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S B Watkins Collection

Size	4 boxes, 2 parcels
Contents	Financial records of Watkins' residential properties and Montville farm, papers relating to the history of Thornton (Laidley) and Toowong, records of the Queensland Acclimatisation Society, photographs of scenes in Queensland, including images of Aborigines, records and publications relating to Mt Coot-tha gardens and Long Pocket parklands, personal papers of Watkins
Biography	S B Watkins completed his MSc in 1918 and lectured in chemistry at the University of Queensland before taking up the position of Supervisor of the Central Technical College, from 1919 to 1941. He travelled throughout Queensland from 1941, when he worked with the Toxicological Section of the Government Chemical Laboratory. He published many papers and articles on horticulture and was appointed to the Council of the Horticultural Society of Queensland.
Notes	Open access

Box 1

Household accounts, financial records of the Montville farm and income tax returns S.B.Watkins, 1940 to 1946,

Income tax returns George Watkins, 1903 to 1916

A.B. Wilson, 'Plan of Drains', George Watkins, Toowong

Box 2

Account book for property, 1921 to 1940

Extension accounts for "Maroomba" in Okeden St., Toowong, and land subdivision/purchases.

Notebook - Montville Accounts, 1915 to 1918

Account book for S.B.Watkins farm, 1948 to 1960

Account book, 1924 to 1938

Cashbook and papers for estate of Ellen Eva Watkins, 1935

Account books, 1935 to 1948

Accounts book Montville, 1940 to 1941

Account book Montville, 1926 to 1928

Box 3

Minute books, Park Committee & Council of the Acclimatisation Society, 1886 to 1895

2 audio cassettes labelled 'Toowong History' and 'Thornton'

Scrapbook and cuttings of the Acclimatisation Society, 1870 to 1876

Folder 1

Photographs, including images of:

1. Professor Lusby (Physics), Professor Bryan (Geology), Professor Richards (Geology) at Morganvale Railway Station to observe the total eclipse of the sun, 1915
2. Horse driven 'intermediate' or 'round-about' driving the chaffcutter
3. Miss Brabazon's High School for Girls, Auchenflower, c1918
4. Fieldings Farm, Laidley
5. Main Camp Creek, Thornton
6. Parry Okeden's residence and "Maroomba" at Okeden St., Toowong, 1891
7. Thornton, Laidley
8. Family outside dwelling at Cleveland, 12 Dec 1892
9. Family group including Laura Watkins, Cleveland, 12 Dec 1892
10. Laidley Railway station

Folder 2

13 photographs, including images of:

- scenes from around Bellenden Ker, North Queensland, some showing Aborigines
- household at Cleveland

Folder 3

Photographs, some showing Aborigines in North Queensland, and one showing Aborigines fishing, possibly near Brisbane

Folder 4

Map, Thornton Parish, Churchill County

Typewritten sheets by S.B. Watkins about Thornton at turn of century and earlier, concerning Watkins family history

Newspaper cuttings of an article titled 'A visit to Mount Mistake'

Box 4

Folder 1

Labeled 'Mt Coot-tha history etc.', contains pamphlets, newspaper cuttings, a booklet of holdings of the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Library 1980 and copy of *Mt. Coot-tha in pen and pencil* by Phoebe Kirwan & J.H. Hart. – Brisbane : Service Press, [1925]

Folder 2

Labeled 'Botanic Gardens and Long Pocket', contains correspondence from Brisbane City Council, agenda and minutes of meetings of BCC Botanic Gardens Advisory Committee, correspondence from Long Pocket Parklands Protection Association and minutes of Ad Hoc Committee for Management of Sir John Chandler Park.

Folder 3

Labeled 'Spices (sic) Gap', contains typed notes and newspaper cuttings relating to the discovery and development of routes between Brisbane and the Darling Downs, in particular Spicer's Gap.

Folder 4

Photographs

- 3 photographs of cotton picking at Thornton. Note on back – Mother's parents farm, Thornton
- Australian scientists on board the *S.S. Euripides* showing S.B. Watkins at front right. Scientist were going to England to work on munitions projects
- 6 photographs of Bulimba House
- 2 photographs of unidentified man (possibly son of Harold Love)
- plan of Bulimba House
- newspaper cuttings regarding the house

Folder 5

S.B. Watkins' personal papers

- Copy of time sheet for work done for Mrs. E.E. Watkins at the Montville Orchard by V.G. Pack. 1934 & 1935 (1 leaf)
- Copy of letter of application by S.B. Watkins for position of Government Analyst October 1946.
- Attached is 5 leaves of biographical information
- Envelope containing letters of notification of scholarships and appointments awarded to S.B. Watkins

- Letter from British Ministry of Munitions of War 12 July 1917 dismissing S.B. Watkins from further work in the munitions plant because of health reasons and letter 28 June about return travel to Australia
- Letter from British Ministry of Munitions for War appointing S.B. Watkins to chemist trainee position at Queen's Ferry factory 31 October 1916 and copy of factory rules
- Australian Army summons to enlist 1 Nov 1916
- Letter from Australian Dept. of Defence referring to request by S.B. Watkins for financial assistance for medical treatment as a result of munitions work in England, 14 October 1918
- Copies of letters certifying that S.B. Watkins was unable to continue munitions work because of chronic bronchitis and asthma
- Copies of letters from Queensland Government giving permission for Mr Watkins to give gardening talks on radio
- Certification of employment in Ministry of Munitions 22.11.16
- Letters from Queensland Government re Mr Watkins' holidays
- Taxation notice of assessment 1916-17
- Letters about Mr Watkins' claim of having been badly gassed at Queen's Ferry munitions factory.
- Two references from University of Queensland staff 1919
- Copy of agreement re sale of land Mt Coot-tha Road and notebook containing record of payments
- *IGSACTA ; Ipswich Grammar news for old boys* – no. 9 December 1957. – Mt Watkins is in photograph on cover
- Boys Grammar School Ipswich Register of Old Boys draft list
- *Founders of Australian chemistry : B.D. Steele* by S.B. Watkins
- Royal Australian Chemical Institute. Register of member. 1 February 1979

Parcel 5

Photographs of Charters Towers and Stoney Creek Cairns Railway, nd

Parcel 6

Photograph of group entitled CT College, 1929