

Australian South Sea Islander peoples

DR2303 - Loading cane in drays at North Isis Sugar Mill, 16 September 1896



Research Guide to records about Australian South Sea Islander peoples at Queensland State Archives

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The Queensland State Archives holds many records about South Sea Islanders. This guide lists records about Australian South Sea Islander people from their first arrivals in the early 1860s to their subsequent deportation or settlement, particularly in the first two decades of 1900s. These records cover the areas of immigration, employment (indentured labour), returns, exemptions, education, and settlement of the Australian South Sea Islander people in Queensland. They include passenger lists, lists of labourers, registers of agreements and exemption from deportation, and correspondence about these matters. This guide also includes a list of State and Commonwealth legislation.

This guide is in two parts.

- Part 1 – the records created by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders
- Part 2 – the records created by other agencies, and other information sources

Many of the records listed are referenced in the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#). Further, many of the records listed in this guide are available in digital format in the [Queensland State Archives' online catalogue](#) (known as ArchivesSearch). Click on the DR (digital representation) numbers in this guide to view the digital objects in [ArchivesSearch](#).

The following citation abbreviations are used throughout our catalogue:

ITM	Queensland State Archives' Item (describes the item)
PR	Physical Representation (generally the original or microfilm copy)
DR	Digital Representation (for a digital image)
S	Series (for a series of records)
A	Agency (for the creating or responsible agency)

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Part 1: Records created by Inspectors of Pacific Islanders

Inspector of Pacific Islanders

Register of Agreements

1/04/1884–31/08/1897

[S13173](#) see [DR24062-DR24063](#), [DR24073](#)

This register of agreements kept under the *Pacific Island Labourers Acts 1880* section 3 of the *Pacific Island Labourers Act Amendment Act 1884* records names of employers, estates (plantations) and districts in North Queensland. Details entered for each Islander include number on inward passenger list, name, gender, island, ship, date of agreement and expiration, wages, return passage when paid and by whom, and general remarks (deaths, returns home, re-engaged etc).

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Childers

Ledger, Pacific Islanders' Wages

1/01/1896–31/07/1908

[S7752](#) see [DR24443-DR24447](#)

These ledgers record wages paid to Islanders employed in the Childers district. Details given include name, island, date of arrival in Queensland, employer's name and address and number, bank and passbook details (e.g. passbook number, date, transaction, C.B. number, deposits, withdrawals, balance, and remarks).

For details in this ledger, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough

Register of Ships' Arrivals

2/06/1868–23/12/1881

[S13176](#) see [DR23883](#)

This register, [ITM18833](#) in S13176, was kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough, records the arrival of ships under the *Polynesian Labourers Act 1868* and the *Pacific Island Labourers Act 1880*. Under the heading 'Particulars', details for each entry include number, ship, port of arrival (from 1878, to Maryborough only), date of arrival; under the headings for each island group (Loyalty, New Hebrides, Banks, Solomons, other Islands), details for each entry include the name of island and number of islanders. Summary totals for males and females for each year are also recorded.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Register of Ships' Arrivals at Maryborough

9/03/1869–26/03/1877

[S13174](#) see [DR24074-DR24075](#)

This register records date of arrival, ship, name of government agent; lists the Islanders on board each ship with details including number, name, island, name of employer, residence, and date of agreement. Also included are total numbers of Islanders on each ship, dated and signed by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Register of Ships' Departures

5/01/1869–14/10/1881

[S13177](#) see [DR23884](#)

This register, [ITM18834](#) in S13177, was kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough, records the departure of vessels returning Pacific Islanders to their homes under the *Polynesian Labourers Act 1868* and the *Pacific Island Labourers Act 1880*. Under the heading 'Particulars', details for each entry include number, ship, port of departure (from 1877, from Maryborough only), and date of sailing; under the headings for each island group (Loyalty, New Hebrides, Banks, Solomons, Other Islands), details for each entry include island and the number of islanders (except for some entries for 1880 and for 1881 for which totals only are entered). Summary totals for males and females and for each year are also recorded.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Registers of Agreements

1/06/1877–31/10/1903

[S13184](#) see [DR24081-DR24099](#), [DR24100-DR24104](#), [DR24113](#), [DR24340-DR24347](#), [DR24348-DR24353](#), [DR23982-DR23990](#)

Registers in S13184 were kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough, record the employment of Pacific Islanders ((Polynesians, South Sea Islanders) as required under the *Polynesian Labourers Act 1868* and the *Pacific Island Labourers Act 1880*. Register titles and details entered in the registers vary over time according to the Act under which the registers were kept, but headings for each employer include name of employer, name of plantation and district. Details entered for each Islander include number, name, island, date of arrival or agreement, expiration of agreement, ship, date when due for return and remarks including transfers, deaths, returns etc.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Memoranda of Agreements re Employment of Pacific Islanders

1/01/1877–31/12/1906

[S13175](#) see [DR24463-DR24496](#), [DR23973-DR23980](#), [DR191219](#)

These signed and witnessed memoranda of agreement between employers and Islanders set out the conditions of employment of labourers including wages and rations, provision of accommodation and payment of return passages. On the back of an agreement each Islander's details are included under the following headings: name and mark, island, village, wages, ship, date, first employer, last legal employer, by whom passage paid and when.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Record of Deaths of Polynesians

1/01/1878–30/11/1880

[S13193](#) see [DR23964](#)

This register, [ITM18855](#) in S13193, was kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, provides a monthly record of the causes and number of deaths of labourers. Yearly entries include the names of the diseases (dysentery,

consumption, general debility, accidents), and the number of deaths for each disease per month. Yearly totals are also included.

