

UQFL28

Philp Family Collection

Size 2 boxes, 2 parcels

Contents Correspondence between Jessie and Robert Philp, and others; diaries; London theatre programmes and rowing regatta programmes; realia, albums (2 albums of postcards and one album of Brisbane Flood 1893 views); family papers including marriage certificate, and brief history of Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd.

Date range 1874 to 1920

Biography Robert Philp, businessman and politician, was born Glasgow Scotland and arrived in Queensland in 1862. In 1874 he joined merchant company of James Burn in Townsville, and made partner in 1876. After entering state politics in 1886 as member for Musgrave he became Premier of Queensland (1899 to 1903, and 1907 to 1908), as a conservative. He contributed to the establishment of the University of Queensland.

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Correspondence

Reference numbers	Year	Dates	Correspondents
UQFL 28.1	1874	Feb: 17 (from Maryborough)	Between Jessie Philp (Nee Campbell) and Robert (Bob) Philp
		May: 11, 18, 25, 27, 31 (from Ipswich)	
		Jun: 3, 8, 14, 22, 28	
UQFL 28.2 – 20	1877	Jul: 5, 13, 20, 27 Aug: 3, 10, 18, 24, 31	From Jessie Campbell, Creek Street, Brisbane to Bob Philp, Townsville

UQFL 28.21 – 38	1877	Sep: 7, 9, 21, 27 Oct: 5, 10, 19, 25 (from Ballymore) Nov: 2, 5 (Ballymore), 9, 15, 23, 30 Dec: 7, 14, 21, 26	From Jessie Campbell, Creek Street, Brisbane to Bob Philp, Townsville
UQFL 28.39 – 52	1877	May: 13, 16, 20 Jun: 3, 10, 14, 17, 24, 29 Jul: 10, 15, 22, 29 Aug: 5	From Bob Philp, Townsville to Jessie Campbell, Brisbane
UQFL 28.53 – 74	1877	Aug: 8, 19, 26 Sep: 2, 5, 9, 16, 23, 29 Oct: 7, 15, 18, 28 Nov: 11, 18, 25, 29 Dec: 7, 9 (attached to Dec. 7), 16, 19, 23, 29	From Bob Philp, Townsville to Jessie Campbell, Brisbane
UQFL 28.75 – 85	1879	May: 30 Jun: 5, 14, 20, 27 Jul: 4, 11, 18, 21, 25 Aug: 1	From Jessie Philp, Creek Street, Brisbane to Bob Philp, Townsville
UQFL 28.86 – 97	1879	May: 28 Jun: 2, 8, 11, 15, 22, 29 Jul: 3, 6, 13, 20 (includes letter from brother Jim), 27	From Bob Philp, Townsville to Jessie Philp, Creek Street, Brisbane
UQFL 28.98	1880	Dec: 10	From Jessie Philp at Ballymore, Brisbane to Bob Philp, Townsville
UQFL 28.99 – 102	1882	Dec: 22, 29	From Jessie Philp at Ballymore, Brisbane to Bob Philp, Townsville

			Jan: 2, 5, 12, 19 (Creek St), 25, 26	
UQFL 28.103 – 119	1883		Feb: 2, 8 (Ipswich), 15, 18, 22 (Rocky Bank) Mar: 2, 6, 9, 15, 23, 30	From Jessie Philp at Ballymore, Brisbane to Bob Philp, Townsville
UQFL 28.120 – 121	1883		Dec: 24, 30	From Bob Philp, Townsville to Jessie Philp, Creek Street, Brisbane
UQFL 28.122 – 139	1883		Jan: 7, 13, 20, 24, 27 Feb: 3, 11, 11, 17, 26, 28 Mar: 3, 10, 16, 25 Apr: 7 May: 31, from Brisbane to Townsville Jun: 8, 12 (from Sydney to Townsville), 22 (from Brisbane to Townsville)	From Bob Philp, Townsville to Jessie Philp, Ballymore, Brisbane
UQFL 28.140	1887		Oct: 26	To Cousin Jessie P. from Robert Mitchell, Belfast
UQFL 28.141	1878		Jan: 28	From M. Sloan to [Jessie?] Campbell
UQFL 28.142 – 145	1890		May: 6, 26 Jun: 2, 19	From Jessie Philp, Baroona to May (daughter)
UQFL 28.146	[1890?]		Jan: 6	Bob Philp, Baroona to May (daughter)
UQFL 28.147	1878		Jul	From James Burns to John Forsyth [sic]
UQFL 28.148	1879		Jul 11	To Bob Townsville from Bella, Creek Street, Brisbane

