

John Oxley Library Card Catalogue Indexes

These hand-written indexes provide references to books, journals, newspapers and manuscripts, all relating to some aspect of Queensland and its history. They were compiled over many years by staff, volunteers, private researchers and historians. You'll find them in the timber card catalogues in the John Oxley Library Reading Room (level 4).

Architectural & building journal of Queensland

This index covers years 1920s-1970s. Includes tenders, names of firms, architects, buildings, hotels, schools, churches, residences, photographs and drawings, with an emphasis on construction and structure. A more complete index is in development – see staff for access.

- [The Architectural & Building Journal of Queensland](#) (1922-1944) **Online** or **Request to access from level 4.**
- [Architecture, building, engineering](#) 1944-1973 (microfiche) **Open Access, level 3 – FICHE/S 690** or **Request to access from level 4.**

Australasian Insurance & Banking Record – Queensland Fire Index 1877- 1965

This monthly journal was published in Melbourne and published articles on insurance, banking and finance. At the back of each issue was a listing of 'Fires in the Australasian States'. Our index covers the Queensland fires, 1877-1965. Arrangement is alphabetical by location. Data includes owner, locality, occupation (for example, chemical factory, dwelling, shop, hotel, garage), company insured with, and amount.

- [The Australasian insurance and banking record and statistical register](#) 1886-1921 (microfilm) **Request then collect from level 3**
- [Australasian insurance and banking record](#) 1877-1973 (print) **Request to access from level 4**

Boer War soldier portraits

This was a name index to photographs of soldiers taken on their departure for the South African War, which were published in The Queenslander newspaper. These names are now included in the State Library's [One Search catalogue](#) (using the refinement option 'State Library family history indexes'). The index is also available as a data set on the Queensland Open Data Portal: [Portraits of soldiers from the South African War \(1899-1902\)](#). Each record in the data set includes a link to The Queenslander page on [Trove](#) where the photograph appears.

Boomerang Index 1887-1892

The Boomerang was a radical, illustrated, weekly newspaper, published in Brisbane in the late 19th century. Founded by British journalist and firebrand trade unionist, William Lane (of the utopian 'New Australia' Paraguay fame), its publishing life was short - from 19 November 1887 to 9 April 1892. Lane contributed columns under the pseudonyms 'Sketcher', 'Bystander' and 'John Miller'. The Boomerang published stories, poetry, (lithographed) cartoons, social and sporting notes, reflecting a time of growing interest in radical ideas and politics. [The Boomerang](#) newspaper is available [Online via Trove](#) or **Open Access, level 3 – Microfilm MFS 0316**

Charleville Names 1864-1901

Name index to people from Charleville in the newspapers [Western Star and Roma Advertiser](#), published in Roma (MFS 0086), and [Queensland Times](#), published in Ipswich. (MFS 0082). Both newspapers are now available on [Trove](#) starting from 27 March 1875.

Collinson Index to North Queensland

Subject index to North Queensland, compiled by historian, James Collinson. Sources indexed include journals like The Steering Wheel, Cummins & Campbells Monthly magazine, Queensland Parliamentary Papers, The Journal of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland, Queensland Figaro, Hansard, and newspapers like The Queenslander, The Cooktown Courier, The North Queensland Register and The Cairns Post. He also referenced his own books and articles about Cairns and North Queensland, as well as news clippings, typescripts and some correspondence gathered in his six volumes of cutting books, titled 'Historical Data', covering the 1930s-1950s, contained in: [James Warren Collinson Papers. OM91-100](#). (Boxes 9276 - 9277; 9274 O/S). There is also a separate index for ships. The first cards in the index provide a key to sources. For more on this index, see our blog post, [The Collinson Index](#).

Houses Index

Index to articles about significant Brisbane houses and their owners, published in the [Steering Wheel and Society & Home](#) magazine, covering the 1930s and early 1940s. Entries are arranged alphabetically by suburb, house name, architect and owners. This index is a good supplement to Miss F E Lord's Courier Mail column, '[Brisbane Historic Homes](#)'.