For details in this record, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Register of Pacific Island Labourers Exempt from the Provisions of Clauses 3, 4 & 10 of the Act

7/05/1884–Circa 31/12/1885

[S13179](#) see [DR23599](#)

This register records details of Pacific Islanders exempt from the provisions of clauses 3,4 and 10 of the *Pacific Island Labourers Act 1880 Amendment Act 1884*. Details for each entry include number, name, island, original employer, date of arrival, ship, date of registration and remarks (mostly ticket issued and date).

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Cash book, Pacific Islanders' Wages

2/02/1885–26/11/1907

[S13183](#) see [DR23734](#)

This cash book, kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough, records amounts received from Islanders and lodged to their credit in Savings bank accounts, and withdrawals paid to them. Under Cash, details for each entry include date, number of savings bank passbook, name, ledger folio, amount received, withdrawal received from Savings Bank. Under Per Contra, details also include withdrawal paid to islanders and witness to payment. Throughout the book quarterly Savings Bank balances are also included.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Ledger, Pacific Islanders' Wages

1/02/1885–30/11/1907

[S13181](#) see [DR23811-DR23813](#), [DR45597-DR45599](#)

This ledger records deposits and withdrawals in Pacific Islanders' Savings Bank Accounts kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough. Details entered for each Islander include passbook number, name, ex (name of ship), and name and address of employer. These entries are followed by spreadsheet columns for recording bank transactions with ledger details for each entry including the date, transaction (usually 'Interest'), Cash Book folio number, deposits, withdrawals, balance, and remarks (initials and date). For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Government Savings Bank Pass Books

13/03/1885–31/08/1899

[S5246](#) see [DR23878](#), [DR23814](#)

These Queensland Government Savings Bank passbooks were issued to Inspectors of Pacific Islanders as trustees for Pacific Island labourers. Entries in [ITM18872](#) and [ITM844826](#) include the dates, Government Savings Bank stamps, the amount deposited and withdrawn, the balance and the initials of the Bank Officer.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Cash books, Queensland National Bank Account, Maryborough

6/01/1886–7/10/1907

[S13182](#) see [DR23886](#), [DR23962](#), [DR23963](#)

These cash books record the Queensland National Bank Limited in account with the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough. Details for each entry include the date, particulars of cash deposited (e.g. transfer and bond, return passages, wages), by whom (names of individuals, companies, Immigration Agent), amount, particulars of cheques drawn, in whose favour (names of individuals, Immigration Agent, ship owners), particulars of service (salaries and allowances, return passages, provisions etc) and amount.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Circulars to the Inspector of Pacific Islanders

14/08/1887–28/07/1908

[S13188](#) see [DR23857](#)

These circulars were addressed to the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough and sent by the Immigration Department, Pacific Island Labour Branch. [ITM18849](#) includes directives sent to all Inspectors and others of concern only to the Maryborough Inspector. They relate to administrative matters such as records to be kept and returns to be forwarded to the Department, and the Commonwealth's assumption of responsibility for Pacific Island labourers after 1901. Matters relating directly to Islanders include the closure of the hospital, agreements, monies due to Islanders and Savings Bank deposits, return passages, deportations and exemptions, drunkenness of vessel crews, and firearms and ammunition on vessels. The final circular (250) advises of the date of closure of all Pacific Island labour offices on 31 July 1908.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Letterbooks

31/12/1888–13/02/1908

[S13185](#) see [DR24354-DR24366](#), [DR24368-DR24399](#), [DR24405-DR24408](#)

These are letterbooks of letters sent by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough. Follow these links to find digitised copies in our catalogue, [ITM18846](#) and [ITM18848](#).

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Book of Receipts for Return Passages of Polynesian (Pacific Island) Labourers

30/01/1890–Circa 31/05/1904

[S13192](#) see [DR23588](#)

This book contains stubs of receipts for return passages of Islanders. Details on each receipt in [ITM18854](#) may include number, date, received from (name or company) and sum for return passage of (either number of Islanders or names of Islanders) lately employed by (usually crossed out and ex name of ship included), and amount.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Books of Telegrams Sent

16/09/1892–1/05/1902

[S13197](#) see [DR23788](#), [DR23787](#), [DR23789](#), [DR23790](#), [DR23809](#), [DR23810](#)

These books contain copies (on stubs) of telegrams sent by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough and in his capacity as Assistant Immigration Agent. Details for each telegram include date, message to be transmitted, from whom, to whom addressed. Most were sent to the Immigration Agent, Brisbane (who was also the Inspector of Pacific Islanders), other government agencies such as the Government Labour Bureau, and individuals. Messages related to administrative matters, vessels used in the labour trade, labour required etc.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Register of Re-Agreements

6/03/1893–1/02/1905

[S13186](#) see [DR24455-DR24456](#)

This register records re-agreements between Islanders and employers under the *Pacific Island Labourers Acts 1880–1892*, section 3 Amending Act. Under the headings of the name of the employer, the estate (plantation) and district, details for entries of Islanders include the number of inward passenger list, name, gender, island, village, ship, date of arrival, date of agreement and expiration of agreement, rates of wages per annum and wages paid quarterly, by whom guaranteed, return passage when paid and by whom, Chief Officer re-agreement folio reference, reference folio of last employer, re-agreement folio, subsequent information (employer name).