UQFL 28.149	1979	May 27	To niece (J.P.) Townsville from Aunt Eliza, 'Barrambia'
UQFL 28.150	1878	8th [?]	To Jessie Philp, Townsville from Sister Mary, Rocky Banks
UQFL 28.151	1918	Apr 15	Letter (form) to Sir Robert Philp, from Nolans Ltd, Innisfail, N.Q.
UQFL 28.152	1918	Sep 6	Letter to R. Henderson Esq, from P.L. Maynard (?)
UQFL 28.153	1914	Jan 2[?]	Letter to Robert Henderson, beginning Dear Dad, from Max (?); in envelope with UQFL.28.154
UQFL 28.154	1914	Jan 2	Letter in envelope to Dear Robert, from Pater, in envelope with UQFL.28.154
UQFL 28.155	1912	Apr 28	Letter to My Dear Miss Blanch, from J. Mackenzie(?)
UQFL 28.156	1912	Jul 25	Letter to Dear Blanch, from Fred.
UQFL 28.157	1904	Nov 11	Postcard to Miss J. B. Philp, from May
UQFL 28.158	1892	Dec	Christmas cards(2) to Robert Philp from May and Blanch in envelope.
UQFL 28.159	1920	Jun 10	Letter to May from Robert Philp in envelope.

Miscellaneous

- 1 Passenger list of the S.S. "Mantua", P&O Fleet, 1912
- 2 Card printed with Hon. Robert Philp and coat of arms
- 3 Surrey Country Cricket Club, Surrey v. Australia, score card, 17 Jun 1912
- 4 Card of G. Herbert Wood

- 5 Collegiate Church of the Holy Trinity, Statford-Upon-Avon, admission ticket and notes for visitors
- 6 Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co pleasure cruises brochure, 1912
- 7 Marriage Certificate – Robert Philp and Jessie Bannister Campbell, 1st Feb 1878
- 8 I.O.U. of 100 pounds from R. Donaldson to Robert Philp dated 1st Jan 1879
- 9 Invitation to Hon. R. Philps to lunch with Earl Beauchamp to meet members of the Congress of the Universities of the Empire, 2 Jul 1912
- 10 Invitation to The hon. Robert Philp from the High Commissioner for New Zealand, 30 Oct 1912
- 11 Invitation to The Hon. R. Philp from Congress of the Universities of the Empire, 2 Jul 1912
- 12 Invitation to The Hon R. Philp from the University of Edinburgh, 26 Jun 1912
- 13 School Grammar notebook, belonging to Blanch Philp
- 14 National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland, Queensland Jubilee Celebrations, 34th Annual Show, First Prize certificate awarded to Blanch Philp, section XVIII, class 166
- 15 Letter to Mademoiselle C.M. O'Connor, from Blanch Philp, 1 Aug 1905 [a school exercise?]
- 16 Brief history of Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd – reprinted from the “Sydney Mail” Jan 18, 1896. 1 foolscap page
- 17 Certificate – Junior Public Examination certificate issued by the University of Sydney to Isabella Mary Philp Aug, 1896.
- 18 Receipt for Mrs Philp on letterhead of Robert Philp, merchant 19th April 1879
- 19 Record of R & J Philp children’s names and birthdays. 1 page
- 20 Photograph of Helen Philp, aged 92 etc
- 21 Receipt from Fegan, artist and photographer, 20 Jul 1914
- 22 Engagements card
- 23 Notebook. Black [1898?] includes listing of meat required/bought from butcher
- 24 Certificate – Junior Public Examination issued by University of Sydney to Isabella Mary Philp, august, 1895.

Box 2

Diaries

- 1 No name, date 1 Mar – Sunday 16th, small black note book. [Miss Philp’s European trip?]
- 2 Diary of Nellie M. Forsyth, 1886

Programmes

- 1 His Majesty's Theatre, Eighth London Shakespeare Festival, 1912. 'The Merchants of Venice'
- 2 Duke of York's Theatre, London, 'Overruled' by Bernard Shaw, 'The Widow of Wasdale Head' by Arthur Pinero, 'Rosalind' by J.M. Barrie, 25
- 3 The Comedy Theatre, London, 'A scrape o' the pen', by Graham Moffat, 1912
- 4 The Playhouse, London, 'The Little Café', by Tristan Bernard, 1912
- 5 Apollo Theatre, London, 'The Glad Eye', by Jose G. Levy, 1912
- 6 Daly's Theatre, London, 'Gypsy Love', by A.M. Willner, 1912
- 7 Royalty Theatre, London, 'Milestones', by Arnold Bennett, 1912
- 8 Scala Theatre, London, file programme, 1912
- 9 Programme of music to be performed ... His Majesty's birthday, 1912
- 10 Ranelagh Club programme of fixtures, 1912
- 11 Henley Royal Regatta Official Programme, 1912
- 12 Service to be used at the launching of ships of His Majesty's Navy, 1912
- 13 Kingsway Theatre, London, 'Fanny's First Play', [1912?]

