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Bill Thorpe Collection

Size 2 boxes, 1 large folder

Contents Research material and correspondence relating to Deebing Creek and Purga Aboriginal Missions. Includes transcripts of interviews, photocopies of Queensland Department of Public Instruction records, material for history thesis, and files of Deebing Creek Cultural Committee relating to the Committee's efforts to have part of original Deebing Creek Mission made an Aboriginal reserve. Also includes letters from Frances Wright, and maps. Much of the material was used for Bill Thorpe's book, *Remembering the forgotten : a history of the Deebing Creek Aboriginal Mission in Queensland 1887-1915*. Includes typescript and CD copies of Thorpe's thesis (B.A. (Hons.), University of Queensland, 1978), *Archibald Meston and the Aborigines*.

Date range 1869 to 2002

Notes Open access
Box 1 Folders 1 – 5 and Folder 3 previously catalogued at F2435.

Box 1

Folder 1

Correspondence relating to Deebing Creek, 1974-81

Folder 2

Correspondence relating to Deebing Creek, 1980-82

Transcripts of interviews

'Just picked up and sent there. Aspects of life at Purga Mission 1920-1948 : an oral history' by William Thorpe (typescript, 31 pages)

Folder 3

Deebing Creek photographs

Photocopies of research material

Folder 4

School returns (photocopies) :

- Deebing Creek Provisional School : 1897-1913
- Purga Aboriginal School : 1923-41; 1943-48

Folder 5

Photocopied official records, many relating to Deebing Creek Provisional School. 1895-1915

Subject folders containing notes, photocopied archival material and some correspondence; labelled by Bill Thorpe as follows :

- Ugaripil tribe of Fassifern Valley; J.G. Steele on Brisbane Aboriginal Pathways
- Aboriginal cricketers Deebing Creek 1894
- *Austral Star* 7 July on Robertson
- Deebing Creek file : excerpts from Ryan, Dusky weekend (2001) (Sam Anderson). Useful for D.C. names, Les Davidson connections. Ch. 2
- Maps, plans. Deebing Creek Reserve & adjacent blocks. (For Bill Kitson)
- Deebing Creek project : notes from trip/ stay with Frances Wright Nov. 1999. Correspondence with/from Frances
- Kambu meeting re D.C. & archives in Q.T on 'sit in' etc
- Deebing Creek files : 1985 geophysical survey
- Thomas Ivins 1896-1981
- Thesis documents, evidence etc.
- Aboriginal affairs in Queensland
- Winifred Cowins on European - Aboriginal relations (1950). Ros Kidd's thesis (1994)
- *Abo Call* excerpts incl. Purga

Box 2

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- Deebing Creek newspaper files : Archives 1901-1907
- Deebing Creek notes 1901-1977+
- Deebing Creek Project. Interviews : Les Davidson, Bill Robertson, Johnny Lynch, Kambu letter, Les Davidson correspondence + pics offrances , James, Toni & kids (O/Hs, photos)
- Ch 2 Monthly reports January 1897...
- Deebing Creek files 1906-1913
- Names, lists. Archives
- Miscellaneous archival material (incl. Meston's plans for arch) 1901
- Deebing Creek maps
- Maria McKenzie 1896

- Deebing Creek photos
- Letters on Deebing Creek
- Correspondence. Les Davidson, Bill Thorpe etc.
- Deebing Creek correspondence
- Deebing Creek. Les Davidson correspondence, cemetery etc. (use for "Heritage" ch.)
- Various papers on Deebing Creek [by Bill Thorpe]
- Rough notes on first meeting with Les Daviddson 18 Jan 1978 (incl. John Lynch)
- Deebing Creek file. My/return correspondence re D.C. Kambu meeting (for 'Maintaining heritage' ch.)
- Ros Kidd, Thom Blake
- Various photos including Les Davidson 1978-1999
- Correspondence with Frances Wright, Ena Chong
- John Campbell on Ipswich
- Anna Haebich letter 10 April 2002
- Graham Hoskin's BA thesis
- Excerpts from *Slaughter* (1960)
- [loose pages : mostly photocopied archival material and photocopies from *Parliamentary Papers* 1904-5]

'Archibald Meston and the Aborigines : ideology and practice, 1870-1970 : an exploration in social history' (one typescript copy, one CD copy)

Folder 3

Maps