of Queensland, Miner
(hereinafter called "the said deceased").

WHEREAS Thomas Price
late of Hightville near blomewry in the State
of Queensland, died at Hightville
on the Sixteenth day of June, 1918.
intestate, leaving property the gross value of which, as estimated by the Public
Curator, does not now exceed £400, and no person has taken out administration of
the said deceased's estate: And whereas the Public Curator is entitled to an order
to administer such Estate: Now this is to notify all whom it may concern that in
pursuance of Section 37 (1) of "The Public Curator Act of 1915," the Public Curator
hereby elects to administer such Estate.

So far as now known to the Public Curator, the name, address, and occupation
of the said deceased intestate at the date of his death are set out above, and the
particulars of the property of the said deceased intestate appear below.

Dated this Fourteenth day of August 1918.

Local Deputy Public Curator, Townsville.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

1. Cash in bank				
2. Cash in possession	8	15	0.	
3. Furniture, effects, and jewellery				
4. Live and dead stock				
5. Stock-in-trade, book debts, and goodwill				
6. Leaseholds				
7. Life Policy				
8. Rent accrued to death				
9. Mortgages, bonds, &c., and interest accrued to death				
10. Shares				
11. All other personal property				
12. Freeholds				
TOTAL	£	8	15	0.

ASSETS.

- SCHEDULE
- Cash (current account at Bank of
Cash at State or Commonwealth Savings Bank, (book No.
Fixed-deposit receipts (as per Schedule 1, at back)
 - Cash in deceased's possession or in hand at date of death
 - Furniture, goods, chattels, and effects (market value)
Jewellery and plate (market value)
 - Live and dead stock, including horses, carriages, farming stock and implements (market value)
 - Stock-in-trade (as per detailed valuation)
Book debts (as per list herewith)
Goodwill of business
 - Leaseholds (last local authority valuation)
 - Life policy, No., issued by
 - Rents accrued to date of death (as per Schedule 2, at back)
 - Mortgages, bonds, bills, &c., and accrued interest to death (as per Schedule, at back)
 - scrip, stock, shares in companies, banks, building societies, &c. (quoted price at death)
 - All other personal property not comprised in above
 - If deceased was a member of a friendly society, state name of lodge and value of benefit, &c., paid, to whom?
 - Freeholds (last local authority valuation), as hereunder

Swag containing camp outfit.

Public Curator

FOREIGN ASSETS (IF ANY), OR ASSETS IN OTHER STATES

- Realty
- Personalty

What The Public Curator Found

- ▶ Money
- ▶ Equipment
- ▶ Clothing
- ▶ Jewellery & Toiletries
- ▶ Kitchen utensils
- ▶ Foodstuffs
- ▶ Stationery
- ▶ Property found on the deceased



Money

- ▶ cheque for £8 14s
final payment from the Hampden Cloncurry
Copper Mines



Equipment

- ▶ 1 tent fly
- ▶ 1 bed rug
- ▶ 1 pillow
- ▶ 1 towel
- ▶ 1 coat hanger
- ▶ 1 portmanteau
- ▶ 1 sweat rag
- ▶ 1 piece of rope
- ▶ 2 boxes of matches



Clothing

- ▶ 1 blue overcoat
- ▶ 2 grey tweed coats
- ▶ 1 pair dungaree trousers
- ▶ 1 pair grey tweed trousers
- ▶ 3 pairs white trousers
- ▶ 1 white coat
- ▶ 1 grey flannel shirt
- ▶ 1 blue dungaree shirt
- ▶ 1 white cotton shirt
- ▶ 3 white singlets
- ▶ 1 pair underpants
- ▶ 1 cap
- ▶ 1 handkerchief
- ▶ 3 neck ties



Jewellery & Toiletries

- ▶ 1 brass watch chain with 1 9ct gold medal attached
- ▶ 1 pair of spectacles
- ▶ 1 razorstrop
- ▶ 1 file
- ▶ 1 extra hollow ground razor
- ▶ 1 shaving brush
- ▶ 1 shaving pot
- ▶ 1 tin of shaving soap



Kitchen Utensils

- ▶ 1 billy can
- ▶ 2 tin dishes
- ▶ 1 knife
- ▶ 1 fork
- ▶ 2 spoons
- ▶ 1 enamel pint



