

# QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

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### LAUNCESTON GAS COMPANY COLLECTION

#### Gas Companies, Launceston

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## INTRODUCTION

The Launceston Gas Company was formed in 1858 following a public meeting at the Cornwall Hotel 'for the purpose of Lighting with Gas the Town of Launceston'. Despite it being a private company, it was run as a public utility. In October 1858 the site of the works, bounded by the Eastern Esplanade, Cimitiere, Willis and Wescombe streets, was purchased. William Falconer, of Glasgow, Scotland, was appointed superintending engineer. Gas was produced from imported coal and on 5 April 1860 Launceston's 123 street lamps were first lit with gas. Four days later the newly completed Mechanics' Institute was the first building to be lit by gas. The company paid its first dividend in 1862.

A stove designed for and manufactured by the Company was on view in the Tasmanian Court at the Melbourne Centennial Exhibition in 1888-1889. In a pamphlet printed for the Exhibition, the Company stated that it was the first gas company in the Australian colonies to introduce the system of hiring out gas stoves and fittings. (See 19/7, also 20/1, 'On Sale... Fancy Gas Shades...', c1895)

Consumption increased steadily until 1896 when electric light superseded gas for street lighting. On 12 February 1896 the first electric lights were installed in the city and three days later gas street lights were lit for the last time. This was a blow to the Company, however at the turn of the century 3,500 households and businesses consumed gas, with 36 miles of mains and 43 miles of service pipes laid down. Fifty hands were employed in the Company's workshops manufacturing cooking and heating stoves and water heaters.<sup>1</sup>

The disastrous 1929 flood completely engulfed the works, but services were restored in record time. In 1932 the carbonising plant was superseded by the installation of continuous vertical retorts, the plant being the first of the battery type to be put to work in the Commonwealth.

In 1940 the Company opened offices, showrooms and a demonstration room where cookery demonstrations and classes were held, at 90 St John Street. This resulted in a large increase in sales of appliances. The St John Street property was sold in 1982.

During the difficult days of the Second World War, when coal ran out, the company used oil, which was much more expensive.

In 1959 a carburetted water gas plant using Tasmanian coal was installed, consumers then numbering more than 6000.

In the first 100 years, the Company had only four secretaries: 1859-1872, John Grant Smith; succeeded by Arthur Green to 1917, then H R Lakin to 1930, followed by A G Woolston. The Hart family was connected with the company from its inception for many years.

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<sup>1</sup> Miranda Morris-Nunn and CB Tassell, *Launceston's industrial heritage*, Launceston, 1982, p.350

To counteract State Government policy of installing electrical appliances in government housing projects, the Company ventured into land subdivision, buying blocks and selling these on favourable terms to gas users. In 1965 the Company bought 30 blocks in a subdivision at Young Town with the proviso that gas must be used in the houses. Selected builders were helped with finance to build gas-equipped homes. In 1967 the Company bought a large area of land off Reatta Road in Trevallyn, with blocks to be sold at cost. The subdivision, named "New World", with attractive terms for purchasers, was developed in two stages, 31 blocks being sold in the first stage and 40 blocks in the second stage.

In 1970 the Company introduced a bulk liquefied petroleum gas tanker to serve commercial and industrial requirements for LP gas. The company had commenced selling LP gas in cylinders to all districts in northern Tasmania in 1958.

The gas manufacturing plant became obsolete and in a major redevelopment of the plant in 1978 gas was produced using butane feedstock from Bass Strait natural gas fields. Unlike the old plant, butane did not produce the residuals, coke and tar.

In the late 1970s the Company experienced difficult trading periods due to the Federal Government's export parity pricing policy which increased enormously the price paid by the Company for butane gas. The Company undertook a reorganisation and rationalisation program and actively sought areas of diversification to complement the existing operation, including an investment program for oil and gas exploration in the Bass Strait region.<sup>2</sup> The first autogas outlet in the Launceston city centre to service vehicles converted to LPG was opened in 1980.

The headquarters were moved from St John Street to the renovated old office building on the gasworks property on the Esplanade in 1981.

In 1984 the Company's name was changed to the Gas Corporation of Tasmania Limited.

Manufacture ceased in 1988 when the company was sold to Boral, who imported all gas requirements from the mainland. Town gas was finally turned off on 12 December 1996 and customers were converted to use liquid petroleum gas.<sup>3</sup>

In 2000 Boral's energy business changed its name to Origin Energy.<sup>4</sup> Origin relocated its operations to a new centre in Murphy Street in November 2007 and in the same year redevelopment of the historic gasworks site began.<sup>5</sup> (Apart from the footnotes, the above information comes from the records.)

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in July 1997.

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<sup>2</sup> *Examiner* 1 July 1981

<sup>3</sup> *Examiner* 13 December 1996

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.originenergy.com.au/1049/Australias-choice>

<sup>5</sup> *Examiner* 3 November 2007, 23 May 2007

## ***1. Legal Records***

1/1	Act of Council and Deed of Copartnership of the Launceston Gas Company, Hobart Town, 1858, two copies, one with amendment Bill, nd	1858
1/2	Launceston Gas Company Staff Superannuation Fund Trust Deed (includes signatures of employees)	1944
1/3	Launceston Gas Company and Equity Trustee Company of Tasmania Limited Trust Deed securing registered first mortgage debenture stock	1950
1/4	Launceston Gas Company Prospectus	1956
1/5	Launceston Gas Company, hire purchase agreement with Ritz café	1958
1/6	Humphreys Real Estate with B J Sankey contract for sale of a lot at Waverley (includes a covenant that any building on land must use gas for cooking and hot water service)	1964
1/7	Launceston Gas Company with T K Pollington agreement for sale (includes a covenant that any building on land must use gas for cooking and hot water service)	1964
1/8	Launceston Gas Company and Peter Hall agreement for sale (includes a covenant that any building on land must use gas for cooking and hot water service)	1964
1/9	Launceston Gas Company and Bennett's Properties Pty Ltd contract for sale of land at Leichardt subdivision	1964
1/10	Launceston Gas Company and Hedde Heys and Frederik Streffland agreement re building houses (includes a clause that houses must use gas for cooking and hot water service)	1964
1/11	Trustees of Launceston Gas Company and James Joseph Humphreys agreement re purchase of land off Reatta Road	1966
1/12	Launceston Gas Company with Paul Anthony Phelps agreement re building roads on land situated off Reatta Road	1967
1/13	Trustees of Launceston Gas Company and J J Humphreys agreement supplemental to 1966 and 1967 agreements	1969
1/14	Launceston Gas Company and Jack Denman Harris agreement re purchase of land in Essendon Street	1970
1/15	Launceston Gas Company and Vincent John agreement	1971

	re purchase of land (includes a clause that gas must be used for cooking and hot water service in any building)	
1/16	Launceston Gas Company agreement with the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) re 1929 Ford truck (includes correspondence 1979, 1980)	1980
1/17	Launceston Gas Company Limited, certificate of incorporation of public company	1982
1/18	Launceston Gas Company Bill, photocopy of first and second reading	1982
1/19	Launceston Gas Company, certificate of incorporation of change of name from Launceston Gas Company Limited to Gas Corporation of Tasmania Limited	1984

## ***2.Minutes of Meetings***

2/1	Launceston Gas Company, minute book of meetings (includes reports and financial statements) <b><i>Restricted pending conservation</i></b>	1871-1889
2/2	Minute book of meetings (includes reports and financial statements) <b><i>Restricted pending conservation</i></b>	1889-1899
2/3	Minute book of meetings (includes reports and financial statements) <b><i>Restricted pending conservation</i></b>	1899-1908
2/4	Minute book of meetings (includes reports and financial statements)	1920-1929
2/5	Minute book of meetings (includes reports, financial statements and newspaper cuttings)	1929-1935
2/6	Minute book of meetings (includes index, reports and financial statements)	1935-1941
2/7	Minute book of meetings (includes index, reports and financial statements)	1948-1957
2/8	Minute book of meetings (includes index)	1957-1963
2/9	Minute book of meetings	1964-1972
2/10	Minute book of meetings	1972-1984
2/11	Minute book of meetings, secretary's copy	1955-1958
2/12	Minute book of meetings, secretary's copy	1958-1961

2/13	Minute book of meetings, secretary's copy	1961-1963
2/14	Minute book of meetings, secretary's copy	1963-1965
2/15	Minute book of meetings, secretary's copy	1965-1967
2/16	Minute book of meetings, secretary's copy	1969-1971
2/17	Minute book of meetings, secretary's copy	1975-1979
2/18	Minute book of meetings, secretary's copy	1979-1980
2/19	Minute book of meetings, stockholders' minute book	1962-1978
2/20	Minute book of staff superannuation fund	1944-1961
2/21	Minute book of overage employees superannuation fund	1944-1963

### ***3. Correspondence***

3/1	Launceston Gas Company, correspondence, also one letter 1919	1930
3/2	Correspondence, 1952, 1956-1957, 1960-1962, 1964-1975	1952-1975
3/3	Correspondence	1976-1979
3/4	Correspondence	1980-1984
3/5	Correspondence re properties (includes correspondence re Wescombe Street and St John Street property)	1958-1982
3/6	Correspondence etc re superannuation	1967-1979
3/7	Correspondence etc re insurance	1978-1979
3/8	Correspondence re opening of Boral LPG terminal, Devonport; notes re LPG, plant and equipment	1982
3/9	Federated Gas Employees' Industrial Union, correspondence etc re awards	1983-1986

### ***4. Reports***

4/1	Launceston Gas Company, prospectus, 1858; annual reports and statement of accounts, 1859-1916	1858-1916
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4/2	Reports and balance sheets	1916-1959
4/3	Reports and balance sheets	1960-1980
4/4	George Eddie's handwritten survey of brick building at Launceston Gas Works	1911
4/5	A Payne's handwritten report on Crescent Estate	1922
4/6	Launceston Gas Company, Report on works and plant	1926
4/7	F S W Danulat and E A Bruggemann, 'Production of town gas from Tasmanian coals and possibilities of exploiting Tasmanian shale for oil production', 12 August 1948	1948
4/8	Creative Publications, Melbourne, 'A survey of the public relations needs of the Australian gas industry', April 1962	1962
4/9	Launceston Gas Company, 'Proposed extensions to gas making plant' by Chief Engineer	1963
4/10	Launceston Gas Company, 'Proposed gas manufacturing plant and feedstock gas works, Launceston', report by Chief Engineer, 19 December 1974	1974
4/11	Launceston Gas Company, 'Report to the directors Launceston Gas Company oil to gas heater conversions'	1980
4/12	Walker, Jones & Associates, 'Valuation of Launceston Gas Company situated at 90 St John Street, Launceston, Tasmania, for the Launceston Gas Company', 11 November 1980	1980
4/13	Lionel Morrell Associates, 'Gas Works Launceston: preliminary report'	1982
4/14	Bush Parkes Shugg & Moon, 'Gas Works Launceston: preliminary report' <i>Oversize item</i>	1982

### ***5.Engineer's Reports***

5/1	Launceston Gas Company, engineer's reports	1928-1929
5/2	Engineer's reports	1932-1934
5/3	Engineer's reports	1936-1940
5/4	Engineer's reports	1940-1943

5/5	Engineer's reports	1943-1947
5/6	Engineer's reports	1947-1950
5/7	Engineer's reports	1950-1954
5/8	Engineer's reports	1954-1958
5/9	Engineer's technical reports	1958-1961
5/10	Engineer's technical reports	1961-1963
5/11	Engineer's technical reports	1963-1965
5/12	Engineer's technical reports	1965-1967
5/13	Engineer's technical reports	1967-1969
5/14	Engineer's technical reports	1969-1971
5/15	Engineer's technical reports	1971-1974
5/16	Engineer's technical reports	1974-1976

#### ***6. Carbonizing Accounts Registers***

6/1	Launceston Gas Company, carbonizing accounts register	1883-1893
6/2	Carbonizing accounts register	1893-1910
6/3	Carbonizing accounts register	1910-1926
6/4	Carbonizing accounts register	1926-1938

#### ***7. Production Records***

7/1	Launceston Gas Company, quarterly returns re gas made, coal used, 1914-1920, September 1922	1914-1922
7/2	Monthly reports re daily distribution of gas	1921-1930
7/3	Detailed monthly record ledger re gas, coal and coke <b><i>Oversize item</i></b>	1938-1955
7/4	Coke and tar residuals ledger	1938-1957
7/5	Detailed monthly record ledger re gas, coal and coke	1945-1950
7/6	Detailed monthly record ledger re gas, coal and coke	1951-1963



7/7	Detailed monthly record ledger re gas, coal and coke <i>Oversize item</i>	1955-1958
7/8	Detailed monthly record ledger re gas, coal and coke	1958-1963
7/9	Records of gas manufactured and residual products, 1964, 1967, 1968, 1971, 1974-1975, 1977-1978	1964-1978

### ***8.Specifications***

8/1	West's Gas Improvement Company Limited, Sydney, 'Specification for a reinforced concrete and pile foundation for Glover-West vertical retort plant at the Gasworks, Launceston, Tasmania', 10 May 1930	1930
8/2	East Roy Smith & Willing, architects, Holyman House, Launceston, 'Specification of offices and showrooms St John Street, Launceston for The Launceston Gas Company, November 1939'	1939
8/3	Launceston Gas Company, 'Specification for tar and liquor well covering, March 1943'	1943
8/4	HG Thornthwaite & Co., Sydney, 'Specification of a coal water gas plant...', August 1952	1952
8/5	Humphreys & Glasgow Ltd, Sydney, 'Tender for Humphreys-Glasgow "Labourless" carburetted water-gas plant'; folder with 'Operating and maintenance instructions for Humphrey-Glasgow automatic carburetted water gas plant'; 'Specification for carburetted water gas plant'; 'Humphreys & Glasgow carburetted water gas plant: report on operation and performance', by Launceston Gas Company chief engineer, 14 January 1960	1956, 1960
8/6	Tully Engineering Company Ltd, Newark, Notts, 'Specification of 500,000 cubic feet per day Tully carburetted complete gasification plant for Launceston Gas Company Tasmania'; with related material	1956
8/7	George Scott (Australia) Pty Ltd, Sydney, 'Specification of a Balfour coal water gas plant'	1956
8/8	Woodall-Duckham (Australasia) Pty Ltd, quotation for second stage of reconstruction of vertical retort house	1962

### ***9.Shareholders Records***

9/1	Launceston Gas Company, Register of Scrip (includes scrip number, number of shares, names of shareholders, amount	1859-1886
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	paid, share numbers, names of directors signing scrip, date of scrip, folio in share register, date and by whom received, date of cancellation)	
9/2	Register of Scrip (includes scrip number, number of shares, names of shareholders, amount paid, share numbers, names of directors signing scrip, date of scrip, folio in share register, date and by whom received, date of cancellation)	1886-1930
9/3	Register of Debentures (includes debenture number, name of registered shareholder, amount, date of issue, date redeemable, interest paid)	1888-1907
9/4	Register of Debentures (includes debenture number, name of registered shareholder, amount, date of issue, date redeemable, interest paid)	1926-1970
9/5	Register of Transfers (includes transfer number, date, from whom and to whom transferred, number of shares, share numbers, folio number in share register, remarks)	1859-1972
9/6	Register of Transfers (includes transfer number, date, from whom and to whom transferred, number of shares, share numbers, scrip number, folio number in share register, old scrip number)	1972-1981
9/7	Register of Transfers in alphabetical order (includes name, date, from whom received, numbers, to whom transferred, numbers)	1892-1958
9/8	Dividend Book (includes date, name of shareholder, signature, number of shares, amount of dividend)	1900-1902
9/9	Shareholders Stock Register (includes index, name, address, occupation, stock particulars, date of allotment, amount, interest payable)	1956-1981
9/10	Register of debentures	1965-1981
9/11	Shareholders Register, closed (includes shareholder's name, address, date, number of scrip, from whom received, share transfer and some other details where applicable) <i>Oversize item</i>	1936-1980
9/12	Share certificates; share certificate receipt books 1925-1929, 1940-1963	1859-1963
9/13 (a-f)	Transfer certificates, some with share certificates attached, those for 1923-1962 missing	1861-1982

9/14	Application forms for shares, 1956, 1980, 1981; holders of debenture stock certificates, 1959, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1981	1956-1981
9/15	Various lists re shareholders, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1970, 1971, 1974-1978	1958-1978

### ***10. Financial Records***

10/1	Launceston Gas Company, journal (includes name, address, work done and name of workman, contribution required, description of soil or pavement, remarks)	1887-1903
10/2	Journal (includes name, amount of tar, coke, by whom received, amount paid)	1918-1927
10/3	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1930-1932
10/4	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1932-1935
10/5	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1936-1939
10/6	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1939-1941
10/7	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1941-1944
10/8	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1944-1947
10/9	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1948-1950
10/10	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1950-1952
10/11	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1952-1954
10/12	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1954-1955
10/13	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1957-1959
10/14	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1959-1960

10/15	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1960-1962
10/16	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1962-1965
10/17	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1965-1967
10/18	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1968-1970
10/19	Journal of work performed (includes name, address, work performed, cost)	1970-1973
10/20	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar, sales tax)	1937-1941
10/21	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar, sales tax)	1941-1945
10/22	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar)	1948-1949
10/23	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar)	1949-1950
10/24	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar)	1954-1957
10/25	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar)	1957-1960
10/26	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar)	1960-1964
10/27	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar, freight and wharfage)	1964-1968
10/28	Sales day book (includes name, address, invoice, analysis of sales of coke and tar, freight, cartage, wharfage)	1970-1979
10/29	Invoices for goods received by ship	1920-1922
10/30	Invoices for goods received by ship, 1923-1927, 1929	1923-1929
10/31	Register of goods received (includes quantity, cost and value)	1926-1958

10/32	Register of goods received (includes name and address of company, name of ship on which the goods arrived, index to goods received, index to supplier)	1930-1944
10/33	Rent paid book (includes name, address and appliance 1931-1933, name and rent to 1945)	1931-1945
10/34	Cash book, heatane gas (includes name, address, gas supplied, cost)	1963-1965
10/35	Cash book (includes name, address, gas supplied, cost)	1965-1967
10/36	Cash book (includes name, address, gas supplied, cost)	1967-1969
10/37	Financial reports, 1964-1966, 1970-1977	1964-1977
10/38	Value of stock on hand, 1967-1968, 1971, 1974-1975, 1977	1967-1977

### ***11. Employment Records***

11/1	Launceston Gas Company, wages book (includes employee's name, occupation, days worked, wage details, remarks)	1937-1940
11/2	Wages book (includes employee's occupation, days worked, wage details, remarks)	1940-1941
11/3	Employees' wages, September 1914, July 1966; wage calculation sheets (includes 40 hour week wage rate sheets, February 1948-August 1949; office staff wage sheets, October 1949-January 1950; annual leave accrued, long service leave accrued December 1976)	1914-1976
11/4	Notebook with employees' names, hours worked each week and location of work	1978-1980

### ***12. Workmen's Books*** (Examples only retained)

12/1	Launceston Gas Company, workmen's notebook records of work performed	1936-1962
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### ***13. Meter Inspection Records*** (Examples only retained)

13/1	Launceston Gas Company, meters inspection book (includes folio number, date, name, address, instructions, meters removed, meters fixed, name of gasfitter, remarks; index in separate volume)	1886-1888
13/2	Meters inspection book, with index (includes name, address, date of inspection, meter index number, gas consumed,	1886-1891

amount owing, remarks)

13/3	Meters inspection book, with index (includes name, address, date of inspection, meter index number, amount of gas consumed, cash received, net price per 1000 feet, refund details, remarks)	1895-1898
13/4	Meters inspection book, with index (includes name, address, date of inspection, meter index number, amount of gas consumed, cash received, net price per 1000 feet, refund details, remarks)	1905-1916
13/5	Meters inspection book (includes folio number, date, name, name, address, instructions, meters removed, meters fixed, name of gasfitter, remarks)	1922-1925
13/6	Meters inspection book (includes folio number, date, name, address, instructions, meters removed, meters fixed, date, name of gasfitter, remarks)	1938-1940
13/7	Meters inspection book (includes folio number, date, name, address, instructions, meters removed, meters fixed, date, name of gas fitter, remarks)	1960-1965
13/8	Meters removed and meters in stock book (includes date, name, address, why removed, tested, repair work)	1907-1926

#### ***14.Complaints Records***

14/1	Launceston Gas Company, complaints book	1887-1891
14/2	Complaints book, with index	1891-1896
14/3	Complaints book	1896-1900
14/4	Complaints book index	1896-1900
14/5	Complaints book index	1900-1904
14/6	Complaints book	1904-1907
14/7	Complaints book index	1904-1907
14/8	Complaints book index	1910-1913
14/9	Complaints book	1913-1916
14/10	Complaints book	1916-1919
14/11	Complaints book index	1916-1919

14/12	Complaints book	1919-1922
14/13	Complaints book index	1919-1922
14/14	Complaints book	1922-1925

### ***15.Visitors Book***

15/1	Launceston Gas Company, Visitors book	1981-1984
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### ***16.Plans and Drawings***

16/1	Launceston Gas Company, plans and drawings, 15 November 1858, 18 May 1883, 1930s to 1983 <b><i>Oversize items</i></b> See also 4/13, 4/14 and 8.Specifications	1858-1983, nd
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### ***17.Photographs***

17/1	Launceston Gas Company: photograph of employees with man wearing a top hat in centre; copy of early photograph of Gasworks taken from across the North Esk; other photographs include displays at various exhibitions; plant; old gas pipes; LP gas tankers; all nd. Some photographs appear in the 31 December 1980 annual report	c1940, 1960s to 1980s
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### ***18.Scrapbooks***

18/1	Launceston Gas Company, scrapbook of advertisements etc for gas appliances	1930s
18/2	Scrapbook of newspaper advertisements for the Launceston Gas Company and other newspaper articles concerning gas <b><i>Oversize item</i></b>	1970-1978
18/3	'Show room' scrapbook with newspaper advertisements for gas appliances and other newspaper articles concerning gas <b><i>Oversize item</i></b>	1976-1982

### ***19.Miscellaneous Records***

19/1	Tasmania. House of Assembly. Launceston Gas Company. Petition (includes original printed petition with actual signatures of five directors; also correspondence 1995, 1996)	1876
19/2	Launceston Gas Company, circular to gas consumers re House of Assembly Bill for Launceston Municipal Corporation to borrow money to erect gas works, one copy addressed to 'Sir', another copy addressed to 'Madam', September 1877; a letter to Members of the House	1877

- of Assembly, November 1877; also a petition to Members of the House of Assembly
- 19/3 Launceston Gas Company, letter to members of the House of Assembly re Launceston Corporation Gas Bill having being again introduced into the House of Assembly 1878
- 19/4 ‘Synopsis of the business of the Launceston Gas Company’ 1874-1880, manuscript sheet with detailed statistical information 1880
- 19/5 Launceston Gas Company, letter to Members of the Legislative Council re Launceston Corporation Gas Bill having being again introduced into the Legislative Council 1881
- 19/6 Launceston Gas Company, *The Penalty of Corporate Gas Management...a timely warning to gas consumers by the Secretary of the Launceston Gas Company*, Launceston, September 1886; manuscript letter from Arthur Green, Manager and Secretary of Launceston Gas Company endorsed ‘Not issued’ 1886
- 19/7 *The Shamrock Gas Kitchener*, 10 page pamphlet re this stove which was designed for and manufactured by the Launceston Gas Company ‘Now on view in the Tasmanian Court at the Melbourne Centennial Exhibition’, one copy and one variant copy 1888
- 19/8 Launceston Gas Co., *Economy and other Advantages of Gas as a Fuel for General Domestic Use*, Launceston, 1891, also a copy of a similar publication by Thomas Fletcher & Co., England, 1889 1891
- 19/9 *Opinions of the Press on the Launceston Water and Light Bill*, September 1893, three page printed pamphlet 1893
- 19/10 Launceston Gas Company, petition to the Members of the House of Assembly asking for a reduction in the duty on imported coal c1897
- 19/11 Launceston Gas Company, petition to Speaker and Members of House of Assembly re Launceston Water and Light Bill c1897
- 19/12 *Launceston Water and Light Amendment Bill*, reprinted from the *Launceston Examiner* 14 December 1897 1897
- 19/13 Arthur Payne, LGC employee 1885-1927, typescript of interview 1907
- 19/14 Launceston Gas Company, English orders book (includes 1909-1916