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Book of Permits to Carry Pacific Islanders Coastwise

30/11/1896–23/03/1905

[S13180](#) see [DR23961](#)

This book, [ITM18837](#), contains stubs of permits signed by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough for carrying Islanders coastwise. Details entered on the permit include number, office (Maryborough) of the Pacific Island Immigration Department, date, and a statement that the master of the ship named had been granted permission to carry (number entered) of Islanders from the port of Maryborough to another named port. The permit then listed names, islands, and destination (e.g. Cairns, Townsville, Port Douglas, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Mackay, Geraldton/Innisfail, Bundaberg).

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Miscellaneous Correspondence and Forms

28/03/1898–28/02/1908

[S13190](#) see [DR23981](#), [DR24031](#); [DR24416](#), [DR24417](#); [DR23602](#)

This series consists of completed forms of various kinds and miscellaneous correspondence with various government agencies and individuals about the identification, employment, wages, deportation or returns, and exemptions of Islanders as well as authorisations to sign on labour. The correspondence was kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough and contains the names and details of many Islanders.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Logbooks of Vessels Helena and Lochiel

18/11/1898–14/07/1903

[S16998](#) see [DR23856](#)

The log of Government Agent J.K. Craig written on the voyages of the Helena and the Lochiel, [ITM320853](#). These voyages were undertaken to engage labour from the Pacific Islands and visited the New Hebrides and the Solomon Islands. Under Instruction 12 of the *Pacific Island Labourers Act 1880*, a daily log of occurrences on such voyages was compulsory. Details contained in the log include the ship's passage, weather conditions, movement of the agents and other boats, number and names of labourers and some personal details, as well as the ship's company, tonnage, owners of vessel, receipts for tonics, lotions, poultices and elixirs, directions for preserving food, destroying insects, and disinfecting clothes.

Books of Memoranda Sent

31/07/1899–1/06/1908

[S13196](#) see [DR23604](#), [DR23735](#), [DR23784](#), [DR23611](#), [DR23612](#), [DR23613](#), [DR23785](#), [DR23786](#)

These books contain copies (on stubs) of memoranda sent by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough and in his capacity as Assistant Immigration Agent, Maryborough. Details for each entry include date, to whom sent, and content of the memorandum. Messages were sent mainly to the Immigration Agent, Brisbane (who was also the Inspector of Pacific Islanders), other government agencies such as the Government Labour Bureau, and individuals. Matters concern administrative matters, Islanders' travel and pay, and labour requirements.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

List of Pacific Island Labourers Engaged on the Sydney Belle

19/10/1903–19/10/1903

[S13194](#) see [DR23965](#)

This list has the heading 'Pacific Island Immigration (Queensland), list of labourers engaged by the master of the labour vessel Sydney Belle under licences dated 6 April 1903 and brought to Maryborough on 19th day of October 1903'. Details for each entry in [ITM18856](#) include serial number, gender, name, relationship to other recruits, date, island where engaged, village, where previously employed, rate of wages, to whom allotted on arrival (mostly Kalamia plantation). Also included are the name of the master, the name of the government agent and a summary of the recruits on board from islands of the Solomons and New Hebrides.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Port Douglas

Cash book, Pacific Islanders' wages

Circa 1/10/1890–Circa 31/05/1902

[S13201](#) see [DR23815-DR23816](#)

This cash book, kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Port Douglas, records amounts received from Islanders and lodged to their credit in Savings bank accounts, and withdrawals paid to Islanders. Under Cash, details for each entry include date, number of savings bank pass book, name, ledger folio, amount received from Islander, withdrawals from Savings Bank. Under Per Contra, details also include withdrawal paid to islanders and witness to payment.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Ledger, Pacific Islanders' Wages

Circa 1/02/1891–Circa 30/06/1907

[S13199](#) see [DR24423-DR24428](#)

This ledger records deposits and withdrawals in Pacific Islanders' Savings Bank Accounts kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Port Douglas. Details entered for each Islander include passbook number, name, ex (name of ship), and name and address of employer. These entries are followed by spreadsheet columns for recording bank transactions with ledger details for each entry including the date, transaction, Cash Book folio number, deposits, withdrawals, balance, and remarks.

For details in this ledger, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Register of Agreements

Circa 1/01/1894–Circa 31/12/1905

[S13202](#) see [DR24433-DR24436](#)

This register of agreements kept under the *Pacific Island Labourers Acts 1880–1892* section 3, Amending Act, records the names of employers, estates (plantations) and districts in Port Douglas and Mossman. Details entered for each Islander include number on inward passenger list, name, gender, island, ship, date of agreement and expiration, wages, return passage when paid and by whom, and general remarks (deaths, returns home, re-engaged etc).

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Letterbook

12/08/1906–11/02/1908

[S13200](#) see [DR24430-DR24432](#)

This is a letterbook of letters sent by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Port Douglas, [ITM18874](#).

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Townsville

Ledger, Pacific Islanders' wages

12/12/1884–31/12/1907

[S13203](#) see [DR24437-DR24438](#)

This ledger records deposits and withdrawals in Pacific Islanders' Savings Bank Accounts kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Maryborough. Details entered for each Islander include passbook number, name, ex (name of ship), name and address of employer. These entries are followed by spreadsheet columns for recording bank transactions with ledger details for each entry including the date, transaction, Cash Book folio number, deposits, withdrawals, balance, and remarks.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Account Book

7/01/1881–30/03/1883

[S7244](#) see [DR23880](#)

This register, [ITM270854](#), records payments made or received by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders in account with various employers and government departments. Details for each entry include the date and particulars of the transaction including Islanders' wages, costs of return passages, stamp duties on agreements.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Register of Returns of Number of Pacific Islanders Employed

30/06/1885–30/06/1896

[S13204](#) see [DR23858](#)

This register, [ITM18878](#), records the return submitted of the number of Islanders employed on each plantation for the half year. Details for each entry include name of employer, plantation and farm, and number of employees.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Cash Book, Pacific Islander' Wages

3/07/1885–30/07/1908

[S13205](#) see [DR24439-DR24440](#)

This cash book, kept by the Inspector of Pacific Islanders, Townsville, records amounts received from the Islanders and lodged to their credit in Savings bank accounts, and withdrawals paid to Islanders. Under Cash, details for each entry include date, number of savings bank passbook, name, ledger folio, amount received, and withdrawals from Savings Bank. Under Per Contra, details also include withdrawal paid to Islanders and witness to payment. Throughout the book quarterly Savings Bank balances are also included.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Register of Blank Covers (B/Cs) Sent

30/07/1885–24/11/1896

[S18559](#) see [DR23882](#)

This register, [ITM18879](#), records the date of correspondence, date received, subject matter (including those related to immigrants or Pacific Islanders), from whom received, date forwarded and to whom sent (usually the Immigration Agent, Brisbane or other government agency).

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Register of Applications for Exemption

1/01/1907–31/12/1908

[S18560](#) see [DR23879](#)

This register, [ITM18880](#), records applications by Pacific Island labourers for exemption from the provisions of the Commonwealth *Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901*. Details for each entry include name, island and village, number, ship, date of arrival, and remarks re exemption.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Part 2: Records created by other agencies

Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement Department

Recognition of Pacific Islanders as Distinct Ethnic Group

Circa 1/01/1975–Circa 31/12/1976

[ITM510495](#) in S505, Correspondence - Alphanumeric Prefix - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Proposed Amendments to the Aborigines Regulation 1972–Aboriginal & Islander Welfare Policies; Special Needs of Pacific Islanders

25/03/1976–25/03/1976

[ITM1038193](#) in S18397, Legal Advice, Opinions and Memoranda

Aboriginals, and South Sea Islanders–A list of names and ages (3 Pages)

1/01/1942–31/12/1942

[ITM716211](#) in S4354, Miscellaneous Items and Correspondence - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander files

Agriculture and Stock Department

Register of Certificates of Exemptions Granted (or refused) to Aliens under The *Sugar Cultivation Act 1913*

Circa 1/01/1922–Circa 31/12/1923

[S10752](#) see [ITM194](#), [DR115435](#)

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Sugar Cultivation Act 1913: Applications For & Certificates of Exemptions Granted Under the Act & Correspondence re Same

1914 -1927

[ITM902865](#)–[ITM902875](#), [DR82196-DR82197](#) in S6041, Batch Files, Agriculture and Stock Department

Assistant Immigration Agent, Maryborough

Register of Rations Issued to Immigrants, Maryborough

1875 – 1882

[ITM18418](#), [DR24034-DR24035](#), [DR24061](#) in S13062, Registers of rations issued by the Assistant Immigration Agent, Maryborough

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Chief Secretary's Department

Letter from the Chief Protector of Aboriginals, Walter E Roth, to the Chief Secretary's Office about enforced deportation of Pacific Islander Labourers and the impact on Aboriginal women married to Polynesians. 21/02/1905. [ITM1235093](#) - [DR3430](#)

Letter from the Chief Secretary's Office to Prime Minister, Sir George Houstoun Reid about the enforced deportation of Pacific Islander Labourers and impact on Aboriginal women married to Polynesians, 28/03/1905 [ITM12365092](#) - [DR3429](#)

Letter from the Prime Minister, Sir George Houstoun Reid, to the Premier of Queensland about the enforced deportation of Pacific Islander Labourers and impact on Aboriginal women married to Polynesians. 5/04/1905. [ITM1235091](#) - [DR3428](#)

Letter from the Secretary of the Maryborough Chamber of Commerce to the Secretary of the Sugar Industry Labour Commission about deportation of Pacific Islanders with over 30 years residency in the Maryborough district. 23/04/1906. [ITM1238616](#) - [DR3508](#)

Correspondence with J E Wirth-Marsh about Labour Matters (Kanaka) and Government Relief 1/10/1891–30/04/1892. [ITM861875](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Colonial Secretary's Office

Inwards Correspondence (includes labour vessel Bobtail Nag log of voyage)

Circa 1/01/1878–Circa 31/12/1878

[ITM846982](#), [DR64044-DR64048](#) in S5253, Inwards Correspondence - Colonial Secretary's / Home Secretary's Office

Correspondence and Papers about the Hopeful Voyage Case

Circa 1/01/1884–Circa 31/12/1889

[ITM6821](#), [DR143752-DR143754](#) in S8400, Special Batches

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Correspondence, Clippings, Reports and Petitions, etc. re Hopeful Voyage Case

Circa 1/01/1884–Circa 31/12/1889

[ITM6825](#), [DR112166-DR112168](#) in S8400, Special Batches

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Correspondence and Papers re South Sea Islanders

Circa 1/01/1932–Circa 31/12/1938

[ITM18099](#), [DR112145-DR112146](#) in S8400, Special Batches

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Circa 1/01/1871–31/12/1980

[ITM18852](#), [DR24416-DR24417](#); [ITM18853](#), [DR23981](#), [DR24031](#); [ITM18857](#), [DR23602](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Inwards Correspondence

15/12/1859–Circa 31/12/1896

[S5253](#)

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Registers of Letters Received

15/12/1859–Circa 31/12/1896

[S11936](#)

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Court of Petty Sessions, Mossman

Deposition Books

17/04/1899–31/12/1919

[S9979](#)

[DR183359](#), 1899–1902

Court of Petty Sessions, Normanton

Register of Arrival of South Sea Islanders at Sweer's Island

17/09/1868–22/12/1871

[S11691](#) see [DR92165](#)

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For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Register of South Sea Islanders Employed on Plantations

23/09/1868–26/03/1873

[S11690](#) see [DR92164](#)

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Court of Petty Sessions, Springsure

Wages Account Book for Credit of the Inspector of Polynesian Wages Account–Court of Petty Sessions, Springsure

13/09/1877–24/01/1880

[S8323](#)

Court of Petty Sessions, Walkerston

Police Charge Bench Book

1/01/1883–17/09/1905

[S827](#)

Crown Solicitor's Office

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Logbooks written by the Government Agents accompanying the recruiting vessels Ceara, Heath and Lizzie, 1884. [ITM7866](#), [DR65447–DR65448](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Regina v. Bernard Williams and others re murder and kidnapping of Islanders by crew of Hopeful. Copies of newspaper accounts; report by the Chief Justice, 1884–1889. [ITM7867](#), [DR65449–DR65450](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Regina v. Bernard Williams and others re murder and kidnapping of Islanders by crew of Hopeful. Oral evidence, 1884-1889. [ITM7868](#), [DR92166](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Regina v. Bernard Williams and others re murder and kidnapping of Islanders by crew of Hopeful. Oral evidence. Opinion of Crown Solicitor re recruiting vessel Jason, 1871–1889. [ITM7869](#), [DR92167](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Regina v. Neils Peter Sorensen re ill-treatment of natives of Carpenter Island, 1886, [ITM7870](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Claims in connection with the *Pacific Islander Employers Compensation Act 1885, 1886.* [ITM7871](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Notes of evidence prepared by Pacific Island Labour Inspectors for the Ingham, Mackay and Townsville districts, 1884. [ITM7872](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Regina v. Crishna, re kidnapping of Islanders, heard in Vice Admiralty Court, 1873. [ITM7875](#), [DR87559](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Regina v. Mills, Loutit and Burton re kidnapping by the Ethel, 1884. [ITM7876](#), [DR87560–DR87563](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Regina v. Forest King re kidnapping of Islanders, heard in the Vice Admiralty Court, 1884. [ITM7877](#), [DR140884–DR140885](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders.

Regina v. Margaret and Jane re kidnapping of Islanders, heard in the Vice Admiralty Court, 1874, [ITM7878](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders. A digital copy of this item is available on the Reading Room computers. Search for Z6604.

Regina v. Joseph Griffith Davies re kidnapping of Islanders, by the schooner Stanley, 1884 [ITM7879](#) in S12102, Briefs and Associated Papers in Cases Involving Pacific Islanders. A digital copy of this item is available on the Reading Room computers. Search for Z6604

Briefs etc Relating to the *Pacific Island Employers' Compensation Act & Pacific Island Labourers Act*
Circa 1/01/1884–Circa 31/12/1897
[ITM7861](#), [DR65446](#), [DR65656](#) in S18679, Correspondence Files - Crown Solicitor's Office / Solicitor General's Office

Briefs and transcripts of depositions–Aboriginal, Chinese, Cingalese, Javanese, Malay and Polynesian labourers
Circa 1/01/1858–Circa 31/12/1908
[ITM7901](#) in S18679, Correspondence Files - Crown Solicitor's Office / Solicitor General's Office

Briefs arising from cases re the *Pacific Island Labourers Act*
Circa 1/01/1880–Circa 31/12/1890
[ITM7904](#), [DR140886](#) in S18679, Correspondence Files - Crown Solicitor's Office / Solicitor General's Office

Correspondence arising from the case of Chuck Lum
Circa 1/01/1890–Circa 31/12/1890
[ITM7903](#), [DR141009](#) in S18679, Correspondence Files - Crown Solicitor's Office / Solicitor General's Office

Claims by Francis Charles Hornbrook on behalf of Kanakas on the estate of Mary Margaret O'Reilly
Circa 1/01/1902–Circa 31/12/1905
[ITM8519](#) in S12270, Briefs and Papers in Cases Heard in the Supreme Court and High Court re Deceased Estates

Ledger used as evidence in the claim by Francis Charles Hornbrook on behalf of Kanakas on the estate of Mary Margaret O'Reilly
Circa 1/01/1902–Circa 31/12/1905
[ITM8518](#) in S12270, Briefs and Papers in Cases Heard in the Supreme Court and High Court re Deceased Estates

Home Secretary's Office

Correspondence and Papers re South Sea Islanders in Receipt of Indigence Allowance

1/01/1932–31/12/1938

[ITM18099](#), [DR112145–DR112146](#) in S8400, Special Batches

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Indigence Cases in Batch Files

5/11/1861–Circa 31/12/1975

[ITM18042–ITM18096](#), [DR112120–DR115826](#) (non-consecutive numbering) in S8400, Special Batches

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Correspondence Records re Hospitals and Hospital Boards

Circa 1/01/1889–Circa 31/12/1921

[ITM18148](#) in S8400, Special Batches

General Correspondence

Circa 1/01/1904–Circa 31/12/1935

[S5263](#)

To find letter numbers for correspondence, search the registers of letters received, S12844.