Food Stuffs

- ▶ 3 tins of dripping
- ▶ 2 tins of condensed milk
- ▶ 1 tin of Golden Syrup
- ▶ 1 tin of luncheon beef
- ▶ 1 tin of pork sausages
- ▶ a bottle of condensed milk



Stationery

- ▶ 1 fountain pen
- ▶ 2 lead pencils
- ▶ 1 writing pad and envelopes
- ▶ 1 pocket diary
- ▶ 1 AWU ticket (Australian Workers Union)
- ▶ 5 photos
- ▶ 1 packet of miscellaneous papers & books



Property Found on the Deceased

- ▶ 1 white cotton shirt
- ▶ 1 white singlet
- ▶ 1 white pair of trousers
- ▶ 1 pair of blucher boots
- ▶ 1 canvas belt
- ▶ 1 white handkerchief
- ▶ 1 / – in silver



Documents

- ▶ Similar to Supreme Court ecclesiastical files or letters of administration (intestacies)
- ▶ Copies of wills, affidavits
- ▶ Death certificates
- ▶ Inventories of property – real and personalty
- ▶ Correspondence with family



FE 234.

Re Spencer, Henry Deceased. No. W1877

Death 27/11/1925 Grant L.D.P. Surv. A/c Lodged

* 6 Proor

UNDERSTANDING UNDER WILL. none

UNDERSTANDING, CURRENT, OR ASSIGNMENTS

Thomas Henry Spencer Son Sold no Insolvency record
watch chain Sub 33/100

Mary Louisa Myers - Daughter - Policy given by Hurford
as deposit on house at 11/10/25

Paul Spencer Son - Residence
correct 13/11/25

14/12/25
Postnote advanced Pro.

* See 23 for address. * Correct name in Meyer.

AMOUNT	VALUE	PAYEE	REALISED	PAYEE	DISPOSAL	RECEIVED	REMARKS
<u>G.S. Bank 031500 Buo.</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>(12)</u>	<u>1/11 (25)</u>	<u>Decd Trustee for M. Myers.</u>			
<u>Est. due by W. B. Hurford</u>	<u>1/11/25</u>	<u>(14)</u>					
<u>Policy 126956 with Est. M. L. Ascher 11/6/25</u>	<u>1/11/25</u>	<u>(15)</u>	<u>1/11/25</u>	<u>Due 7-6-25</u>	<u>1/11/25</u>	<u>1/11/25</u>	<u>on life of W. B. Hurford</u>
<u>Watch Chain - Matthew Brown</u>	<u>(14)</u>			<u>Sent to M. Myers</u>	<u>(14)</u>		

Pro. L100
 On 18.12.25
 118.12.25
 Rem. 2.19.2
111.19.12

GENERAL NOTINGS:

Decd. sold Hurford certain land for £200 - payable as follows
Hurford's Policy (life) with Est. M. L. Ascher. Society Ltd. to pay £100
House etc. to be paid to decd. balance £100 in 4 yearly instalts of £25.10-
plus int. at 5% p. a. - until otherwise directed purchaser is to pay to
Mrs. Myers.

See 26. Re. seal not necessary.

Family details
 Bank accounts
 Insurance policy
 Jewellery
 Land holdings



LIABILITIES.

40. Particulars of debts due by deceased secured by mortgage, bill of sale or other instrument. Give particulars of the instrument and the name and address of the mortgagee or secured creditor.
41. Have any debts been incurred on account of the estate since deceased's death. Give particulars.

42. Insert full particulars of funeral expenses and of all debts owing by deceased as at the date of death, whether since paid or not. Where debts have been paid since date of death, please attach receipts, which will be returned later.

CLAIMANT'S NAME IN FULL.	ADDRESS IN FULL.	WHAT FOR.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Row.	Guthrie	Burial	?	?	?

43. Who can best certify to correctness of claims?

Name: ? Address: ?

