

COMMUNITY HISTORY COLLECTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

The Community History collections of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG) in Launceston include records of local government, businesses, community organisations and individuals, as well as oral history tapes and a large photographic collection. The collections are accessible via the QVMAG History Centre, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk.

Opening hours for appointments are Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. However, prior notice of an intended visit is recommended to ensure the records required can be retrieved from storage without delay. Other times may be available by special arrangement.

Access restrictions apply in some instances.

This Summary Guide relates *only* to the records of the *larger archival collections* in the QVMAG's Community History Department. Please enquire at the reference desk for information about collections not included in the guide.

QVMAG collections, mainly acquired through donation, have been assigned a **CHS** prefix.

The collections included are arranged in two parts: firstly, by collection or record series number, and secondly, alphabetically by collection name.

Archival work began on the Community History Series in 1994. Detailed guides to further collections in this series are being produced progressively.

Personal Papers

The smaller number of collections of personal papers reflect interest in early Tasmanian history and colonial furniture, Tasmanian aboriginals, conservation and the environment, the natural history of South East Australia, small business, sport and the Australian Bicentenary.

Company and Community Organisations Records

Records of several former and some continuing companies and community organisations based in Northern Tasmania can be found in the Community History collections.

The company records generally relate to butter and cheese production, timber and furniture manufacture, mining, gas production, shipping, wool and textile manufacture, and some cultural activities.

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