

# UQFL43

## William James Gall Papers

<b>Size</b>	8 boxes, 2 parcels
<b>Contents</b>	Diaries, newspaper clippings 1892-1934, official and private correspondence, photographs, records, Prizewinners' list from Ipswich Grammar School, financial papers, invitations and programmes; inter-departmental memoranda from period as Under-Secretary for Home Affairs and Protector of Aborigines; manager and inspector list from Bank of New South Wales, mining and share prospectuses, reports and circulars; notes on Queensland and Australian history.
<b>Biography</b>	William Gall was born in Ipswich in 1867. He joined the public service in 1885, beginning in the Colonial Secretary's Department. He transferred to the Audit Office in 1894, and then to the Home Secretary's Department in 1903. In 1913, he was appointed Under-Secretary for Home Affairs and Protector of Aborigines. Gall was Acting Comptroller-General of Prisons from 1926. He retired in 1934. He was a speculative investor and was interested in Queensland history.
<b>Notes</b>	Open access

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### Box 1

<b>A/1a</b>	<b>Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?</b> Diary 8 Feb. 1916. John Adamson angered in Cabinet meeting; Buckley's account of Dr. J. O'Brien's death
<b>A/1a</b>	Diary 4 Feb. 1916. Cabinet discussion of position at Goodna Hospital for the insane
<b>A/1a</b>	Diary 19 Jan. 1916. Inquiry into Goodna Asylum involving John Arthur Fihelly instigated by John Huxham and David Bowman
<b>A/1a</b>	Diary 28 Mar. 1916. John Payne tells of William McCormack's allegations against Gall
<b>A/1a</b>	Diary 23 Feb. 1916. Dr. L Row want new suit for M. J. Mackay who conducts Roman Catholic prayers on Peel Island [Institute for Inebriates]
<b>A/1a</b>	Diary of 25 and 27 Feb. 1916. Death of David Bowman following upset about John Fihelly's attack Ryan; Bowman's funeral; comments about Bowman
<b>A/1a</b>	Diary 3 Mar. 1916. Rockhampton convention; party members consider dropping John Fihelly and Edward Granville Theodore from Ministry
<b>A/1a</b>	Diary 6 Mar. 1916. Articles in <i>Daily Mail</i> showing criticism of Gall were written by John Fihelly
<b>A/1a</b>	Diary 20 Mar. 1916. Matthew Reid's account of Rockhampton convention of Labor Party; Andrew Fisher's comments on Labor prospects

- A/1a** Diary 21 Mar. 1916. John Payne's comments on William McCormack; Huxham likely to be new Home Secretary
- A/1a** Diary 22 Mar. 1916. John Huxham chosen as new minister by Caucus; leakage of information to press.
- A/1a** Diary 23 Mar. 1916. Matthew Reid's account of Rockhampton convention; William McCormack's allegation about CPE balance sheet; John May tells of enmity towards Gall in Caucus.
- A/1a** Diary 24-26 May 1916. Trip to Torres Strait Islands on *Nikko Maru* with John Huxham and others; ministerial party did not dress for dinner.
- A/1a** Diary 30 May – 2 June 1916. Thursday Island visit; Harry [Henry J.] Ryan's comments about Caucus; trip to York Island.
- A/1a** Diary 4 Sept. 1916. Caucus discusses conscription issue; John Adamson asked to resign from recruiting committee; award made in sugar industry.
- A/1a** Diary 7 & 19 Sept. 1916. John Fihelly's address to the Irish Association; criticism by John Adamson.
- A/1a** Diary 18 Sept. 1916. Press-clipping about William Morris Hughes and referendum campaign.
- A/1 – 125** Biographical papers. 1881 – 1937. Includes clippings, official documents, letters, photographs outlining Gall's career from school to retirement.
- Includes:** **Ipswich Grammar School**  
Accounts of prize-giving functions, with headmaster's reports and lists of prize-winners. 1881-84. 1881-3 copied from *Queensland Times*; 1884 published separately.
- Hynes, Maurice Patrick**  
Letter 1935 January 11 to W.J. Gall. Written on the occasion of Gall's retirement from the Public Service. Mr Hynes was Secretary for Labour and Industry.
- A/126 – 149 Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**  
Personal papers 1900-1914. Includes cashbook (Qld. Patriotic Fund), diary, Certificate of Accountancy, entries for Debrett 1937/40, (2) Lamington Lodge programmes 1938, memo re sly grog selling, papers concerning family history and death/burial of Doris Jean Gall (daughter) Isabella Gall (mother) and self. Plastic envelope containing miscellaneous papers (listed).
- A/150 – 189** Miscellaneous papers covering life and career, including retirement. 1880-1938. Includes article, Achievements of men over sixty-five, draft entry for *Who's Who in Australia*, superannuation papers, record of public service, service of Under-Secretaries in Queensland Government Departments, papers dealing with requested deferment of date of retirement.

**A/187 – 214 Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**

Papers relating to shares held in various companies, including mining ventures, 1917-1960.

Includes prospectuses, reports, circulars, and letters sent to W. J. Gall by Ashgrove Land, Atmospheric Palais Ltd., Australian Gypsum Company, Australian Mining Trust Limited, Australian Patent Bag Sewing Machines Limited, Australian Patent Potato Farmer Pty Ltd. Black Jack Gold Mining Company No Liability Bowen Salt Limited, Brisbane Permanent Building and Banking Company Ltd., Builders Limited, Castlemaine Perkins Limited, Chevron (Brisbane) Ltd. City Electric Light Company Ltd. Cracow Northern Gold Mines No Liability, Cracow Northern Options Limited, Elder's Automatic Irrigation (Australia) Limited, Engineering Supply Co. of Australia Ltd., Forsyth Gold Mines No Liability, Golden Crests (Cracow) No Liability, Golden Junction (Cracow) No Liability. Golden Mile (Cracow) No Liability, Granville Gulliman (Interstate) Limited, Grovely Syndicate, Holbourne Island Phosphate Company Ltd. Gympie Gold Dredging no. 1. No Liability, Ingliston South Gold Development No Liability, Longreath Oil Wells Ltd. McKimmins Sundae Shops Ltd. Meekatharra Central Gold No Liability. Miscellaneous Parts 1 & 2, Mount Elliott Limited Mt Isa Mines Ltd., Mount Leyshon Gold Sands (No Liability), Nally Products Limited, New Caledonian Oil Syndicate, The New Gympie Gold Mines No Liability, North Australian Gold Mining Development Co. Pty. Ltd., Odds and Ends, Palm Beach Company, Peters Arctic Delicacy Limited, Perkins & Co. Ltd., Queensland Brewery Limited, Queensland Electric Coursing Association Limited. Queensland Guarantee Corporation Ltd. Queensland Meat Export Co. Ltd. Queensland National Pastoral Co. Ltd., Queensland Woolen Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Roma-Mooga Oilfields No Liability, Roma Oil Corporation Ltd., Shamrock Gold Mines Limited, Southern Press Limited, Upper Watut Gold Alluvials (No Liability), White Hope (Cracow) No Liability, Yellow Cabs (Queensland) Ltd.

**Box 2****A/190 – 205****Box 3****A/205a – 211c****Box 4****A/212 – 214****D/218 Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**

Memorandum [n.d.] Friction between the government and Judges on the question of remission of prisoner's sentences. Sir Pope Cooper, C.J., particularly active in this.

**D/219** Memorandum [n.d.] Morgan anxious to step down from Speaker's chair; offered Premiership by Sir Robert Philp party.

**D/220** Memorandum, 17 Nov. 1907 Purchase of two bottles of diphtheria serum.

- D/221** Memorandum, 13 Oct. 1916. J. A. Fihelly present at Executive Council meeting; discomfiture of Premier Ryan.
- D/222** Memorandum 19 Sept. 1917 Premier Ryan attended meeting of Under-Secretaries to discuss financial matters; attacks Gall for his hostility towards government; Huxham later intervenes.
- D/223** Memorandum, 22 Nov. 1917 Copy of letter from Mr Matthew Reid to a Mr Wilby concerning Wilby's desire to transfer from present position with Aboriginal Missions.
- D/224** Memorandum [n.d.] Premier Thomas Joseph Ryan addressed a meeting of the Brisbane Industrial Council in the Domain 2 May 1918 on recruiting matters.
- D/225** Memorandum 6 May 1918 Caucus of the Labor Party chooses a new ministry; [Edward Granville] Theodore's supporters try to oust [Thomas Joseph] Ryan; [John Arthur] Fihelly's appointment as minister.
- D/226** Memorandum 16 May 1918 Elections held in March to take advantage of vote against conscription administration of elections taken from Home Secretary's department, and removal of police administration recommended.
- D/227** Memorandum 5 June 1918 Management of Soldier's Industrial Institute given to H. C. McMinn; northern railway strike and arbitration.
- D/228** Memorandum 13 June 1918 Deputation to the Minister, John Huxham, from the asylum employees.
- D/229** Memorandum 21 June 1918 Copy of telegram from King at Townsville concerning strikes over scab labour at meat-works.
- D/230** Memorandum 29 Aug. 1918 Labor members of Parliament signed pledge to observe party platform; Gall witnessed Huxham's signature.
- D/231** Memorandum 29 Aug. 1918 Police Commissioner's story of a policeman's resignation.
- D/232** Memorandum 2 Sept. 1918 [John Arthur] Fihelly's efforts to replace [Thomas Joseph] Ryan as Premier if Ryan goes to England or becomes Chief Justice.
- D/233** Memorandum, 26 Sept. 1918. Caucus meeting annoyed about invitation list for State banquet for French mission; also discussion on Holbourne Island.
- D/234** Memorandum, 11 Dec. 1918. Attitude of Premier Ryan to Arbitration Court, also Australian Workers Union's position; conversation with Cuthbert Butler about Industrial Court.
- D/235** Memorandum, 21 Oct. 1919. Election of Fihelly as Deputy Leader, Parliamentary Labor Party.
- D/236** Memorandum, 21 May 1920. Appointment of M. O'Sullivan as Senior Inspector of Police; incident between Hunter, Ryan and O'Sullivan.
- D/237** Memorandum, 14 Nov. 1920. William Edward Parry-Okeden said that James Brunton Stephens was upset because Sir Robert Philp asked P. J. McDermott to write the Governor's speech on Mafeking night; Stephens died a day or two later.
- D/238** Memorandum, 14 Dec. 1920. Attack in House on Gall by David Riordan; letter from Matthew Reid to Wilby 1917; enmity of J. A. Fihelly towards William McCormack; Irish control of Labor Party.