44. (a) Who is in charge of deceased's property? (a) *Mr. Row*
 (b) Is any expense being incurred on this account? (b) *no*
45. Are there any matters of urgency, the lack of attention to which may involve loss? *no*
46. (a) Is deceased's property rented or leased? If so, advise the names of the tenants, the property, as per question 37, which they occupy, the amount of rental and the date to which the rent is paid. If necessary, attach a statement. (a) *See Pale water*
 (b) Is there a lease or agreement for lease? (If so, please forward to the Public Curator) (b) *no*
47. Have all title deeds, leases, Bank books, share certificates, life and fire insurance policies, and other securities been forwarded to the Curator? If not, in whose custody are they? *yes*
48. Is deceased's property covered by fire insurance? If so, where are the policies? Do any policies expire at an early date? *Mr. Row*
49. Do you consider that new or further fire insurance policies should be taken out? If so, give particulars. *no*
50. (a) Are there any persons employed in the estate? (Attach statement of names of employees, their duties and rate of wages) (a) *no*
 (b) Were there any persons employed by deceased before death? (b) *no*
51. Are all persons as per question 50 (a) and (b) insured under "The Workers' Compensation Act of 1916"?
52. Was deceased married, single, widow, or widower? *Widower (as far as known).*
53. If deceased was married, date and place of marriage. *Three marriages; dates unknown.*
54. Was the marriage dissolved by any process of law? *Thought dead; lived apart 4 or 5 years.*
55. Full name, occupation, address, and date of birth of widow or widower, but, if dead, state date and place of death.
56. Was deceased married more than once? Give full particulars of all marriages.
 (1) 1863 Ipswich Eliza Ann Pitt
 (2) 1897 Wandgate Sarah Ann Beckett
 (3) Unknown last one. *Mr. Row*
57. Names of parents: If alive, give address; if deceased, give date and place of deaths. *Dead*

58. If deceased had children, the following schedule must be completed regarding them; but if not, then the schedule must be completed, showing all brothers and sisters of deceased, but not the "de" blood and the half blood, if any. Strike out in the Schedule the word "children" and the words "brothers and sisters," as the case may be. State the full names of the husband of the deceased or sisters.
- If deceased left no children and his father survived him, it is not necessary to answer this question.

Full Names of Children or Brothers and Sisters. (If any daughters or sisters married, names and occupations of husbands to be given.)	Address.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Date of Death of any who have died.	Place of Death.
Mary Louise Meyer	Lands End Southport	1884	Brisbane		
Paul Spencer	<i>Woolloomooloo</i>	1886	Brisbane		
Thomas Alphonse Spencer	<i>Woolloomooloo</i>	1888	Brisbane		
Valentine Ann Spencer	Lands End Southport	1892	Brisbane		
Cecilia Spencer			Brisbane		
Ellen Spencer			Brisbane		
Robert Atkins Spencer			Brisbane		

59. Did any child or brother or sister predecease the deceased and leave issue? If so, give the full names of such persons, their widows or widowers, the date and place of their marriage, and full names and addresses and ages of the issue. *Unknown*
60. If any relative of deceased, or the widow or widower, has disappeared, then particulars are required of the usual place of residence, the place where last heard of, the date of disappearance, and where it is thought such person may be. *Last wife nothing known about her or residence. It is pretty certain not married as one birth certificate of a child shows (11th, 12th). Copy of this certificate was forwarded.*
61. Is the deceased or any person entitled to share in the estate an undischarged insolvent or an undischarged liquidating debtor? *No.*
62. Has any person entitled to share in the estate assigned his interest over to another person? *no*

I (or We) the *Mary Louise Meyer* of the within-named deceased, do hereby request the Public Curator to administer his or her Estate and I (or We), being duly sworn, make oath and say that the whole of the above statements are true.

SIGNED and sworn by the abovenamed

deponent at Southport

this 28th day of July 1928

A Justice of the Peace

Signatures

- (a) Where the person by whom the report is to be made is unable to sign his name the J.P. should certify that previous to execution the report was read over and explained to the person making his or her mark.
 (b) Advise the Public Curator as to the manner in which the beneficiaries desire the assets dealt with.

any case where no
action be given?
reason to be given

paid

d.

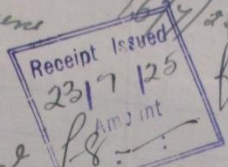
- But he did own a watch-chain which
deceased told us to give to his son Thomas Spencer.

~~Mary Meyer~~

20 7 25

A stylized illustration of a classical door. The door is white with a black frame and a black handle. It is set within a white frame that includes a pediment and a semi-circular window above the door. The entire structure is supported by a white base.

the Public Director
Brothers



Godwin
S. A. S.

Dear Sir

I received your letter stating that you were the executor of the late B. Spencer. I was surprised for I had no idea that his illness was likely to have a fatal termination. I had written to him, advising him that I might be unable to send usual cash for a week or so, owing to hospital exp. for wife & child. He replied from the hospital that I could pay when I liked, or upon if I liked. I wrote again to the H. asking when I should send the cash, & was awaiting a reply, when I received your notice. He intended prior to his illness in coming over here again, & I was trying to get a suitable cottage for him, if unable to do so, he would then stay with me, as we were friends. I am enclosing M.C. for £8 which was my usual quarterly instalment, & no doubt you will see from his papers just how inalterably stood between us. Yours faithfully
W. Harford, Baker

“He intended prior to his illness in coming over here again and I was trying to get a suitable cottage for him”



Public Trustee Office in QLD

- ▶ Known as Public Curator till 1979
- ▶ 3 registries – Brisbane, Rockhampton & Townsville
- ▶ Indexes and registers 30 years access;
- ▶ Files are 75 years access (including insanity files, other agencies have 100 years access)



In the Beginning

Agency Details

Click on the series title to view series details.

Agency ID	2177
Title	Curator Of Intestate Estates Office
Agency Type	Statutory authority
Start Date	30/12/1859
End Date	21/2/1891
Date Notes	N/A
Abstract	Responsible for intestate and deceased estates Go to Description...

Series

Series ID	Title	From	To
7635	Intestacy Ledger	N/A	N/A
9602	Intestacy Registers	30/12/1859	21/2/1891
20235	Personal papers of managed estates	30/12/1859	21/2/1891
335	Intestacy Files, Brisbane	16/12/1868	21/2/1891
6047	Will Files	9/12/1881	21/2/1891
20247	Intestacy cash books and ledgers	29/8/1884	21/2/1891



Next Change

Agency Details

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Agency ID	2175
Title	Curator In Insanity Office
Agency Type	Statutory authority
Start Date	1/1/1885
End Date	21/2/1891
Date Notes	N/A
Abstract	Management of estates of the mentally ill Go to Description...

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Series ID	Title	From	To
9640	Indexes to Estate Registers	1/1/1885	21/2/1891
20235	Personal papers of managed estates	1/1/1885	21/2/1891
334	Protective Management Files - Brisbane	1/1/1885	21/2/1891
19469	Indexes to Protective Management Files	1/1/1885	21/12/1891

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Agency ID	Title	From	To
107	Colonial Secretary's Office	1/1/1885	21/2/1891



Insolvency, Intestacy & Insanity Office, Brisbane – Agency details

9615	In-Letter Register	N/A	N/A
7637	Insanity - Register of Patients	N/A	N/A
7636	Intestacy Ledger No. 7	N/A	N/A
9620	Register of Liquidations under the Insolvency, Intestacy and Insanity Act of 1893	N/A	N/A
9610	Suspense In-Letter Registers	N/A	N/A
9616	Suspense Registers	N/A	N/A
9613	Miscellaneous Register	2/10/1893	30/1/1896
6333	Insolvency Registers (By Supreme Court District)	2/10/1893	27/7/1898
20247	Intestacy cash books and ledgers	2/10/1893	4/1/1902
9618	Miscellaneous in Suspense In-Letter Indexes	2/10/1893	9/1/1909
15201	Audit Insolvency Files	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
19469	Indexes to Protective Management Files	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
15200	Insolvency Files	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
9589	Insolvency Registers	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
335	Intestacy Files, Brisbane	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
9602	Intestacy Registers	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
20235	Personal papers of managed estates	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
334	Protective Management Files - Brisbane	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
6047	Will Files	2/10/1893	1/1/1916
9640	Indexes to Estate Registers	3/10/1893	1/1/1916
9619	Audit Liquidation Index	1/1/1894	31/12/1915
20334	Charitable institutions patient registers	1/1/1898	1/1/1916
9596	Insolvency Index	10/5/1901	16/5/1904
9607	Jubilee Sanatorium Register	18/1/1904	31/12/1915
9605	Diamantina Hospital Registers	5/1/1914	31/12/1915
9604	Register of Intestate Estates Administered	7/1/1914	31/12/1915