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19/15	Monthly report forms on mains and services, where laid 1913-1920, fortnightly report forms on mains and services where laid, 1920-1923	1913-1923
19/16	Main and service work book (includes name, address, work done, time, materials used)	1928-1936
19/17	Main and service work book (includes name, address, work done, time, materials used)	1945-1948
19/18	Launceston Gas Company, <i>Official Inauguration of the Continuous Vertical Retort Installation</i> , Launceston, 18 March 1932	1932
19/19	Newspaper cuttings, also <i>Cornwall Chronicle</i> 3 February 1858 with prospectus of Launceston Gas Company on p.1, c.3; photocopy of obituary for Richard Green, <i>Cornwall Chronicle</i> 24 September 1878	1934-1989
19/20	Launceston Gas Company, <i>Magic Meals, Recipes, Demonstrations featuring Modern Gas Cookery and Refrigeration</i> , Launceston, 22 November 1938	1938
19/21	Launceston Gas Company, <i>Recipes Worth Keeping</i> , Launceston, August 1940	1940
19/22	Launceston Gas Company, <i>Centenary and Official Opening of the New Carburetted Water Gas Plant...</i> Launceston, 19 June 1959; 'Brief history of the Launceston Gas Company', one page typed notes	1959
19/23	Launceston Gas Company, <i>Superannuation Fund 1967, arranged with National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Limited</i>	1967
19/24	Launceston Gas Company, typed list of appliances sold January-June 1967	1967
19/25	Launceston Gas Company, typed information and plan of New World subdivision See also 1/11 and 1/13	c1967
19/26	Australian Gas Association, <i>Gas in Australia</i> , Melbourne, c1974	c1974
19/27	Royal Society of Tasmania, Northern Branch, <i>Gas</i> , Bulletin 21, March 1978	1978
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| 19/29 | Technical information etc concerning various gas products 1855, 1884, 1907, 1910, 1925, 1932, 1948 and nd | 1855-1948,<br>nd |
| 19/30 | Brochures etc advertising gas appliances 1888, 1892, 1895, 1912 and nd                                    | 1888-1912,<br>nd |
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## ***20.Ephemera***

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| 20/1 | Launceston Gas Company, brochures etc: 'Gas Meters', one printed page letter from Arthur Green, manager and secretary, 1890; 'On Sale...Fancy Gas Shades...', c1895; 'Amazing Economy with these New Gas Fires', nd; 'Notice to Gas Consumers, Further Reduction in the Price of Gas', 1932; 'Notice to Gas Consumers, Still Further Reduction in Price of Gas...', 1932; 'Introducing the Modern High Beam Gas Fire', nd; 'A New Year's Gift to Gas Consumers', 1936; 'The All Gas Home...', 1946                    | 1890-1946 |
| 20/2 | Stationary; various forms; 'With Compliments' slips; book of 'Memo of Service Pipe to be laid' forms, 18??; receipt book 19??; book of 'Debenture' forms 19??; 'Caution' notice re interfering with Company's property, nd; notice re 'Distributing Pressures', nd; 'Order' book, nd; invitation to opening of new showrooms and offices, 1940; invitation to opening of C.W.G. plant using Tasmanian coal, 1959; invitation to opening of restored office & showroom premises, 1981; business card for Stuart Graham |           |
| 20/3 | 'Home Truths', advertisement for gas products, including the Shamrock Gas-cooker made by the Launceston Gas Company, sold at 87 Brisbane Street   | nd        |
| 20/4 | Gas Corporation of Tasmania, several forms  | nd        |
| 20/5 | Boral Gas, invitation to opening of LPG storage terminal, Devonport   | 1982      |

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