- D/239** Memorandum, 23 Dec. 1920. J. A. Fihelly gives reason for recognising William John Vowles rather than Walter Henry Barnes as leader of the opposition.
- D/240a** Memorandum, 23 Dec. 1920. Letter mentions an incident when Agent General's Estimates were under discussion. Mr Michael Joseph Kirwan, Acting Chairman of Committees, walked over to front ministerial bench and shook Edward G. Theodore's hand. Memo refers to Philp-Cowley-Walsh delegation and Mr Theodore's speech about the Repudiation Act (the Land Act Amendment Act)
- D/240b** Memorandum, 23 Dec. 1920. John William Fletcher discusses high prices paid for purchase of state stations; hints of donations to party funds through Edward G. Theodore.
- D/241** Memorandum, ? Sept. 1921. Notes on preventative measures and effects of plague.
- D/242** Memorandum, 8 Dec. 1921. Clash between J. A. Fihelly and William McCormack over appointment of visiting justice; Ministers resent Fihelly's interference.
- D/243** Memorandum, 17 Aug. 1922. Arthur E. Moore tells Gall about E. T. Garbutt's interview with Edward G. Theodore; Frank Tenison Brennan and the Connolly and Sleeman trial; Theodore's relations with his Party.
- D/244** Memorandum, 2 Sept. 1922. Ernest H. Clayton's story about approaches to Edward G. Theodore to join the Country Party together with other Labor members; William John Vowles part in the scheme.
- D/245** **Basedow, Herbert**  
Letter, 13 Nov. 1922 to William James Gall re Queensland Aborigines.
- D/246** **Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**  
Memorandum, 12 Dec. 1922. Alfred James Jones's experience at Kingsborough, an old mining centre.
- D/247** Memorandum, 13 Jan. 1923. William McCormack's complaint about irresponsibility of government officials; C. E. Chuter's disloyalty to Gall.
- D/248** Memorandum, 2 June 1923. Johnny Campbell, bushranger, had once saved the life of Rev. John Mathew, Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church.
- D/249** Memorandum, 24 Aug. 1923. Allegations of graft against police; Mark Rappaport's story about Italian priest.
- D/250** Memorandum, 11 Jan. 1924. Cabinet considers position of government representative on the Brisbane Tramways Trust; James Stopford backs Gall for the job.
- D/251** Memorandum, 24 July 1924. Caucus considers 44 hour week; resignation of Edward G. Theodore, election of Charles Collins as leader, and Theodore's reappointment.
- D/252** Memorandum, 20 Jan. 1926. Alfred James Jones, Minister for Mines, wants a certain Aboriginal boy assigned to a friend as this boy knows the whereabouts of rich silver lead ore.
- D/253** Memorandum, ? Oct. 1928. Police Superannuation Bill; William McCormack, William Forgan Smith and James Stopford argue about proposed Bill.
- D/254** Memorandum, 6 Mar. 1929. Cabinet discusses appointment of new judge; leakage of information from a Minister.



- D/255** Memorandum, 18 Oct. 1928. Caucus rejects proposed increase in salaries for certain high officials; William McCormack clashes with E. J. Hanlon.
- D/256** Memorandum, ? June 1931. Impressions of deterioration on Palm Island; staff troubles.
- D/257** Letter 1934 to J. W. Greene, Lord Mayor of Brisbane, re Council's failure to compensate Gall after breaking his leg on Council property.
- D/258** Letter, 1935 to P. J. O'Shea, Chairman of the Queensland Turf Club re improvement in matters of club membership, betting shops, also membership of R. Joyce.
- D/259** Letters 1938 to Lord Mayor Alfred James Jones re land exchange with Brisbane City Council and Council works at Hendra, with other relevant papers.
- D/260** Miscellaneous papers collected in his position as Under-Secretary for the Home Secretary's Department. 1917-1934.
- D/261** Invitation cards, programmes and menus for state functions and others in honour of royal visits and other occasions. 1910-1934.
- D/262** List of full inspectors and managers of the Bank of New South Wales, Brisbane, Moreton Bay. 1851-1921.
- D/263** Brief biographical sketch of General Sir Harry Chauvel which includes comments of Gall's association with him on the Queensland goldfields in the 1890's.