Public Curator Office

– Agency details

15202	Audit Liquidation Files	N/A	N/A
7643	Committee of Inspection - Liquidation	N/A	N/A
7642	Index (unidentified)	N/A	N/A
7638	Insanity - Register of Securities	N/A	N/A
7639	Insanity and Charitable Institutions - Register of Inmates Estates	N/A	N/A
9612	Suspense In-Letter Registers	N/A	N/A
9605	Diamantina Hospital Registers	1/1/1916	27/12/1916
9607	Jubilee Sanatorium Register	1/1/1916	30/12/1916
9640	Indexes to Estate Registers	1/1/1916	18/1/1917
9602	Intestacy Registers	1/1/1916	2/2/1917
9604	Register of Intestate Estates Administered	1/1/1916	25/7/1918
20235	Personal papers of managed estates	1/1/1916	25/10/1926
9589	Insolvency Registers	1/1/1916	31/10/1928
9619	Audit Liquidation Index	1/1/1916	31/12/1928
15201	Audit Insolvency Files	1/1/1916	19/4/1966
15200	Insolvency Files	1/1/1916	24/10/1969
20333	Charitable Institutions Files	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
20334	Charitable institutions patient registers	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
19116	Converted Wills Card Index	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
19469	Indexes to Protective Management Files	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
335	Intestacy Files, Brisbane	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
19115	Master Card Index	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
19117	Non-Converted Wills Card Index	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
334	Protective Management Files - Brisbane	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
20236	Testamentary Trust Files - Brisbane	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
6047	Will Files	1/1/1916	1/1/1979
18778	Deceased Estate Files - Brisbane	12/7/1916	1/1/1979





Will and intestacy records

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Will and intestacy records held at Queensland State Archives were created by the [Supreme Court of Queensland](#), and the [Public Trustee](#) (formerly the Public Curator).

The Supreme Court will and intestacy files are open. Many of the Public Trustee will and intestacy registers and indexes are closed for 30 years, and the corresponding will and intestacy files are closed for 75 years.

www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/family

More information

Also read our brief guides on:

- [Cemetery records](#) (PDF, 280KB)
- [Will and intestacy records](#) (PDF, 123KB)
- [Local history sources](#) (PDF, 172KB)



Finding aids and other sources of information

Search procedures

These search procedures are available in the Public Search Room:

- Wills, Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane, SP 8
- Wills, Supreme Court, Northern District, Townsville, SP 9
- Wills, Supreme Court, Central District, Rockhampton, SP 12
- Intestacies, Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane, SP 10
- Intestacies, Supreme Court, Northern District, Townsville, SP 1
- Intestacies, Supreme Court, Central District, Rockhampton, SP 13
- Public Trustee Office files (wills, intestacies and deceased estates), SP 25

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Public Trustee - wills, deceased estates and intestacies

Search procedure 25

This search procedure will assist you to find the Public Trustee (formerly the Public Trust or Public Curator) wills, deceased estates and intestacies held at Queensland State Archives. The files were created by the registries of Brisbane, Rockhampton and Townsville. The files are arranged in series. Each file and series of files has unique search terms including departmental numbers and series identifiers.

This search procedure is divided by region into 3 parts:

Part 1: Brisbane – Public Trustee (Public Curator)

Part 2: Townsville – Public Trustee (Public Curator)

Part 3: Rockhampton – Public Trustee (Public Curator)

Please read the recommended search strategy (Basic and Advanced search options) before beginning your search in the [ArchivesSearch](#) catalogue.

Note: Most files have a 75 year Restricted Access Period

Recommended search strategy:



http://web.archive.org/web/20160412165656/http://archives.qld.gov.au/Researchers/CollectionsDownloads/Documents/SP25_PublicTrustee.pdf

6 page guide



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New South Wales

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 - Probates complex
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 - Intestate estate case papers 1818–1914 (online index currently covers 1821–1913)



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Intestate: A person who dies without leaving a will.

This guide provides an overview of the Office of the Curator of Intestate Estates and a select list of related records series

Historical Overview

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Date Range: 1860 - 1940

▼ Description of this Agency

The office of the Curator of the Estates of Deceased persons was established by the Act for the Administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons in Certain Cases (1860). Under this Act, the Curator was empowered to administer the estates of deceased persons who by will or any codicil appointed the Curator as executor. Prior to the establishment of the office of the Curator of Estates of deceased persons the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Victoria performed these functions. The office was abolished in 1940 with the transfer of its functions to the recently established Office of the Public Trustee (VA 719).

