



A Fair Slice of St Lucia

Thomas Lodge Murray Prior

Postmaster General, Borrower, Lender, Speculator– a brief look into his everyday life (October 1863 to December 1864)

[With Supplementary Research Notes]

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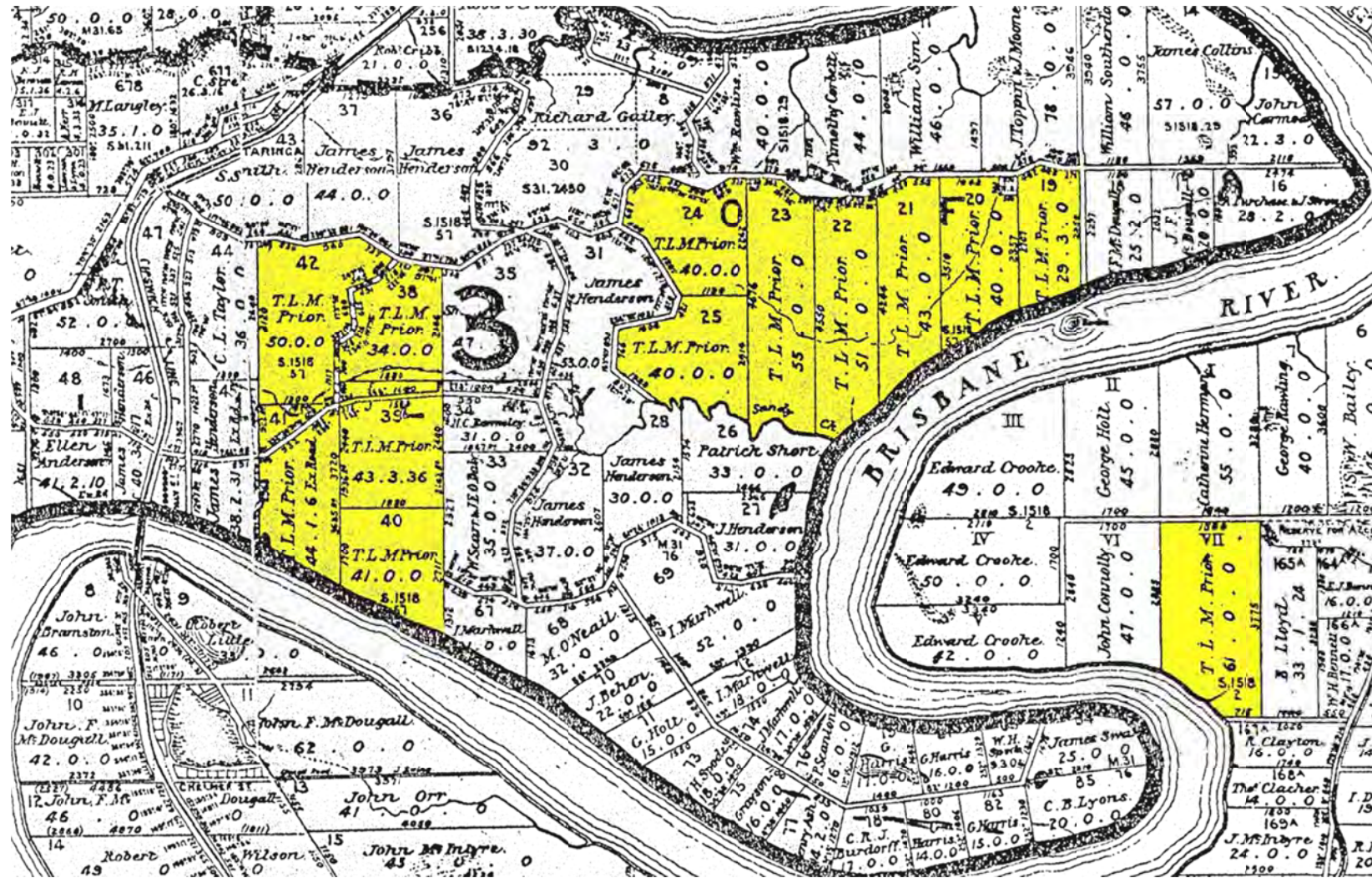
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Thomas Lodge Murray Prior's extensive landholdings in St Lucia, Taringa/Indooroopilly and Yeronga which sparked the original interest in finding out a little more about him
(Base land map Fryer Library)

Authors Note and Introduction

In undertaking separate research into the early (European) development of St Lucia and the provision of government services to the area, the name Thomas Lodge Murray Prior (TLMP) came up regularly in reference material. In addition to his role of Post Master General in the 1860s and 70s, TLMP was also one of the original purchasers of land in the 'Parish of Indooroopilly' (the current suburb is part of this 'Parish') when this was put up for sale by government. By the end of the 1850s TLMP owned Lots 19 to 25 comprising some 300 acres, perhaps 35-40% of the total land area. of St Lucia.

This sparked an interest in finding a little more about the man and a chance cursory reading of a booklet ¹ on the Australian author Rosa Praed (daughter from his first marriage) made reference to a number of his personal papers being held in the Mitchell Library in Sydney.

Having already planned a road trip to Melbourne a day was set aside to have a take a look at the documents which included a facsimile of a personal diary he kept during one of his stints as Post Master General. It was not possible to reproduce the diary so one day quickly turned into three reading the handwritten journal and taking the notes which form the basis of this paper.

The diary set out in a fair amount of detail his observations, thoughts and concerns over the period 5 October 1863 to 15 December 1864, commencing during the course of one of his 'Postal Service' business trips (in the saddle) inland from Bowen and ending with a decision to stay in Brisbane and remain in his role as Post Master General (at least for a further 12 months). It seems to have been a touch and go decision.

The obvious inference from his diary is that TLMP was both a land speculator on one hand and a one man merchant bank on the other, 'developing' and selling parts of his considerable land bank and concurrently providing capital at market rates to contemporaries secured by mortgages against their property. There is a suggestion he also had potential business referred to him by the established Banks, perhaps because of the 'risk profile', perhaps because this was business practice of the day. TLMP was stretched financially to some extent at this time however, his general approach to his personal business appears to have been analytical and a shade conservative (unlike some of his contemporaries) perhaps tempered by his earlier experiences. He did still manage to run up the odd bad debt though.

To achieve his government appointment as Post Master General, TLMP must obviously have been well connected with those who wielded influence at the time, his earlier experience as a grazier and station owner would have helped, the governments of the day well represented from this influential section of the community. He also mixed in the appropriate circles, taking tea with the Governor on occasion, not forgetting that he held a senior role in what was still an embryonic colonial administration, Queensland having only being proclaimed a separate Colony from New South Wales in 1859.

The early 1860s was a period of rapid expansion for the Postal Service with new mail routes and post office services being provided not only in Brisbane but also in the areas being opened up for settlement throughout Queensland. TLMP spent a good proportion of his time at 'the office', working long days and at the week-ends, he does however appear to have mixed public and private business interests during the day. He also did a fair amount of travelling, being away from Brisbane for extended periods primarily on official business.

¹ *The Praed Papers, A Listing and Index* by Chris Tiffin and Lynette Baer – Library Board of Queensland 1994 (JOL)

This paper is not a detailed analysis of TLMP, his actions or contemporary events, it does however provide a glimpse into the life of a man of reasonable substance and influence during this formative period of the history of Queensland.

The diary was in long hand and interpretation of names was sometimes difficult (with another few days I could probably have deciphered them better) so these appear as my original notes with corrections/ later interpretations noted as appropriate. Where I have been unsure of a name or a word I have used *italics*. There has been no attempt to develop the notes into a story line (or a series of story lines) however in attempting to verify and cross check his diary entries a series of footnotes have been included drawn from a variety of research sources. TLMP's record appears extraordinarily accurate when cross referenced with other sources providing a high degree of confidence in the material.

The time consuming part of preparing the paper has been in this cross referencing however it is believed the addition of the footnotes enhances rather than distracts from the main focus. As with all research, there is always more to be done and this should be considered an interim issue.

Reference Material

The Thomas Lodge Murray Prior Papers (Mitchell Library, Sydney)

Registrar–Generals Reports on the Statistical Register of Queensland 1864 and 1865 (State Archives, Runcorn)

Early Shipping in Moreton Bay Vol 2 January 1860 - December 1863 Winifred Davenport and Betty Mottran (Copy National Archives Cannon Hill)

*Harbours and Marine Port and Harbour Development in Queensland 1824 to 1985
Department of Harbours and Marine Queensland 1986 (Copy NACH)*

Australia - A Social and Political History Edited by Professor Gordon Greenwood

Queensland Club 1859–1989 - Joshua Peter Bell (JOL)

Brisbane Water Supply and the Queen Street Fire of 1864 – Charles Melton Paper delivered to The Historical Society of Queensland 1 September 1924 – Journal of the HS of Q Vol 2 No5 (JOL)

With Compass Chain and Courage, Doris Gray Woods (JOL)

Government Gazette (State Library)

Various Papers, Documents and Discussion - National Archives, Beaudesert Historical Museum, Rathdowney Museum, Nundah & Districts Historical Society and Lands Department Pugh's Almanac (State Library)

And as noted in the text

Illustrations / Maps etc

Cover Image (National Archives Website)

Land Ownership Maps – various vintage (State Archives and Fryer Library)

Location Maps – various vintage (Fryer Library Census Map Series)

Extracts from The Courier and the Darling Downs Gazette (Fryer Library mfilm)

And as noted in the text

Supplementary Research Notes

This paper now includes a set of supplementary notes which consolidate various aspects of ongoing research. No attempt has been made, other than some minor re-working of the Biographical Notes and the addition of illustrations, to update the original Paper. It is acknowledged that the way the information is presented is a little disjointed, in due course it may be edited into a more polished chronologically presented document.

Biographical Notes

In the late 1830s, at the age of 19, TLMP set out from Gravesend London on a ship bound for the Colony of New South Wales. The son of a commissioned Army officer, he would have had a reasonably privileged upbringing and in common with his contemporaries, perhaps with few real prospects of advancement at home, would no doubt have been in pursuit of making his fortune in the new land.

It is understood TLMP initially worked on stations local to Sydney before heading further north to try his hand at managing them in his own right. On his early trips back to the coast he would stop at the Cecil Plains station of Thomas Harpur, an Irish settler, where he first met Matilda, Harpur's then 14 year old daughter.

There is reference to TLMP taking up a run at Rosewood, however, his future became more secure when in 1843/4 he became superintendent then co-lessee and then sole lessee (1850) of the property known as Broomelton (later Bromelton) on the upper Logan River. The run was originally taken up by Hugh Henry Robertson Aikman in July 1842 (possibly the first depasturing licence on the Logan River) at the initial annual fee of £10. Aikman named the property after his Lanarkshire home, to which he returned in 1849.

TLMP appears to have at least partly financed his stake in the property by borrowing £600 from his step sisters Louisa (£400) and Jemima (£200) in 1846 and was confident enough in the same year to return to Cecil Plains to marry Matilda and bring her back to what would have been relatively modest accommodation. Matilda's sisters Elizabeth and Rosa travelled to stay with them at Bromelton, marrying into local squatter families (TLMP's brothers in law William Barker and Charles Robert Haly² would subsequently provide part of the Bond required for him to take up the role of Post Master General).

The first four of Matilda's children including Thomas de Montmorency/Montmorenci³ (their eldest) and Rosa Caroline were born here and despite the isolation of the property they appear to have been able to make a success of the venture. During the early 1850s TLMP's parents visited from England and stayed with them for some time⁴, his father acting as Returning Officer for the 1854 NSW Legislative election for Moreton (JD Lang pipped Arthur Hodgson by one vote for the post, 57 to 56)⁵.

TLMP's next pastoral venture was further north and in 1853/4 he took up Hawkwood on the upper Burnett gradually transferring stock (via the Murray Prior property at Woogaroo - Priors Pocket) and moving the family up there in 1856. These were, however, difficult times in the district and particularly with the local aborigines who were resisting European settlement. This coupled with outbreaks of disease in their livestock led to the decision to sell up some time in the late 1850s and move back down to Brisbane⁶.

² Refer separate Research Notes on Charles Robert Haly by author

³ Both 'y' and 'i' are used in the spelling of Thomas' middle name so some further investigation as to why is required. In the interim I have used 'y' the Irish usage rather than the French

⁴ In an interview with columnist Red Gum, Mr Charles Holmes whose family had the Coach and Horses, Woogaroo in the 1850s states that the Murray Prior family occupied Dr Simpson's original cottage at Woogaroo following his removal to his new home at Woolston (Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser 31 March 1904). The government surveyors working on a potential route for a future railway from New England to Brisbane note one of the benchmarks as Mr Prior's house at Woogaroo (Nov 1856, Moreton Bay Surveyor's Office Letterbooks – QSA). More than likely this was TLMP's mother and father [needs follow up]

⁵ Refer supplementary notes for further details of TLMP's father's role in the contested election result

⁶ Refer to supplementary notes for details of where they lived during this period

1859 saw the separation of Queensland from New South Wales and in Governor Bowen's first administration for the new Colony, Robert Mackenzie, as part of his other duties, looked after postal services. By mid-1861 however, the rapidly expanding service required more committed attention and TLMP was offered the job of Postal Inspector. Spending 2 months in Sydney⁷ learning the ropes, he took up this role on 6 November and moved into the newly created salaried position of Post Master General in January 1862.

Tenure for this role was somewhat volatile in the early days and during one of the periods he was out of favour with the government of the day, the Governor appointed him to the Legislative Chamber (where he had a long, active and generally well respected involvement in the parliamentary affairs of Queensland).

At the end of 1864, however, TLMP was unsettled and considering his future. In 1865 he again took up runs in the Logan River catchment and re-involved himself with the pastoral industry rather than having all his assets tied up in a considerable speculative land bank and private loans to individuals (secured by mortgage).

Matilda died in 1868 and in 1872 TLMP married his second wife Nora Clarina Barton from Sydney. Nora took on the upbringing of Matilda and Thomas's children in addition to the family she would have with TLMP. Of his sons, his first born, Thomas de Montmorency would most closely follow in his footsteps, initially managing family property in the north, eventually taking on Maroon and representing the district in Parliament (elected in this case). As TLMP did in St Lucia in the 1860s, Thomas de Montmorency would also donate land to the community for the local school to be built, he would also marry a second time following the death of his wife.

Of all the Murray Priors, Rosa's life is probably the best documented. Not much younger than Nora Clarina, her early literary talents (fostered by Matilda) blossomed and she moved to England and became a successful author. Drawing on her early experiences in Australia she wrote a number of novels with a distinctly Queensland flavour. Fact and fiction appear to have become somewhat intertwined in some accounts/interpretation of the history of the family.

From fairly modest beginnings TLMP, through a willingness to take risks and work hard, established himself in the embryonic Queensland community and became a wealthy man. In his later years TLMP appears to have balanced his public and private life successfully, actively involving his older children in the family business (Nora's children being quite young when he died, less so). He died at Whytecliffe Albion on New Year's Eve 1892, Nora subsequently returning to Sydney.

⁷ TLMP left Brisbane for Sydney on *The Telegraph* on 16 August in 1861 returning on the *Yarra Yarra* on 6 October

Notes from 1863 and 1864 Diary

Office Diary (Microfilm) } [browsing whilst waiting for below]
Private Diary (Microfilm) }

Private Diary (Photocopy)

'Office Diary' (Microfilm)

- 1 Jan 1863, considering Branch Office and letter carrier for Fortitude Valley, around 1,800 people
- 3 Jan 1863, Toowoomba Postmaster £250 pa⁸ + residence, letter carrier/sorter £120 pa. Warwick ditto. Government to provide building or allow £50 pa for use of a room
- 22 Jan 1863, Governor complaining of late delivery of mail via Capt Pitt⁹, agreed orderly to be allowed to come in the back way
- 23 Jan 1863, Ipswich steamer, Courier Paper sent it themselves yesterday¹⁰
- 23 Jan 1863, to see Mr Manning¹¹ about postage stamps
- 28 Jan 1863, note re printing of stamps
- 29 Jan 1863, arrange for pillar boxes to be painted and lettered. Spring Hill box to be erected
- 6 Feb 1863, staffing problems in post office, Hitchins¹² and Mrs Barney¹³, issues re amount of time on various activities. Consideration of additional staff
- 14 Feb 1863, notes on operation of Telegraphic Money Orders

Private Diary (Microfilm)

- 18 Jan 1863, Matilda did not go to church. Sent father 'draft 1st Ex' for £30 as usual

⁸ Salaries of public servants are shown in these footnotes when known to provide an indication of differentials and comparison with TLMP's annual salary of £600

⁹ Henry Dowdeswell Pitt was Private Secretary and Aide de-Camp to the Governor. Salary £600 pa

¹⁰ Local newspapers were transmitted free of charge if posted within 7 days of their publication

¹¹ Most likely Arthur Wilcox Manning, Principal Under Secretary and Clerk of the Executive Council. Salary £600 (US) plus £300 (Clerk EC). Queensland's first postage stamps were issued in 1860, 1d, 2d and 6d - Queen Victoria

¹² Edward BL Hitchins, Clerk Class 4 in General Post Office. Annual salary £270 pa

¹³ Elise Barney, Postmistress Brisbane General Post Office. Annual salary £375 plus £100 rent allowance

ELISE BARNEY

Elise, the daughter of Major James Rivers, was born in Lisbon Portugal at the end of the Napoleonic wars. She married Lieutenant John Edward Barney in 1833.

Posted to St Helena in 1842, amongst other duties to guard Napoleons tomb, John was promoted to Captain, however, encouraged by his brother and the offer of an appointment in the proposed new colony of North Australia, the couple set out for Australia in 1847. The initial position did not materialise, however, Captain Barney became the first full time Postmaster in Brisbane when this position was created in March 1852. Unfortunately Captain Barney's health deteriorated suddenly and by November he had died.

Elise was engaged as the Postmistress on the following day by the NSW Postmaster General, a relatively senior appointment for a woman at that time. The influence of her brother in law, Colonel Barney (NSW Commissioner of Lands then Surveyor General) in Sydney may have been a deciding factor.

Elise appears to have managed her duties diligently and successfully, IK Abbott, Secretary of the Sydney GPO, noting in his letter (4 days after separation in 1859) how efficiently she had managed her duties and taken on the onerous and difficult task of running the mail services in (what had just become) Queensland. He noted he could not recall one serious complaint against her, a very unusual occurrence in the Postal Service.

Elise Barney remained as head of the postal service until the appointment of TLMP. She appears to have had a difficult time with him (other references suggest TLMP had problems employing women in senior positions) eventually being retired on a full pension in 1864. This was subsequently capitalised to the lump sum of £2,000. Elise contracted diphtheria in July 1883 and died on 5 July aged 68.

(Australia Post Museum Files – National Archives Cannon Hill J0388 QPT 349)



Private Diary (Hard copy facsimile)

- 5 Oct 1863, horse journey to Hennings¹⁴ property from Fort Cooper via ranges. Lack's property 71 miles. 2 companions Norman and Benson (Benson may have been a guide as he gave him a sovereign). No roads. Lack had purchased 4 blocks with 6,000 sheep from Henning @ 20/-. He sold the sheep and the run cost him £2,700
- 6 Oct 1863, property called Blenheim. Lack has every opportunity of success, run will carry 30,000 sheep. TLMP remembers him from Logan, working as (?), eventually bought out rest of family (*Grahams* ?). Seems to have overworked himself and has bad eyes. Ophthalmia a great scourge. Moved on to Exmoor¹⁵, Mr Henning had a humpy with 2 unmarried sisters living with him (somewhat past their first flush of youth)¹⁶
- 7 October 1863, Exmoor, crossed Bowen near junction with Broken River. Called at public house for a grog or two, met Mr Wallace and Mr *McDougal*¹⁷. Called at Native Police House on the Don and then to Mr Hilflings¹⁸ station, distance covered 27 miles. Two day bill for Mr *McDougal* at the pub was £50, TLMP considered he would have come to grief if he had been left there any longer
- 8 October 1863, arrived Kennedy station, Mrs Kennedy made tea. Dropped *McDougal* back near his property. TLMP saw two crocodiles near where station hands swim. Sheep and crocs seem an odd mix to TLMP. Sheep cost 21/- per head (Kennedy has around 20,000). Also trying cattle now that shearing complete. Travelled 35 miles. Travelling companion Mr Julian¹⁹
- 9 Oct 1863, heading for Inn at the Bogie River, *Collins and McDonald*²⁰ have station close to public house. Not fit to stay at so rode on and camped overnight. 35 miles travelled

¹⁴ Edmund Biddulf Henning's first property in the area was the 64,000 acre 'Marlborough' which he acquired (assumed purchased lease) in 1858 for £900, he subsequently moved north to Exmoor in 1862 – *The Letters of Rachel Henning* Ed David Adams Penguin. Edmund or Biddulf as his sister refers to him, appears to have retained an interest in Marlborough as Pugh's Almanac (PA) 1865 notes it being held by him in conjunction with (Mr) Winter. The Mail route described in Pugh's follows TLMP's trip closely and it is likely this was the primary purpose of his journey

¹⁵ A preliminary check of the makeup of these properties suggests they may have been the consolidation of at least 5 'Runs' (with three common suggesting change of 'ownership' over time) Bulli, Mount Lawson and Appin for Exmoor plus Terrara and Glen Arthur for Blenheim - more research required

¹⁶ Rachel is equally uncomplimentary in her letter to her sister Etta in England. She describes TLMP as follows 'I suppose it does not require any great talent to be a Postmaster General. I hope not for such a goose I have seldom seen. He talked incessantly, and all his conversation consisted of pointless stories of which he himself was the hero. The witty sayings that he had said and the clever things he had done.' She adds that he was, however, treated respectfully (no doubt) recognising the convenience/importance of the mail route to Exmoor. Edmund signed a Post Office Declaration in November 1860 so it is assumed he had some formal role in the mail distribution chain

¹⁷ PA 1865 notes A MacDougall held a station on the Bowen Plains close to the crossing place on the Bowen River

¹⁸ PA 1865 notes Hillfling held Havillah with a (Mr) Peterson

¹⁹ This may have been the young (15/16 year old) man Hennings had met earlier in the year on the steamer to Rockhampton and brought back to Exmoor to gain some 'colonial experience' ie worked for lodging and board – *Letters of RH*

²⁰ PA 1865 notes Collings and Macdonald held Eaton Vale on the Bogie River close to the public house

E. 11.



POST OFFICE DECLARATION.

15 VICTORIA, No. 12, Sec. IV.

I, *Edmund Biddulph Henning*, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will not willingly or knowingly open, detain, return, or delay, or cause or suffer to be opened, detained, returned, or delayed, any letter or packet which shall come into my hands, power or custody, by reason of my employment relating to the Post Office, except by the consent of the person or persons to whom such letter or packet shall be directed, or by an express warrant, in writing, for that purpose, under the hand of the Governor, or unless otherwise in pursuance and under the authority of any of the provisions in that behalf contained in any Act, Law, or duly authorised Regulation of the Colony of Queensland, now or hereafter passed and made, or to be passed and made for and in relation to the Postage and Conveyance of Letters.

Declared before me,
this

J. Stewart
first day of *November 1860*

Edward Biddulph Henning's Post Office Declaration 1860
(National Archives Cannon Hill)

- 10 Oct 1863, on to Don River and Native Police Barracks. Lunched with Mr Marlow ²¹ son of old soldier friend then on to Bowen. 30 miles travelled. Called at PO to get letter but postmaster away. TLMP not surprised at complaints if this common
- 11 Oct 1863, spent day walking around Bowen, ok, better than Gladstone, not as nice as Rockhampton. Property expensive to rent. Shortage of labour and materials ²²
- 12 Oct 1863, Postmaster advises TLMP he has resigned. three new candidates TLMP likes and appoints Mr E Reid (Bowen residents choice). Discusses office up on the Burdekin with prospective Postmasters
- *date* called at Reids. Spoke to Captain Champion going to Burdekin River, will be first trip of a steamer to the port. The Buonaparte Brig ²³ arrived and unloading. Long chat with MORRILL who was with the aboriginals for 17 years. M advises biggest fear was of pointing stick at them and being shot, frightened of white man. M considers a real pity, if communication had been better a lot of the killing etc could have been avoided. TLMP advises he has read a pamphlet on M in Brisbane which stated he had never taken a wife in all this time. M confirms/clarifies he never took a 'regular' wife but many liaisons during his stay. Very popular with the gins and good for his constitution. Described blacks as good looking (better than local whites) however they sagged a little after childbirth. TLMP view, when in Rome... Morrill was ship wrecked in 1846 ²⁴
- 13 Oct 1863, TLMP notes land sale in Mackay, bid but prices too high. Land overvalued, sold at an average of £172-10sh per acre. Samson S sailed for the Burdekin
- 14 Oct 1863, nice sail on bay with Mr McDonald. Nice cottage, cost him £2,500. Met *Mr C Stewart* ²⁵, Government Surveyor doing survey for land sales ²⁶
- 15 Oct 1863, advised Reids competitors of his decision, bit upset. TLMP not over impressed with soil

²¹ Marlow was Inspector of the 5th Division (Kennedy District) of the Native Police. His salary was £300 pa plus 2/6 per day in lieu of rations. He commanded a force comprising an Assistant Inspector, 3 Camp Sergeants and 20 Troopers

²² The population of Queensland grew by 12,396 to 74,036 in 1864 an overall growth in the order of 20% in a year. In particular the settlements outside Brisbane were quickly developing and expanding, the population of Ipswich (11,939), Drayton (5,369), Warwick (5,157) and Maryborough () all experienced increases between 25 and 30%. South Kennedy District (Bowen, Cardwell and Mackay) increased its population by 179% to 5,166 during 1864. Demand for housing (and probably most other goods and services) was obviously outstripping supply. Brisbane by comparison had a population of 23,557 (an increase of 15% during the year).

²³ 120 ton brigantine which appears to have sailed the eastern coast including Port Denison at least from mid 1861

²⁴ These dates tie up with a published account by Edmund Gregory titled 'Narrative of James Murrells (Jimmy Morrill) JOL RBJ 923.9mor (possibly a reprint of an earlier edition)

²⁵ Clarendon Stuart was a Surveyor 1st Class in the Surveyor Generals Dept. Annual salary £400 plus a £280 pa equipment allowance. He surveyed Townsville in 1865 and Gympie in 1868 (apparently some of his errors are still being corrected). Stuart was also an artist

²⁶ Port Denison (Bowen) had only been discovered/explored in 1859 (the party missed out on the reward offered by NSW due to Separation). It was opened for occupation on 1 January 1861 and proclaimed a Port of Entry in March the same year

- 16 Oct 1863, no steamer but Brig Don Juan arrives. 7pm Samsom S anchors, successful trip to Burdekin, as far up as Mr Antill's station²⁷. Note on Mr Warry/Mr Pearce land deal. Went to see 'alligator' shot by Mr Benson, Chief Constable's dog found in its belly
- 17 Oct 1863, set off on sea voyage, left poncho somewhere yesterday. Travelling with Mrs Pym²⁸ and 2 daughters one of which was engaged the night before. Tricky passage south (rocky shores etc) however calm (thankfully) due to Barrier Reef. Had Beche a Mer soup, brought to Bowen by Messrs Towns and Co. Malays involved in trade but no further than Cape York.
- 18 Oct 1863, Visit to Mackay. Not impressed with PO activities
- 21 Oct 1863, Visit to Rockhampton, impressed with new Post Office. Bit of an audit on PO activities and equipment
- 24 Oct 1863, arrived back in Brisbane, away 54 days, a hard trip²⁹
- 25 Oct 1863, to church with Matilda³⁰, met Sir George Bowen³¹ and had tea with them. Barker³² coming up from Logan lost his horse at the last crossing place of the Brisbane River. Mrs Collins not expected to live (cancer of the womb). Pity because she had nursed her husband for so long³³
- 26 Oct 1863, rode with Matilda to the Quarries³⁴

²⁷ *The Samson S appears to have been a paddle wheel steamer, probably explaining its ability to work both rivers and the coast. It regularly worked the east coast north of Brisbane. Two captains are noted John Champion (noted as late Chief Officer of the 'Clarence') and Wallace. Its return to Brisbane from the Burdekin River via Rockhampton is noted on 8 November 1863. The Sampson S had been involved in controversy 12 months before this as the whole crew (except the Steward) was dismissed following a drunken escapade in Moreton Bay during a voyage in December 1862*

²⁸ *Mr Richard E Pym, a retired Commander of the Royal Navy was appointed to the post of Sub Collector of Customs and Harbourmaster at Bowen on 1 January 1863. Fred Kilner took over for a year and then Pym took up the Harbourmaster role again in January 1865. He held the post until the end of 1867. Harbourmaster's salary £175 pa, the position undertook the customs role without pay.*

²⁹ *TLMP is noted as departing on the 'Queensland' a 287 ton mail steamer on 1 September 1863 and arriving back on the 400 ton 'Williams' captained by Captain Cottier on 24 October 1863, confirming his journal record. Mrs Pym, Miss C Pym and Miss S Pym are noted as accompanying MP and around 16 others on the return journey in Saloon class, 48 travelled steerage*

³⁰ *TLMP's first wife Matilda Harpur. They had eleven children before she died aged 41 at Montpelier, Kangaroo Point on 26 November 1868 (Tom and Therese Murray-Prior)*

³¹ *Sir George Bowen GCMG Captain General, Governor in Chief and Vice Admiral. Appointed as Queensland's first Governor by Her Majesty under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom on 6 June 1859. Annual salary £4,000*

³² *Assumed to be William Barker, TLMP's brother in law. Barker held Tamrookum Station on the Logan River (Last crossing place Colleges Crossing ?)*

³³ *Believed to be Sophia Pamela Collins the wife of Captain Thomas Collins of Telemon a neighbour of Barker (Sofia died on 4 December 1863)*

³⁴ *TLMP purchased Portions 15,17 and 18 Parish of Toombul in 1854, 38 acres for £97 – (Nundah and District Historical Society) – refer also notes on TLMP residences*

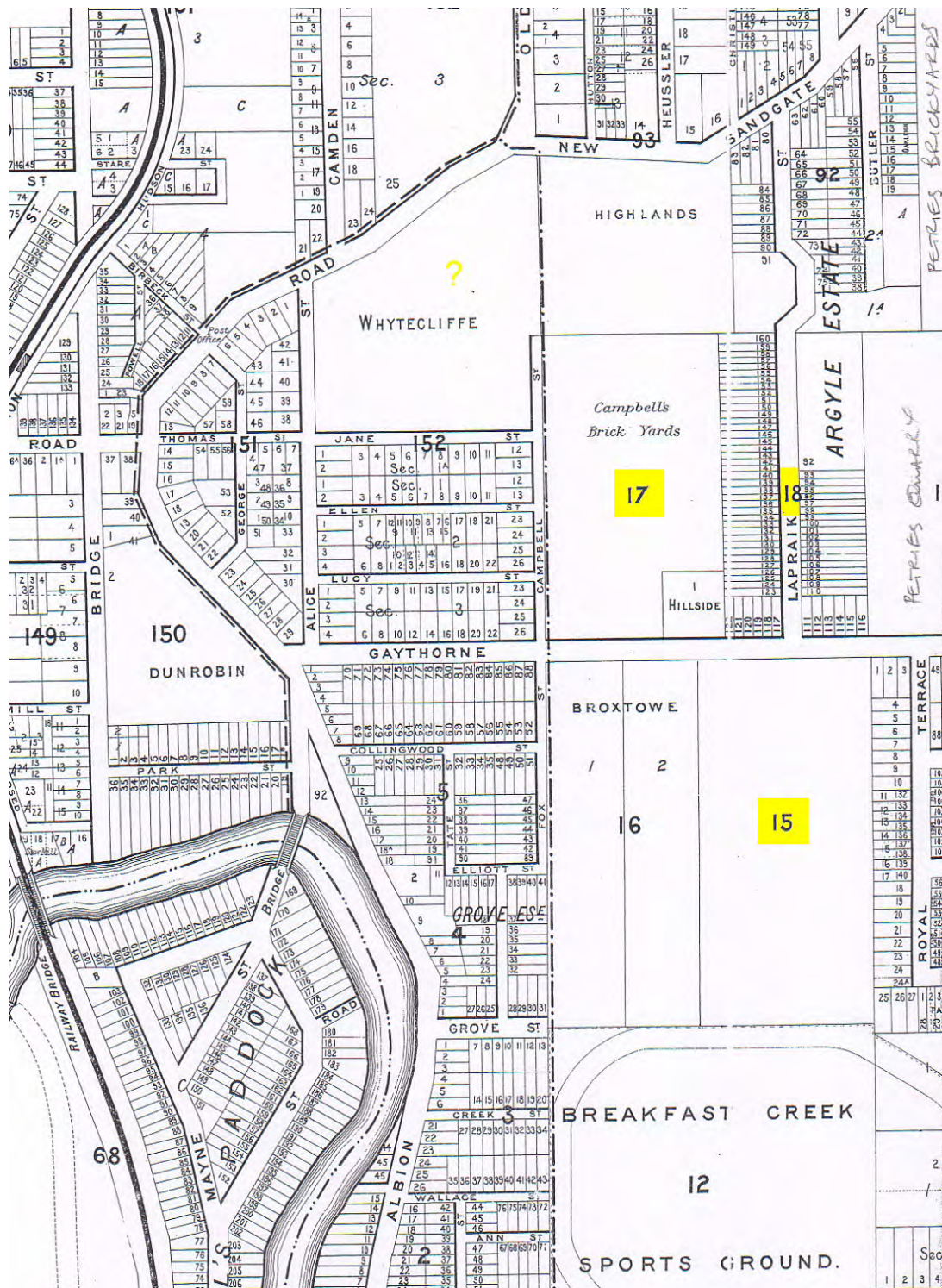
- 27 Oct 1863, Tender opening, mails will now go up to Condamine by coach rather than horseback (too heavy for horses really). Opened with Mr Buckley ³⁵, 14 received. Rode with Tommy ³⁶ to the Quarries
- 28 Oct 1863, Tender recommendation also note to get more able men into the service to replace soldiers who are ill suited to job but always get preference. Rode with Matilda and Blanche Roberts, called at the Drows
- 29 Oct 1863, needs 2 weeks to complete report on journey but has to get into work straight away. Matilda arrives around 4 pm and they ride off to Quarries then continue on same side of Creek to the Days for tea. Matilda wants a change, let the house to the *Teruthers* @ £200 pa, Matilda and the children to go to Tasmania. TLMP to allow her £600 for the trip. To catch steamer 15 Nov
- 30 Oct 1863, Captain Towns suggests mails go via his plantation ³⁷
- 31 Oct 1863, busy. Took Tommy to Cleveland to see the paddock
- 1 Nov 1863, ferry ride with Matilda to the long flat farm. Will pay *Jarrett* ³⁸ for ½ fence. Called at Drows
- 2 Nov 1863, TLMP concerned that successful mail tenderers have to pay 10% deposit and have to deliver in person
- 3 Nov 1863, rode to Quarries with Matilda, Henry getting on well with clearing and burning off

³⁵ *Henry Buckley, Auditor General. Annual salary £600*

³⁶ *TLMP and Matilda's eldest son Thomas de Montmorenci. TdM took over Maroon from his father, representing Fassifern in the Legislative Assembly. He followed in his father's footsteps in more ways than one, donating land (and acting as Committee Chairman) for the Maroon School in 1891 (TLMP donated the land for the first 'Ironside' school in St Lucia in the 1870s)*

³⁷ *Captain Towns was a Sydney merchant and shipowner and the 'Towns' in Townsville. He had a cotton 'plantation' on the Logan River and in common with other land holders had problems securing labour resources. His solution the indentured labour scheme, under which he brought in Polynesian labourers to work in the cotton fields. (AG Davies notes in his 1933 Paper to the Historical Society of Queensland that the first 170 Kanakas arrived in Moreton Bay in August 1863 bound for Captain Robert Towns Logan River cotton plantation Townsvale). After the end of the American Civil War the government incentives to grow cotton were dropped however the importation of islanders continued primarily to work in the sugar industry. There was a high demand for Kanaka labour over the following 10-15 years as planters in Queensland, Fiji and New Caledonia extended the areas under cultivation. The competition to sign up islanders reportedly led to disreputable practices by some recruiters and stories of kidnapping and murder eventually came to the ears of authorities. The Brig Don Juan was one of the small fleet of ships employed in this trade. The practice of 'Blackbirding' (coercion) was eventually outlawed and the Queensland Government regulated the treatment of natives working in the colony. Towns appears to have been at the leading edge of business opportunity including running an un-licensed ferry service between North and South Brisbane using his steamer *The Premier*. The *Courier* carried several Letters and reports on the deliberations of the Brisbane Corporation*

³⁸ *Robert Jarrott purchased Portion 67 bordering on TLMP land at Indooroopilly (Marilyn England)*



TLMP Land holdings at Albion, Petrie's quarry was adjacent Portion 18 (TLMP reference to 'The Quarries' relates to this land)
 (McKellar Base Land Map Fryer Library)

- 4 Nov 1863, called at Surveyor Generals with offer to purchase road between Lots 42 and 38 at Indooroopilly³⁹. Considering Ipswich farm buy (originally selected by TLMP). Put ad in Courier for sale of *Mehans Flat*⁴⁰ paddock.
- 6 Nov 1863, Had tea with Mr Venning (relation and partner of Capt ?) who with others considering a sugar plantation. TLMP offers his advice. TLMP having to intervene in running of PO, long discussion with Mrs Barney, her job to manage matters
- 11 Nov 1863, Bank of Australasia, Mr Drury⁴¹ will ride out and see Indooroopilly land next week
- 13 Nov 1863, Friday, TLMP's 44th birthday. Letter of credit from Bank of NSW arranged for Matilda £300 to run for 6 months. ? called to discuss TLMP proposed sale of Tingalpa land with 50 horses and 150 cattle £3,000. Any shortages deduct £10 per horse, £3 per head cattle. Peter of Customs interested in Moggill property - *Mehans Flat* ?. J McDougal proposes alternative route for mails to Texas via Francis Creek (*McDougal property* ?), to bring Mr Moffats concurrence
- 14 Nov 1863, sees Matilda off⁴²
- 17 Nov 1863, moved into Club⁴³ ready for *Fentons* to move into house. Heat wave, everyone irritable

³⁹ As in *St Lucia MP* owned several portions of the land bordered by Swan, Moggill and Indooroopilly Roads and the River. The current layout of modern day streets does not appear to line up with the early maps so he may have been successful in purchasing at least part of this road. Neither of the current day east west running Lambert / Harts Roads follow the original land boundaries either so it is likely they post date the original land sales

⁴⁰ *Mehans* should read *Sheehan's Flat*, TLMP advertised this for sale in his own name in the Thursday 12 November edition of *The Courier*. Early maps suggest this perhaps should have been *Shehans*, the outline of the yards and fences of William Shehans Cattle Station being noted on Portion 18 (*Mud Maps of Moggill – Libby Wager*)

⁴¹ Edward R Drury was the Brisbane Manager of the Bank of Australasia during the 1860s being recalled south in 1870. He was subsequently the Manager of the Queensland National Bank

⁴² Mrs Murray Prior and family (6) and a servant are noted as departing on the 500 ton 'Clarence' on this date. Thomas Murray Prior was old enough to get a mention along with other 2 other passengers W Pettigrew and A Kosvitz, assumed in Saloon class. 13 travelled steerage

⁴³ TLMP was one of the 19 founding members of the Queensland Club which was formed at a meeting of prospective members on Tuesday 6 December 1859 just before the proclamation of the new Colony of Queensland. The original club was in Mary Street, the previous residence of Police Magistrate WA Brown and was extended to include a number of bedrooms for the use of members. TLMP probably didn't get the 'best' first floor room which was apparently reserved for Captain Robert Towns when he was in Brisbane. The Club moved to its current site in the early 1880s. The site was purchased from Arthur Hodgson of Eton Vale. FDG Stanley was the Architect for the new building. TLMP was vice president in 1889 and 1890

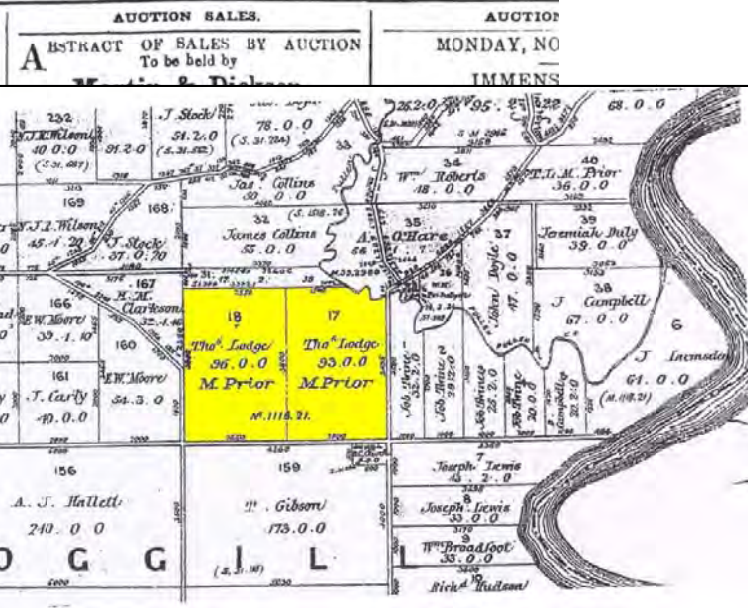
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No. 1794]—PRICE FOURPENCE.

BRISBANE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1863.

For Sale at Moggill.
A DAIRY FARM, known as Sheehan's Flat, comprising about 200 acres of land, enclosed by a three rail fence, with stock yard and two shingled cottages, and abundance of water. Terms liberal. Apply to **THOMAS L. MURRAY PRIOR.**
FOR SALE.
 THE Undersigned beg to inform the Public that there are a few Lots left in the **NEWDOWN ESTATE**, which are now open for Private Sale. Apply to **TRUNDLE & CAMERON,** Queen-street.
For Sale,
FOUR Splendidly-situated **ALLOTMENTS** on Wickham Terrace, facing the Government Reserve, and commanding a most magnificent view. Apply to H. R., office of this paper. Terms easy.
 THE Undersigned has for sale, Four excellent **FARMS**, of from 11 to 12 acres each, with

AUCTION SALES. THIS DAY.
In the Insolvent Estate of Maxwell Emanuel Meyers.
ROBERT DAVIDSON has received from the Official Assignee public auction, at the Prince Consort Wickham-street, Fortitude Valley, on **FRIDAY, November 12, at 11 o'clock sharp** The whole of the Household Furniture, Trade, and Effects, comprising—
 A superior telescopic dining-table, table-sawed chairs, mahogany cedar tables, double and single bedsteads and bedding, toilet dressing-tables, sofas, washstand, services, chest drawers, picture engravings, hall hat rack, a compact organ, decanters, tumblers, wine, sifter, tea-table and colander, &c., &c.
 Also—
 A billiard table, with cues, balls, board, racks, all complete
 Kitchen and cooking utensils
 A horse, saddle, and bridle



12 November 1863 Advertisement to sell Sheehans Flat, Moggill
 (The Courier extract Fryer Library microfilm, Base Land Map State Archives Runcorn)

- 20 Nov 1863, Fiery Star⁴⁴ in bay with 400 immigrants on board. Mrs Maddock rented her cottage at *Mehans Flat* 5/- per week on condition vacated as required. Wrote to Campbell about £40 rent due. Saw Capt L Hope⁴⁵ he is to have £2,000 of mortgage paid on 18 Dec
- 21 Nov 1863, renting paddock to Mr Mayne⁴⁶, rent due for 1 May to 1 Nov
- 23 Nov 1863, Mr Campbell promises rent on Moggill paddock
- 25 Nov 1863, met Watts of Eaton Plains at Club (wife just died), thinks TLMP purchase of Sandy Creek good move and suggests TLMP buys station
- 26 Nov 1863, Architect advises approx £2,000 to build house at the Quarries. Letter received from Matilda, Jenny and Rosa⁴⁷
- 8 Dec 1863, discussion with Colonial Architect⁴⁸ re new Post Office
- 12 Dec 1863, Matilda arrives in Hobart
- 16 Dec 1863, out to look at O'Brien property [unclear what the deal is]
- 18 Dec 1863, received £2,000 from Capt L Hope, only £1,000 (at 8%) remaining now on Cleveland property
- 20 Dec 1863, letter received from mother

⁴⁴ *Shipping records confirm the Fiery Star of the Black Ball Line arriving on this day. The square rigged sailing ship of 1,361 tons captained by WH Yule had set off from London with 324 passengers on 11 August, picked up a further 230 in Queenstown Ireland on 19 August and arrived with 554 passengers and 800 tons of general merchandise. Captain Yule had visited Brisbane some years before on the 'Lima' which was captained by his father Adam Yule. Medical supervisor was Dr JJ Luce. The voyage had seen 4 births and the death of 9 infants. Rev Father Dunne and Rev Mr Golding had performed services for the Catholics on board, Rev J Hinton for the Baptists and Dr Luce read the Anglican services. There were 28 Saloon or First Class passengers. The route had been via the Brazil coast, rounding the Cape on 8 October, reaching Tasmania on 7 November and then to Moreton Bay. 16 crew deserted on the night of the 20 Nov (this seems to have been a common event) and the ship was struck by lightning during a thunderstorm on 23 November splintering the sky sail mast. Following arrival there were several letters to the Editor of the Courier complimenting the Captain and Dr Luce, including a report of the saloon class passengers hosting a dinner for these gentlemen at the Royal Hotel*

⁴⁵ *Louis Hope was an early pioneer of the sugar industry in Queensland and at this time a member of the Legislative Council (Members of this House were nominated by the Governor rather than elected). By the end of 1864 the Statistical Register notes there were 93 acres of sugar under cultivation in the Colony (none in 1863). It is unclear if TLMP sold Hope the land or if he just lent him money to finance development on its security. Pugh's 1865 Almanac notes Hope had a 'manufactory' in addition to his 'plantation' so the finance may have been for the later. Pugh's also notes F Bigge had a sugar plantation 'in embryo'*

⁴⁶ *Patrick Mayne, butcher/developer/City Alderman. Paddock is probably the one later granted to the University of Queensland by his son and daughter*

⁴⁷ *Rosa Caroline was MP's eldest daughter and went on to earn literary fame under her married name Rosa Praed*

⁴⁸ *Charles Tiffin appointed 13 December 1859. Annual salary £600. TLMP was instrumental in pushing for the new General Post Office to be built on a site he selected in Queen Street (the current building). Stage 1 (LHS from front) was built by John Petrie and occupied in September 1872. MP after a break was Postmaster General again and moved his staff into the new facility. Stage 2, primarily for the Telegraph Dept was completed in 1879. The central clock tower (or the last 60 ft) has never been completed*

- 21 Dec 1863, Tea with the Drews. Met Governor and Patrick, interested in Tingalpa property
- 25 Dec 1863, dined with Thorntons⁴⁹ at Kangaroo Point. 3rd Christmas now he has been on his own
- 30 Dec 1863, meeting with Mr Pugh again getting mail routes etc sorted for his Almanac⁵⁰
- 3 Jan 1864, up river to look at land, *Currys and O'Briens* land
- 6 Jan 1864, offers to sell Sheehans Flat for £800 to Mr *opping for £200 cash then bills on mortgage. Mr Trundle to purchase the 21 acres and adjoining 43 acres from Mr John Henderson (of Bank of Australasia ?) £3-10 per acre +5% commission
- 8 Jan 1864, problems with Mrs Barney and her relationship with TLMP⁵¹
- 9 Jan 1864, attended land sale at Trundle & Cameron⁵². S Smith⁵³ bought 21 acres at £14, 43 acres @ £6-10. Lot sold by TLMP to Drury passed in at £10 no bid. Saw Mr Swan at land sale he will talk to Mathews. Mr Moffat at Treasury⁵⁴. TLMP notes he will have great difficulty pulling through (?)
- 10 Jan 1864, to Pickerings borrowed pony and then on to Moggill, travelled part way with Mr J Kyrng. Grass thick both impressed. Called on Mr A Campbell, away so no rent. Called in at McGrath, road a great deal improved with fine new bridge on the creek
- 11 Jan 1864, Mathews better out of service. To Quarries with Capt McCarthy⁵⁵ in cab. Mr Nettleton to be taken on as clerk⁵⁶

⁴⁹ More than likely William Thornton the Collector of Customs (TLMP would have socialised with his contemporaries, Drew etc). Thornton appears to have owned two large blocks of land including a large portion on the south side of the street which now bears the name. Thornton received £600 pa for his primary role and £100 for his Police Magistrate duties. He received no payment as Chief Inspector of Distilleries or being a Member of the Marine Board

⁵⁰ Pughs Almanac first went to print in 1859

⁵¹ There had been friction between Mrs Barney and TLMP for some time, not helped by TLMP effectively dismissing her son from the service whilst she was on leave during 1863. The situation escalated and TLMP appears to have complained following which her general post office management role was changed and she was put in charge of the stamp and money order business only (her salary was however maintained). Subsequent shortfalls in the accounts by one of her subordinates (£920 in 8 months) led to trouble for both Mrs Barney and TLMP who were ordered to make good the deficiency 50/50 (later rescinded)

⁵² The Courier advertisement notes Portions 29, 30 and 21 (21/43/43 acres) were up for sale. Lot 21 was one of the blocks originally purchased by TLMP and stretched from Carmody Road south to the river. TLMP must have on sold this to Drury. Lots 29 and 30 were in the vicinity of Cribb's original Lang Farm (subsequently purchased and developed by Richard Gailey). Early maps show J Henderson as the original purchaser of these lots. (Unclear at this stage who the 'Proprietor' referred to in the advertisement was, could have been Edward R Drury acting on behalf of the Bank of Australasia)

⁵³ May have been the same Sheperd Smith who owned Portions 35 and 43 (47/50 acres) adjoining TLMP land at Taringa/Indooroopilly

⁵⁴ Thomas de Lacy Moffat was the Treasurer. Annual salary £1,000

⁵⁵ JET McCarthy appears to have worked part time for the postal services (he is noted as an Extra Clerk during 1864 at £30 pa plus overtime) and in this case he was working on mapping, probably compiling the Mail Route Maps that were issued annually in the early days of the expansion of the service. McCarthy was getting on in years

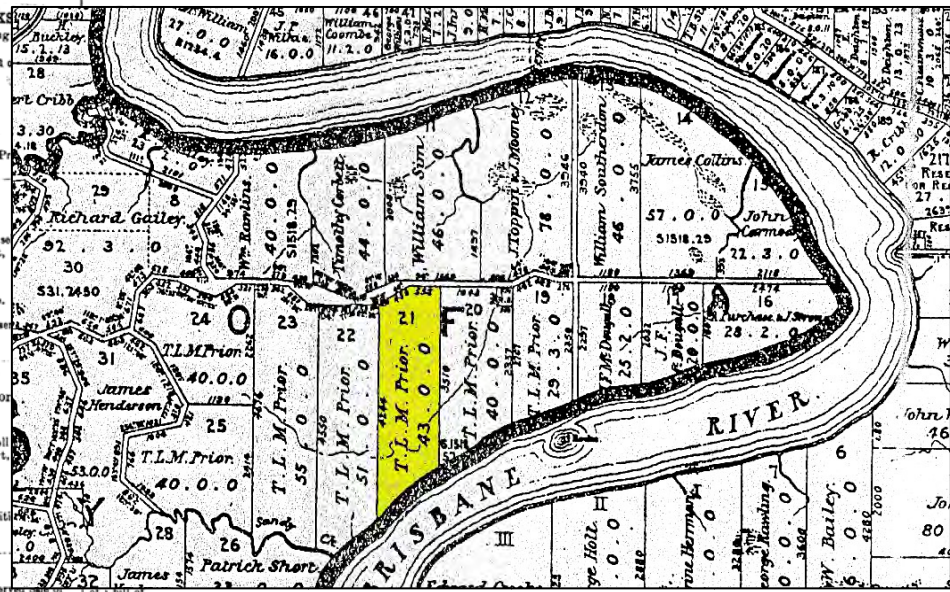
⁵⁶ SW Nettleton joined the establishment as an Extra Clerk from 15 March 1864 with an initial salary of £100 pa

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BRISBANE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1864.

AUCTION SALES.	
TO-MORROW.	
SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.	
INVALUABLE PROPERTIES, Immediately at the back of	
LANG FARM,	
And near to the Residences of R. Cribb, Esq., M.L.A., G. F. Macdonnell, Esq., M.L.C., W. C. Belbridge, Esq., and others.	
<p>TRUNDLE & CAMERON have received instructions from the Proprietor (who leaves for Europe during the next month) to sell, at their Rooms, Queen-street, on SATURDAY, January 9, at 12 o'clock,</p> <p>Portion No. 29, containing 21 acres; portion No. 30, containing 43 acres; portion No. 21, containing 43 acres; situate in the county of Stanley, parish of Indooroopilly.</p> <p>These splendid blocks are only a few minutes' walk from the city, and, as above stated, at the back of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LANG FARM.</p> <p>The latter portion has a frontage to the RIVER BRISBANE.</p> <p>Speculators and others would do well to inspect these properties before the day of sale, when they will be able to purchase at figures that will leave a good margin for selling again at once.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Terms easy.</p> <p>Transfer under the New Act.</p> <p>N.B.—Two of these portions are admirably situated to cut into a Township. 138</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY, JANUARY 16.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Suburban Properties,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Within a few chains of BREAKFAST CREEK,</p> <p>And facing the land granted to the Acclimatization Society, near the residences of A. R. E. Esq., W. Pickering, Esq., and others, being only a minute's walk from the centre of Fortitude Valley.</p> <p>TRUNDLE & CAMERON have received in-</p>	
<p>177</p> <p>178</p> <p>179</p> <p>180</p>	

AUCTION SALES.	
ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION	
To be held by	
Martin & Dickson	
At the City Auction Mart during the week.	
Commencing each Day at 11 o'clock.	
<p>FRIDAY—</p> <p>Earthenware Glassware Water Coolers, Yarn—</p> <p>3.30 4.18</p> <p>SATURDAY—</p> <p>Clearing out Sale of General P Furniture and Sundries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO-MORROW.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 tons Flour.</p> <p>MARTIN & DICKSON will sell at the City Auction Mart, FRIDAY, January 9, at 11 o'clock,</p> <p>10 tons Flour.</p> <p>First-class sample.</p> <p>In lots to suit purchasers.</p> <p>Terms at sale.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO-MORROW.</p> <p>1 case Spanish Liqueur 5 ditto Ink.</p> <p>MARTIN & DICKSON will sell at the City Auction Mart, FRIDAY, January 9, at 11 o'clock,</p> <p>1 case Spanish Liqueur 5 cases Ink.</p> <p>In good order and condition.</p> <p>Terms at sale.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO-MORROW.</p> <p>Extensive and perfectly Unassorted Drapery, Haberdashery, Boots and Shoes, Work-boxes, Writing Desks Stationery, &c. &c.</p>	



9 January 1864 Land Auction – Previous TLMP holding highlighted (The Courier extract and Base Land Map, Fryer Library)

- 16 Jan 1864 (Sat), Raff late with horse, out to Hopes property on Bay. Comments on work done and the land TLMP sold him near *Henrys* Hut cleared. Sugar cane in garden is very fine. Mr Peet comments on cane however with our labour believes will not pay. Java planters prefer black cane, natives however will not work in heat of mid day there (hotter than Brisbane)⁵⁷. TLMP sceptical of his comments. Had a bathe at Bigges Bathing House⁵⁸ and spent the evening there
- 19 Jan 1864, Letters and papers to Matilda, £30 draft to father. Charles O'Brien called, anxious to have his lease made out. Telegram to McArthur, Mr Pollard about Yerilla Station - 4 buyers, Seymoor, Hart, Grimes, Southerland. ¼ cash and terms
- 27 Jan 1864, dropped price Tingalpa to £2,700 cash + 10% terms over 3 years, *Germans* to buy it
- 28 Jan 1864, black rimmed envelope from overseas advising mother⁵⁹ had died 18 November. Buried Southsea cemetery, father to go and stay with Louisa in London. Tommy sick, TLMP concerned over the health of his eldest. Arrangements made with Mr Warner⁶⁰ for survey and sub-division of Wellington Point land. 5% to cover above including sales fee from auction⁶¹
- 29 Jan 1864, met F Bigge and they discussed Wellington Point land

⁵⁷ *Sugar was a hot issue with several letters to the Courier during this period (sometimes under 'Planter' or similar names) offering advice on everything from cultivation to anticipated yield for rum making. John Buhot, who was the first person in the Colony to successfully produce sugar crystals from cane juice in 1862, was a contributor to the debate. He had worked with/for Hope in setting up the original 13 acres of the plantation at Cleveland and (as noted in his letter to the Courier in Nov 1863) also assisted Captain Whish at Cabulture (contemporary spelling for current day Caboolture) growing 300 stools from 25 pieces of cane given to him by Alfred Slaughter. Buhot does not seem to have received the recognition he perhaps deserved for his efforts. It is understood he received a land grant of 500 acres however his business ventures do not seem to have been a success. Buhot was manager of the Pearlwell Sugar Mill at Oxley Creek in the early 1870s and lived on 56 acres in the Logan Road/Juliette Street area (Historical Sketches of Brisbane John HC McClurg)*

⁵⁸ *Believed to be what is now known as the Grandview Hotel at Wellington Point (at the time it was called the Brighton Hotel). Originally built by F Bigge as part of his, and the early squatters investment in promoting Ipswich as the principal town and Cleveland the Port of entry for Moreton Bay, the Hotel was derisively tagged 'Bigges Folly' by his political opponent Dunmore Lang who was heavily promoting the establishment of Brisbane. Francis Bigge built a wool store (later converted to a saw mill), jetty and other buildings in the early/mid 1850s however the area was slow to develop (not helped by a couple of shipping disasters) until the 1870/80s when with the coming of the railway it became a popular holiday destination*

⁵⁹ *Elizabeth Catherine Skynner*

⁶⁰ *James Alexander Warner at the age of 25 was the youngest of three surveyors sent to the Moreton Bay convict settlement in 1839 to survey and set out Brisbane in preparation for the land sales that would accompany the introduction of free settlement. Both Robert Dixon (related to the US Mason-Dixon Line surveyor) and Granville Stapylton (both 39) were much more experienced than James. One of their first tasks was to undertake a trigonometric survey requiring clear lines of sight and access to local hills. 4 men were sent to clear the summit of the highest point of the Herbert Taylor Range with instructions to leave a single tree standing, this not surprisingly became known as 'One Tree Hill' or Mt Coot-tha as it is known today. Warner continued in Government Service until 1853/4 when he set up as an independent. Amongst other tasks he surveyed the Brisbane – Ipswich Road north of the river (Moggill Road) and the coast around Cleveland. His brother and two sons were also surveyors*

⁶¹ *TLMP appears to have had extensive land holdings in this general area including between Cleveland, through Ormiston and up to and including Wellington Point. Warner was advertising Marine Villa Residence sites in the 'Village of Wellington' in early February 1864 and it is likely this was the land in question (more research required)*

- 2 Feb 1864, opened railway tenders ⁶² with Mr Gregory ⁶³
- 5 Feb 1864, to Kangaroo Point with Lizzie Barker for dinner then on to Thornton's
- 6 Feb 1864, workman falls off scaffold, Dr Bell called but not serious
- 11 Feb 1864, threat of floods, problems up at Ipswich
- 12 Feb 1864, *Brown or Burns* buried
- 14 Feb 1864, TLMP and Arthur McKenzie agree to go without alcohol for 12 months
- 15 Feb 1864, Mr Perry queries if a pillar box can be installed in Queen Street on Southerden's corner. TLMP walks out to Fortitude Valley, to where omnibus people live to discuss mail arrangements ⁶⁴
- 19 Feb 1864, to Mr Wilson to have 2 teeth stopped, going fast now
- 20 Feb 1864, considering taking Campbell to court, advice from *Burns*
- 24 Feb 1864, Capt McCarthy working on map. First sod to be turned on Ipswich railway, Mr Daly ⁶⁵ to attend. Wellington Point sales going well, Mr Warner to survey now sufficient lots taken up. TLMP lets Mr J McDougall have end lot which he had reserved for himself
- 27 Feb 1864, decided to go to the pocket tomorrow to see Campbell. Called at McDonalds Oxley ⁶⁶. Floods threaten, floods up north

⁶² This was the first section of railway in Queensland, a 20 mile stretch between Ipswich and the Little Liverpool Range. The Tender was advertised and tenderers could examine the plans and specifications at the North Ipswich Office of The Engineer in Chief of Railways. Tenders closed on 31 January 1864. The Courier noted in October 1863 that the Surveyors had been out marking out the line for the Ipswich to Little Liverpool Ranges section

⁶³ This is assumed to be Augustus Charles Gregory the Surveyor General (it would have been normal practice for two public servants to open tenders). Annual salary £700pa. Gregory in earlier years was also an explorer and one of the first to adopt a different approach. He travelled 'light' and to some extent 'lived off the land' opting for packhorses rather than bullock drawn drays and wagons. In the mid 1850s Gregory traversed a similar route to Leichardt between Victoria River and Brisbane (a year later) but did it in one third of the time. Gregory in later years sat on the initial Toowong Shire Council ⁶⁴ A post office was opened in Anne Street Fortitude Valley on 1 February 1864, the postmaster was FJ Hingston (Grocer and Ironmonger), £25pa

⁶⁵ James Edward Owen Daly was a Clerk in the GPO. He also was part owner of Lot 33 adjoining TLMP land at Taringa/Indooroopilly. This was a big day out with steamers running from Brisbane, a special luncheon in Ipswich attended by the Governor and local politicians and a Railway Ball at the School of Arts in Ipswich on the night of the 25th (Lady and Gentleman 1 guinea, Singles 15sh). Capt ER Drury summoned and rallied his 1st Company of Volunteer Rifles for the day, giving a well received speech at the proceedings extolling the role of the railway with it's potential to rapidly deploy the horsemen of the Darling Downs as perhaps the finest irregular cavalry in the world should the defence of the Colony be required (The Courier)

⁶⁶ (Notes in journal burgers are better at Hungry Jacks). This could have been the country postmaster J McDonald who had undertaken this function from 1862. Annual payment £15

- 5 Mar 1864, Henry wishes to purchase 4/5 acres on the 40 acre lot near Lang Farm, block near access road to the flat ⁶⁷, to grow vines. £10 per acre plus Henry to pay survey costs
- 12 Mar 1864, Bushranger Gardner and forger Faulkenburgh taken at *Apil* Creek and Maryborough
- 14 Mar 1864, decided to pull Tingalpa property, sell stock and rent out ⁶⁸
- 17 Mar 1864, Letter from father, Matilda and Rosie – they had heard of Capt Wickham's death ⁶⁹
- 21 Mar 1864, floods at Frogs Hollow. Mr John Petrie remembers 1840 floods when water came up to Commissariat Stores
- 22 Mar 1864, J McDougall called re Warwick and Frasers Creek mail. J McD to write to TLMP
- 23 Mar 1864, Mr Swan sends cheque for £53-3-1 being Mr Mathews stamp account deficit. TLMP asks Mathews for his resignation
- 27 Mar 1864, problems sending money to Matilda, telegram received from Matilda in transit. Mr Cracknell to get telegram repeated
- 28 Mar 1864, Tea with Mowbrays at Kangaroo Point, met Mr and Mrs A Raff there and Mr and Mrs Townley
- 31 Mar 1864, O'Brien in for money, mortgage by TLMP ?
- 1 Apr 1864, personal accounts, set large part of Mr Mayne's ⁷⁰ bill against rent due (£26 of £27-1sh)
- 5 Apr 1864, AV Drury ⁷¹ not signed mortgage for the 43 acres TLMP sold him at Indooroopilly
- 11 April 1864, big fire in Queen Street
- 20 Apr 1864, Great Eastern ⁷² sold for only £25,000 or 1/36 of her cost

⁶⁷ This would have been in the north west corner of Portion 24 (40 acres) somewhere on Carmody Road between Swan and Ryans Road. Vineyards were becoming more popular in 1864 the year ending with 109 acres under cultivation compared with 65 a year earlier

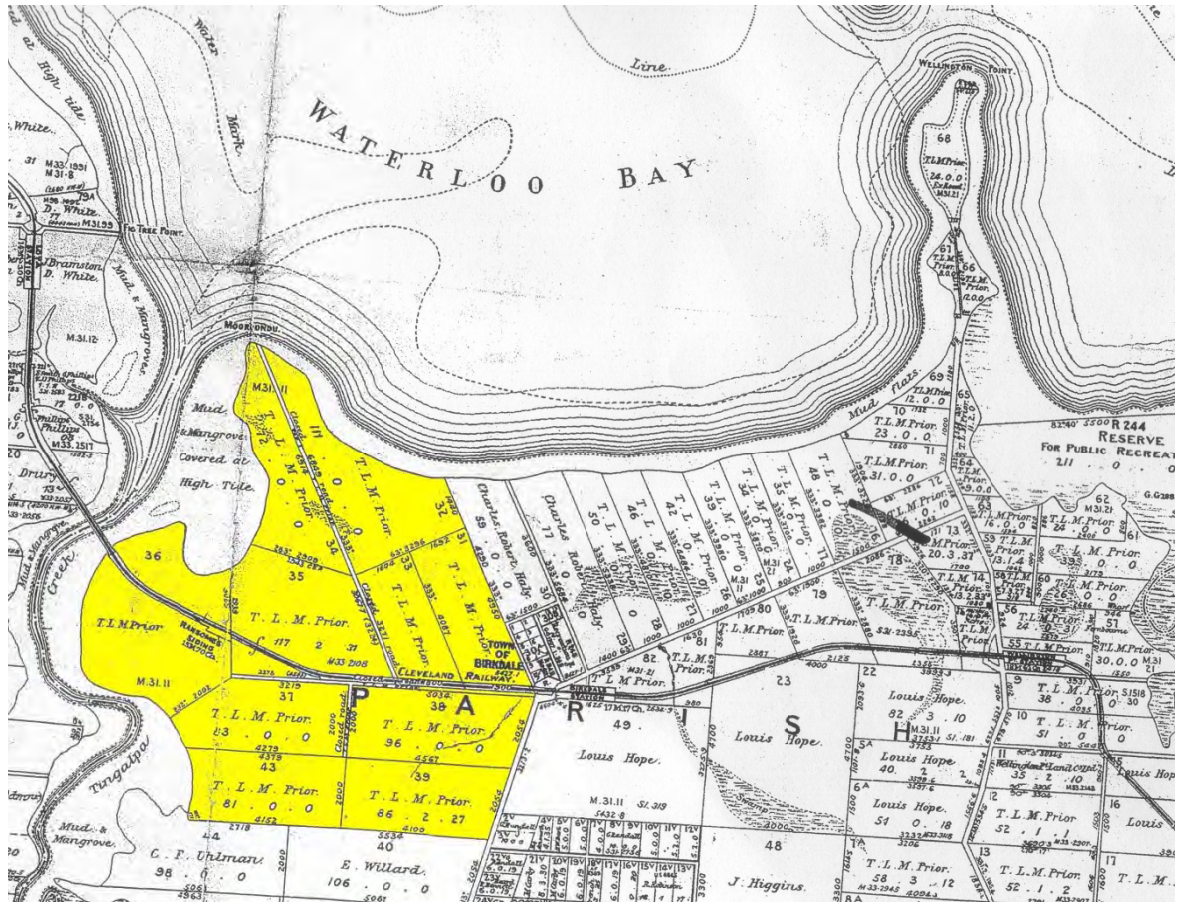
⁶⁸ Martin and Dickson advertised the property would be auctioned in their rooms at the City Auction Mart on this day, it obviously 'passed in'

⁶⁹ John Clements Wickham retired to the South of France where he died on 6 January 1864. He was buried at Biarritz (QLD Digital Library – JOL)

⁷⁰ Meat bill

⁷¹ Believed to be Albert Victor Drury, Clerk to the Executive Council

⁷² The Courier carried a report in February of the method used to repair the hull of the ship in New York following it striking a rock. The damage was a rent some 90 feet in length by 4 feet and repair was undertaken afloat using a novel caisson arrangement temporarily sealed to the hull, the water being emptied by steam pump. The divers also used a new submarine lamp enabling them to work in conditions 'as if in broad daylight'. The ship's twin hull appears to have saved the day. The Great Eastern, built by Brunel, was a revolutionary design but a financial failure and never lived up to its expectations as a super liner. The Great Eastern was used to lay the first communications cable across the Atlantic between Britain and America



14 March 1864 Auction of TLMP land at Tingalpa (Base Land Map State Archives, The Courier extract Fryer Library)

Terms at sale. 2044

MONDAY, MARCH 14.

TO SETTLERS, CAPITALISTS, SPECULATORS, AND OTHERS.

MAGNIFICENT BLOCK
of 1000 Acres

First-class Pasture and Agricultural LAND, situated on the shores of Moreton Bay, and bounded by Tingalpa Creek, about 14 miles from Brisbane, with

150 Head of CATTLE
50 ditto HORSES, &c., &c.

MARTIN & DICKSON will sell by auction, at the City Auction Mart, on MONDAY, March 14, at 11 o'clock (if not previously sold by private contract),

Portions 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 45, parish of Tingalpa, forming one splendid block, containing in all about 1000 acres of magnificent arable and pasture land, situated on the shores of Moreton Bay, and bounded likewise by Tingalpa Creek, about 14 miles from Brisbane, on the Cleveland Road, and adjacent to the properties of the Hon. Louis Hope, O. R. Haly, Esq., and others.

With this land will be sold about 150 head of cattle, in prime condition, mixed sexes, amongst which are several milkers; also,

50 head of horses, &c., &c.

The foregoing magnificent property is all in one block, and being bounded on three sides by the waters of Moreton Bay and Tingalpa Creek, the only portion requiring fencing is a line dividing this land from the property of O. R. Haly, Esq. about one mile in length, two miles of fencing being already erected.

The Auctioneers rest satisfied that they have only to invite inspection of the foregoing property, which can easily be effected, either by land or water, to thoroughly satisfy intending purchasers of the vast capabilities of this splendid estate, and the combination of advantages which it possesses in such an eminent degree, either for pastoral, agricultural, plantation, or manufacturing purposes.

Terms extremely liberal.

Title guaranteed.

All further information will be afforded on application at the City Auction Mart.

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- 22 Apr 1864, North Brisbane polling day, Brookes and Thomas Warry standing (in lieu Raff) - can we not produce 2 better men to stand ? Discussed Tingalpa land with JB Stephens, not interested in stock but land at £3 per acre. Flood and fire affecting his decision
- 23 Apr 1864, slept at Mrs Butlers last night
- 24 Apr 1864, Matilda returns. Knight brings in £5 being balance of payment for land. Planning to plant vines and tobacco⁷³. Wants mortgage to run for 4 years. TLMP will go and see land, maybe extend to 3 years
- 29 Apr 1864, JC Collins in arrears on mortgage (1st anniversary today). TLMP does some checking and in arrears elsewhere
- 2 May 1864, Secombe defaults on £50 TLMP lent him. Drury pays 1st instalment of interest
- 4 May 1864, dropped Mayne a bill for rent on paddock
- 5 May 1864, walks with Matilda to Milton, called at Kent's⁷⁴
- 6 May 1864, to Quarries, decides not to build but cut place up for sale. Uncertain of financial position
- 7 May 1864, sold some stock from Cleveland paddock to John Tilly
- 10 May 1864, to Kangaroo Point to see Collins land
- 12 May 1864, Nathan Knight offers extra £30 if mortgage extended to 4 years ie £240⁷⁵
- 13 May 1864, Patrick Mayne offers £1,500 for Moggill paddock, suggests £2,000. Agree terms⁷⁶
- 17 May 1864, CR Haly pays interest. TLMP offers him some other land to complete his property *Jamies Farm*
- 18 May 1864, Collins the butcher buys Sheehan's Flat property for £800

⁷³ Like sugar cane, tobacco appears to have been a newly reported crop for 1864 (0 recorded for 1863, 17 acres by the end of 1864)

⁷⁴ The Kents followed the McDougalls into Milton House before this became the Siemon family home. The Siemons donated the property to the Presbyterian Church as a home for students in the late 1960s/early 1970s (Rosamond Siemon)

⁷⁵ Conveyance and Encumbrances Ledgers (Queensland State Archives) note the release of TLMP mortgage on 61 acres of land in the Parish of Yeerongpilly (Portion VII) held by Nathan Knight in April 1866 – appears he may have paid off sooner than expected

⁷⁶ They sealed the deal with an Agreement dated 18 May 1864. Patrick Mayne gave TLMP a cheque for £500 on 19th May 1864 and then payments at regular intervals plus interest at 8% (traceable through Mayne's accounts) – Courtesy Bernadette Turner. TLMP's mortgage does not appear to have been released until January 1870 (Conveyances and Encumbrances (Queensland State Archives))

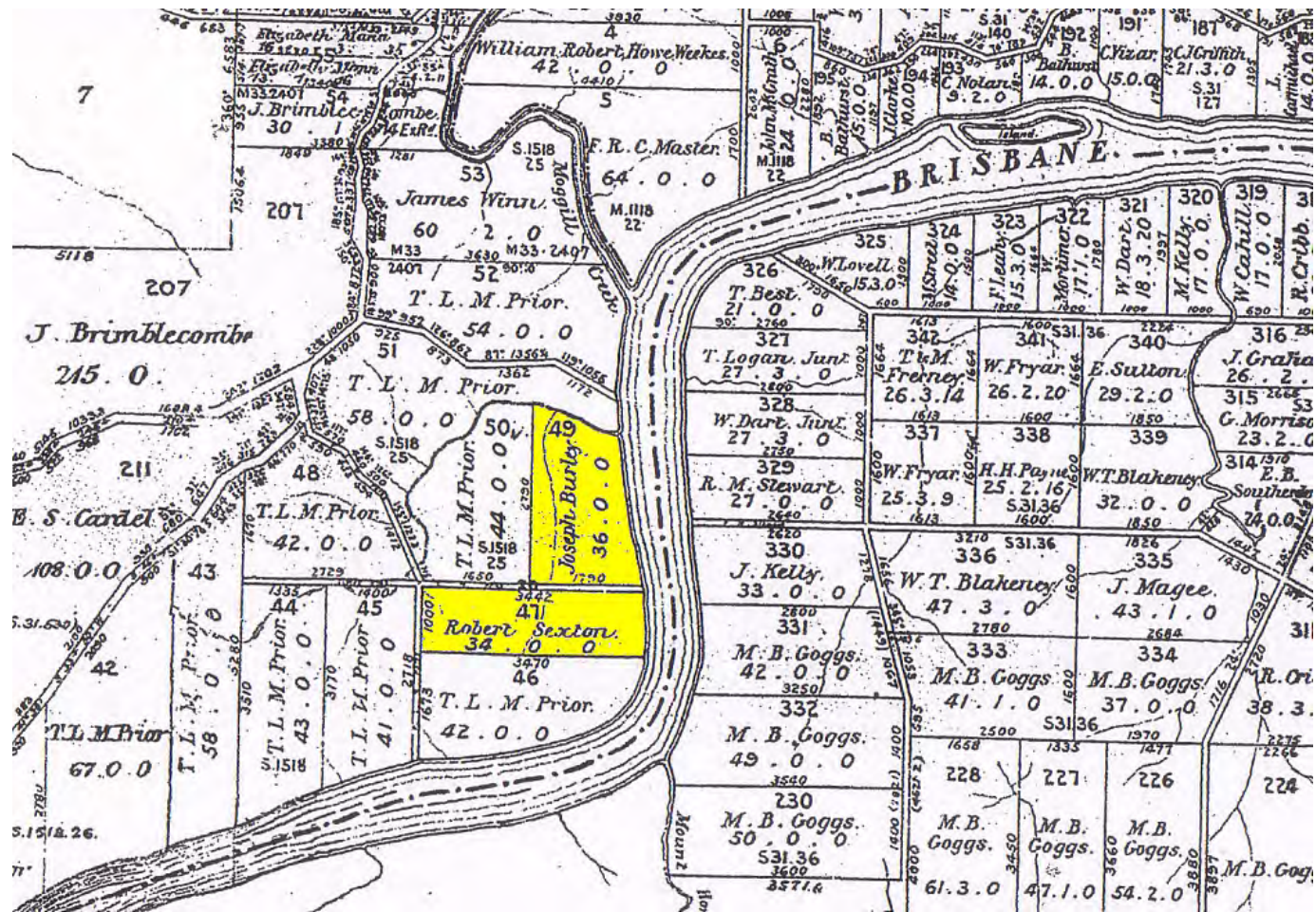
- 19 May 1864, Little and Brown have deeds to portion 47 (34 acres) purchased from Burley and Portion 49 (36 acres) purchased from Sexton ⁷⁷. James Collins pays cheque £200 for sale of land subject to mortgage for balance Sheehan's Flat Farm ⁷⁸
- 20 May 1864, offers to transfer right of Campbell rent to Collins if he wants to be bothered
- 21 May 1864, caught up with Campbell who settles with Bills and some horses
- 22 May 1864, Mr Wyndham for breakfast, going to Fasidilla
- 28 May 1864, out looking at land at 4 mile swamp. Calls in on Nathan Knight and agrees to 4 year term
- 30 May 1864, trip on steamer to see land
- 3 Jun 1864, gets 45 deeds out for land at Capalaba, Wellington Point, Indooroopilly and Beapall properties (Laidley, grant of pocket lands)
- 4 Jun 1864, settled with John Bissell. Called in at Warners office and dropped off 9 Deeds for the Village of Wellington commencing at the point, 8 - 24 acre lots. Real Property Act ⁷⁹
- [Spends few days in Maryborough]
- 21 Jun 1864, has fire set in office for the first time this year. Paid Mr Culishaw ⁸⁰ rent on house £39 for quarter. Pillar Box location discussed Queen/Edward St and Fortitude Valley
- 22 Jun 1864, to Quarries to look at fence being built by Mr Corkslip, very average but only 20 rods
- 23 Jun 1864, Mr James F Bonner called, wants to borrow £1,200 on some properties in his wife's name in Wickham Terrace near Mr J Douglas, 5 brick houses, 2 rented at £2 pw and 3 at 25/- pw = £8 pw (?). At 11% or £700 and only part property as security. Took Deed of 61 acres Indooroopilly land to Mr McKean to have it placed under the Real Property Act. Transferred Nathan Knight land subject to mortgage. Looked at WT houses with Matilda but disappointed with 2 storey ones, hollow brick 18 inch thick walls don't look strong enough. Discussed options, would they be better to leave cash in Bank and have available if they decide to live on the Downs

⁷⁷ Portions 47 and 49 are riverside blocks in the Parish of Moggill. MP must have been consolidating his hold on the northern bank upstream from Moggill Creek

⁷⁸ James Collins owned the adjacent property to the north

⁷⁹ The Real Property Act of 1861 was introduced to enable inexpensive conveyancing, particularly for small lot sub-divisions. The system was instigated by Mr Torrens in South Australia. Fees were payable to bring land under the act, register mortgages etc including contributions to an Assurance Fund. There were 3,415 applications under the Act in 1864 with receipts at £4,800. 273,765 acres of land were registered under the Act by the end of 1864, approx 60% of the 350,000 acres sold by the Crown since 1859. Government land sales in 1864 (incl some free grants) were 142,125 acres. The Statistical Register contains a note that developers appear to be buying for shillings and selling for pounds, a somewhat direct observation for a Government document

⁸⁰ James Cowlshaw ? Architect originally from Sydney who was one of the founders (and Director of 42 years) of the Brisbane Gas Company. His home 'Montpelier' was possibly demolished to make way for Cloudlands. Or George his brother ?



Lots 47 and 49 at Moggill – TLMP added these 2 blocks to his already extensive holdings in the area (including 380 acres at Priors Pocket) from the original owners Sexton and Burley (Base Land Map, State Archives Runcorn)

- 24 Jun 1864, JC Collins in re Kangaroo Point property, Martin has valued at £300 (for Town water frontage) and £300 for house. TLMP expects 3 months interest on loan plus arrears if JC sells
- 25 Jun 1864, A Campbell Bill dishonoured. Picked up horses from Cleveland for trip to Toowoomba
- 27 Jun 1864, Wm Wood to build fence dividing large lot at Tingalpa property, approx 1 mile at 4/3d per rod. Blue Gum * or Bloodwood posts 6x2 2 ft into ground, 2 rails. Let him have bullock for £4. Bigge lent TLMP horse and they visited, 12 acres under sugar cane, probably not ploughed deep enough, frost last night
- 28 Jun 1864, talked to Moffat about the Condamine and TLMP desire to quit his job. Would not go further than Toowoomba (?). Signed papers for Wellington properties, advised Warner not to sell large lots until TLMP has decided what to do. Balloted for Mr James Taylor ⁸¹ at the Club, strong feelings from others but felt better not to exclude him. Subscription to Presbyterian Church (*St Johns* ?) ⁸²
- 30 Jun 1864, balance of monies to Charles O'Brien, £1,000 mortgage. Sets off on trip, to Oxley, to Woogaroo to Ipswich
- 1 Jul 1864, gives Letter Carrier notice that if any more problems he is out (smells of rum but otherwise quite smart). Measured for a pair of trousers at Mr Cribb's and a pair of high boots. Called at Col Greys ⁸³
- 2 Jul 1864, ordered new saddle for Matilda from Gory ⁸⁴. 7 Mile Creek PO a rough place, on to Laidley. Talked to Mr *Nicks* of Dulacca about the Condamine, to let TLMP know what *Mr* * thinks most equitable
- 3 Jul 1864, out to Sandy Creek property (out around Gatton). Good land Matilda quite keen. Prospect of railway through, 1,500 - 2,000 acres around creek would be good start ⁸⁵. Mr Austin ⁸⁶ to have road begun. Overnight at Gatton, walked down to bridge which was under repair due to flood damage
- 4 Jul 1864, to Toowoomba, to Drayton ⁸⁷

⁸¹ James Taylor, *Grazier*, is noted as a member in 186? (the early records were part destroyed in a fire in 1870 at the Mary Street address. It would appear TLMP encouraged two of his sons to join between 1875 and 1885

⁸² Bit confusing

⁸³ Believed to be Gray. Colonel Gray was described by *The Courier* (with an 'e' in the report and an 'a' in an advertisement for the Ball) as a 'venerable and gallant gentleman' in their report of his short speech at the Railway sod turning ceremony. He was obviously of a considerable age having fought in the Peninsular War and been present at Waterloo. Colonel Charles George Gray was buried in Ipswich Cemetery in 1873

⁸⁴ Pugh's Almanac carried an advertisement for C Gorry, saddle and harness makers (Established 1844)

⁸⁵ State Archives have a record of TLMP Leases for Portions 36 to 40, 50, 51,55,56 and 58 County of Churchill, Parish of Blenheim and Portions 43 to 46 Parish of Laidley in 1867 however these appear to have been transferred to William and John Wienholt at a later date (perhaps when TLMP took up Maroon ?). Total area leased amounted to 950 acres

⁸⁶ Robert Austin was the Engineer of Roads Southern Districts, annual salary £600

⁸⁷ Drayton was the original settlement in the area until the local merchants began to relocate to the 'Swamp' in the late 1840s/early 1850s. Toowoomba grew rapidly soon eclipsing the old township although the NSW government for some time still considered Drayton the main administrative centre

- 5 Jul 1864, Toowoomba race day, Matilda goes with the Rawlins⁸⁸. Note to keep *Biggs* Camp mail contracts short if railway coming
- 6 Jul 1864, Drayton Post Office
- 7 Jul 1864, set off for Eton Vale, met Mr Watts. Watts and Hodgson⁸⁹ have 20,000 acres, fencing in 16,000. Drayton in the evening. Matilda having second thoughts, bit out of the way and dull
- 8 Jul 1864, to Gatton. To see Sandy Creek land again, met Justice Lutwyche⁹⁰ on way. Matilda thinks this area better than the Downs. To *Biggs*⁹¹ Camp, men working on railway tunnel at Little Liverpool. Talked to contractor (a Pole) who thought narrow gauge was a mistake. He had worked on many continental railways
- 10 Jul 1864, to Woogaroo (6 miles from Ipswich) met McAlister and Austin on way, requested Mr Austin to get on with road across plain at Sandy Creek. To Ipswich, PO at Goodna, PO at Redbank Plains
- 11 Jul 1864, to Oxley Creek PO then on to Brisbane
- [lot of mention of Forester - must be the horse he has been riding]
- 12 Jul 1864, JC Collins note dishonoured, in arrears £112-11-2d
- 14 Jul 1864, Government House for dinner with Matilda, met Bishop and Mr *Barker or Baxter*. English mails generally 8 days from arrival in King George Sound⁹² to arrival in Sydney
- 15 Jul 1864, Mr Warner advises sales of Wellington Point as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>When Due</i>	<i>Amount</i>
George Bowden	1 Oct 1864	£16-16-5
Mr Honeyman	28 Oct 1864	£29-10-2
	28 July 1865	£30-10-6
	28 ? 1865	£31-9-10
Mr Costin	28 Sep 1864	£17-1-1
Isaac Markwell	28 Sep 1864	£16-11-9
Gummer and Petty	23 Oct 1864	£33-12-3
Mr Warn (Cheque)		£26-5-9

[small blocks ?]

⁸⁸ This was a 3 day race meeting, the *Darling Downs Gazette* noting 2 to 3,000 spectators with visitors recognised from Brisbane to Surat

⁸⁹ Later Sir Arthur Hodgson

⁹⁰ The *Darling Downs Gazette* reports the cases Justice Lutwyche was conducting during his stay in Toowoomba

⁹¹ *Bigges* Camp, according to a local history site marker, was originally named after Frederick Bigge, the pioneering pastoralist who camped in the location on his way to Mt Brisbane station. It was obviously a popular resting place as the marker also notes that Alan Cunningham overnighted near the site of the railway station in June 1829 when he was searching for the source of the Brisbane River. The rail station and area was subsequently renamed Grandchester, the Ipswich to Grandchester railway opened on 31 July 1865 being the first to be built in Queensland. Government expenditure on railway construction during 1865 was £401,605 representing 59% of total expenditure. Frederick and Francis Bigge (FE Bigge) were brothers

⁹² Southern tip of Western Australia (Albany)

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1864

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Annual Race
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
23rd of JUNE next, 1864.

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FIRST DAY, (TUESDAY), 5TH JULY.
FIRST RACE.
The MAIDEN PLATE of £100, for all horses that have never won an advertised prize over £30. Sweepstake of £3 3s. for second horse. Distance, 1 1/2 miles. One event. Weight for age.

SECOND RACE.
The SELLING RACE of £50, for all horses. Winner to be sold for £100. If entered for £75, allowed 7 lbs.; if for £50, allowed 14 lbs.; if for £25 allowed 21 lbs. No further allowance made. Mile and a half heats. Weight for age.

THIRD RACE.
The SQUATTERS' PURSE of £75 for all horses. Three miles. One event. Welter weights for age.

FOURTH RACE.
The LADIES' PURSE of £10, for all horses. Distance one mile and a half. Weight for age.

SECOND DAY, (WEDNESDAY) 6TH JULY.
FIRST RACE.
The HURDLE RACE of £50, for all horses. Distance two miles, over eight hurdles, four feet high. Welter weights for age.

Cheap Stationery!
AT THE OFFICE OF THE "DARLING DOWNS GAZETTE" *Bullock Street, Toowoomba*
FOR SALE, at the Office of the above, in advance on BRISBANE PAPER:
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THE DARLING DOWNS ANNUAL RACES, 1864.

However heavily the Clerk of the weather might have been subsidised, he could not have more cheered the heart of the turfites than by the brilliant dawn that burst over the Toowoomba course on the morning of Tuesday last, the first day of the Darling Downs Annual Races for 1864. The road and course were also in splendid condition, and the cause of many additional hundreds visiting, than otherwise would have put in an appearance. Between two and three thousand spectators mustered upon the occasion, and we recognised individuals that are located from Brisbane to Surat. There is an exception we must take to the course which could be easily remedied: the centre is thickly wooded, so that from the steward's stand, the start for the mile and a half events cannot be noted to a certainty. The felling of the trees would be all that is requisite. Probably at the next meet this will not be a cause of complaint. There were a fair number of booths upon the course vending viand and tippie of an unexceptionable character. Shortly after noon, the bell rung to saddle for the first race.

The MAIDEN PLATE of £100, for all horses that have never won an advertised prize over £30. Sweepstake of £3 3s for second horse. Distance, 1 1/2 mile. One event. Weight for age.

Mr W. Thompson's Prince Rupert, 3 years, 8st, 2 lbs. blue jacket, red cap (Allen).....	1
Mr J. Carmody's Chance, 3 years, 9st 1 lb, blue and white	2
Mr Raper's ch m. Brenda, 4 years, 9st 1 lb, blue jacket, black cap.....	3
Mr Ford's b c Oakwood, 3 years, 8st 2 lbs, blue jacket, black cap	4
Miss Dickson's ch g Straford, 3 years, 7st 13 lbs, black jacket, scarlet sash and white cap	0

Rupert took the lead and kept it, hard held throughout. Chance a good second. The owner of Chance entered a protest against Prince Rupert, on the ground that the Prince had not been entered prior to winning the Maiden Plate at Ipswich.

SPOONS RACE
The SELLING RACE, of £50, for all horses. Winner to be sold for £100. If entered for £75, allowed 7 lbs; if for £50, allowed 14 lbs; if for £25, allowed 21 lbs. No further allowance.

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Extracts from The Darling Downs Gazette 9 June / 7 July 1864 (Fryer Library microfilm)

WELLINGTON.

Marine Villa Residences.

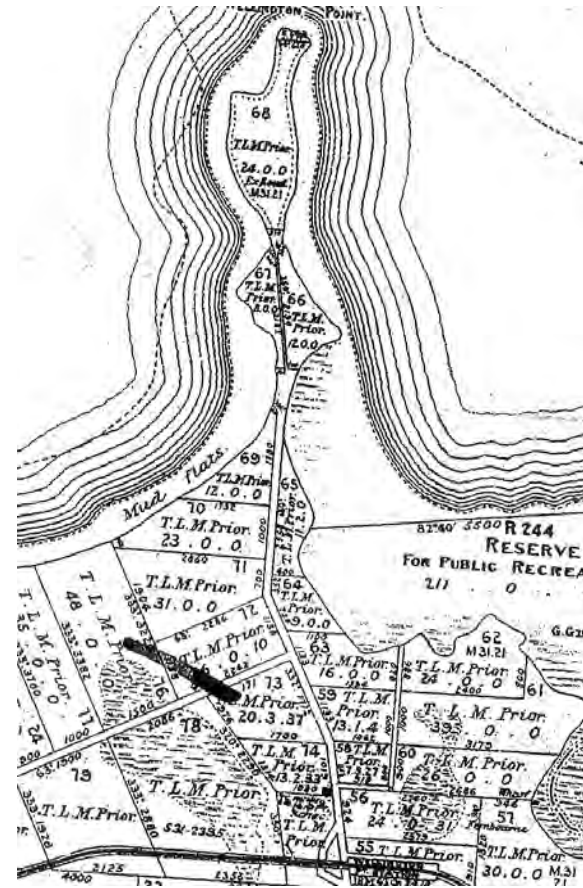
PARTIES desirous of securing a Site for a
MARINE VILLA RESIDENCE
 Are invited to call at my office, where they may
 see the Plan of the
VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON.
 proposed to be laid out on Wellington Point, ad-
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 Selections will be governed by seniority of
 application.

JAMES WARNER,
 Surveyor.

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FOR SALE, PRIVATELY.

A FARM ON THE MARY RIVER.
 At the Junction of Saltwater Creek,



*Further research required on exact location of the Village of Wellington
 (Base Land Map State Archives, The Courier extract Fryer Library microfilm)*

- 16 Jul 1864, English mails late, no advice from Sydney wires down. Rode out with Rosie in the evening
- 17 Jul 1864, opened trunk from UK. Mothers odds chain for Rosie, her watch to Lizzie, number of things for Matilda. Jemima had sent silver ring for godson Harry and Louisa little presents for all the children. Out to river farm with Annie Barker after dinner. Harry had been staying in hut there. Peter and Arthy almost finished fence, not particularly well done. To Wickham Terrace church, Bishop (Barker) preached. Lady Bowen arrived back from Rockhampton, walked back with Bishop
- 18 Jul 1864, Mr Pring (Attorney General) called at house to complain about mail. Mrs Barker at the house. Nona bites TLMP and gives him push in the ribs, bit skittish with Matilda [assume Nona is a horse]. Parliament in session
- 22 Jul 1864, Bishop of Sydney and Mrs Barker at home
- 24 Jul 1864, rode with Rosie to Breakfast Creek. Met Mannings and Van Haings. James Patterson going to manage the Tenterfield property of ** Thomas
- 25 Jul 1864, J Warner called and TLMP signed deeds for No 11 and No 12 under the new Property Act. Price amounting to £45 (?). Rode with the Barkers to Breakfast Creek property, made up mind to build £1,200 house there
- 28 Jul 1864, Receipts from Warner for 2nd instalments on Wellington Point land. Nett proceeds £225-4-6d
- 1 Aug 1864, James Duffy to do some fencing 6/- per rod, 3 rail fence. Mr *Raunsley* and Mr Daly to pay their share ⁹³. Ride with Annie to see Mr Wells new house
- 2 Aug 1864, Mr Dalrymple, discussion on northern settlement of South Australia, should try and link with north Queensland settlements for East Coast link through New Holland to Adelaide. Problems of rainy season. [these discussion may have been in related to the 'competition' for the overseas telegraph link which SA won in the end]. New Station proposed in the north, 'consortium' include Ernest Henry, Wallpole & Collins, Henning, Jones, Atkins, Smith (from the Richmond), Collins, McDonald, JG McDonald, Sheaffe and Grayson
- 4 Aug 1864, paid Mr Drew half the fence built by James Duffy, thinking of renting 37 acre paddock, may get £100 pa ⁹⁴
- 8 Aug 1864, Discussion with Surveyor General re Sandy Creek property and re-survey to include additional land (was this TLMP selection?). 1,000 acres between TLMP land and railway line, approx £1,000. Some alteration to boundaries required
- 9 Aug 1864, Quarries house will cost £2,000 rather more than TLMP can afford
- 11 Aug 1864, Mr Martin advises Mr Little ⁹⁵ has told him JC Collins intends for proceeds from furniture sale at Kangaroo Point to go to TLMP, anticipate around £80

⁹³ *This must have been to the eastern side of Lots 38, 38 and part 39, Rawnsley and Daly owned the land between TLMP's boundary and Indooroopilly Road*

⁹⁴ *R Drew owned property adjacent to TLMP's most northern section of his Priors Pocket holdings, perhaps this is part of Lot 23 (57 acres)*

⁹⁵ *Believe this to be the same Little that built Whytecliffe where TLMP ended his days*

- 17 Aug 1864, rode with Rosie to Bowen ridge and *Sandford Road*, many houses going up. Saw Mr Cookaly about building house, just put up a 3 roomed stone cottage 42 x 14 ft for £280 with small kitchen
- 19 Aug 1864, Ed Drury, Manager Bank of Queensland. Abbott called re someone looking for £1,000 mortgage on property in Maryborough, good security, advised didn't want to part with cash in hand
- 20 Aug 1864, Mr Southerden not inclined to let his cottage, TLMP must decide to build house if staying in Colony
- 21 Aug 1864, to the Hill church. Dr Tucker ⁹⁶ preached. Rode with Elisa Graham out towards the waterworks on the new road
- 22 Aug 1864, attended laying of foundation stone for new bridge between Queen Street and South Brisbane ⁹⁷
- 23 Aug 1864, Ball in new Town Hall to celebrate opening
- 24 Aug 1864, School of Arts fire, one poor fellow Mr Maskell burnt to death, good many injured. Called on Mr Munce to see if TLMP could lease his house - no. Mr Tilly called with Bill of F E Bigge, Cleveland Saw Mill, plus receipts for sale of cattle etc. TLMP accepts Bills (?). Petrie Quarries, workmen reckon he should get £60 -£70 per acre. Received Nathan Knight and James Collins mortgages from Register General. Knight wants to put second mortgage on land, TLMP declines, too risky
- 28 Aug 1864, trip to Cleveland, borrowing 36 or 56 acre paddock from Hope to hold stock
- 29 Aug 1864, rounding up cattle and horses, problem with bulls. Hope has bought traction engine, TLMP hopes sugar a success
- 1 Sep 1864, branding finished. Expecting £500 over next 12 months on Wellington Point land
- 5 Sep 1864, O'Brien wants to raise another £600 on property. TLMP to check. Barney with James Taylor re mail run to Toowoomba, shake hands in the end. Called Bank of NSW saw Mr Archer re extension of bills until TLMP can pay. In credit today at £955
- 6 Sep 1864, Rode to Quarries, Mr ? cutting up 11 acres near Albion Hotel, will make another clearing and improve value of property
- 7 Sep 1864, discussed requests by Petrie Terrace and Milton residents for mail deliveries. Moffat wants to stick to 1 mile from GPO limit. TLMP disagrees with Moffat on a number of issues, Drew suggests he takes less for decision

⁹⁶ *Shipping records show that a Reverend JK Tucker was a regular traveller from Sydney in winter 1862 (July and August) and 1863 (August and September), this may or may not be the same person*

⁹⁷ *This appears to have been a big occasion for Brisbane, a cause for celebration as to this point in time cross river traffic had to rely on ferries. An iron bridge was proposed, however, financial difficulties resulted in a temporary, mainly timber bridge being constructed. Finished in 12 months the bridge only lasted a further 2 years, the centre spans collapsing in November 1867 due to a combination of high tide and the action of marine borers (Historic Brisbane Convict Settlement to River City – Susanna and Jake de Vries)*

- 8 Sep 1864, Tiffin called, talked about new PO. TLMP wants to go to Sydney to see how they do things down there
- 12 Sep 1864, Capt Colley dies, has been in much pain
- 13 Sep 1864, (another black rimmed envelope from home) father has died aged 76. (TLMP must have been eldest son)
- 19 Sep 1864, Matilda not well, doctor called. Quarries, agreed building be set out 50 ft from Petries fence. Copy of January 1865 advice from Reuben Oliver in Journal, advising he had taken over the business of Robert Davidson, Auctioneer and Valuer. Grocery and Wine business as normal being conducted by his brother Richmond Oliver ⁹⁸.
- 20 Sep 1864, rode to long swamp to see how men getting on. Looking good, Mr *Raunsley* advises cutting up land adjacent and expecting £25 per acre ⁹⁹. Mr Fielding advises he will be paying off his mortgage on 20th
- 22 Sep 1864, discussed Chief Clerk role with Treasurer and also Heads of Departments salary increments ¹⁰⁰. Duties, the minutiae, clashing with TLMP role of Post Master General
- 23 Sep 1864, Mr Stephens calls re Wellington Point land, cattle etc £2,000. TLMP thinks a bit too much to invest for sugar. Discussion with family re their future, Quarries to build or not to build ? To Tasmania ? TLMP leave of absence whilst Matildas health improves ? Have enough to live on, plenty if all land sells
- 26 Sep 1864, changes mind, perhaps as well to stay and build
- 27 Sep 1864, O'Brien pays out mortgage ¹⁰¹
- 28 Sep 1864, Mr Rhode German Station wanted mortgage £700, but thought 12% TLMP wanted a bit steep
- 30 Sep 1864, Fielding drops cheque in for release of mortgage, final payment on property. TLMP orders £17 dray from McLean
- 3 Oct 1864, Mr Moffat the Treasurer dies

⁹⁸ *Reuben Oliver (established 1856) had a Tea Emporium on the corner of Queen and Albert Streets. He was also a wine and spirit merchant and wholesale and family grocer – (Pugh's Almanac 1865)*

⁹⁹ *'Long Swamp' may or may not be a reference to the course of Sandy Creek which appears on some maps as a series of waterholes west of Indooroopilly Road. TLMP and Rawnsley both had land through which this seasonal/tidal creek flowed*

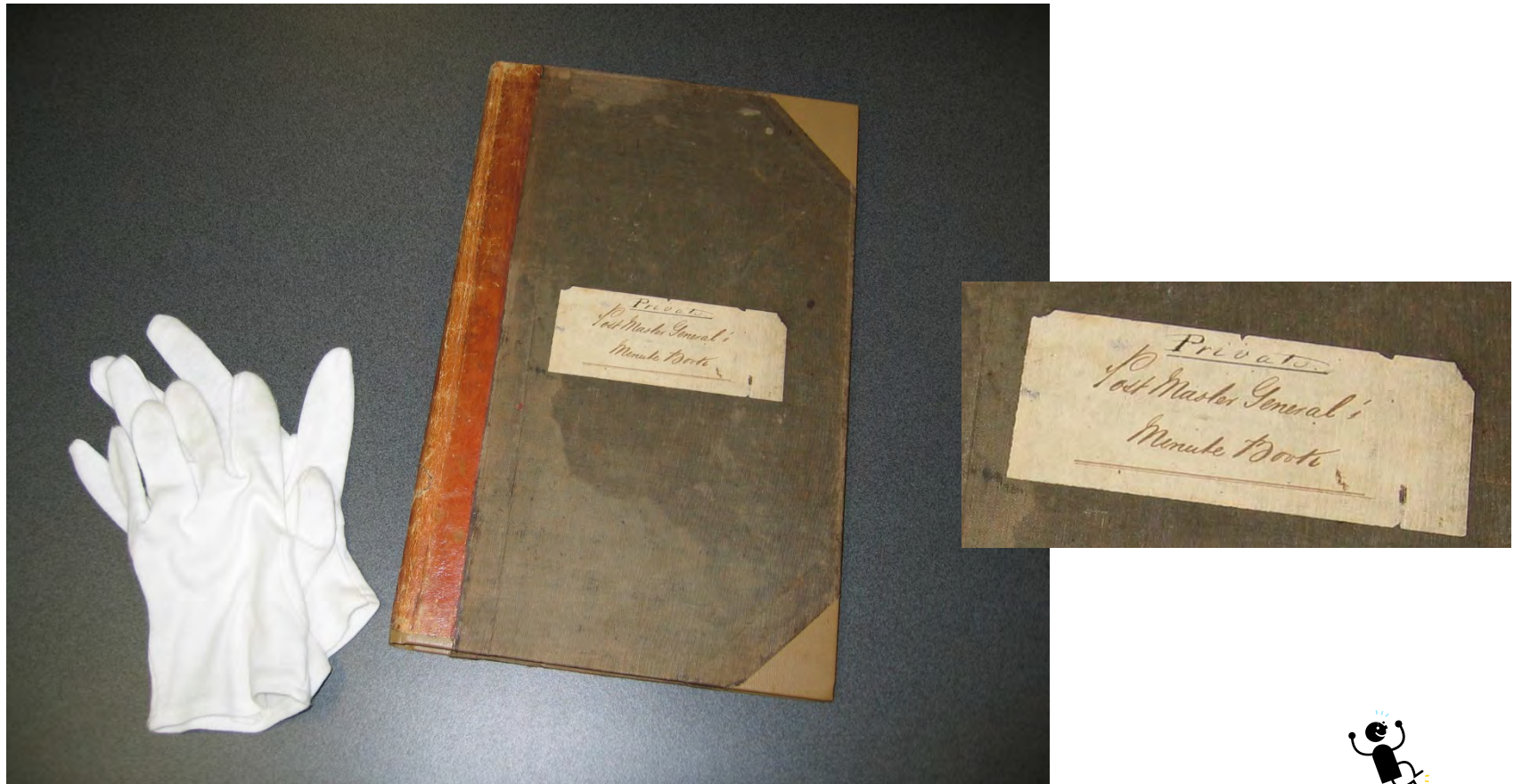
¹⁰⁰ *Typical salary for officers at TLMP level (Under Secretaries, Registrar General, Superintendent of Telegraphs etc) was £600 per annum. The Surveyor General did slightly better at £700 pa the Agent General for Immigration even better at £1,000 pa. TLMP also received travelling expenses of one guinea (£1-1sh) per day whilst visiting 'country' post offices (not clear if this was in addition to or instead of actual expense). Either way he seems to have been able to cover part of the costs of his continual gathering of information on property/stock etc whilst on official business*

¹⁰¹ *A Charles O'Brien went into insolvency shortly after this, the third meeting of his creditors was called for 16 March 1865 by Supreme Court Judge Alfred JP Lutwyche. A decision needed to be made on whether to allow O'Brien to retain his household furniture, cloths, beds, bedding and tools of trade. GG*

- 6 Oct 1864, called at Surveyor General re farm at Indooroopilly, had been advertised but no further action. Gregory gives instruction for (registration ?) to be carried out. Waiting for Austin to finish road before Sandy Creek Reserve can be finalised
- 9 Oct 1864, trip to Redbank Plains, borrowed boat from Mr Campbell to cross river. Meets up with old boy Johnny who went to Rockhampton, now returned and living here with gins. Landed at wharf Dagoba, have cleared around 25 acres but not started to cultivate. Eventually about 60 acres of cleared land but not stumped). Small dairy and good pig sty, Mr Roper has built a 2 room cottage
- 11 Oct 1864, views Collins house with Matilda, bit small
- 12 Oct 1864, Campbell of Moggill calls and tries to get TLMP to call Court case off
- 16 Oct 1864, Tom doing ok at school in Tasmania, other boy not too well
- 25 Oct 1864, gave Mr Drury notice about fencing at Indooroopilly
- 31 Oct 1864, Collins place auction
- 3 Nov 1864, Palmer pays first instalment £400-13-10 on Collins property
- 7 Nov 1864, Warner has someone interested in Tingalpa property, approx £3,000
- 12 Nov 1864, 2 day cruise to Coochiemudlo, proposed as an acclimatisation station
- 14 Nov 1864, Duffy finishes fence down to river (*Long Gully*)
- 15 Nov 1864, went into Cameron's foundry where they are smelting - first in Queensland
- 1 Dec 1864, major fire in Brisbane ¹⁰²
- 2 Dec 1864, dropped cheque £650 at solicitors for O'Keefe mortgage
- 6 Dec 1864, discussed taking up Telemon with Drew, not sure Drury ¹⁰³ will take £12,000 with 600 head of cattle. Live at Telemon or take up Laidley property. Talked to bank about Telemon property
- 15 Dec 1864, Barker thinks Telemon a good investment for £15,000. Matilda not too keen on Telemon, better give up idea. Rented house for another year

¹⁰² *The fire was discovered by a Policeman at 8 pm at the back of a drapers on Phipps Corner (Queen and Albert Streets) and spread rapidly. Three problems seem to have contributed to the fire, the preponderance of timber buildings, the lack of a proper water supply and the lack of experience of the fire-fighters. Brisbane would not have an adequate piped water supply until completion of the Enoggera Reservoir and associated reticulation in 1866. In 2 ½ hours 50 properties were destroyed in the Queen/Albert/Elizabeth/George Street block causing between £80-100,000 worth of damage. Armed police and soldiers were on the streets for three days to prevent looting and theft of goods moved onto the streets by shopkeepers ahead of the fire*

¹⁰³ *Under orders of the Supreme Court the 650 acre property known as Telemon in the County of Ward was to be offered for sale on Wednesday 22 February 1865. Proceeds to the benefit of the Bank of Australasia, Edward R Drury was the Manager. Collins was the party in Default. [same JC Collins that had defaulted on TLMP mid 1864 ?]. Collins was also in default on a property at Myall Creek in the County of Aubigny, this time the Bank were adjointed in the action by McDougall so it is assumed he also had a mortgage on the land. The Myall Creek sale was to take place at the Dalby Police Station. GG*



Having accessed a facsimile of TLMP's 1863/4 diary at the Mitchell Library to say I was excited at unearthing the original of his 1862 Diary at the National Archives Cannon Hill in January 2005 would be an understatement ! The volume appears to have been part of the Brisbane Post Office Museum collection. National Archives kindly digitised the document (available on their website), RHSQ have a facsimile in their Welsby Library collection (Refer Supplementary Notes for extracts)



*Thomas Lodge Murray Prior
John Oxley Library – State Library of Queensland*

A Fair Slice of St Lucia

Thomas Lodge Murray Prior

Postmaster General, Borrower, Lender, Speculator– a brief look into his everyday life (October 1863 to December 1864)

Supplementary Research Notes

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TLMP Diary January 1862 to June 1862

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TLMP Diary 6 January to 30 June 1862

- Jan 1862, living at Shafston and Cleveland
- Jan 1862, Mr Stephens proprietor of Courier
- 10 Jan 1862, RC Haly came down
- Jan 1862, Mr Walker is the Gayndah mail contractor
- 25 Jan 1862 (Sat), started for Cleveland with Mrs Barney, Louisa, young *Creyke* and Matilda. 3 ½ hour trip
- 26 Jan 1862, Mr *Fryer* called, paid him balance of account
- 27 Jan 1862, Tommy's 14th birthday. Barkers going down to Logan
- 4 Feb 1862, McKenzie carrying on, TLMP/Mr Nightingale not in when he called into office
- Feb 1862, George Raff Chairman of Queensland Steam Navigation Co
- Feb 1862, QSN advise they will have a vessel available around 1 April (new mail contract placed with QSN rather than ASN Co)
- Feb 1862, Mr Abbot, Joint Stock Bank, complaining of delay to Mail (held up at the river bar)
- Feb 1862, Reverend Glennie, Warwick, advised/complains a packet had been opened in transit
- 8 Feb 1862 (Sat), Mr & Mrs Thornton accompany TLMP to Cleveland
- 13 Feb 1862, stroll with Matilda around Kangaroo Point, call on Mr Cummins, Hon Mr Galloway (Speaker), the *Dayles* and Thorntons
- 16 Feb 1862 (Sun), Mr and Mrs Bigge over to dine at Creallagh, rode to the Point with them. Mr Little joined them
- 22 Feb 1862, ASN Co offer to take on QSN Co mail contract at same rate if QSN can't deliver
- 23 Feb 1862, at Cleveland, paid Jackson for the fence. Packing up paintings organising drays etc for furniture [assumed moving to Brisbane]
- 24 Feb 1862, arrive at Shafston by 8am
- 4 Mar 1862, Shafston to Ipswich 3 ½ hours. Stayed at The Clunes Hotel, notes there are 32,000 inhabitants in the community [assumed SEQ]
- 8 Mar 1862, Henry Ware paid £33-10 last instalment for 8 acres plus £2-10 for servicing of horse

- 9 Mar 1862, rode with Rev B Shaw and Tommy to Cleveland service. Paid Mrs Eliza Daly (nurse) £17-10-0 and Ellen Carr (cook) £13-10
- 14 Mar 1862, TLMP advised that Barker's youngest child had died. As Barker is away TLMP made arrangements for the poor little thing. Funeral am the following day. Bob (Robert) Collins rides down to advise Barker. Saw Petrie and Mr Mowbray (conducted service)
- 15 Mar 1862, Barker arrives, was in stockyard when Bob arrived. Ernest Davis came down by Clarence [steamer]
- 17 Mar 1862, accepts ASN Co proposal pending arrival of QSN Co 'Queensland'
- 22 Mar 1862, to Cleveland with Tommy. Rounding up horses at Wellington Point paddock. Visited Bigge for tea
- 24 Mar 1862, selling horses £15 and £22. Got Barkers Bill for the land and Warner's mortgage from the Crown Solicitors
- 26 Mar 1862, Jimmy Dillon arrived with Prince, Tommy can't find *Beppo/Biffo*. To Dr Fullerton's to show him horses
- 28 Mar 1862, nearly finished Logan bridge washed away in floods
- 1 Apr 1862, Barker came over with Mr(s) Compigne
- 2 Apr 1862, £6,000 worth of postage stamps arrive from England. Gives Mr Barney the day off to go to Woogaroo for his horses
- 3 Apr 1862, Tommy and Morres go off to school, *Mr Shaw's*
- 6 Apr 1862, Hugh christened by Rev *Blip*
- 7 Apr 1862, couldn't get lodging for Haly at *Carn's*. Mrs Pritchard query re Moggill paddocks, rent 2 for £130 pa for 3 years or large one at £80, £90 then £100
- 13 Apr 1862, Cleveland, young Barkers delighted with their trip, spent time wondering all over the paddocks
- 15 Apr 1862, walk with Bishop, takes in Mr Herbert and Mr Bramston's home on Breakfast Creek [Herston]. Slate and stone, very nice house with good garden
- 16 Apr 1862, Mrs Maryanne and Mrs Charles Pritchard rent large paddock at £80 pa
- 22 Apr 1862, celebrity wedding, ceremony at St Stephens and then St Johns. Big turnout of top society
- 25 Apr 1862, second Philharmonic concert, Mr Mowbray and 2 daughters there plus Government etc
- 4 May 1862, trip to 6 Mile Rocks, with Matilda, Lizzie, *Miss Barney*, Mr Patrick and *Drury*. Called at Galloway's
- 5 May 1862, Haly arrived

- 13 May 1862, evening with Barker and Mr Compigne and Rosa. Matilda had first ride
- 14 May 1862, Haly into office re Nanango Post Office
- 15 May 1862, Rosa Haly and Mr Patrick for tea
- 17 May 1862, around 200 inhabitants on Oxley Creek
- 19 May 1862, Toby escapes from stable
- 23 May 1862, letter from Captain Hope re Cleveland land at Raby Bay
- 24 May 1862, Haly called on his way to Cleveland
- 26 May 1862, Yamba – Denison [Bowen] route includes Hennings property
- 27 May 1862, writes to Hope re Cleveland land
- 4 Jun 1862, has a look at steamer 'Queensland' at Raff's Wharf. Good looking vessel
- 4 Jun 1862, writes to ASN Co advising QSN Co will henceforth be taking mail on Northern Ports run. Rides to Eagle Farm with one of the Barneys
- 5 Jun 1862, rides out with Matilda and Drury in the afternoon
- 6 Jun 1862, arranges for horse to come over to go to Cleveland with Tommy, however, Haly can't make it [something to do with settling affairs there]
- 7 Jun 1862, TLMP sells his 25 (£250 paid up) shares in QSN Co to The Hon Henry Bates Fitz for £265 each. Concerned about conflict of interest [bit late !]
- 8 Jun 1862 (Sun) to St John's church then afternoon at Shafston with Matilda and children
- 11 Jun 1862, B Cribb in to look at Estimates [for Postal Services], TLMP points out items he thinks may be disputed. The Chinese Immigrants arrive by steamer from the Bay. Located at the Co Stores South Brisbane. Mr Manning there, no opposition shown by people
- 12 Jun 1862, Constance (horse) throws Rosa
- 13 Jun 1862, afternoon goes to Kangaroo Point and then on to Cleveland with Haly and Tommy
- 14 Jun 1862, Tommy and black boy into Wellington Point paddock to look after the bullocks and his mare Gipsy. Called with Haly at Hope's and spoke to him about 'The Hotham', not overly anxious to enter into agreement. Hope will advise next week once he has heard from Sydney when the new boiler will be ready. TLMP appears concerned about Hopes return on his investments. Hope is going largely into sugar and has a West Indian planter advising him instead of Fryar. TLMP offers Hope 50 acres adjacent @ £8 per acre, TLMP to pay rent of £5 for the hut whilst Haly needs it.
- 14 Jun 1862, sold Tommy to Haly for £60. William building fence, 269 panels complete, 100 to do

- 15 Jun 1862, on way back to Brisbane calls and sees Sherrin to discuss killing of pigs once the weather is fit. Back at Kangaroo Point at 3pm, called at Mr Grahams
- 16 Jun 1862, arranged with Mr Webb for Ipswich steamer to pick up the Mails at the bar. Charge £5, normally would be £10. Queens Birthday Ball
- 18 Jun 1862, long diatribe on Mr Barney's son, appearance, suitability as Clerk etc. Attends the House 7-10pm, McKenzie gives them leave to go as no debate on Estimates envisaged that night. Coolie question appears to have been carried, here to provide labour for cotton/sugar farming. Party at Mr Pring's, good do, TLMP and Matilda leave at 1.30am. Mr McCulloch gets drunk and ends up in the lockup, TLMP disappointed as a good man, will encourage to take the pledge
- 19 Jun 1862, writes letter to father and enclosed 1st of Exchange [?]. Band concert in the hall of The National School, Sir George and Lady Bowen there plus around 500
- 20 Jun 1862, trouble getting Money Orders printed [first ones based on South Australian format ?]
- 22 Jun 1862, Estimates still not resolved, TLMP has to attend House
- 26 Jun 1862, Mrs Barney and Mr Nightingale approach TLMP to be paid 2/6 per hour overtime, other staff receive payment
- 28 Jun 1862, Mr Raff believes Hope not keen to have Hotham committed to picking up Mail. TLMP talks again to Mr Webb at ASN Co about formalising Mail pickup at the bar, he not too keen either, hours very irregular
- 29 Jun 1862, out at Cleveland, sells odds and ends (dray, harness etc) to Mr *Parnell* and cows to Mr Wood. Checked out fence at Jackson's Paddock
- 30 Jun 1862, Sampson steamer arrives from Sydney. Mr Hitchens applies for leave to go to Sydney to be married

Shipping referred to , Prince Albert (steamer), Clarence, Sampson, Telegraph, Prince of Wales (first trip from Sydney), Kembla, Diamantina and Hope's vessel The Hotham



*Thomas (Murray) Prior, Thomas Lodge Murray Prior's father
(Courtesy Tom and Therese Murray-Prior)*

Consolidated Notes on Murray Prior Family Members

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Elizabeth Catherine Murray Prior nee Skynner (Major TMP’s second wife)

Thomas Lodge Murray Prior

Matilda Murray Prior (nee Harpur)

Nora Clarina Murray Prior (TLMP’s second wife)

Thomas de Montmorency Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda’s son)

Rosa Caroline Praed Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda’s daughter)

Morres Murray Prior (TLMP and Matilda’s son)

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Hervey Morres Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda’s son)

Redmond Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda’s son)

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Matilda Aimee (Meta) Hobbs (TLMP & Nora Clarina’s daughter)

Dorothea (Dorothy) Murray Prior (TLMP & Nora’s daughter)

Alienora May (Eileen) Murray Prior (TLMP and Nora Clarina’s daughter)

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Geoffrey Murray Prior (TLMP & Nora Clarina's son)

Ethel Nora Butler [TDM's daughter]

Dr M Penelope Murray Prior (?)

Odds Haly/White/Bell

Appendix Extract from TLMP Reminiscences , The 'New' Church in Shirley, The Prior Gift

TLMP Residences in Brisbane and surrounds

TLMP and family land holdings

Reference Material

The Praed Papers OM-64-1 Various Boxes – JOL

Nora Clarina Murray Prior Papers (Box 9058) – JOL

Colin Arthur Roderick Notes on the Murray Prior Family Papers – Special Sets 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 23 (Held at National Library Canberra) - Courtesy Lynette Baer

Lynette Baer Notes from Mitchell Library holdings

Tom and Therese Murray-Prior – discussions and family archive

More specific sources as noted (including information from the above)

Australian Newspapers on line (National Library) – abbreviations:

MBC – Moreton Bay Courier

SMH – Sydney Morning Herald

TC – The Courier

TBC – The Brisbane Courier

Q – The Queenslander

National Library of Australia – MS7801 Papers 1810-1945 Murray Prior Family Boxes numbered 2 and 7. Identified by (NLA) in text

Introduction

These research notes supplement *St Lucia History Group Research Paper No 8 – A Fair Slice of St Lucia* which was based on Thomas Lodge Murray Prior's handwritten 'work' diary for the period October 1863 to December 1864. That paper focused on selected extracts of general interest to the author and included a brief biography of Thomas Lodge Murray Prior (TLMP).

A large part of the research effort was in cross checking TLMP's record of events which had the dual purpose of providing the author with a general background to the times and establishing confidence in the material. His records appear remarkably accurate.

Whilst the original intent was not particularly to examine the Murray Prior family history inevitably material which would be of interest to genealogists has been gathered in the course of the research. These notes are a collation of this information.

Matilda Harpur, TLMP's first wife died in early middle age and he re-married the much younger Nora Clarina Barton. Nora returned to Sydney after TLMP's death, what little information has surfaced on this 'side' of the family is included.

The information on the family 'lineage' is from work undertaken by others and has been included without further primary research by the author. TLMP in later life and his two step sisters had an interest in tracing their ancestry, however, this appears to have been more actively pursued by his descendants, in particular Robert Sterling Murray Prior, TLMP's son with second wife Nora Clarina. Passing on family given names is common and access to this information has provided an explanation for the names given to TLMP's children. Thomas has proved an enduring family name.

Irish Lineage



County Laois in Eire (Queens County until the 1920's) - Wikipedia

The Irish branch of the family appears to have been established by Captain Thomas Prior who was granted land holdings in Queens County by Charles II in 1667 (it is assumed for services rendered to the Crown as part of the English colonisation of Ireland). The estates included Rathdowney and Creallagh names that TLMP would later use for his properties in Queensland.

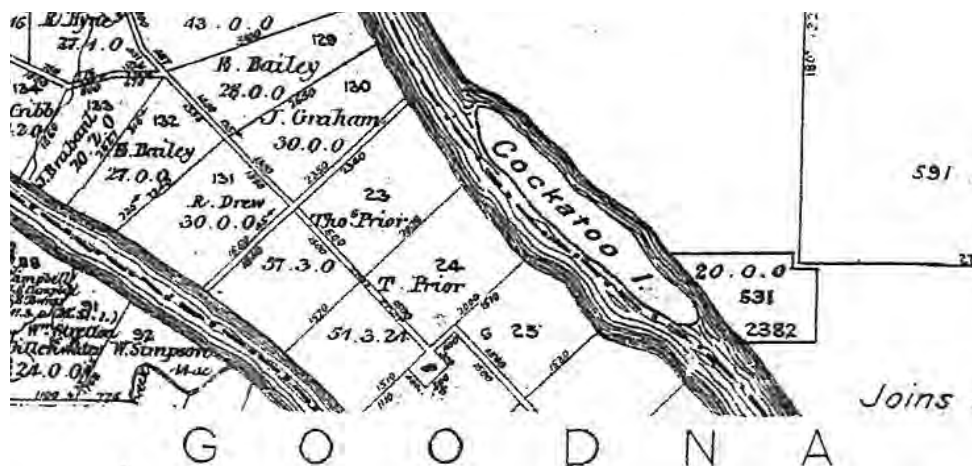
Captain Prior married Elizabeth Fairfax the daughter of Lord Fairfax (parliamentary forces commander during the English Civil War) and had three children Thomas, Richard (bachelor) and Mary (married Rev Thomas Murray). He died in 1690 and was succeeded by his eldest son.

Thomas Prior Esq of Rathdowney married [wife tbc] and had eight children, four sons and four daughters. These were troubled times in Ireland and Thomas raised a corps which he commanded as Colonel before being killed by rebels in 1700. Richard his eldest son succeeded him until the inheritance passed to second son Thomas on his death in 1736.

(Second son) Thomas appears to have been widely respected and was one of the founders of the Royal Dublin Society¹⁰⁴. He died a bachelor in 1751 and rather than the estates passing to his younger brother William [no information on William – it may be he died before Thomas] he left them to his cousin John Murray (son of his aunt Mary nee Prior and Rev Thomas Murray). It is unclear why he choose this course of action. One of the conditions of the succession however was that John take on the name Prior. Hence the family name Murray Prior came into being.

Murray Prior

The surname appears to have continued from this date forward, however, it is interesting that TLMP's father is often simply referred to as simply T Prior such as on the early cadastral maps of Brisbane,



Prior's Pocket Moggill. Major (Thomas) Prior selected this land in the early 1850's during his stay in the Brisbane area (he also purchased land in Cleveland) – map State Archives

The following tables show the general line of decent of the Murray Prior Family up to and including TLMP's children.

¹⁰⁴ Fourteen men 'anxious to improve the condition of their country' met on 25 June 1731 met at Trinity College and agreed to form The Dublin Society for the improving of husbandry, manufactures and the useful arts (sciences added shortly after) – RDS website. Thomas is buried in Rathdowney, Ireland

Murray Prior Family

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Notes</i>
John Murray Prior		1781	Mary O'Neill daughter of Col O'Neill of County Down	Andrew Murray John Murray	
Andrew Murray Prior		1795	Frances Morres daughter of Redmond Morres MP for Dublin*	Thomas Andrew Redmond** Eleanor Mary Catherine	* Redmond's wife was Elizabeth Lodge. The Morres family is also the link to the 'de Montmorency' name – Frances' brother was Lodge Morres/Evans the first Viscount Frankfort de Montmorency the title created in 1816 (Irish Peerage) ** Accountant – General of the Irish Post Office. Children included daughters Catherine Frances and Sophia Louisa
Thomas (Murray) Prior*	1773		Catherine Palmer	Thomas Lodge Morres** Hervey Morres***	* High Sherriff of Queen's County, Member of Irish Parliament for Bannow ** Army career including the 12 th Royal Lancers *** Ordnance Dept career
Thomas (Murray) Prior	(1790)	1864	Jemima Dickson daughter of Thomas Dickson Esq of Southampton at Millbrook in 1812 (died 1817)	Jemima Frances Sofia Louisa Elizabeth (? Son - William Amhurst ?)	
			Elizabeth Catherine Skynner 1818 (died 1863)	Thomas Lodge (Ensign) William Augustus*	*Died 5 Feb 1842 of gunshot wound

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Tom and Therese Murray-Prior – family archive/research (Burke's Royal Families of England ,Burke's Landed Gentry and Burke's Colonial Gentry)

Thomas Lodge Murray Prior Children with Matilda Harpur and Nora Clarina Barton

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Notes</i>
With Matilda (nee Harpur)	1827 Lime Park County Tyrone	25 Nov 1868	TLMP 3 Sep 1846 at South Creek, Sydney	(see below)	Father Thomas Harpur Cecil Hills Nr Liverpool NSW Mother *** Adams
Thomas de Montmorency	Jan 1848	Dec 1902	1. Florence Claudia Moor (March 1878) 2. Mary E Bundock (1902)	Florence Elizabeth (Jan 1879) Mabel (Sep 1881) Thomas Bertram (1883) Ethel Nora (1884) Claudia Phyllis (1886)	Claudia Phyllis married Edgar Cannon McConnell of Cressbrook
William	Aug 1849	Jan 1850			
Rosa Caroline	<i>Mar 1851</i>	Apr 1935	Arthur Campbell Bulkley Praed (Oct 1872)	Matilda Elizabeth Mackworth (1874) Bulkley Campbell Lodge (1875) <i>Maud Humphrey Geoffrey</i>	
Morres	May 1853	Oct 1897	Bachelor		Buried at Bulliwallah
Elizabeth Catherine (Lizzie)	<i>Oct 1854</i>	Dec 1940	John Robert Jardine (14 Jun 1883) at Maroon	Rosa Katherine Maud (1884) John Lodge Murray (1888) Francis Lascelles (1893)	
Hervey Morres	Sep 1856	<i>Jan 1887 (or late 1886)</i>	Margaret Murray MacDonald Aug 1881	Hervey MacDonald (Apr 1883)	Margaret re-married Charles Crawford Smyth Sep 1891
Redmond	Oct 1858	Jan 1907	Bachelor		
Hugh	Jul 1860	1895	<i>Bachelor</i>		
Weeta Sofia	Jun 1860	Jul 1860			
Lodge	Aug 1863	Sept 1863			

Matilda	Jan 1865	May 1865			
Egerton	Oct 1866	Sep 1936	Sarah Arbuthnot Crawford (Apr 1894)	Egerton Dec 1895	
With Nora Clarina (nee Barton)			TLMP 18 Dec 1872 at Ryde, Parramatta River	(See below)	
Matilda Aimee (Meta)	Oct 1873	Aug 1939	Arthur Hobbs 1896	Edwin Alice	
Emmeline May (Elsie ?)	May 1875	Feb 1876			
Dorothea Katherine	Dec 1876 *	Jan 1941	Spinster		* possibly 1877
Alienora May (Eileen)	May 1878	1955	Rowan P Hickson		
Frederic Maurice	Mar 1880	New Zealand ?	Bachelor		
Robert Sterling	Aug 1881	May 1962	Estella A Herring 1908	Nora Estella Edgar Sterling Phyllis Dorothea Sylvia Mary (Molly) Evan David	Robert Sterling was admitted to the Bar (NSW) Nov 1908
Julius Orlebar	Mar 1884	Oct 1931	Bachelor		
Ruth Angela	Jul 1885	1961	Spinster		

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JOL – The Praed Papers and Nora Clarina Murray Prior Papers

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Tom and Therese Murray-Prior – family archive/research

Graeme Jardine-Vidgeon (Jardine connection)

Judith Godden (Nora Clarina/TLMP descendent)

Robert Sterling MP documented that TLMP also had children out of wedlock, a daughter Jane Anne (Quinn) with Emma Gale in 1848 and a daughter Catherine (Smith) with Annie Smith in 1861. Current day descendants of these 'liaisons' have confirmed this account

Major Thomas (Murray) Prior

[Major is an adopted easy reference – his rank during the particular dates of my original research focus. He is often referred to as just Thomas ‘Prior’ rather than ‘Murray Prior’]



*Portrait of Thomas Murray Prior in dress uniform - courtesy Murray Prior family
(Hussars ? Rank at time ?)*

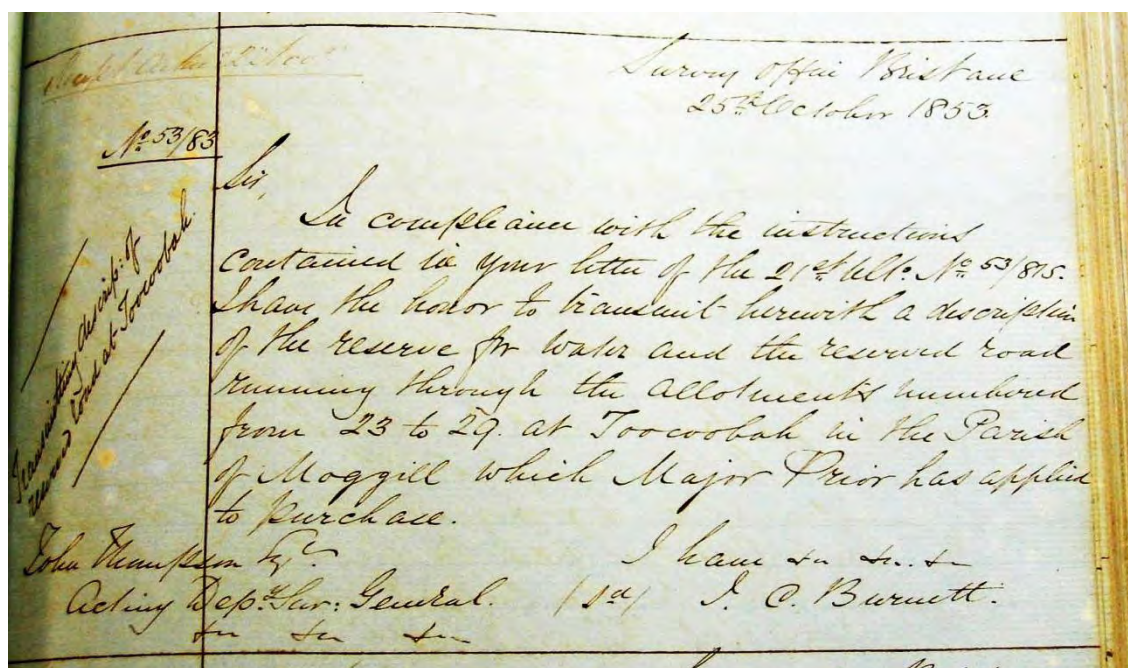
Extracts from The United Service Gazette – date ?1846'ish ? Article on service promotions, some justified , some not.

- Among other cases to which our attention has been directed is that of Brevet Major Prior 73rd Regiment who having been promoted to the rank of Captain 14 years ago has now returned to Full Pay with the Army rank of Major after having been unemployed since November 1834 and after having never having served a day upon Full Pay as a Captain. Editor believes promotion justified based on following history
- Major Thomas Murray Prior eldest son of the late Thomas Prior Esq of Rathdowney Queens County Ireland
- Eldest son of Thomas Murray Prior Esq of Rathdowney, former Member Irish Parliament for Borough of Barrow (voted for Union) and nephew of late Lord F de Montmorency
- First to settle in Ireland Captain Thomas Prior great grandson of John Prior Esq of Essex (lineal descendent of family of Priorur, Prio** and subsequently Prior formally settled in the Counties of Essex, Oxford, Lancaster and Cambridge)
- Accompanied his Regiment to Ireland in 1636 and granted lands by Charles I
- 1666, grant of land to Captain Thomas Prior Part of Barony of Upper Ossery and Queens County. Rent £14-17-6 pa paid in 2 instalments on Feast Days of St Michael the Archangel and Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Letters Patent 30 Mar 1667 for the estates of Rathdowney, Creallagh and Kilcoran, Queens County
- Great grandson of Thomas Prior (founder Royal Dublin Society – no issue ?) left his estates to his cousin John Murray
- 1751 Thomas Prior Will leaving Rathdowney, Ballybuggy, Kilcoran and Rathinmagh to Murray
- John Murray assumed arms and surname of Murray Prior and is lineal ancestor of Major Thomas Murray Prior
- Major Thomas MP entered Service 6 August 1803 as Cornet [5th commissioned officer in a cavalry troop that carries the colours] 11th Light Dragoons, promoted to Lieutenant 22 Aug 1805
- Sailed for Portugal 3 May 1811 under Lt Gen Sir HJ Cumming Col of the (12th) Lancers
- Present at Battles of El Bodon and Salamanca (1812) plus out-post skirmishes. Received a medal for his efforts at Salamanca
- Exchanged with Lt TB Wall 1st Royals 30 Sep 1813
- Returned to Cavalry 6 Jan (or June) 1814 by exchange with Lt Scott 18th Hussars
- To Flanders with 18th Hussars in Spring 1815, skirmishing party commander which received first fire from French on the Namur Rd on 17 June 1815
- Next day at Waterloo and subsequently at Capture of Paris 3 Jul 1815

- Stayed on with 18th Hussars as army of occupation but blotted his copybook by publicly berating a French actor at the Boulogne Theatre. Being a French Garrison Town he had committed a Military offence. Tried on 23 Sep and lost 6 months Army and Regimental rank.
- Reduced to half pay ¹⁰⁵ 25 March 1817 along with other junior Lieutenants
- Back on Full Pay 9 Aug 1831 following application to return to active service with the Horse Guards, exchanged with Lt Robert Macgregor 59th Regiment (now paymaster 15th Foot in Ceylon) and soon appointed to Grenadier Company until Sep 1834 when they departed for Gibraltar
- 28 Nov 1834 promoted to Unattached Company (as Captain)
- Last month [October 1846'ish ?] received rank of Brevet Major (73rd) ¹⁰⁶ without back pay
- Editor sees no favouritism in this case as long overdue

Extract from Government Land Surveyor's Letterbooks State Archives

- 1853, applies to purchase Lots 23 to 29 Toocoobah at Moggill (Priors Pocket) [Gov't Surveyors advice re Water Reserve]



Extract from Surveyor's Letterbook - State Archives. Thomas purchased this and other land at Cleveland using a Remission Order allowed him as an Officer in HM Regiment [over time there appears to have been some understanding of this entitlement requiring clarifications in the GG]

¹⁰⁵ Officers did not receive a pension until 1871. Before this if they chose to retire and not sell their commission (or belonged to reduced or disbanded regiments) they went on half pay (Owen Constable courtesy Tom Murray Prior)

¹⁰⁶ Officers were graded by seniority which ruled promotion within the Regiment. If they were promoted out of sequence they were given brevet rank, hence they could hold a Regimental and Army rank at the same time. Thomas Murray Prior held the rank of Colonel 1859, Lieutenant Colonel 1854, Major 1846 (Nov). His army rank was Captain (half pay unattached 1834). (Owen Constable courtesy Tom Murray Prior)

National Army Museum UK

- 20 June 1854, promoted Brevet Lieutenant Colonel – rank but not the pay (others in similar position got promoted as well)



Portrait of Thomas Murray Prior in middle age (probably) as he would have appeared during his time in South East Queensland in the early 1850s – courtesy Murray Prior family

New South Wales Government Gazette Hard copies JOL S 328.944 003 and the Moreton Bay Courier and Northern Districts' General Advertiser – State Library m/film

- 14 Mar 1854, John Richardson resigns his seat. Election called, Nominations 24 April, Polling 28 April, Return of Writ 25 May
- 11 Apr 1854, Thomas Prior appointed to act in place of David Cannon McConnel as Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the County of Stanley in the forthcoming election for the NSW Legislative Council
- 24 Apr 1854, Arthur Hodgson and Rev John Dunmore Lang nominated, polling day set as 28 April
- Polling proceeded at Brisbane and Ipswich as scheduled, Deputy Returning Officer does not show at Drayton [believed to be Robert Ramsay – he was lobbying for Hodgson in Brisbane on the day rather than manning his post]
- 12 May 1854, TP Returning Officer notice repeated
- Drayton Poll finally conducted 23 May 1854
- 20 Jun 1854, Governor Proclaims Arthur Hodgson elected, Thomas Prior providing his casting vote in his favour following a dead heat. 2 Polling places ok, however, problems with Drayton poll (not attended on the day). Governor received Writ of Election late, 17 June 1854

- 23 Jun 1854, JDL petitions Government to get the above revoked
- 7 Jul 1854, Election declared void and new dates set, Nominations 2 August, Polling Day 10 August and return of Writ 7 September

[can't find result notice in GG at this stage – checked all the way through 1854]

- Aug 5 1854, supporters advertise JDL and Hodgson nominations
- 12 Aug 1854, report on outcome of election:

	JDL	Arthur H
Brisbane	48	30
Ipswich	6	23
Drayton	3	3
Total	57	56

- MBC complementary of Major Prior during this election, acknowledging that his shortcomings at the last were due to in-experience [not forgetting owner James Swan was a supporter of JDL]
- (*Receipts for Grave in Portsmouth Cemetery No 18 G Plot 1st row 18th grave – Thomas and or ??*)

Jemima Murray Prior nee Dickson (Major Thomas MP's first wife)



Portrait of Jemima, Thomas' first wife – courtesy Murray Prior family

- Siblings, brothers Francis and William, sister Lucy (+others ?)
- 1812, married Thomas at Millbrook (Southampton), witnesses Peter Dickson and Mr Baird

- Jemima and Thomas lost a son early, William Amhurst Prior
- 1873 ?, Legal Advice to daughters Jemima and Louisa re Dickson Trust arising from will of Francis Dickson:

Refers to sister Jemima Prior

Refers to sister Lucy Baird and her husband William Baird – will grant them £1,200 if they sign (a document) giving Lucy a life interest in £4,000 he has bequeathed (excludes William direct access)

Brother William gets the plate, books etc

Complication appears to be around William's will, made in May 1819 before his death in India in 1822, executors at the time his colleagues in India (Officers/Civil establishment)

William, Peter Dickson and Edwin Godden Jones invested £2,500 between them, all now dead (Peter the last on 27 Dec 1868).

Sir James Gardiner Baird of Laughton Hall Edinburgh the executor

William's wife Elizabeth Marianne Dickson



One of the two memorial plaques erected in the Holy Trinity Church, Shirley Southampton UK in 1891. The Holy Trinity Church was built to replace the medieval church of St Nicholas in which Jemima and Lieutenant Thomas Murray Prior were married in 1812 – Photograph Michael Darbyshire 2008

Miss Jemima Frances Sofia Murray Prior (TLMP's older stepsister)

- June 1891, Estate correspondence from her solicitors regarding funds due from the 'Dickson Fund/Estate'
- Sister Louisa Elizabeth and Campbell Praed joint executors of her will
- Home, Howden Lodge, 14, Clarendon Road, Southsea, Hampshire
- In her Will she left:
 - £1,000 to TLMP plus music box
 - Paintings, lace and jewellery to TdM
 - Crayon portrait of her mother (Jemima Prior), portrait (on glass) of her grandfather (Captain Thomas Dickson) to sister Louisa
 - Split the plate between Florence (TdM's wife) and Lizzie

Shawl and diamond ring to Nora (TLMP's second wife)

Established 'The Prior Gift' from her estate payable to The Rector and Churchwardens of Millbrook Southampton under cover to the Rev S Wilson at Millbrook. £200 sum invested at 2 ½ %, monies to cover Verger looking after (Prior) Tablets and Brasses erected in/at the church and to provide food tokens to 36 deserving poor parishioners (irrespective of creed) on 5 November each year. Brass memorial plate to be erected at the new church in Shirley similar to the one already erected for her late mother. Registered with Charities Commission July 1892.¹⁰⁷

Her investments included Railways in Costa Rica, Telegraph in Brazil and Government Bonds (£1,000 Russian, £600 Egyptian etc)



Memorial plaque to Jemima Frances Sophia in Holy Trinity Church, Shirley Southampton – Photograph Michael Darbyshire 2008

Louisa Elizabeth Murray Prior (TLMP's older stepsister)

- 26 Dec 1816, born and baptised 22 Jan 1817 by forces chaplain (Thomas in 18th Hussars at the time)
- 20 Dec 1819, baptised Louisa Elizabeth, Liberty of St Andrews in Wells
- 1863, Louisa living at 18 Oxford Terrace, St Peters, Islington, London
- Living at Howden Lodge early 1890's
- French Fleet Review some time in 1891
- By Oct 1892, moved to 'Maroon' 23, Fernlea Road, Balham, London (Howden Lodge sold)
- 24 Jul 1899, died at Fernlea Road (apoplexy), Rosa Caroline Praed present at her death (Certificate includes full name LE Murray Prior, notes father a Colonel)
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¹⁰⁷ The background notes on 'The New Church in Shirley' which follow this section include a copy of the Charities Commission Receipt pertaining to the 'Prior Gift'

Elizabeth Catherine Murray Prior nee Skynner (Major Thomas MP's second wife)

- Died 1863

Thomas Lodge Murray Prior

- Born 20 December 1819 to Thomas and Elizabeth Catherine Murray Prior

The Praed Papers at the JOL include a press cutting 'Pioneers of the Thirties – The Honourable Thomas Lodge Murray Prior' by a 'Fifty Eighter'. The date of 26th May is handwritten on the cutting along with '33'¹⁰⁸. The author notes that TLMP's father seems to have spent some time in Belgium as TLMP was educated for a time by Rev Wm Drury in Brussels after which he was trained at The Naval School at Gosport. In 1837 he served on HMS Donegal under Sir John Ommany, however, disliking the life he retired in September 1838

- Recalls bad sea voyage from Lisbon prior to leaving for Australia¹⁰⁹
- Dec 1838, left for Australia on the Roxburgh Castle (Old Indiaman 600 ton)
- Bad trip to start off with and had to pull into Portsmouth (heading for Plymouth), found himself back with his family (living at Southsea) having only just said goodbye 2 weeks before
- Mother had scraped together a few sovereigns for him, father being a typical old fashioned Irishman no idea with money. She had to manage affairs from Army pay or Dividends. Father just as likely to go out and buy paintings or bits of china
- Took on more passengers at Plymouth, 20-30 in cabin class, several intermediates (now called 2nd Class) and 200 immigrants
- TLMP shared cabin initially with old Portsmouth friend Dr Charles Scott (Parson) then requested removal of bulkhead between them and Charles Hall¹¹⁰ (Cambridge man), three of them more comfortable
- Becalmed on the way and spent time shooting Albatross, bathing overboard and being told off by Captain Cumberland for endangering themselves (sharks). Recounts Captain asking him to play cat and mouse with the crew in the rigging to keep them entertained (they caught him eventually)
- Called in at the Cape and visited winery, picked up passengers
- Dysentery and Typhoid when they left Port, around 15 died. TLMP not too happy about them converting the cabin next to theirs to be used as a hospital
- Captain nervous going through Bass Strait, early morning near miss with Rodondo¹¹¹
- 27 May 1839, disembarked Sydney following a few days in 'quarantine'

¹⁰⁸ *It has not been possible to find this article on Trove, however, 'Fifty Eighter' did pen other similar articles for the Courier in 1933*

¹⁰⁹ *From what appear to be typewritten reminiscences (by others) in JOL holdings*

¹¹⁰ *Shipping Intelligence Arrivals in the Colonist notes Dr CH Scott arriving on the same ship as TLMP and CB Hale (not Hall – perhaps a misprint)*

¹¹¹ *An island 10 miles south of Wilson's Promontory*

- The 'Fifty Eighter' press cutting (referred to above) notes TLMP gained Colonial experience with the late Mr George Wyndham at Dalwood and Messrs Dawson and Samuda of Belford ¹¹², both on the Hunter River
- Late 1840/early '41 went to manage Rocky Creek property on the Gwydir for Mr Pringle ¹¹³ [Tamworth ?]
- Recalls Mr Tom Barker wealthy Sydney miller, one of the first to promote Australia in UK. Encouraged (young) immigrants such as Balfour, Aikman and Barker to come out
- Aug 1844, TLMP Logan River, writes to Mother re sudden death of younger brother Ensign William Prior (died Oct 1842)



This portrait from the family collection is believed to be William, TLMP's brother

- 5 Sep 1846, (SMH) Married at St Mary's Church South Creek [Penrith NSW] by Rev B Lucas Watson, Matilda 2nd daughter of Thomas Harpur Esq of Cecil Hills late of Lime Park County Tyrone and College Square North Belfast Ireland. The witnesses were Wm Brasnell of Sydney (best man ?), and Thomas, Rosa and Elizabeth Harpur all of Cecil Hills ¹¹⁴
- Jun 1848, *Bugroopan* Logan River, Deed for debt of monies lent to him in 1846 by Louisa £400 and Jemima £200 [Bromelton purchase]
- 10 Aug 1849, (SMH) transfer of Broomelton runs, Aikman and Prior to TLMP

¹¹² *Samuda and Dawson were advertising in The Australian 16 Sep 1841 – stallion stud services at their Belford property, Hunter's River*

¹¹³ *John Bailey in Into the Unknown – the tormented life and expeditions of Ludwig Leichhardt, has Leichhardt being accompanied by TLMP on his 1853 ride from Pringle's Station to Moreton Bay*

¹¹⁴ *Copy of Certified copy on file*

- 25 Jan 1851, (MBC) The MB and Northern Districts Separation Association. 30 odd on committee including TLMP JP. Aims – secure separation north of 30th parallel, Brisbane seat of government, to secure introduction of exiles (?), unite inhabitants of Northern Districts
- 27 Oct 1851, (SMH) appointed Justice of the Peace, Moreton Bay (also William O’Grady Haly of the Burnett)
- 17 Sep 1853, (MBC), 6 to 8,000 sheep to be given to person having a good run, terms to be agreed. TLMP Logan River
- 20 May 1854, (MBC) advertising for a competent person to take charge of a Burnett cattle and sheep station, the owner living on the property. Also 2 or 3 bullock drivers, shepherds and house servants. Apply G Raff & Co, H Buckley Esquire, TLMP
- 1854-5, stock movement from *Bungroopan* to Hawkwood
- 15 Mar 1856, (MBC) TLMP (CR Haly and W O’Grady Haly JP amongst others) advertise support for Gordon Sandeman Esq of Burrandowan in the upcoming Burnett election
- 7 Jun 1856, (MBC) advert large brown horse strayed from Moggill, £2 reward deliver to Mr Cockburn Ipswich, Messrs Haly at Taabinga or Logan River. TLMP
- 11 Apr 1857, (MBC) advert bay gelding lost from Cheeseborough near Gayndah in August last. Branded L on left shoulder, small star, white hind foot. £3 reward, bring to Hawkwood, Burnett District. TLMP
- Late 1857, Hornet Bank killings and reprisals. ‘Browns’ [local ‘settlers’] met at Hawkwood. MacArthur from Bungaban, Sericold and his overseer from Cockatoo, Pigott and a blackboy from the Auburn, Thomas from Dykehead’, Horton and TLMP with Ernest Davies, Billy Hayes, Freddy and TLMP’s 2 blackboys from Brisbane. 13 or 14 altogether. Elected John MacArthur as Captain. Browns active for six weeks, 18 months difficult times ¹¹⁵
- 30 Oct 1858, (MBC) Births, at Eskgrove a son to Mrs TLMP, Redmond
- 8 Dec 1858, (MBC) TLMP sitting on Police Court Bench, licensing
- 8 Jan 1859, (MBC) advert £25 reward for conviction and return of bay horse Toby stolen from Eskgrove. TLMP
- 15 Jan 1859, (MBC) TLMP on Committee for the Brisbane Anniversary Regatta planned for Wed 26 Jan

¹¹⁵ *There are a variety of opinions about TLMP’s role as part of this group, from instigator of wholesale indiscriminate retribution to active participant in tracking down only the actual perpetrators of the Fraser household murders at the Hornet Bank Station. TLMP in his reminiscences dictated to Nora Clarina outlines the pursuit to Redbank Plains of some of the believed perpetrators, their capture/incarceration in an old barn and the release of the women and children. It doesn’t however describe the number of or fate of the men. He does refer to this incident as the ‘massacre at Redbank Plain’s when noting this was the only significant action undertaken by the Browns (refer Appendix for more detailed extract). Ernest Charles Davies’ account suggests the chase may have been more of a drawn out action, however, in respect to the members of the Browns and duration of involvement his account concurs with TLMP’s. He noted that the Upper Dawson Blacks all had distinctive chest markings and their camp/s contained items belonging to the Frasers. Davies believed they these men were the perpetrators of the murders and that they ‘got their deserts at our hands so far as it was in our power to deal out’. No other first-hand accounts have been sourced to date*

- Apr 1859, appointed Returning Officer for East Moreton, LA NSW
- 31 Jan 1860, (MBC) TLMP offers himself for election East Moreton. 18 years in colony, duty of men of independent means. Issues, settlement of debt with NSW, Land Bill, implementing National System of schools (important for when un-franchised eventually get the vote), no State aid for religion (good christians can look after themselves). Against Ipswich as capital or Cleveland as port, dredging river high importance
- 10 Mar 1860, (MBC) advert for 2 teams of working bullocks with drays and riding horses. Apply G Raff & Co or TLMP Cleveland
- 16 Jun 1860, (MBC) Births, a daughter to Mrs MP on 12th at Cleveland [Weeta Sofia]
- 14 Jul 1860, (MBC) Deaths, on 8th infant daughter of TLMP aged 4 weeks
- 29 Sep 1860, (MBC) well know cart stallion 'Tommy' ex Mr W Sheehan 'To Stand' at Cleveland. £3-5sh per mare in advance (no responsibility). TLMP
- 3 Aug 1861, (TC) Henry Buckley and TLMP Executors for W O'Grady Haly, Taabinga
- 31 Aug 1861 (TC) rumour TLMP will get Postmaster General, certainly possesses valuable qualifications in his untiring energy and indomitable perseverance (in striking contrast to gentlemen who usually find their way as heads of government departments)
- 6 Sep 1861, (TC) Wanted by Mrs MP, an experienced woman with good recommendations as nurse. Apply at Shafston Kangaroo Point
- 16 Sep 1861, (SMH) rumoured TLMP appointed Postmaster General, squatter with recent agricultural pursuits. Past suited to new job ? Will reserve judgement
- 19 Oct 1861, (TC) For sale Creallagh the residence of TLMP situated at Cleveland with 700 acres of land or less to suit. Apply TLMP
- 30 Nov 1861. (TC) TLMP Esq has been gazetted as Postal Inspector
- 28 Mar 1862, (TC) Middle aged woman required as nurse. Apply Mrs MP, Hodgson's Buildings [corner George and Margaret Streets Brisbane]
- 27 Sep 1862, (TC) advertising for sale or lease, a dairy farm with 3 rail fence 200 acres cottages and stockyard and a paddock 300 acres 3 railed fence and shingled hut near Cleveland. Also cultivation farm on the Brisbane River and lease for scrub and forest land on the river and the Bay. TLMP or Mr Arthur Thomas Martin
- 12 Nov 1862, (TC) Mr Martin, for sale situated on the shores of Raby bay near Cleveland and adjoining the property and sugar plantation of Hon L Hope, Creallagh the late property of TLMP (presently occupied by CR Haly Esq) and 700 acres. For persons wishing to settle in one of the most beautiful parts...cultivation of sugar, cotton...18 miles from capital
- 22 Dec 1862, (TC) Collegiate School Brisbane, christmas examination prizes, English T M Prior, Latin Morris M Prior. Examiners Bishop of Brisbane, Rev J Tomlinson MA
- 31 Mar 1863, () Birth on 29th to Mrs MP a son at Hodgson's Terrace. Birth on 7 March to Mrs C Haly a son at Creallagh Cleveland

- 10 Sep 1863, (TBC) respectable woman to go to bush as general servant, Mrs MP Hodgson's Terrace
- 17 Nov 1863, (SMH) arrivals in Sydney from Brisbane on the Clarence (Captain Coote) Mrs Murray Prior and family and servant
- 30 May 1864, (TBC) wanted respectable woman as cook to go to bush as general servant. Mrs MP No 1 Hodgson's Terrace
- 7 Jan 1865, (TBC) Shipping, Imports, on Golden City from London TLMP 2 cases
- 27 Jan 1865, (TBC) Births Mrs MP a daughter on 26 January, Matilda
- Mar 1865, Memo of Agreement Bank of Australasia and TLMP for purchase of Melcombe (£3,000) and Heads of Logan (£1,200) [Maroon and Rathdowney]
- 9 May 1865, (TBC) Proceedings of the Qld Acclimatisation Society, TLMP re-elected to Council along with William Hill and Darvall. Ellis and Watts new Councillors
- 12 May 1865, (TBC) Death on 11 May, Matilda infant daughter of TLMP aged 3 months
- 16 Nov 1865, (TBC) Wanted married man as Stockman, cattle station on Logan. Apply TLMP
- Jan [1866?], Rosa Caroline writes to father from Maroon, hopes he will be more comfortable at Montpellier
- 24 Feb 1866, (TBC) GG Change in qualification to hold Postmaster General role (possible able to be a politician from the Legislative Assembly [needs more research to clarify]). Telegraph Department combined with and under Postmaster General. TLMP appointed to Legislative Council of Queensland
- 5 Mar 1866, (TBC) To let Kangaroo Point, residence of TLMP
- 12 Apr 1866, (TBC) Wanted for station on Logan River, married couple, man as milkman, gardener and general servant, wife laundress etc. Apply TLMP Kangaroo Point
- 20 Apr 1866, (TBC) Wanted female cook, apply Mrs MP Kangaroo Point
- 12 May 1866, (Q) Appraisal of Runs (annual rents) Heads of Logan TLMP 36 square miles £66 13sh 4d
- 23 June 1866, (TBC) Required a pair of sawyers plus general servant who is also a carpenter for Maroon Station on the Logan. Apply TLMP at Mr Barte's, Kangaroo Point
- 23 Jul 1866, (TBC) GG, ministerial appointments TLMP Postmaster General in new ministry. TLMP to be member of Executive Council. Change arising from financial problems facing government [connected in some way with Agra and Masterman's Bank]
- 8 Aug 1866, (TBC) Gov Gazette, resignation TLMP Postmaster General (Herbert etc), new Macalister government
- 25 Aug 1866, (TBC) Required brick makers for small contract in the bush. Apply TLMP Kangaroo Point

- 25 Aug 1866, (TBC) A competent gentleman for the tuition of five boys or prepared to open an Academy at Kangaroo Point. TLMP at the Post Office
- 27 August 1866, (TBC) GG TLMP expressed desire to be relieved from duties as Postmaster General after 31 August. Francis Elliot Salisbury appointed Acting Postmaster General
- 10 Nov 1866, (TBC) still looking for married couple for the Logan
- 10 Dec 1866, (TBC) Woman to look after infant, Mrs MP Montpelier Kangaroo Point
- 12 Dec 1866. (TBC) respectable middle aged woman to take charge of infant in the country. Apply Mrs MP Montpelier Kangaroo Point
- 23 May 1867, (TBC) Renewal of Pastoral Leases for 5 years, Melcombe TLMP, apply by 30 June 1867
- 8 Aug 1867, (TBC) Wanted for the country a house and parlour maid. Apply Mrs MP Montpelier House Kangaroo Point
- 13 Aug 1867, (TBC) wanted boy for country, apply TLMP
- 19 Sep 1867, (TBC) wanted married couple accustomed to service, also single girl. TLMP Kangaroo Point
- 1 Feb 1868, (TBC) TLMP suspends Mr WJ Cracknell, Telegraph Dept, essentially for not doing as he was told by TLMP. Government agree with TLMP and Cracknell apologises after clarification (was claiming secrecy provisions – TLMP provided declaration to cover)
- 23 Jul 1868, (SMH) TLMP Postmaster General advertising Conveyance of Mail by steamer tenders, Brisbane to Sydney, Rockhampton to Townsville and English Mails Sydney to Brisbane
- 5 Oct 1868, (TBC) wanted married couple for station on the Logan. Apply TLMP Kangaroo Point
- 2 Nov 1868, (TBC) wanted a house and parlour maid, apply Mrs MP Kangaroo Point
- 26 Nov 1868, (TBC) Funeral – the friends of the Hon TLMP are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of his late wife, to move from his residence Montpelier Kangaroo Point This day (Thursday) at 4pm and from Kangaroo Point Ferry at half past 4 o'clock pm
- 26 Nov 1868, (TBC) Government Notice. In consequence of the funeral of the late Mrs Prior taking place this afternoon, there will be no Reception at Government House
- 2 Dec 1868, (TBC) for sale or let Montpelier, residence of TLMP
- 12 Dec 1868, (Q) advert for High School Hobart Town Tasmania. Rector Rev Poulet Harris MA £55 pa, best education on Island. Reference is permitted to the Hon TLMP Esq MLC [TdeM MP did part of his schooling in Tasmania, this could equally refer to Morres or Hervey Morres]
- 7 Jan 1869, (TBC) wanted stockman for Logan, TLMP Kangaroo Point
- 22 May 1869, (Q) news of the week 'To accommodate the two pockets of land opposite Oxley on the Brisbane River with a National School we hear Mr TLMP is to be solicited to grant two acres of land. He is the fortunate possessor of a block coming midway between the two' [For what would become Ironside School, St Lucia]

- 5 Jun 1869, (Q) Conditional Purchase Selections. TLMP 10,000 acres on the resumed half of Telemon, deferred. J Cresswell Crump, 1920 acres on resumed half of Telemon, rejected as included in TLMP selection
- 7 Jun 1870, (TBC) Dagoba, near Moggill. 400 acres occupied by J Haygarth Esq for lease or sale in portions. Make good homesteads with river frontages. Apply TLMP Brisbane
- 16 Nov 1970, (TBC) Opening of Parliament Tuesday 15 Nov. Commissioners MC O'Connell (President), TLMP Postmaster General and DF Roberts Chairman of Committees. Governor not present but had authorised his commissioners to open parliament
- 25 Feb 1971, (TBC) Tenders called for site excavations for new Post Office
- 13 Mar 1871, (TBC) Architects invited to furnish plans and specification for the new Post Office, estimate not to exceed £8,000. Best plan gets £100 premium on letting of tender at approved cost
- 28 Apr 1871, (TBC) wanted cook and laundress TLMP Kangaroo Point
- 3 May 1871, (TBC) Report of The Brisbane and Ipswich Railway Commission tabled in parliament. Newspaper article includes advice of dissent by individuals including TLMP
- (May 1872), (Q) 12 May 1932, gleanings from 60 years ago - Ipswich Grammar School, Hervey Murray Prior awarded The Tiffin Scholarship (£20), Hugh Murray Prior the Thorn Scholarship (£12)
- 29 Nov 1872, (TBC) Marriage 29 October at St John's Brisbane by Rev DA Court assisted by Rev John Sutton, ACB Mackworth Praed of Monte Christo to Rosa Caroline eldest daughter of Hon TLMP
- 19 Dec 1872, (SMH) Marriage 18 December St Ann's Church Ryde by Rev Charles Archdall assisted by Rev JG Southby. Hon TLMP of Maroon to Nora Clarina third daughter of late Robert Johnstone Barton of Boree
- 5 Feb 1873, (SMH) clearance Sydney for Brisbane, Murray Prior on City of Brisbane (Captain Hill)
- 2 Oct 1873, (SMH) birth of a daughter 25 September to Mrs MP, Matilda Aimee (Meta)
- 8 Oct 1873, (TBC) Land Selection Conditional Purchase, TdeM MP 640 acres second class pastoral Telemon
- 13 Oct 1873 (TBC) For sale Melcombe Station on Logan, 2,000 head of cattle. Apply TLMP
- 16 Jan 1874, (TBC) For sale Montpelier apply TLMP
- 16 Jan 1874, (TBC) For sale two storey brick house corner of Leichardt and Gipps now occupied by Mr Tracey. Apply TLMP
- 5 May 1874, (TBC) Acclimatisation Society, new life members include TLMP
- 11 Jun 1874, (Q) Notes, George Thorn new Postmaster General
- 15 May 1875, (Q) Queensland Pastoral and Agricultural Society, TLMP first class certificate Blood Stallion, other horse prize to TdeM MP. TLMP best five bullocks and fat cows

- 1 Mar 1876, (TBC) shipping arrivals TLMP, Mrs P and child and servant, Miss Prior. On City of Brisbane from Sydney
- 10 May 1876, (TBC) Ipswich Show, Murray Prior prize for calf
- Dec 1876, TLMP at Maroon, Rosa in Brisbane having Dorothea
- 11 Jan 1877, (TBC) notes on Brisbane and Ipswich Grammar School success, also would interest Queenslanders that young Prior, son of TLMP, had just won French prize at High School Hobart
- 15 Sep 1877, (Q) To stand this season at Maroon, Khedive, TLMP imported Arab stallion. Advertised by CR Haly & Co Ipswich
- 16 Dec 1878, (SMH) clearance Sydney for Brisbane, H Murray Prior
- 2 Feb 1878, (Q) departure for Sydney E & H Murray Prior on City of Brisbane
- 19 Jun 1878, (TBC) on instruction from TLMP, for sale Maroon 5332 freehold acres together with 600 mixed cattle, buildings etc
- 1 Mar 1879 (TBC) shipping arrival in Brisbane from northern ports Mrs E MP
- 5 Jul 1879, (Q) advert for North Qld Cattle Stealing Prevention Association. £200 reward members include MP & Sons Bully Creek (brand AA1). Hays and Burdock [same advert running 1881]
- 12 Dec 1879, (SMH) International Exhibition Sydney, big crowd for cattle sales, low prices. Mr Murray Prior buys some stock
- 6 Nov 1880, (TBC) shipping departure Brisbane for Sydney, TLMP on Wotonga
- 25 Jun 1881, (TBC) Charters Towers Pastoral, Agricultural and Mining Association's first annual exhibition. Mr MP special prize, best pen of 5 fat bullocks, also best pen 5 fat cows. 'Never seen anything better in southern shows. Mr EH Plant lets people use his telephone set up as a demonstration between the Show and his residence (half mile away) ¹¹⁶
- 24 Aug 1881, (TBC) Marriage 17 August St Mary's Kangaroo Point by Rev DA Court. Hervey MP and Margaret Murray MacDonald eldest daughter of late Alexander MacDonald
- Mar 1882, TLMP to England
- 19 Jan 1883, (TBC) shipping arrivals Brisbane from Sydney (TM) Murray Prior on Clansworth
- Feb 1883 ?, TLMP trying to sell Rathdowney, Lizzie crook
- Mar ?, TLMP working hard after his holiday
- 3 Mar 1883, (Q) Cattle sales report, 102 bullocks for TLMP of Maroon
- 22 Nov 1884, (TBC) upcoming sale, under instruction from TLMP, 30 colts and fillies arising from sale of Rathdowney

¹¹⁶ *Mr Plant was obviously at the forefront of technology, telephones had only recently been introduced into Australia (Melbourne it is understood had the first). This would have been a direct line, perhaps home to business, Charters Towers would have its exchange installed in the early 1890s (Qld Historical Atlas)*

- 22 Apr 1885 (TBC) shipping departures Brisbane for London Murray Prior on Merkara ¹¹⁷
- 12 Nov 1885, (SMH) Legislative Council, TLMP moves motion to remove £7,000 Legislative Assembly Member's expenses from Appropriation Bill. Previously rejected by LC as part of another Bill. Amendment carried
- 2 Dec 1885, (TBC) shipping departures from Brisbane for London via ports, on the Quetta BISN, Mrs TLMP, Hervey MP and child, Misses Meta, Dorothea and Alienora MP. Hon TLMP, masters TM Robert and Julius MP and nurse. Mrs Jardine also on board
- 14 Aug 1886, (Q) NQ Cattle Stealing Prevention Association, Aberfoyle Aramac MP and Jardine & Co N and AA1 brands
- Sep 1887, TLMP assets around £67,000
- 3 Oct 1887, (SMH) clearance Sydney for Marseilles, TLMP on the Yarra
- Late 1887/early 88 in England
- Apr 1888, eldest sister Jemima writes 2 weeks after he left England re pursuing claim on Irish estate
- 11 Aug 1888, (SMH) overland Tenterfield, TLMP for Brisbane ¹¹⁸
- 18 Aug 1888, (Q) overland Wallangarra by express to Sydney, Mrs MP
- 18 Oct 1888, (SMH) Mr Murray Prior Acting President today in Legislative Council
- *Oct 1888'ish to May 1889 in Europe (Alexander Archer Bank of NSW advice to Under Secretary for Lands – check dates)*
- 1 Nov 1888, (SMH) overland Albury for Melbourne, Hon TLMP and Mrs Prior
- 9 Nov 1888, (SMH) clearance Sydney for Brisbane, Mrs Murray Prior
- 10 Nov 1888, (SMH) clearance Sydney for London, Hon L Murray Prior on RMS Britannia
- 26 Nov 1888, (SMH) clearance Sydney for London, Hon TLMP on the RMS Ballarat [which one was he on ?]
- 29 Apr 1889, (SMH) shipping Albany P&O Massilia incoming steamer from London Hon Murray Prior bound for Sydney
- May 1889, North Queensland Meat Preserving Co Ltd, provisional Directors T d M MP Maroon [or was it TLMP] and J Jardine Aberfoyle

¹¹⁷ *The Merkara inaugurated the first regular British India Line direct London to Brisbane service in the early 1880's. It was heavily subsidised by the Queensland Government to reduce the reliance on southern ports, in particular for assisted migration. One way voyage time for sail assisted steamers such as the Merkara via the Suez canal was around 8 weeks*

¹¹⁸ *Just over 30 years since the Brisbane to (what became the) NSW border route was surveyed and twenty years after the first railway was opened, Brisbane was linked to the southern colonies by rail in 1888. Travel by train appears to have quickly become the norm for the MP family (TLMP was not a particularly good sailor)*

- 1 Aug 1889, (SMH) Mr TLMP elected Chairman of Committees, Legislative Council ¹¹⁹
- Aug 1889, Queensland Club, wants to go to England to bring Nora home, doctors think a bad idea
- Sep 1889, sends £500 to Nora for trip home
- 14 Feb 1890, (SMH) overland Albury for Melbourne, Hon Murray Prior MLC
- 18 Feb 1890, (SMH) overland Tenterfield for Sydney, Hon Murray Prior
- 21 Feb 1890, (SMH) arrivals from London, Mrs Murray Prior, family (7), governess and servant
- 1 Mar 1890, (SMH) overland Tenterfield for Brisbane, T Murray Prior
- 3 Mar 1890, (SMH) clearance Sydney for Brisbane, Mrs Murray Prior, 3 children, governess and nurse
- 1 Jan 1891, (TBC) To let, Delamore at Kedron, 'at present occupied by Hon TLMP'
- Mar 1891, NQMP Co call for 1/- on 300 shares
- Mar 1891, cheque £50 to R Vincent Little ¹²⁰ for rent (quarter) on Whytecliffe, requests ok to close in some of veranda with glass screens (Little agrees providing no damage when removed) [could this be the glazing they have just taken out as part of the 2006 refurbishment ?]
- 1891, hand draft of Will provisions for Solicitor briefing ¹²¹
- July 1892, Certificate of Right of Burial, address Whytecliffe
- 27 Oct 1892, (SMH) Legislative Council, discussion on Qld Constitution Bill (technicality through LA appears to prevent a debate/vote). Bill appears to be to separate Colony into three provinces with measure of self-government and abolition of LC. TLMP 'time will come when nominee Houses would cease to exist' as NZ example 'will be far stronger if elected'. The 'LC will always neglect self-interest for advancement of Colony as a whole'
- 19 Nov 1892, Whytecliffe, Nora to daughters 'Father doing wonderfully well and if he goes on improving he will soon be out of all danger' [!]
- 31 Dec 1892, TLMP dies at Whytecliffe
- 2 Jan 1892, (TBC) Obituary notes flag flown at half-mast yesterday
- 14 Jan 1893, (SMH) late TLMP bequeathed to Colonial Secretary in trust for public a number of valuable pictures and other works of art, intent to provide a nucleus for a public art gallery
- 31 Dec 1900, TLMP Estate assets valued at £66,621-10sh-1d ¹²²

¹¹⁹ A position he held until his death

¹²⁰ Probably one of Robert's children, Robert Little died in Ceylon on his way back to England in January 1890 (ADB)

¹²¹ TLMP's Will was dated 5 May 1892, Codicils were added on 21 December 1892 and 28 December 1892, the final one including TLMP's decision to leave the bulk of his artwork to the Colony as the beginnings of a collection for the yet to be established gallery – copy on file (courtesy Tom Murray-Prior)

¹²² Aberfoyle, when sold, realised less than the valuation at TLMP's death raising questions about specific £ bequests. His Trustees/family members took the issue to court in 1905 to obtain a ruling

- 1945, Estate wound up £15,500 and distributed

Matilda Murray Prior nee Harpur (TLMP's first wife)



(Above Left) Matilda Murray Prior – From Patricia Clark's 'Rosa Rosa, a biography of Matilda and Thomas' eldest daughter Rosa Caroline Praed'. (Above Right) Matilda was a contributor and appears to have been the 'Editor' of the Marroon Magazine, started it is assumed when the family moved there from Brisbane sometime in 1865 (this is edition three, August 1866). The magazine was open to other contributors and contains a variety of articles/stories including romantic fiction (perhaps the magazine was where Rosa Caroline, a teenager at the time, cut her teeth) - JOL

The Praed Papers OM-64-1 Box 8370
Extract from *The Marroon Magazine No 3 August 1866*

Lizzie has four little dolls she loves so well
Edith and Amy, Jessie and Bell
They have four little servants their errands to go
Thomas and Matthew, William and Joe

A coach they have got with harness so neat
Fine horses and livery all complete
Saddles they have too, and habits so gay
No ladies in town so fine as they

She has made them gay dresses with trimmings of green
And bonnets and mantles fit for a queen
Such stylish young ladies you never would meet
As her four little dolls when drest for the street

A house they have got with mirrors so fine
And curtains and carpets quite divine

They've a tea service too, of crimson and white
And their friends to drink tea they often invite

She has a dear little brother who helps her to play
With her four little dolls on a rainy day
Some time he happens to pull out an eye
But he gives her his pence another to buy

Lizzie and Reddy are good children ever
Though not very bright, nor yet very clever
When Hervey and Hugh are making a noise
They quietly play with their dolls and their toys

MMP (Matilda Murray Prior)

- 25 Nov 1868, Matilda dies of Phthisis (progressive wasting Pulmonary tuberculosis) at Montpellier aged 41. Born at *Lime* Park Co Tyrone, Ireland, arrived Australia 1840'ish

Nora Clarina Murray Prior (TLMP's second wife)



Nora Clarina c1875 - From Patricia Clark's Rosa Rosa

- 1872/73 (NLA) correspondence from Nora's sister Lucy Osborn¹²³ at the Sydney Hospital apologising for missing her wedding and the opportunity to meet Mr Prior and wishing her well following the birth of her first child etc [copy of 14 December 1872 letter on file]
- 1872, Matilda Aimee (Meta) born at Montpellier
- Nov 1874, corresponding from Maroon, Lizzie not very well, TdM with his partner (Dickson or Dixon – she is not sure) talking of taking horses up north

¹²³ In 1866 Lucy Osborne was one of five nurses selected from trainees at St Thomas' Hospital, London (Matron Mrs Wardroper, adviser Florence Nightingale) to implement the Nightingale System in Australia. Lucy became the first Nursing Superintendent at Sydney Hospital

- Dec 1874, Mr Wood forfeits his £100 and vacates Montpelier, under offer to Mr Walsh
- Mar 1875, TLMP advises Nora of impending death (in childbirth ?) of her sister Annie,¹²⁴ wife of William Alcock Tully



Annie Tully at Kangaroo Point and Peter Yappo c1880 – Peter below ? (NLA)

- Jan 1880, lodging at Mr Jephson's boarding house 'Longreach' Brisbane pending confinement
- Apr 1880, baby christened Frederic Maurice
- 1880, 2 islanders at Maroon, Peter and Tommy – Peter could be Head Man if he wasn't coloured
- 12 Aug 1881, birth of Robert Sterling at South Brisbane, doctor with her for 12 hours (Lizzie reckons he is a great improvement on Fred, ugliest child she had ever seen !)
- Mar 1882 ?, transferring cattle to ? (Aberfoyle/Bulliwallah ?), 1,000 head to ? under G Butlers care¹²⁵
- Feb 1883 ?, TLMP trying to sell Rathdowney, Lizzie crook
- Miss Foy the Governess
- Mar ?, TLMP working hard after his holiday
- 1883, cattle prices terrible due to drought

¹²⁴ *The relationship of Nora to Annie is little confusing, half-sister is suspected. Nora Clarina appears to be the daughter of Emily Mary Darvall and Robert Johnston Barton. Emily's father Major Edward Darvall re-married when Emily Mary's mother Emily (nee Johnston) died, he married Jane Smith. Sarah Anne (Annie) who married Tully appears to have been a child of this second marriage [more research required on Barton family]*

¹²⁵ *George Butler was with TLMP at Maroon and was closely associated with the herd of Shorthorn cattle developed there. This transfer was probably to Bulliwallah (which he managed for a time). He subsequently took on part of the Maroon herd when it was being broken up and transferred it to stock Dairner (a property near Charters Towers ?) – Obituary, Townsville Daily Bulletin 21 April 1925*

- May 1883, talks of baby Robin ¹²⁶
- Apr 1888, Nora in Europe [until early 1890 ?] ¹²⁷



Nora Clarina photographed in London 1888/89 (NLA)

- May 1894 ? Bank Passbook Rockend Gladesville [Mothers House ?]
- Jun 1895, Sir Arthur Palmer addresses letter to Nora at Whytecliffe
- 1897 ? Dorothy suggests Nora moves to own house and save expense of travelling
- Mar 1898, invoice to Nora for packing etc and moving goods to wharf [final move from Whytecliffe to Sydney ?]
- Nov 1900, TdM addresses letter to Nora at Karlite
- Jan 1901, Nora living in Gladesville Sydney
- May 1901, TdM addresses correspondence to Karlite
- May 1901, Arthur Hobbs (Nora's son in law) assures Rosa TLMP Estate is ok (Darvall unduly alarmed her) acting as Trustee Foxton and Hobbs Brisbane
- Jun 1904, living at Karlite, Parramatta (Road). Allowance from estate reduced to £123-12-0d per month
- Jun 1904, moved to 'Oatlands', Ferry Street, Hunters Hill

¹²⁶ *Robin appears to have been a reference to Robert Stirling born in 1881 – Judith Godden*

¹²⁷ *Nora, on hearing of his illness, advises TLMP she has advertised the lease on the apartment at Lausanne, sold the furniture and will return to Australia as soon as possible*

- Oct 1904, Nora back at Maroon. Letter from Redmond ¹²⁸
- 1905 (NLA) envelope (only) addressed to Nora at Oatlands
- Jun 1905, receives rent for Oatlands (large 2 storey house @ £7 per month) from Mariam Oatland
- Jul 1905, Julius complaining management of TLMP Estate gone to pot since TdM died

Thomas de Montmorency Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda's son)



Thomas de Montmorency 1880 and 1896 (NLA)

- 22 Dec 1862, (TC) Collegiate School Brisbane, christmas examination prizes, English T M Prior, Latin Morris M Prior. Examiners Bishop of Brisbane, Rev J Tomlinson MA
- May 1869, Mrs Sherwood's account of TdM and her brother Mr Pear's ascent of Mt Lindsay. Pear of Ungar Station NSW ¹²⁹
- 9 Nov 1872, (Q) Land Selection conditional purchases, TdeM MP 80 first and 2320 acres second class pastoral, Telemon ¹³⁰
- 10 Dec 1872, (TBC) TdeM MP takes two Polynesian contract labourers to court for refusing to work. Both fined
- 8 Oct 1873, (TBC) Land Selection Conditional Purchase, TdeM MP 640 acres second class pastoral Telemon

¹²⁸ Margaret Gibson, as 17 year old was the laundress at Maroon for the MP family around this time. She did all the washing and ironing for 30 people, her wages 12 shillings a week – Sunday Mail Magazine Sep 16 1990 (A Ton of Spirit, Penny Smith book of interviews with centenarians)

¹²⁹ Reported in Courier and Queenslander May 1872

¹³⁰ It is likely that TdM was acting for TLMP, 'dummying' was fairly common practice

- Jul 1874, up on the Palmer studying ‘human nature’ and doing a bit of prospecting
- 15 May 1875, (Q) Queensland Pastoral and Agricultural Society, TLMP first class certificate Blood Stallion, other horse prize to TdeM MP. TLMP best five bullocks and fat cows
- Mar 1878, marries Florence Claudia Moor



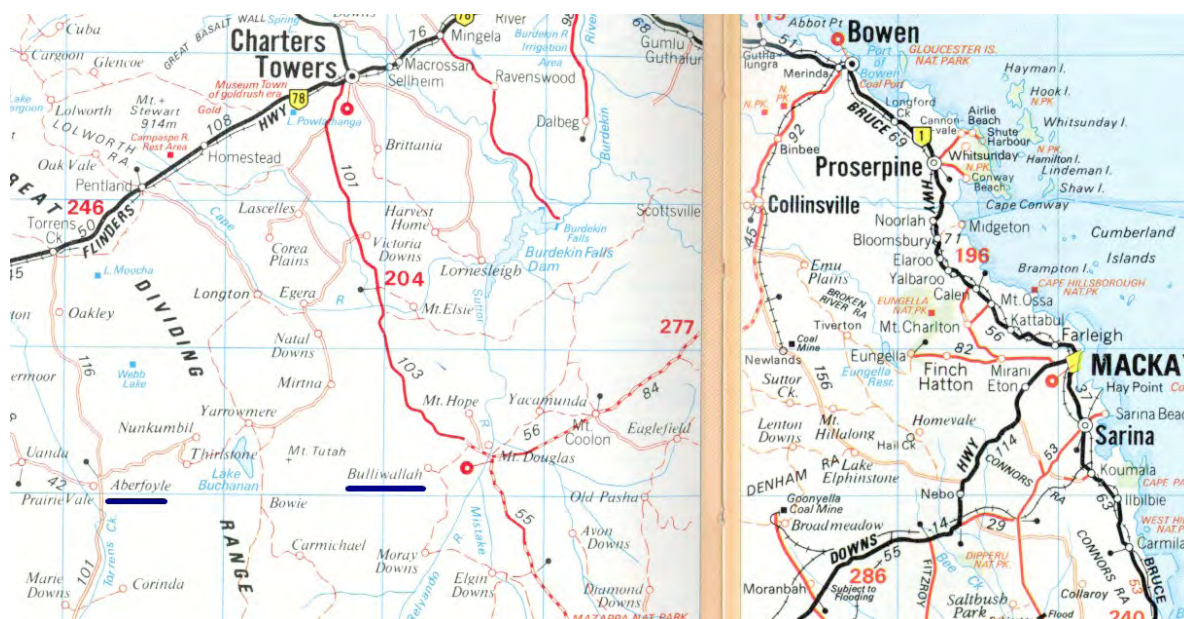
Portrait and photograph of Florence (courtesy Tom and Therese Murray-Prior)

- 24 Aug 1878 (Q), TdeM MP’s *Lily* came in third in the Amateur Turf Club Plate. (Jockey) Mr E Hogarth
- Jan 1879, TdM at *Moonbago* ¹³¹
- 1879, TdM and Florence leave for Bowen
- 1 Jan 1879, Florence Elizabeth born at Bowen
- Jul 1879, (Q) advert for North Qld Cattle Stealing Prevention Association. £200 reward members include MP & Sons Bully Creek (brand AA1). Hays and Burdock [same advert running 1881]
- Jul 1880, Florence settling in at *Moonbago* Bully Creek
- 25 Jun 1881, (TBC) Charters Towers Pastoral, Agricultural and Mining Association’s first annual exhibition. Mr MP special prize, best pen of 5 fat bullocks, also best pen 5 fat cows. ‘Never seen anything better in southern shows. Mr E A Plant lets people use his telephone ¹³² set up as a demonstration from the showgrounds to his house ½ mile away

¹³¹ *Moonbago appears to be part of what would become Bulliwallah*

¹³² *Telephones made their first appearance in Australia in the late 1870s (Alexander Graham Bell lodged his US Patent in 1876), Mr Plant was at the forefront of technology and well ahead of when Charters Towers would get a telephone exchange (early 1890s)*

- 10 Sep 1881, Florence's 2nd girl Mabel delivered at Ipswich
- May 1882, Rosa notes in letter to TLMP, not heard from TdM at Bulliwallah
- May 1882, TdM writes to Nora from Bulliwallah on Bully Creek
- Jul 1882, contemplating partnership in *Moonbago* with Mr Hill
- Oct 1882, TdM sees Comet on trip taking horses over mountains to Charters Towers ¹³³



*Location of Bulliwallah (and sister Lizzie and John Jardine's Aberfoyle station)
Base map BP Explore Australia, Viking O'Neil*

- Dec 1882, Florence expecting again in Feb
- 1883, son and heir born at Bulliwallah, Thomas Bertram
- 19 Jan 1883, (TBC) shipping arrivals Brisbane from Sydney TM Murray Prior on Clansworth
- 6 Oct 1883, (TBC) rumour that TdeM MP's suggestion of northern interests taking over the freezer works on Poole Island (off Bowen) may be getting some traction. Fiado and Teviotdale steamers which are fitted with refrigerators are forced to go further south for business
- 18 Oct 1883, (TBC) shipping arrivals Brisbane from Rockhampton. Mrs MP 3 children and servant, TdeM MP
- Dec 1884, Florence child No 4 born at Moonbago, girl again, Ethel Nora
- 5 May 1885 (TBC) friendly banter on relative quality of cattle breeds, TdeM MP challenges Mr Fulford Lyndhurst, butcher to decide

¹³³ *The Great Comet of 1882 was first recorded by WH Finlay at The Royal Observatory in Cape Town. It was widely visible to the naked eye in the southern hemisphere from early September to late December*

- 10 Jul 1885, (TBC) shipping arrivals Brisbane from Rockhampton and Maryborough, Mrs MP and four children on Burwah
- 23 July 1886, daughter Phyllis Claudia born at Maroon



(Above) Ethel and Phyllis Claudia – courtesy Tom and Therese Murray-Prior. (Below) Phyllis Claudia married into the McConnel family of Cressbrook on the upper reaches of the Brisbane River where she is buried



- 14 Aug 1886, (Q) NQ Cattle Stealing Prevention Association, Aberfoyle Aramac MP and Jardine & Co and AA1 brands
- 25 Sep 1886 (TBC) TdeM MP of Maroon active in promoting railway extension through Fassifern
- 15 Oct 1886, (TBC) stock sales BD Morehead & Co report 200 store bullocks sold on account of TdeM MP Maroon
- 1887, TdM, Florence and Florette staying with Maud Praed, Potters Bar
- 27 Jan 1888, (TBC) Country mails The Barcoo Barcaldine June 19. Mr MP contract let for large dam on Moorlands, sub-divided into paddocks for cattle fattening
- 31 Jul 1888, (SMH) Tambo 700 mixed cattle Bulli Creek to Moorlands Blackall owner Murray Prior
- 18 Aug 1888, (Q) Blackall August 10, 700 mixed store cattle from Bulli Creek to Moorlands. Perry in charge, owner MP
- 15 Dec 1888, (Q) horse sales, TdeM MP Marmion (hurdler) £30 19sh 6d
- 19 Jul 1890, (SMH) Bourke approaching from Qld 200 fat cows Moorlands to Bourke, owners (TD) Murray Prior
- 19 May 1891 (TBC), BEAUDESERT RACES, A very successful race meeting was held on the Beaudesert course on Saturday last by the Logan and Albert Jockey Club. The weather was fine, the course was in good order, and there was a good attendance of visitors.....TdeM's black gelding Kaffir appears to have held onto the Townsvale Cup presented by Mr WT Walker. Value £20, with 10 sovs added, a welter handicap for amateur riders. Kaffir was favourite but got away to a poor start and was led past the stand by Sir Arthur, eventually running to the front at the six furlongs marker, and winning easily by three lengths Kaffir was also entered in The Blazers' Plate handicap hurdle race



Logan and Albert Jockey Club
1890 Townsvale Cup
Presented by WT Walker

Won By
Black Arab Horse Kaffir
Owner T de M Murray Prior

Courtesy Tom and Therese Murray Prior

- 20 Jul 1891, (SMH) Tambo 353 fat bullocks Moorlands to Sydney, owner Mr Murray Prior, drover Patrick Salmon
- 24 Jul 1891, (TBC) Blackall, Neville & Co have sold Messrs MP Moorlands Estate (on the Malvern Hills resumption) comprising grazing farms of about 40,000 acres to Moffat Bros
- 27 Oct 1891, (Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser) Muswellbrook Municipal yards on 6 Nov sale of 500 bullocks (fresh and healthy) on instruction of T de Murray Prior
- May 1898, picnic horse races at Bulliwallah



Bulliwallah Races 1898 Applegarth wins the Maiden Plate (above) and Shamrock wins the Belyando Handicap (NLA)

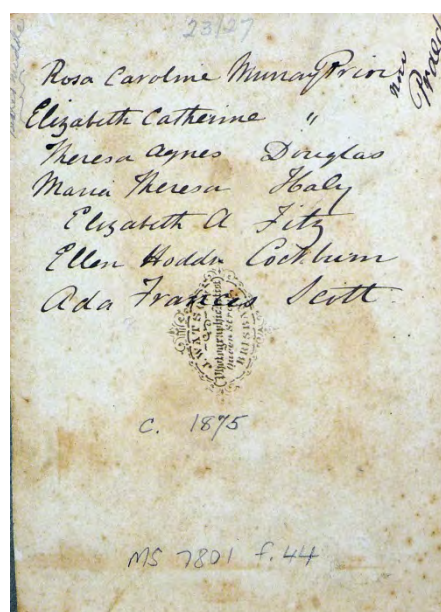


- 1899, TdM corresponding from Maroon

- Apr 1901, out on horseback electioneering (subsequently elected to represent Fassifern as Member of the Legislative Assembly) ¹³⁴
- 1901, Florence Claudia dies (of ?)
- 1902, TdM marries Mary Bundock ¹³⁵
- 1902, TdM died
- Feb 1905, daughter Mabel still corresponding from Maroon
- Feb 1912 ? Ipswich Times report of sale of Dugandan and Maroon ¹³⁶

Rosa Caroline Praed (TLMP & Matilda's daughter)

- 11 April 1863, living in Brisbane and writing to her grandmother (aged 12/13 ?). Miss Medley is the family (daily) Governess, will soon start to learn drawing with Miss Haly (she draws beautifully)
- Apr 1863, Aunt Rosa [Haly] taken furnished house in Brisbane
- Jan [1865 ?], Rosa Caroline writes to father from Maroon, hopes he will be more comfortable at Montpellier



Rosa with family/friends and reverse. Noted as c1875 but probably earlier (NLA)

- Oct 1872, Rosa and Arthur Campbell Bulkley Praed marry at St Johns Brisbane. Witnesses TLMP, TdM, Rosa Haly and Lizzie Catherine MP

¹³⁴ TdM served as the Member for Fassifern for only a few short months, from March 1902 to his death in December the same year

¹³⁵ Mary's father and TLMP are understood to have been friends from their early 'colonial experience' days

¹³⁶ Thomas Bertram, educated in Armidale NSW, became Manager of Maroon after his father's death until it was split up for closer settlement. TB retained 600 acres and the old homestead – Fox, History of Qld, Its people and Industry

- 8 Feb 1874, Matilda Elizabeth Mackworth Praed born at Kangaroo Point. Arthur 27 at the time, Rosa 22
- 6 Dec 1875, Bulkley Campbell Lodge Mackworth P born at Kangaroo Point



Campbell Praed 1870 in London, Rosa 1877 (NLA)

- 1875 (or 1872), Charles Praed mortgage on Monte Christo from Robert Laidlaw Paterson of Raglan Station Rockhampton. Promissory Notes £12,000 (complicated)
- 18 Sep 1880, (SMH) favourable reviews by English Papers of 'An Australian Heroine'. Can reveal author is Rosa Praed daughter of TLMP
- May 1928 (NLA), letter to Ruth and Dorothy addressed to Ruth at 3 Gresley Road, off Whitehall Park, Highgate, N London. Rosa living at Palermo, Torquay at the time. Odd bits of news including mention of Agatha Christie
- 30 May 1928 (NLA), note from Sesame Club, 49 Grosvenor Street, W1¹³⁷
- June 1928 (NLA), from Flat 2, Palermo, Lower Erith Road, Torquay to Dorothy, 'your affectionate sister RM Praed'
- December 1928 (NLA), Norma Munro (fellow author ?) to lunch
- July 1931 (NLA), writing on black rimmed paper and envelope
- July 1931 (NLA), typed letter to Dorothy and Ruth, Rosa apparently concerned about her mortality and what will happen to her effects when she dies (image of letter on file)

¹³⁷ *The club formed in the 1890s promoted professional women to become members and appears to have had a strong arts/literary focus attracting authors such as Rosa. It later combined with two other primarily women's clubs, the Imperial and Pioneer, both established around the same time, however, appears to have ceased functioning in the 1960s (The Women's Suffrage Movement: A Reference Guide 1866-1928 By Elizabeth Crawford)*

- Dec 1931 (NLA), Will bequest to Bertram Butler (son of Royston and Ethel Nora (nee MP) of Staghurst, Toogoolawah) a Queen Anne writing bureau, a chair, bookcase and typewriter. Rosa also left to their son Bertram a number of notebooks and unfinished works



(Campbell and Rosa's daughter ?) Maud at sixteen 1893 (NLA)

Morres Murray Prior (TLMP and Matilda's son)



Morres as a young man (courtesy Tom and Therese Murray-Prior)

- 22 Dec 1862, (TC) Collegiate School Brisbane, christmas examination prizes, English T M Prior, Latin *Morris* M Prior. Examiners Bishop of Brisbane, Rev J Tomlinson MA
- Feb 1876, Survey Camp Eton Vale

- 30 Mar 1878, (Q) Official Notifications (GG). Licensed Surveyors – Morres MP exhibited evidence of competence as surveyor and licensed to survey under Land Act 1876 and Real Property Act 1861
- 26 Mar 1881, () Jundah, Mr M Murray Prior surveyor made appearance to lay out the township (hoping for extension of telegraph from Isisford)
- Sep 1897, corresponding from Bulliwallah
- Late 1897, died and buried at Bulliwallah

Elizabeth Catherine (Lizzie) Jardine (TLMP & Matilda's daughter)

- Jan 1876, Lizzie corresponding with Nora from Willows, E Point
- May 1879, Lizzie not happy in England
- Apr/May 1882, Rosa reports to TLMP in England on status of stock transfer Maroon to Aberfoyle
- Mar 1883 ?, Nora takes Lizzie to Brisbane to complete her trousseau



Lizzie c1878 and John Jardine c1881 (NLA)

- 1883, married John Robert Jardine ¹³⁸ at Maroon, in a couple of weeks will head for Aberfoyle. Orange trees in fruit
- 1884, Lizzie and husband John settle at Aberfoyle. Jardine in partnership with TLMP

¹³⁸ John was the younger brother of Frank and Alexander Jardine who undertook the 1864/5 expedition to determine if a supply line by land to Cape York was feasible. John and his father (John) met the brothers at Somerset, John staying on for a while to look after the cattle his brothers had driven up



Aberfoyle Station – Nora Clarina Murray Prior Papers JOL

- Aberfoyle includes Aberfeldie, Aberfoyle, Ulva, Lauderdale No 2, Sandylands, Moura No 1 and Moura No 2



Torrens Creek (above) and Aberfoyle (NLA)



- 14 Aug 1886, (Q) NQ Cattle Stealing Prevention Association, Aberfoyle Aramac MP and Jardine & 2N and AA1 brands

- Jun 1887, Agreement to extend partnership to 1889 or until such time as property sold
- 21 Aug 1887, (SMH) Tambo 458 fat bullocks from Aberfoyle to Bourke owners Murray Prior and Jardine
- 3 Sep 1887, (Q) Tambo 26 August 459 fat cattle from Aberfoyle Torrens Creek to Bourke. Owners MP and Jardine
- 27 Oct 1887, (SMH) crossings at Darling Bridge North Bourke, 452 cattle Aberfoyle to Sydney, owners Murray Prior and Jardine
- Jun 1889, Aplin Brown and Co corresponding with Jardine at Aberfoyle (Meat Preservation Works)
- May 1889, North Queensland Meat Preserving Co Ltd, provisional Directors T d M MP Maroon (or was it TLMP) and J Jardine Aberfoyle
- Mar 1891, NQMP Co call for 1/- on 300 shares



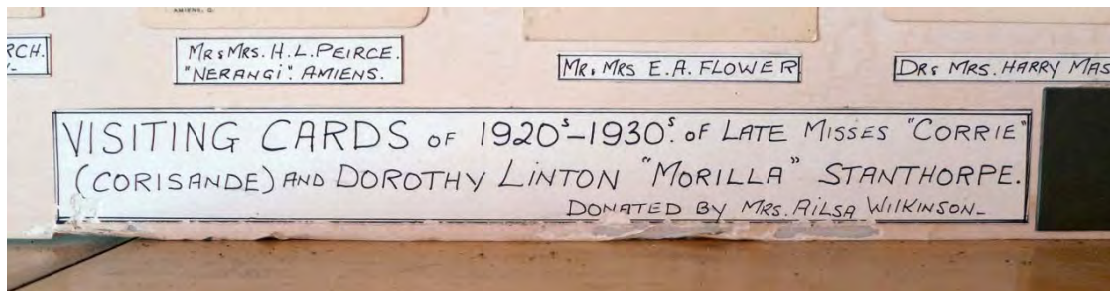
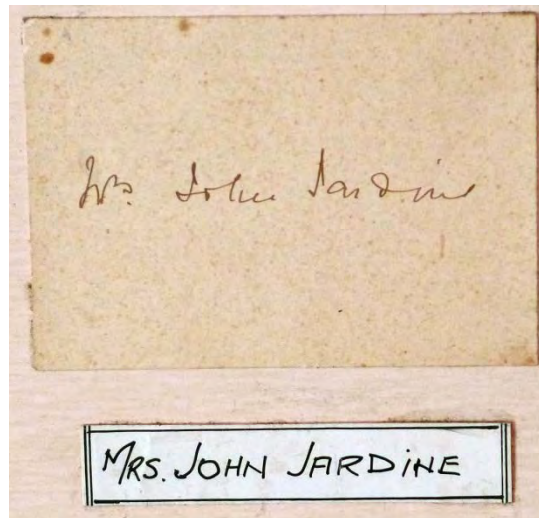
Label from North Queensland Meat Export Co Ltd tin of luncheon tongue – Picture Queensland JOL Record No 193859. Successor to the NQMP Co Ltd ?

- 2 Nov 1893, (SMH) Goondiwindi crossed river at Boonanga (swimming) 1175 store bullocks from Aberfoyle Station Aramac owners Murray Prior and Jardine. JM Lucas in charge
- May 1901, Aberfoyle up for sale (TdM letter to Rosa)
- Nov 1905 (TBC), the Law Report column carried reports of an action being taken by CH Barton and George Eddington (possible successor to T de M as Trustee of TLMP Estate) against Lizzie (first mentioned), Egerton, Redmond, Mrs Hobbs (Meta) and Rosa Caroline. The matter in question was the interpretation of TLMP's Will which was a somewhat complicated document (copy from family on file). Significantly the realised value of Aberfoyle (TLMP and Lizzies husband in partnership) appears to have been less than anticipated which impacted the potential and precedence of distribution to the beneficiaries
- 1911, Ruth A MP writes from 'Fairview' Old Sandgate Road, Brisbane (Lizzie Jardine's home)
- 1911, John Jardine dies at Southport
- Jun 1914, living at *Aberfoyle* New Sandgate Road
- 24 Dec 1931, Rosa bequeaths to Lizzie Jardine her silverware, jewellery, portrait of Cardinal Manning and water colour of Mt Lindsay near Maroon (Lizzie at Heaton, Stanthorpe)
- Oct 1933, living at Langhram, Scarborough St, Southport
- Jul ?? Applegate, Southport

- ?? moves to Stanthorpe (Burton Flats), Meta visiting area ?



Lizzie Jardine in later years and her youngest son Francis Lascelles (advice on FLR from Grahame Jardine-Vidgen) – Nora Clarina Murray Prior Papers JOL



Lizzies visiting card from a collection at the Stanthorpe Museum

Hervey Morres Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda's son)



(Above) Hervey Murray Prior and a later (1898) photograph of his then widow Margaret. (Below) Margaret in her wedding dress on the day of their marriage in 1881 (All NLA)



- May 1872, (Q 12 May 1932 – gleanings from 60 years ago), Ipswich Grammar School, H Murray Prior awarded The Tiffin Scholarship (£20), Hugh Murray Prior the Thorn Scholarship (£12)
- Mar 1877, St Pauls College, University of Sydney (after cash from Nora behind TLMP's back)
- 29 Dec 1877, (Q) H Murray Prior taken his BA at Sydney University, classical first class honours

- 16 Dec 1878, (SMH) clearance Sydney for Brisbane, H Murray Prior
- 2 Feb 1878, (Q) departure for Sydney E & H Murray Prior on City of Brisbane
- 2 Feb 1878, (Q) departure for Sydney R & H Murray Prior on City of Brisbane
- 21 May 1879 (TBC) Mr HM MP called to bar, graduated Sydney and passed usual examination before Qld Board of Examiners
- 30 Apr 1881, (Q) Hervey MP prosecutor in City Police Court, forgery case
- Aug 1881, TdM takes Hervey to Parliament to watch debate, Hervey thinking of marriage
- 17 Aug 1881, (TBC) marries Margaret Murray MacDonald at St Mary's Kangaroo Point by Rev DA Court. Maggie is the eldest daughter of the late Alexander MacDonald
- 1881 ? living at Glenrosa ?
- 23 Nov 1881, (TBC) Hervey MP prosecuting Southern District Court, Ipswich
- 7 Dec 1881, (TBC) ditto Dalby
- 10 Dec 1881, (TBC) Hervey MP appointed to 1882 Board of Examiners for Attorneys
- 22 Mar 1883, () Hervey MP prosecuting criminal sitting Ipswich, District Court
- 27 Apr 1883, (TBC) 25 April a son to wife of H Murray Prior at Maxwell Place [Possibly Ann Street, Dr John Campbell practiced here at one time – check]
- ?? living in cottage on the Enoggera Road, rented from Carmichael the Chemist
- 28 Nov 1883, (TBC) Hervey MP at Warwick
- Dec 1883, (Q) Hervey at Winton
- 1884'ish, Hervey fast and reckless, TLMP lends him money
- 15 May 1884, (TBC) City Police Court, several residents appeal against Toowong Shire Council valuations, TLMP [probably Hervey MP] being assessed at £176 for house and 5 acres opposite Toowong Station. Was not represented at hearing therefore assessment confirmed
- 18 Jul 1884, (SMH) Mr H Murray Prior Crown Prosecutor in the Southern District appointed Master of Titles in place of Mr Romilly resigned
- 24 Aug 1885, (TBC) Good cook and laundress required, apply Mrs H Murray Prior Middenbury Toowong
- 5 Sep 1885, (TBC) John W Todd under instruction from H MP, Auction 22 September, house contents, milk cow, 13 hens and Brahma fowls, garden tools, wheelbarrow etc. Middenbury
- 2 Dec 1885, (TBC) shipping departures from Brisbane for London via ports on the Quetta BISN, Mrs TLMP, Hervey MP and child, Misses Meta, Dorothea and Alienora MP. Hon TLMP, masters TM Robert and Julius MP and nurse. Mrs Jardine also on board
- 6 Mar 1886, (TBC) Hervey MP appointed to Board of Examiners for Conveyancers

- Oct 1886, letter to father, working as 'Master' of Titles Office Brisbane. £1,000 in debt, wife left and returned, has had an accident, signed the pledge, mental breakdown
- Dec 1886, begs fathers forgiveness
- 4 Jan 1887, (SMH) H Murray Prior started Ipswich to Maroon to spend New Years Day with father and family. Found by stockman sitting at Bank Creek Hoppers Crossing near Coochin Coochin Station. Could only utter few unintelligible words, lived for one hour after found. Horse found grazing in bush, saddle lying at crossing, girths broken. No marks on body to indicate a fall, supposed he died from heart disease or apoplexy
- Hervey died on the way to Maroon (coffin made at Dugandan), interred at Toowong. TdM picks up bill pending return of father from o/seas
- 4 Jan 1887, (TBC) TdeM MP requests Brisbane Courier to note Dr Lightoller was not his late brothers 'chief medical officer' and did not give certificate of death. Only private opinion that it was heart disease
- 22 Apr 1887, (TBC) John W Todd auction of Late H Murray Prior library incl standard, legal and other works by order of Executor
- Sep 1887, TLMP £150 to Hervey's widow
- 9 Sep 1891, (TBC) Marriage Margaret Murray Prior on 2 September at St Paul's East Brisbane to Charles Crawford Smyth. Rev David Ruddock [Widow Hervey Morres Murray Prior]
- Dec 1891, TLMP Whytecliffe, reassures Maggie her allowance will continue until she marries or dies and then will pass to her son Hervey. