

Land Agents records

L. A. DISTRICT: *Roma* GROUP NAME: *Russian* No. *76*
 LOCALITY: *Wallumbilla & Combarngo*
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MEMBERS OF GROUP.

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DR5383 - Roma Land Agent's list of members for the Russian Group 76 in the Wallumbilla and Combarngo areas, 12 August 1913						

Research Guide to land agents records at Queensland State Archives

Research Guide to land agent's records

Queensland State Archives (QSA) is the official repository for Queensland Government records selected for permanent retention because of their continuing value. The archived public records are from state government departments, state courts, local government authorities and statutory authorities. The records are in our facility at [Runcorn, Brisbane](#), and open records are available for viewing in the Reading Room, free-of-charge.

Prior to the proclamation of the Colony of Queensland in 1859, administrative arrangements for land sale and tenure were the responsibility of the New South Wales Colonial Secretary's Office. According to the *New South Wales Government Gazette*, number 27 of 1853, sales and leases of Crown lands in the County of Stanley were performed by the Police Magistrate at Brisbane.

When the Colony of Queensland was proclaimed on 10 December 1859, Clerks of Petty Sessions were appointed as acting land agents within their locality. As settlement expanded, Commissioners of Crown Lands were appointed to districts. These officials were also charged with all administrative matters related to sale and lease of land. Commissioners of Crown Lands and Clerks of Petty Session continued to be involved in lands administration, along with other government officials, mainly Police Magistrates, and Customs Collectors.

The *Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1868* defined various Land Agent Districts within the State, and appointed Land Agents for each district. All proclamations establishing Land Agent Districts were published in the *Queensland Government Gazette*. Land Agent Districts were proclaimed and staffed until 1991. Land Agents were abolished in favour of District Land Offices by the *Land Act Amendment Act, 1991* which came into force on 31 December 1991. All Districts were rescinded under the *Lands Legislation Amendment Act, 1991*.

The main finding aid for records held at QSA is the [Queensland State Archives' online catalogue](#) (known as ArchivesSearch).

The following citation abbreviations are used throughout our catalogue:

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that our catalogue contains images, names and voices of people who have died.

Records for Land Agent districts

The Land Agents' records date from 1855. Registers are the most common record held in the collection. These are used mainly to locate other information about land transactions, applications for leases, purchases, and licenses.

Below is a list of Queensland Land Agents' districts.

Aramac, Atherton
Barcaldine, Beenleigh, Biloela, Birdsville, Blackall, Bowen, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Burketown
Cairns, Cardwell, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Cooktown, Cunnamulla
Dalby
Emerald

Gayndah, Georgetown, Gladstone, Goondiwindi, Gympie
Herberton, Hughenden
Ingham, Innisfail, Ipswich, Isisford
Leyburn, Longreach
Mackay, Maryborough, Mossman
Nanango, Normanton
Port Douglas
Ravenswood, Rockhampton, Roma
Springsure, Stanthorpe, St George, St Lawrence, Surat
Tambo, Taroom, Thornborough, Toowoomba, Townsville, Thursday Island
Warwick, Windorah, Winton

Functions of the Land Agent

Land Agents administered all matters relating to the sale and lease of Crown land within their Districts. The *Crown Lands Alienation Act 1868* and subsequent land acts required each Land Agent to keep registers and records; many were duplicates of those held in the Central Office in Brisbane.

How to find Land Agent records

A set of registers, files, or records created by a specific District Land Agent provides a useful access point for information. In the Queensland State Archives' catalogue, type in the keywords 'land agent' and the name of the locality, eg. to find records of the Land Agent in Gladstone type in 'land agent Gladstone'.

When an officer has not been appointed Land Commissioners Offices, Mining Wardens or Police Stations carried out the functions of a Land Agent. The source of the records is identified either as a separate sub-heading or in the description field. There are also Land Agent records under Agency ID 18 Lands Department.

In general, records such as registers are either self-indexing or have a separate index at the front or the back of the volume. Numbering systems used by Central Office should be the same in the Land Agents' records, particularly for tenures. For example, Agricultural Farm Lease Number 10 in Maryborough District appears in both the Central Office records and the Maryborough Land Agent records.

Other sources of information

For further information on how to access and use land records created by the Land Agents, refer to the Queensland State Archives' finding aids including

- [Research Guide to Land tenure records](#)
- [Research Guide to Land codes](#)
- *Search procedures: Land selections*, and *Pastoral leases* available in the Reading Room

The [Queensland Government Gazettes](#) and the [Queensland Blue Books](#) are good sources of information about aspects of land administration.

For details on the history of lands administration, refer to the following guides available on our Reading Room computers in the folder Lands and Maps under the Finding Aids tile, *Finding Aids in QSA search procedures*:

- *Guide to Records of the Crown Lands Commissioners Offices 1842 - ca.1900*
- *Guide to the Lands Department 1866 – 1910*

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