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Agency VA 719

Office of the Public Trustee

About this Agency

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Date Range: 1940 - 1994

▼ Description of this Agency

The office of the Public Trustee was constituted and incorporated by the Public Trustee Act 1939 which was amended by the Public Trustee Act 1940. The Public Trustee was the successor in law of the Curator of the Estates of deceased Persons and of the Master in Lunacy with respect to the administration of mental patients property.

The Public Trustee was empowered to act as administrator, trustee, executor and attorney and was required to undertake the protection and management of the property of certified persons in mental hospitals, of voluntary patients who gave authority to act on their behalf, of persons incapable of managing their own affairs due to age, disease, illness or physical or mental disorders and of persons who directed the Public Trustee to manage their estates.

On 1 July 1994, State Trustees succeeded the Office of the Public Trustee as Victoria's first State owned company under the State Trustees (State Owned Company) Act 1994.

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1940 - ? 1946	Wills Book	VPRS 2002	North Melbourne	Open
1940 - ? 1949	Journal of UWS Company Proprietary Limited	VPRS 2004	North Melbourne	Open
1940 - 1969	Ledger Cards	VPRS 10791	North Melbourne	Closed
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This series consists of boxes of envelopes containing the deeds of Protected Persons (those unable through mental illness or infirmity unable to administer their own estates) which were not returned to them or to beneficiaries if they died. Deeds was the name given by the Office to any documents or even valuable personal possessions (such as watches, wedding rings and other jewellery) belonging to a deceased person or protected person whose estate was to be administered by the Public Trustee. Documents could include bank passbooks, Certificates of Title, insurance policies and other papers. The contents of these envelopes consist entirely of documents.

Each envelope is marked with the name of the person to whom the documents belonged.



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Public Trustee files at State Records:

GRG33/2 Estate Records 1881–1957 GRS 1175 Estate Records 1957–1989 Index available in Reading Rooms	closed for 75 years	Relates to estates with Proven Wills and generally gives name, date of death, details of estate, debts and liabilities and supporting correspondence.
GRG33/1 Intestate Estates 1878-1910 GRS 747 Intestate Estates 1910-1991 Index available in Reading Rooms	closed for 75 years	Relates to intestate estates with information that generally gives name, date of death, details of estate, debts and liabilities and supporting correspondence.
GRG33/9 Deceased soldiers estates	restricted; apply for access to Public Trustee via the Duty Archivist at State Records.	
GRG94/7 Estates handled by the Public Trustee	open	Clippings from the Government Gazette.

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Intestate Estates.—The undermentioned estates were placed under the management of Mr. Gervase Clifton, the curator, during June last:—Emil Weber, Leonora, £5 15/; Edward William Gooch, Boogardie, £7 19/4; Samuel Bounsell, Lawlers, £13; Andrew Dickson, Pilbarra, £2 10/; James Butler, Meekatharra, 8/; Giorgia Mattio, or Martov Bonetti, Day Dawn, £58; John, or Frank, Hickey, Sir Samuel, £72 11/3; Samuel Pierce, Meekatharra, £50 15/4; Samuel Carlson, Meekatharra, £5 5/7; Charles King Fong, Geraldton, £5 10/11; Harold Edward Reid, Day Dawn, £1 15/; Alfred Ernest Smith, Broome, £5 17/6; John Urquhart, Fitzroy, £10; Elizabeth Jane Suttor, Cue, £15; Horace Wallis, Goomalling, £2 9/5. The above-named amounts represent personalty.

Probates and Administrations.—The following probates and administrations were issued out of the Supreme Court during the past week:—Probates: Arthur Harrington Curnick, late of North Fremantle, carpenter, to James Henry Curnick, net value £497; Patrick Hogan, late of Beaconsfield, Fremantle, labourer, to James Walsh and Bernard McClosky, £527; (sealed from Victoria) Edith Campbell, late of Castlemaine, Victoria, but formerly of Kalgoorlie, West Australia, married woman, to Hector Campbell, £200. Letters of Administration: Charles Henry Greenslade, late of Maylands, watchmaker, to Edith Mary Saville Greenslade, £246 1/11; John Francis Wilson, late of Day Dawn, miner, to William George Wilson, £217 19/11; (sealed from South Australia) George Newbold, late of Yankavilla, South Australia, farmer, to Herbert George Newbold, £50; Joseph Robert Bromfield, late of Day Dawn, carpenter, to Henry Wells, attorney of John Bromfield, £50. Letters of Administration with will annexed: William Joseph Flanagan, late of Perth, to Michael Francis Troy, attorney of Elizabeth Flanagan, £404 16/10.