## Box 5

- C/215** **Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**  
Income tax returns. 1917/1938
- C/216 – 217** Papers relating to income tax and land tax returns, with pass books, letters and other documents. 1917/1938
- E/264** **Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**  
Letters 16-27 Oct. 1913 offering congratulations to Gall on appointment as Under-Secretary in Home Secretary's Department.
- E/265** Letters and telegrams June/Aug. 1930 to Gall congratulating him on receiving the C. M. G. in the King's Birthday honours.

## Box 6

- F/266** **Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**  
Letters 1922-23 to W. J. Gall about Australian books and documents. Letters are from booksellers, officials of various government bodies and others; notes and annotations by Gall included.
- Includes:** **Dillon, Patrick Joseph**  
Letter 29 Jan. 1923 to W. J. Gall re his search in London for books for Gall.
- F/267** History of St Helena in Moreton Bay. [n.d.]
- F/268** Notes for a study of cases in which the death sentence has been pronounced in Queensland. Cases discussed include: Murder of Maria Steffen 1878; Reg. v. Wells 1880; Reg. v. Gordon 1885; Christopher Pickford 1887; Horrocks, Miss Muller 1892;

- Sayer, Peter Anderson 1895; Gatton murders 1898; murders of Doyle and Dahlke by Kenniffs 1902; Grace Robertson McDonald 1904; James Martin, defendant 1905; Ellen Thompson and John Harrison; Murder of Michael McEvoy; Griffin case.
- F/269** Memorandum on proposed referendum on the financial agreement between the Commonwealth and the states. 1910.
- F/270** Miscellaneous papers collected by W. J. Gall about historical events, prominent Queensland families and other matters.
- F/271** **Barker, Thomas J.**  
Letters (2) 2 July 1921, 18 Oct. 1922 to W. J. Gall re a copy of Early settlement of Queensland, and a history of Ipswich.
- F/272** **Alford, H. K.**  
Letters 19 Apr. and 15 May 1923 from H. K. Alford, Ipswich, to W.G. Gall concerning the derivation of the name Toowoomba; a history of the first white child born in Toowoomba; and the details of the marriage of Elizabeth Ann Reiby to Joseph Long Innes, 1829.
- G/273** **Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**  
Newspaper clippings collected by W. J. Gall. c. 1923-1924. Mainly on historical topics, also articles by Sir Baldwin Spencer and Francis William Sutton Cumbræ-Stewart; articles about Charles Mullaley; bushranger [Captain] Starlight
- G/274** Press-clippings (four) on Charles Mullaley (Original of Adam Lindsay Gordon's character 'stockrider Alec').
- G/275** Newspaper clippings on the wreck of the *Admella* 1859
- G/276** [Bushranging in Queensland]; press clippings collected by W. J. Gall.
- G/277** Newspaper clippings of Dr Cumbræ-Stewart's article on the growth of Dunwich
- G/278** Newspaper cuttings of Sir Baldwin Spencer's photographs of Central Australia
- G/279** Newspaper cuttings, cartoons, poems on aspects of Queensland political life. Collected by W. J. Gall. 1892-1934.

## Box 7

- G/280** **Gall, William James, 1867?-1938?**  
Press clippings – aspects of Australian history (old houses, gardens etc.).
- G/281** **Clunn, A.**  
Letter 15 Jan. 1928, to W. J. Gall concerns his acquittance with James Venturi Mulligan. Cooktown.
- G/282** **Paterson, B. J.**  
*The Mount Morgan mine: a history of its growth and development, compiled from existing records and unpublished information collected from various sources.* / [by B. J. Paterson]. – [1928?]  
Author and date attributed by G. C. Ingleton. Statement of responsibility handwritten on title page: by B. J. Paterson, resident geologist at Mount Morgan, 1928?

## Photographs

- Family

## Box 8

### Photographs

- Queensland aborigines
- General Queensland topics etc.
- Aborigines

## Parcel 1

### Photographs

#### Miscellaneous

- Collage of photographs of gentlemen
- Aborigines
- Committee of the Hospital for Sick Children Brisbane (1890-1920)

## Parcel 2

Newspaper cuttings from *The Queenslander*, Sep 9 to Oct 7, 1893