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Peter Fitzallan MacDonald Collection

Size	5 boxes
Contents	Pastoral records of 'Yaamba', near Rockhampton. Letterbooks, diaries, correspondence, financial records, and fragments of manuscript notes.
Biography	<p>Peter Fitzallan MacDonald, known as P F MacDonald of Yaamba Station, near Rockhampton, was born on 4 September 1830 at Campbelltown, NSW. He was educated at King's School, Parramatta. He worked in his father's business for a while, then came to Bendigo for gold prospecting. Due to ill health, he became an overseer on a sheep and cattle run near Geelong from 1851 to 1854. He left Geelong in 1857 to come to Queensland to explore the Rockhampton region for three years. In 1858 he nearly perished when his exploring party was cut off by flood, 350km west of Keppel Bay. In 1860, he settled down at Yaamba to develop his various lease holdings. In 1861, in revenge of the Nogoia murder committed by the Aborigines, he organised a private party to assist police to hunt down the attackers. P F Macdonald dominated the news from 1869 to 1880 when he was involved in a lawsuit against the Crown 'Macdonald vs. Tully' in the Great Northern Run Case. He nearly lost all of his fortune during the long drought of 1900 to 1902. He was in the House of Assembly representing Blackall from 1873 to 1878. He was a member of various agricultural associations. He was married to Julia Ayrey in 1861; they had 2 sons and 2 daughters. He died in 1919.</p>
Notes	Open access, except access to Boxes 1 to 4 is restricted due to fragile condition of the documents. Application for access to restricted material can be submitted to the Fryer Librarian for consideration.

Series A: Letter Books

This series consists of 14 bound letter books dated from 1 Jan 1887 to 1904. The letter books have alphabetical indexes to correspondents. They are in fair condition. Some letters are quite badly damaged and are not legible. All have titles on spines: Letter book. The letters are mainly on business except a few to P F Macdonald's relatives. Most letters in the hand of P F MacDonald, some sketches of the properties are included.

Box 1

A1 15 Sep 1883 to 30 May 1885 [763 p, mainly business letters]

A2 1 Jan 1883- 5 Oct 1897 [943 p, also includes 'Proposed Mutual Queensland Shearing Agreement', with ms note and news clipping mounted on front endpapers, contains a number of accounts and letters of agreements]

A3 1 Jan 1887 to 6 Sept 1888 [vol 17, 750 p]

Box 2

A4 5 Sept 1888 to May 1890 [749 p, includes sketch of maps of Yaamba and surroundings]

A5 Morningside and Yaamba, Rockhampton, 23 Jun 1888 to 28 Jul 1892 [499 p, includes incoming letters to Mr Macdonald in a different hand]

A6 18 Jan 1892 to 24 Jul 1893 [998 p, this contains copies of incoming letters and some are signed by A L MacDonald]

Box 3

A7 19 Mar 1893 to 4 Nov 1897 [500 p, includes sketch map and tables]

A8 3 Jul 1893 to 29 Mar 1894 [500 p]

A9 3 Oct 1896 to 2 Jul 1898 [1018 p]

A10 11 Nov 1897 to 26 Jul 1899 [513 p, includes sketch map]

Box 4

A11 5 Jul 1898 to 1 Oct 1899 [759 p]

A12 3 Jan 1900 to 28 Dec 1900 [500 p, sketch map at back]

A13 30 Oct 1901 to 3 Mar 1903 [499 p, includes copies of incoming letters in another hand]

A14 3 Jul 1902 to 10 Oct 1904 [497 p, includes letters signed by Arthur L Macdonald]

A15 One folder of 8 transcripts of the letters from the letter book, 1880-1898

Series B: Diaries

Included in this series are four diaries in two sizes. The diaries are dated 1854, 1902, 1903 and 1904. All entries are in the hand of P F MacDonald giving details of the weather, job allocation, list of letters sent, in brown ink with annotation in either red or blue pencil. These diaries also include newspaper clippings on various subjects.

Box 5

B1A Letts' diary or Bills due Book and Almanack for 1854. Entries on 1 Jun, dated Sep 1857, the last date is 11 Oct 1858. Between pages for June and July are entries by P F MacDonald on the exploration of West of Keppel Bay in the last week of November 1858 with John Cameron MacDonald and Mr Buckle. Entries on pages for August, dated 1858 are recordings of financial matters and entries on pages for November-December are lists of books. On the back of the diary there are five sketches of maps. On the front end paper there are details of the birth and death of Anne Ada Stuart (nee MacDonald), Stuart Ronald MacDonald, and Arthur Leslie MacDonald.

B1B Transcript of 1854 Diary [9 p]

B2 Letts' Australasian Rough Diary and almanac for 1902 [includes newspaper clippings in the front of the diary and at the back pages of the diary there is a list of items in pencil]

B3 Letts' Australasian Rough Diary and Almanac for 1903 [includes newspaper clippings on the drought, Post Office, Rockhampton, timetable for November 1902 etc at the front. On the back pages of the diary are memoranda and obituary for 1903, rainfall record]

B4 Letts' Australasian Rough Diary and Almanac for 1904 [includes newspaper clipping at front on federal election, Australian economic crisis, Mr Kidston, skim milk for paint making. Also includes obituary for 1903, as well as newspaper clippings, rainfall records and memoranda for 1904 at the back of the diary]

Series C: Correspondence

This series consists of six incoming letters, two incoming telegrams and one outgoing telegram.

C1 Pebederdy, W K, telegram dated 25 Aug 1891 to P F MacDonald regarding meeting in town

C2 Public Lands Officer Letter [signed by W J Warren, Land Commissioner] dated 2 Feb 1897 to P F MacDonald regarding application for occupation

C3 Queensland Railways, Commissioner's Office, letter dated 18 Aug 1904 to P F MacDonald re compensation to Pauline Flora MacDonald

C4 Robison, Herbert

C5 Satge, H, letter dated 18 Apr 1875 to P F MacDonald regarding a block of land

C6a Tully, N, Alcock, letter dated 23 May 1877 to P F MacDonald regarding land

C6b Tully, N, Alcock, telegram dated 16 Oct 1877 to P F Macdonald regarding selection

C6c Tully, N, Alcock, letter dated 26 Aug 1878 regarding Mr Thompson and Bloomfield

C7 MacDonald, P F, telegram dated 24 Aug 1891 to Francis Holmes & Co regarding bricklayers

C8 Letter to Arthur MacDonald from P F MacDonald, 17 Jan 1918

Series D: Financial Records

D1a – c Division of Bauhinia, Subdivision one, notice of valuation dated 30 Mar 1900

D2 Division of Duaringer Subdivision 3, notice of valuation

D3 a – i Division of Broad sound, subdivision three, notices of valuation [nine notices, mss on printed forms], dated May 1899, 11 Aug 1899, 24 Aug 1900, two rates receipts dated 11 Aug 1899

D4 Municipality of Bowen, valuation notice dated 18 Apr 1899 and rate notice dated 23 May 1899

D5 Municipality of Rockhampton, Fitzroy Ward – notice of valuation and associated correspondence; one letter dated 13 Aug 1900 from Lee and Co to P F MacDonald regarding rate notice; one list of general special health rates, dated 22 Oct 1900

D6 a – j Division of Gogango; receipts for rates dated 13 Nov 1899; and one letter dated 13 Nov 1899 regarding acknowledgement of rates paid and one memo Gogango Division Board Rates claimed for 1899

D7 a – e Gogango Divisional Board – general health rate notice and rate notice dated 17 Aug 1900

D8 – 12 Miscellaneous items: cheque butts; insurance certificates from New Zealand Company, for shipment of wool, dated 18 Apr 1901; Acknowledgement from Savings Bank Business for deposition of 203 pounds, dated 22 Oct 1888; Share certificate of Rockhampton Gas and Coke Company Ltd; Memorandum of Conveyance between James Rogers and P F MacDonald

D13 Specification of Building contracted for by Mr U G English [The building was erected about 1891 on an adjoining property of Yaamba]

SERIES E: POLITICAL PAPERS

This series consists of publications of the Queensland Political Association, electoral rolls, election paper, etc

E1a Queensland Political Association – Report of proceedings of annual meeting 1896-1897, issued 1 Jul 1897

E1b Queensland Political Association – Circular letter re reasons for purging the rolls signed by Robert Bulcock, Hon Sec

E2 Electoral district Rockhampton North, 1 Dec 1902

E3 a – c Example of how to fill subjoined form [list of persons disqualified from voting]

E4a [How to vote form]: Vote this way for the three Senatorial Anti Socialistic Candidates: Ballot paper

E4b Federal elections: to the electors of Queensland a circulation letter from the three senatorial anti-socialistic candidates

E5 General election of 1896: reprint from the Brisbane Courier: includes articles on synopsis of voting general elections 1893 and 1896, electors and voters, votes and results, strength and progress of parties, illustration of the Legislative Assembly and 16 members, etc

Series F: Miscellaneous Documents

F1a Births in the District of Springsure in the Colony of Queensland registered by JG MacDonald, in 1880, signed by Patrick Bowen dated 19 Dec 1887

F1b Births in the District of Springsure in the Colony of Queensland registered by JG MacDonald, in 1877, dated 19 Dec 1887 signed by P K Bowen, Acting District Registrar

F2 The Queensland Traders Protective Institute Report, Vol 38, Fol 4, week ending 29 Jan 1892

F3 Supplement to the Queensland Government Gazette, Vol 64, no 138 [?], 4 Dec 1895, the Brands Act of 1872

F4a Newspaper clipping: 'Gazette' proclamation

F4b Leichhardt East Marsupial Board: newspaper cutting

Series G: Notes and Fragments

G1 Miscellaneous items