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 Derra, Mundubbera, farmer, late A.I.I.T.,
 died July 17, 1918, to James W. Robert-
 son, Derra, personalty £967 ; Joseph
 P. Ray, Kilkivan, farmer, late A.I.F.,
 died September 1st, 1918, to Catherine
 E. McCormack, Kilkivan, personalty
 £202 ; Joseph A. Payne, Eidsvold,
 grazier, late A.I.F., died April 6th,
 1918, to **Public Curator**, personalty
 £1,315; Andre Tolstoi, Ambrose Siding,
 farmer, late A.I.F., died April 11, 1917,
 to Henry G. Ambrose, farmer, per-
 sonalty £278.



Insolvency Documents

- ▶ Petition for insolvency or liquidation
- ▶ Debtor's statement of affairs including assets
- ▶ List of creditors
- ▶ Proof of amounts owed
- ▶ Minutes and resolutions of creditors meetings
- ▶ Appointment of Trustees



A.

LIST OF CREDITORS.

NAME (Christian as well as Surname.)	ADDRESS (As full as possible.)	AMOUNT OF DEBT.		
		£	s.	d.
<i>A. J. Thynne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>H. H. Cozen</i>	<i>Osley</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Jno. Nolan</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Thos. Johnston</i>	<i>Sherwood</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>
<i>J. F. Buckland</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>

This is the paper writing marked "A" referred to in the annexed affidavit of *Adam Johnston*
sworn before me at *Brisbane* the *fifth* day of *April* 1884
Adam Johnston
Deponent.
Sturman
Justice of the Peace.

Note.—Invent having contra accounts against any of his creditors should debit the amount in returning them in this list.

G.

PROPERTY.

(See note at foot.)

FULL STATEMENT OF NATURE OF PROPERTY.	ESTIMATED TO PRODUCE.
	£ s. d.
<i>Nil</i>	
TOTAL	£

This is the paper writing marked "G" referred to in the annexed affidavit of *Adam Johnston*
sworn before me at *Brisbane* the *fifth*
day of *April* 1884
Adam Johnston
Sturman
Justice of the Peace.

Note.—The full particulars of every description of property, as defined by Section 4 of "The Insolvency Act of 1874," not otherwise scheduled in the STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS, are to be set forth in this list.



In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

(17,961)

IN INSOLVENCY.

In the matter of the Estate of William Sabine, deceased, late of Hay, in the Colony of New South Wales, late hotel-keeper, sequestrated upon the voluntary petition of Frederick Chapman, Curator of Intestate Estates.

THIRD MEETING.

WHEREAS the estate of the abovenamed insolvent was, on the 8th day of May, 1883, placed under sequestration by order under my hand, and the First and Second Meetings of creditors have duly been held: I hereby appoint a Third Public Meeting of the creditors of the said William Sabine, to be holden before me, or before the Registrar in Insolvency, at the Court-room, King-street, Sydney, on Friday, the 31st day of August next, to commence at 11 a.m., or as soon afterwards as the course of business will permit, for the proof of debts against the said estate, and to receive the report of the Official Assignee as to the then condition of the same; also, for giving him directions as to its future management.—Dated at Sydney, the 31st day of July, A.D. 1883.

GEORGE HIBBERT DEFFELL,
Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.

ARTHUR HENRY,
Registrar in Insolvency.

Official Assignee—LANCLOT THRELKELD LLOYD.
4956

8s. 6d.

ADAM JOHNSTON, ganger, Oxley, was adjudged insolvent on Wednesday last, on his own petition, *in forma pauperis*. The Chief Justice fixed the first meeting in the estate for 9th April.

Brisbane Courier 28 Mar 1884

NSW Government Gazette 3
Aug 1883 p 4203



Conclusion

- ▶ Some states more records and more accessible than others
- ▶ Newspapers may provide date/place if indexes not accessible
- ▶ Try government gazettes too
- ▶ Good luck!