Registers of Letters Received

Circa 1/01/1897–Circa 31/12/1935

[S12844](#)

This series is used to find general correspondence, S5263.

Hospital for Pacific Islanders, Maryborough

Diaries

1/01/1884–31/12/1885

[S15138](#) see [ITM88118–ITM88119](#), [DR109678–DR109681](#)

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Admission Register and Death Record– Hospital for Pacific Islanders

1/10/1884–23/12/1888

[S15139](#) see [ITM88120](#), [DR3507](#)

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For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Immigration Department

Register of Pacific Islanders

1/01/1870–31/12/1903

[S13122](#) see [ITM18681](#), [DR23877](#)

This register was kept by the Immigration Department and details for each entry include the number, Islander's passbook number, name, island, arrival ship and date, notes, and amounts with some annotations about payments. In the front of the register there is a list of the abbreviations used in the notes to indicate the whereabouts of the Islanders:

- C.I. Cannot Identify
- D. Gone to Dunwich or Friday Island
- H. Gone Home to Islands
- Viti. Gone to Fiji
- N.G. Gone to New Guinea
- All the rest, present address unknown [this note is about the remaining listings in the register]
- Ex. Exempt, either under the Federal or State issues.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

List of Pacific Island Labourers

1/12/1865–31/01/1904

[S13092](#) see [ITM18598–ITM18599](#), [DR191218](#), [DR23969–DR23972](#)

These two volumes list Islanders recruited for labour in Queensland. Details entered include serial number, gender, name, relationship to other recruits, date, village or passage where engaged.

For details, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics.

Insolvency, Intestacy and Insanity Office, Brisbane

Protective Management Files

Circa 1/1 1865–Circa 31/12/1995

[S334](#)

Search [ArchivesSearch](#) for the name of the patient - protective management files are listed by the name of the patient. However, not all protective management files were transferred to Queensland State Archives. If the name of the patient is not found, you can search the open indexes to Protective Management files, [S19469](#) for brief details about the patient.

Justice Department

Inquest Files

Circa 1/01/1859-04/11/2003

[S36](#)

Inquests are magisterial inquiries held before a coroner without a jury to establish the fact of death, the identity of the deceased, when the person died, where and how death occurred and whether any person is to be charged with a criminal offence under the Criminal Code. To find file numbers search for names of deceased from 1859 to 1905, refer to these [online indexes under *Courts - Inquests 1859–1905 \(digital\) and Inquests 1859–1905 \(non-digital\)*](#). From 1906 to 1979, search the registers, S236, available online in [ArchivesSearch](#).

Registers of Coroners' Inquests

9/05/1876–Circa 31/12/1979

[S236](#) see [ITM439133-ITM439160, DR56374–DR59287](#) (non-consecutive numbering)

This series is used to find file numbers for inquests, held from 1906 to 1979 (see online indexes for 1859–1906 inquests)

Magistrate's Office, Maryborough

Police Magistrate's Letterbooks

7/06/1862–17/12/1910

[S15131](#) see [ITM88109, 1862–1887, DR83520–DR83525](#)

Mines and Works Department

Ross Island, Townsville, Erection of a Residence for Polynesian Inspector

Circa 1/09/1888–Circa 30/09/1888

[ITM1014030](#) in S16433, Specifications for Queensland Government Buildings - Public Works Department

Office of the Governor of Queensland

Copy (Colonial Office Letterhead), Confidential Despatches, Sir Anthony Musgrave to the Earl of Derby, concerning the sentencing to death of Neil McNeil and Bernard Williams for the murder of Islanders, and subsequent petitions and local reactions.

17/12/1884–27/12/1884

[ITM17715](#) in S12786, Colonial Office Correspondence

Letterbook of Despatches to the Governor General

28/01/1901–31/12/1904

[S12791](#)

Official Correspondence

20/12/1859–Circa 31/12/1906

[S1139](#)

Some items are digitised, for example:

List indicating locations of recruitment and return of South Sea Islanders on the labour ship *Ariel*, 1893.
[ITM1235095](#), [DR3432](#)

Map indicating locations of recruitment and return of South Sea Islanders on the labour ship *Ariel*, 1893.
[ITM1235096](#), [DR3433](#)

Return of Vessel for *Roderick Dhu*, which was licensed to introduce Pacific Islanders to Queensland
2/02/1897

[ITM1235101](#), [DR3436](#) in S1139, Official Correspondence - Office of the Governor of Queensland

Police Department, Police Service Commissioner's Office

Arms and Ammunition–Pacific Islanders

Circa 1/01/1897–Circa 31/12/1907

[ITM86509](#) in S14812, Correspondence and Reports

Assistant Inspectors of Pacific Islanders

Circa 1/01/1898–Circa 31/12/1900

[ITM86552](#), [DR86418](#) in S14812, Correspondence and Reports

Pacific Islanders and Javanese

Circa 1/01/1887–Circa 31/12/1899

[ITM86446](#) in S14812, Correspondence and Reports

Deportation of Kanakas

Circa 1/01/1897–Circa 31/12/1924

[ITM86538](#) in S14812, Correspondence and Reports

Coloured Labour (Asiatic Aliens)

Circa 1/01/1913–Circa 31/12/1913

[ITM86558](#), [DR86420](#) in S14812, Correspondence and Reports

Premiers Department

Correspondence, Various re British New Guinea, New Hebrides; New Australia colonists, Paraguay; Pacific Cable–estimates, minutes of meetings, conference

1/01/1890–28/02/1902

[ITM861792](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Correspondence and Associated Papers relating to Pacific Island Labourers and deportation. Includes

1/12/1889 colonial report 461 on British Solomon Islands 1903–1905

1/12/1889–30/04/1907

[ITM861832](#), [DR92181-DR92182](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Correspondence and Associated Papers relating to Pacific Island Labourers. Includes regulations (including lifesaving), returns of licensed vessels, lists of government agents

1/04/1891–31/05/1894

[ITM861833](#), [DR87544-DR87545](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Correspondence and Associated Papers relating to Pacific Island Labourers. Includes lists of government agents, returns of licensed vessels, imperial Pacific order in council 1893 schedule of rules and forms (and acts 1849–1890).

1/04/1891–31/05/1895

[ITM861834](#), [DR88032–DR88033](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Correspondence and Associated Papers relating to Pacific Island Labourers and deportation, and effects on sugar industry. Includes lists of names of persons requesting exemption, and wages

1/02/1901–31/08/1905

[ITM861835](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Correspondence and Associated Papers relating to Pacific Island Labourers and deportation. Includes white labour conference, resolutions opposing the deportation of Islanders, and proposed introduction of other labour

1/08/1901–31/05/1905

[ITM861836](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Correspondence and Associated Papers relating to Pacific Island Labourers. Includes responses to the Commonwealth Pacific Islanders Labourers Bill, administrative arrangements for deportation

1/10/1901–31/05/1906

[ITM861837](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Correspondence and Associated Papers relating to Pacific Island Labourers: Papers and log book exhibit of 'Sydney Belle' inquiry

1/05/1902–31/12/1904

[ITM861838](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

Correspondence and Associated Papers relating to Pacific Island Labourers: Papers and log book exhibit of 'Clansman' inquiry

1/06/1904–31/08/1907

[ITM861839](#) in S5384, Batch and Miscellaneous Subject Files

For details of items in Series S5384, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Inwards and General Correspondence

1/07/1898–Circa 31/12/1983

[S5402](#)

For details of items in Series S5402, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Register of Letters Received

Circa 1/07/1898–Circa 31/12/1952

[S5401](#)

Photographic Proofs and Prints of Queensland relating to Historical, Primary Industries photographs.

[ITM435754](#) in S189, Photographic Proofs

- South Sea Islanders in the field at Bundaberg, 1870-1900. [ITM1683484](#), [DR22993](#)
- South Sea Islanders working in a field, 1870-1900. [ITM1683485](#), [DR22994](#)

- South Sea Islanders cutting cane at Bingera prior to Federation, 1870-1900. [ITM1683486](#), [DR22995](#)
- South Sea Islander canecutters, Geraldton (Innisfail), 1902. [ITM1685203](#), [DR22998](#)

Prisons Department

Special Subject Batch: Polynesian Islanders

Circa 1/01/1886–Circa 31/12/1899

[ITM89505](#) in S9097, Special Subject Batches

Public Curator Office, Brisbane

Intestacy Files

16/12/1868–Circa 31/07/2009

[S335](#)

Search the open master card index, S19115 from 1916 to 1985 for names of the deceased to find file numbers in S335.

Public Instruction Department

Polynesian State School Administration File

10/02/1933–4/07/1934

[ITM15873](#), [DR61462](#) in S12607, School Files (Correspondence) for State Schools

Joskeleigh State School Administration File

31/10/1913–7/03/1935

[ITM15011](#) in S12607, School Files (Correspondence) for State Schools

Polynesian State School Returns

Circa 1/01/1933–Circa 31/12/1933

[ITM12799](#) in S12596, Statistical Returns Furnished by Head Teachers of Provisional and State Schools

Walkerston State School Admission Register

23/05/1938

[ITM439075](#), [DR57565](#) in S225, Admission Register - Walkerston State School

Letter from a Staff Member of the Polynesian Provisional School to Mr Smith about the closure of the school, 29/06/1933. [ITM1219894](#) [DR3406](#) in S12607, School Files (Correspondence) for State Schools

Letter from the Director of Education to Michael Alexander McColl, Head Teacher of the Polynesian Provisional School, about the date of the official closure of the school, 7/12/1933. [ITM1219892](#) [DR3404](#) in S12607, School Files (Correspondence) for State Schools.

Letter from The Premier, W M Forgan Smith to Alexander McColl, Head Teacher of the Polynesian Provisional School, about a proposed visit to Mackay, 4/07/1933. [ITM1219893](#) [DR3405](#) in S12607, School Files (Correspondence) for State Schools.

School correspondence files

Circa 1/01/1858–23/01/1968

[S12607](#)

School files for schools near South Sea Islander communities may have relevant information

School admission registers

To find the school admission registers, search for the name of the school in [ArchivesSearch](#).

Public Works Department

Mackay, Erection of a Hospital for the Pacific Islanders

Circa 1/07/1882–Circa 31/07/1882

[ITM1013956](#) in S16433, Specifications for Queensland Government Buildings - Public Works Department

Pacific Islanders Hospital, work and material required in the erection of a hospital for South Sea Islanders

24/07/1882–24/07/1882

[ITM1013958](#) in S16433, Specifications for Queensland Government Buildings - Public Works Department

Walkerston Polynesian School

Circa 1/01/1934–Circa 31/12/1934

[ITM127130](#) in S17826, Batch Files – Schools

Bundaberg Kanaka Hospital

15/04/1893–15/04/1893

[ITM582497](#), [DR24558](#) in S1162, Architectural drawings of public buildings

Sugar Industry Labour Commission

For details of items in Series S10569, please refer to the online index to [Australian South Sea Islanders 1867-1948](#), under the heading Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics

Letter from the Secretary of the Maryborough Chamber of Commerce to the Secretary of the Sugar Industry Labour Commission, regarding deportation of Pacific Islanders of over 30 years residence in the Maryborough district, 1906. [ITM1238616](#), [DR3508](#) in S10569, Papers of the Sugar Industry Labour Commission.

Letter from Willie Ipi to the members of "The Big Commission" outlining the difficulties of finding work and concerns of islanders about deportation, 1906. [ITM1139152](#), [DR2899](#) in S10569, Papers of the Sugar Industry Labour Commission.

Letter from the Chairman of the Sugar Industry Labour Commission requesting information about farm leases of 93 Pacific Islanders in the Mackay district; includes a list of South Sea Islanders names, first and last names and location of the farm, 1906. [ITM1238617](#), [DR3509](#) in S10569, Papers of the Sugar Industry Labour Commission.

Letter from John Gaggin of Melbourne to the Chairman of the Kanaka Commission outlining conditions from his own experiences and contending that if Islanders were returned to the islands against their will about one

fifth would be put to death, 1906. [ITM1139151, DR2898](#) in S10569, Papers of the Sugar Industry Labour Commission.

Circular from the Immigration Office in Brisbane about the anticipated difficulties faced by South Sea Islanders returning to their respective homes, 1906. [ITM1238619, DR3510](#) in S10569, Papers of the Sugar Industry Labour Commission.

Legislation

The legislation is Queensland legislation unless otherwise noted. Acts as passed prior to 1900 are available through [Text Queensland](#) in the [Queensland Government Gazettes](#), within the relevant year.

Polynesian Labourers Act 1868 – dealt with licenses, guarantees of returns, numbers of recruits, provisions, etc.

Pacific Islanders Protection Act 1872 – provided protection from kidnapping and other criminal offences. Amended in 1875.

Pacific Island Labourers Act 1880 (repealed the Act of 1868) – provided for regulation and control of the introduction and treatment of labourers from the Pacific Islands, limited the age of recruits, returns to islands, provision of medical treatments and rations, and dress allowance.

Pacific Island Labourers Act 1884 – confined labour to unskilled agricultural pursuits, crews to be paid wages, no firearms to be supplied, limited recruiting operations further.

Pacific Islanders' Employers' Compensation Act 1885 – introduced compensation for employers whose employees had returned to the islands, by order of the Government.

Pacific Island Labourers Act 1880 Amendment Act (1885) – prohibited further importation of labourers after 31 December 1890.

Pacific Island Labourers Act 1880 Amendment Act (1886) – amended the definition of Pacific Islanders.

Pacific Island Labourers (Extension) Act of 1892 – repeal of prohibition.

Immigration Restriction Act 1901 (Cwth) – described as an Act “to place certain restrictions on immigration and to provide for the removal from the Commonwealth of prohibited immigrants.” A digital copy is available [here](#).

Pacific Islands Labourers Act 1901-1906 (Cwth) – decreed there should be no further entry of Islanders after 31 March 1901. After that date deportation was to follow, with some exemptions. A digital copy is available [here](#).

[Sugar cultivation Act 1913](#) – prohibited employment of ‘certain forms of labour in the production of sugar’.

Other sources of information

- Records held at Queensland State Archives were inscribed into [the Australian Register UNESCO Memory of the World](#) in 2013. These are available under the title [Queensland South Sea Island Indentured Labourer Records 1863-1908](#). More information available at <https://www.amw.org.au/>
- [Research guide to record about Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples at Queensland State Archives](#)

- [Index to Coloured Labour and Asiatic Aliens in Queensland](#), under *Australian South Sea Islanders and Asiatics*
- *Calendar of Documents - Pacific Island immigration*. GOV/A. 1869-1887, and *Summaries of letters, Pacific Island*. GOV/N, ca 1880–1889 (available on Reading Room computers under *Selected QSA records*)
- [Australian South Sea Islander Stories \(assistories.org\)](http://assistories.org)
- State Library of Queensland, Exhibitions, [Australian South Sea Islanders](#)
- Queensland Museum, [Archaeology, collections and Australian South Sea Islander lived identities \(ASSILI\)](#)

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