- [Steering wheel and Society & home](#). (1915-1942) **Online** or **Request from level 4**. **Also available on Open Access, level 3 - Microfilm MFS 0636**

John Oxley Library subject catalogue

This is an index to newspapers, journals, newsletters, almanacs, typescripts, biographical and placename cutting books, and some books relating to Queensland and its history, all of which can be found in State Library's collection. Coverage dates from the convict period to roughly the late 1980s, when the State Library's catalogue went online. As such, this index is a unique source for the study of Queensland history, as much of the journal content has not been digitised or indexed. Some of the references would be reproduced in Johnston and Zerner's [A guide to the history of Queensland : a bibliographic survey of selected resources in Queensland history](#) **Open Access, level 4** REFJ 016.9943 JOH

Moreton Bay Courier Index 1846-1847

The Moreton Bay Courier was Queensland's first newspaper. Initially a modest four-page weekly, this newspaper was the forerunner of the current Courier Mail. The newspaper was founded just four years after free settlement in Moreton Bay, by pro-squatter, Arthur Sydney Lyon, considered to be the 'father of the Press' in the colony of Queensland. This index was compiled before the newspaper was digitised. It is now available on [Trove](#).

Music Source Material 1846-1900

Index to music happenings in Brisbane in the 1800s. Includes references to bands, musical societies, choirs, and concerts.

Name Index - Manuscript OM91-32

Index to a series of cutting books which contain biographical information about prominent Australians. Includes information about church leaders, doctors, musicians, poets, politicians, singers, writers and explorers. Covers the period 1912 to 1958 and includes articles from People Magazine and The Sunday Mail.

- [Biography Clippings 1912-1958](#) Request to access from level 4

Name Index - Manuscript OM92-49

Index to a cutting book which contains biographical information about prominent Queenslanders. Includes politicians, educators, health workers, sportspeople and pioneers. Sources indexed include the Courier Mail, Telegraph, Sydney Morning Herald, Cummins & Campbell Magazine, The Queenslander, Catholic Leader and various Queensland regional newspapers.

- [Biographical Clippings OM92-49](#). Request to access from level 4

Queensland Heritage (later John Oxley Journal)

Subject index to this much respected journal, which was published twice a year by the State Library, from 1964-1979. Its purpose was to 'promote an interest in original source materials for the literary and historical study of Queensland, and to provide a forum for discussion about documentary materials'. All volumes of the journal have now been digitised.

- [Queensland heritage](#) 1964-1979 Online or Request to access from level 4.

The Pastoral Review 1913-1935

This ultra-conservative, anti-unionist journal was founded in 1891 by Albert W Pearse and R.E.N. Twopenny, to champion the cause of the grazier. It published articles about personalities on the land, their properties, and the perennial matters affecting them for example drought, government spending, blowflies, ant nests, dingos, snakebites and the like. Stock sales and statistics on the world's wool, meat and produce trades were also included. Our (incomplete) index covers Queensland people and matters from 1913 to 1935. The journal changed its title several times over the years, titles included The Australasia Pastoralists Review, Pastoralists' Review, Pastoral review and graziers' record, Pastoral review and The Stockman

Online via Trove [1891-1899](#) , [1901-1910](#) or Request to access from level 4 [see full holdings in One Search](#).

Residents Pre-Separation Index

Index to people who lived in Queensland before separation from New South Wales in 1859. A more complete index can be found in Marianne Eastgate's [Pre-separation Population Index of the Moreton Bay Region 1824-1859](#), together with a short history of the region, available on **Open Access, level 3 – Microfiche Fiche 929.3943 que.**

World War I soldiers

Index to photographs of soldiers stationed at the Enoggera barracks, before their departure for Europe, taken by the Talma photographic studio. The photographs were published in the 'Queenslander Pictorial' supplement to The Queenslander newspaper. These names and digitised photographs from this index have now been incorporated into our [One Search catalogue](#) (use refinement options 'State Library family history indexes', and collection = 'First World War Soldier Portraits'), and can be downloaded. The Queenslander is available on [Trove](#) and also on **Open Access, level 3 - Microfilm MFS 0284.**

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