Realia

- 1 Framed portrait of Sir Robert Philp
- 2 Silk scroll presented to Robert Philp in honour of his first visit to Cairns as Premier of Queensland

Postcards

From Album 2:

UQFL 2.13 – 48 Australia

UQFL 2.49 – 133 Overseas

From Album 1:

UQFL 2.134 – 302 Australia

UQFL 2.303 – 401 Overseas

Albums

- 1 Inscribed postcard album – "To dear old Blanch ..."
- 2 Inscribed postcard album – "To Blanche with Pam's ..."

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3 Album of Brisbane Flood Views 1893 [also includes regional towns, and the 1890 Rockhampton flood; detailed listing of photographs below]

Number	Title	Description / Notes
BRISBANE (Brisbane River)		
HAMILTON REACH		
1 [not included]	"Natone" ashore at Eagle Farm Flats	The steamer <i>Natone</i> was washed down the river and driven ashore at Eagle Farm
BULIMBA REACH		
2	Newstead	View from Jordan Terrace, Bowen Hills. Looking north across the flooded Breakfast Creek and Brisbane River, to Newstead House with large Norfolk Pine visible on the right. People picnicking on river bank.
3	Newstead, Bulimba in distance	View of inundated Newstead across Brisbane River to Bulimba
4	Newstead, Bulimba in distance	View of Newstead and the Bulimba Reach of the Brisbane River in full flood. In many cases just roof tops are visible above the floodwaters and several ships either adrift in the river or lodged in bushes on the river bank.
5	Bulimba, from Teneriffe	Taken from the wharves at Teneriffe, a large piece of Routledge & Ommanney, Manchester equipment can be seen in foreground. Two struts can be seen above the rushing waters, which were probably part of a ship which has sunk.
6	Stratton, Bulimba Road, and Newstead in distance	View of Stratton Estate, Newstead, Gas Works on left, Teneriffe on right.
7	Swan Hill	View to Swan Hill [Windsor] and Breakfast Creek from Bulimba Reach

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8	Kingsholme	Kingsholme [Street], New Farm. Kingsholme Cash Store on the left of image. Looking across flooded river to Hawthorn
9	Old Racecourse, New Farm	Now New Farm Park
KANGAROO POINT		
10	From Bowen Terrace	Panorama image. From left Bowen Terrace cliffs, several large ships midstream inundated Kangaroo Point, the roof of Evans, Anderson Phelan, locomotive works, across to the right the city wharves, three large ships berthed, one in steam in close to Customs House, probably the SS Gabo.
11	From Bowen Terrace	Panorama image. From left inundated Kangaroo Point, Evans, Anderson Phelan, locomotive works roof, across to city wharves. Many ships berthed at wharves. Customs House in centre, and St Pauls Presbyterian Church on right.
12	From Petrie's Bight	SS Derwent, viewed from Howard Smith's Wharves, Petrie's Bight to inundated Kangaroo Point
13	Kangaroo Point from Norman Creek	Very fast flowing flood waters with Kangaroo Point in distance
14	Main Street, Bowen Terrace in distance	Many inundated houses can be seen on the point. Two sailing boats moored in street. Town Reach, wharves and All Hallows Convent in the distance
GARDEN REACH		
15	Australasian United Steam Navigation Company's Wharves	View across the swollen Brisbane River to the wharves of AUSN Co, now Eagle Street Pier. Only the roofs of the wharves are visible, with city warehouses in the distance.

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16	Botanic Garden and Wharves from River Terrace, Kangaroo Point	View of swollen Brisbane River to Botanic Gardens, several ships midstream, others gathered on edge and in amongst gardens. City wharves in the distance.
CITY VIEWS		
17	General, from Telegraph Tower	View of flooded Brisbane city towards Botanic Gardens and across to Kangaroo Point, taken from Telegraph Tower
18	Creek Street, from Adelaide Street	Children playing in floodwaters in Creek Street, towards wharves and Brisbane River.
19	Queen Street, looking towards Victoria Bridge	View probably from Edward Street corner, New Zealand Insurance Co building on the right
20	Queen Street, looking towards Petrie's Bight	P.L. Poulsen, No.9 View of flooded Queen Street. The Bank of Queensland can be seen on the left and the Royal Opera House on the right.
21	Albert Street, from Queen Street	Looking from the Corner of Queen and Albert Streets towards the Botanic Gardens. Shows flooded street, carts and horses and people in rowboats.
22	Alice Street and Masonic Hall	View down Alice street from George Street, Old Masonic Hall on left, Botanic Gardens on right
23	Government Domain and House of Curator of Botanic Garden	View of swollen reach of the river around Gardens Point. The garden Curator's house has been dislodged and inundated with floodwaters
24	Botanic Gardens, from Parliament House	View shows inundated ornamental pond and the Walter Hill Drinking Fountain, across to the swollen river and Kangaroo Point
25a	Stranded Vessels, Botanic Gardens	View across to Gardens Point to several stranded vessels, including HMQS Paluma, SS Elamang.

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25	Botanic Garden, showing Stranded Vessels	Queensland Government gunboat HMQS Paluma whilst undergoing a refit in the Brisbane River was swept away and grounded in the Brisbane Botanic Gardens along with SS Elamang & unidentified hulk believed to be the "Mary Evans"
26	City, from Bowen Terrace	This view of the swollen Brisbane River also shows tops of the warehouse roofs above the floodwaters. In the background is the steamer SS Gabo at Messrs Howard Smith and Sons wharf. It was feared the steamer would drift into the wharves, but is seen still high above the goods sheds.
27	Boats in the Gardens	Queensland Government gunboat HMQS Paluma whilst undergoing a refit in the Brisbane River was swept away and grounded in the Brisbane Botanic Gardens along with SS Elamang & unidentified hulk believed to be the "Mary Evans"
TOWN REACH		
27	City, from Telegraph Tower ; South Brisbane in distance	View to collapsed Victoria Bridge. First Brisbane Town Hall, erected 1874 on right.
28	South Brisbane, Musgrave Park	Inundated park and submerged houses, looking towards Brisbane city, Treasure Building in distance.
29	South Brisbane, Stanley Street and Dry Dock ; City in distance	View of heavily flooded streets of South Brisbane, in particular Grey Street and the warehouses fronting the river. The Ship Inn can be seen in the centre of the image and to the right, people standing on the edge of the dry dock, now the Maritime Museum. In the background is the flooded Brisbane City, damaged Victoria Bridge and North Quay.

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30	South Brisbane, from Parliament House	P.C. Poulsen image. Panorama. View from roof of Parliament House, across swollen City Reach to South Brisbane. Imperial Swimming Baths, Musgrave Wharf, Queensland Pioneer Mills, all just visible under floodwaters. Submerged houses, several ships midstream, collapsed Victoria Bridge on far right.
31	Messrs. D.L. Brown and Company's, Drying Stock	Merchandise from flooded warehouses is being dried out in front of D.L. Brown's buildings.
32	Queen's Wharf and Messrs. Pettigrew's Mill	P.C. Poulsen image. Onlookers pictured at left, washing drying on roof behind, swamped boat on angle in swollen river near inundated wharf.
33	Market Wharf and North Quay	High level floodwaters, looking towards Milton and Toowong.
34	Victoria Bridge before Collapse	View from North Quay of Victoria Bridge, to South Brisbane. Floodwaters up to rail level. Ships berthed at South Brisbane wharves in distance. Crowd watching on north shore.
35	Victoria Bridge after Collapse	
36	North Quay	
37 [not included]	Montague Road and South Brisbane from North Quay	
38 [not included]	Montague Road and South Brisbane from North Quay	View from North Quay looking towards Montague Road, South Brisbane. Many homes and businesses completely underwater. Only the roof of Carmichael's Saw Mills, cnr Hope and Montague Roads is showing. To the left is the Victoria Bridge after its collapse.
MILTON REACH		
39	Milton, from Railway Station ; South Brisbane in distance	View of heavily flooded valley

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40	Milton, from Red Hill	Alex C Wishart image. View from Red Hill, railway station and coach works almost stranded in floodwaters. Valley inundated with just treetops showing.
41	Annie Street, Torwood [now Rosalie, Auchenflower]	View of flooded street, some homes completely underwater
42	Rosalie	View of flooded suburbs of Rosalie and Bardon
43	Emma Street, Toowong, Orleigh Estate ; South Brisbane in distance	View from Emma Street, flooded suburb of Milton across to South Brisbane and West End
INDOOROOPILLY		
44	Railway Bridge before Collapse	View from river bank of bridge prior to collapse
45	Railway Bridge after Collapse, looking towards Mr Neilson's	
46	Railway Bridge after Collapse, from Mr Neilson's	Image taken from devastated garden "Mr Neilson's" covered with debris, taken from south side. Indooroopilly Railway Bridge shown with large section missing.
FAIRFIELD		
47	Fairfield, and South Brisbane Cemetery	P.C. Poulsen image. View from Dutton Park, inundated South Brisbane Cemetery in foreground, looking across to St Lucia and current University of Queensland site.
IPSWICH (Bremer River)		
48	Ipswich, from North Side	View of flooded town of Ipswich taken from north side of Bremer River. Only roof tops showing of many houses.

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49	Brisbane Street	View of heavily inundated Brisbane Street, Ipswich. Men standing on top veranda of Palais Royal Hotel
50	Brisbane Street	Looking east to Queens Park from near corner of East and Brisbane Streets Ipswich
51	General, from Hospital	View of inundated town of Ipswich from Ipswich Hospital, St Stephens Presbyterian Church, Limestone Street, can be seen to the right.
52	Roman Catholic Church etc.	View from across Bremer River, first St Marys Catholic Church in foreground, man in rowboat
53	General, from Wharf Street	View of the flooding Bremer River from Wharf Street. St Stephens Presbyterian Church, Limestone Street in foreground.
54	Woollen Factory, from Hon. G Thorn Esquire's Residence	Ipswich Woollen Mills, corner of Limestone and East Streets, Ipswich inundated by floodwaters.
GYMPIE (Mary River)		
55	General, from Roman Catholic Church Hill, looking West	
56	Mary Street, from Commissioner's Hill, looking East	
57	Columbia and Smithfield Mine	
58	One-Mile and Monkland, from Red Hill	View of inundated suburbs One-Mile and Monkland.
MARYBOROUGH (Mary River)		
59	Richmond Street	View of waist deep floodwaters in Richmond Street, Maryborough

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60	Kent Street, from Richmond Street	People in rowboats on flooded streets of Maryborough
61	Richmond Street, from Kent Street	People in rowboat, Richmond Street, Maryborough
62	Wharf Street, "The Pocket" in the distance	Horse and cart in flooded Wharf Street, Maryborough. Pryce & Anderson Solicitors sign in foreground.
63	Bazaar Street, from Post Office	Flooded street view taken from Maryborough Post Office along Bazaar Street
64	Looking towards Railway Station, from Post Office Tower	View from Post Office tower, Bazaar Street, towards Railway Station. St Marys Catholic Church on left
65	Looking towards Granville, from Post Office Tower	View across flooded Mary River to suburb of Granville from Post Office tower, Bazaar Street, Maryborough. Flooded gardens in foreground.
66	Kent Street, from Richmond Street	People in rowboat on flooded Kent Street, Gataker's warehouse on left of image.
67	Looking towards Newtown from Post Office Tower	View of flooded suburb, Newtown, from Post Office tower, Bazaar Street, Maryborough
68	Antigua Bridge	View of damaged Antigua Railway Bridge over the Mary River
69	Kent Street, from Adelaide Street	View of high floodwaters in Kent Street, Gardner & Cos Boot Arcade sign on right
BUNDABERG (Burnett River)		
70	Targo Street, looking South	View of Targo Street inundated with floodwaters. People in rowboats, man with three wheeled cycle in foreground
71	Burnett River Bridge	View of very high floodwaters and Burnett River Bridge, Bundaberg

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72	Looking North-East, showing North Bundaberg	View of North Bundaberg, John Novakoski Cabinet Maker & Undertaker and G Black's Shoeing Forge, Woongarra Street, and Boot and Shoemakers Targo Street, can be seen.
73	Looking North-East, showing North Bundaberg	Continuation of image 72, view of North Bundaberg and inundated homes near Burnett River. Men's Coffee & Reading Room in foreground
74	Looking South-West	View of swollen Burnett River
75	Looking South	View of swollen Burnett River, two large ships moored off Australasian United Steam Navigation Company's Wharves
ROCKHAMPTON (Fitzroy River) 1890		
76	End of Denham Street, looking down stream	J.H. Lundager image. Ships moored in swollen river.
77	Fitzroy Bridge, Flood at height	People gathered on river bank watching very high floodwaters under Fitzroy Bridge
78	Quay Street, from Harbour Office	Large jacaranda tree in foreground next to flag pole looking towards ships moored in swollen river
79	Quay Street, towards Harbour Office	J.H. Lundager image. Flooded street looking towards moored ships and the Fitzroy Bridge
80	From Brewery, towards Athelstane Range	J.H. Lundager image. View from Brewery, many inundated houses.
81	Intersection of East and Derby Streets, Rockhampton	J.H. Lundager image. View of flooded intersection, people standing on veranda of inundated Rockhampton Hotel, horse and buggy in foreground.

Parcel 2

Framed portrait of James Forsythe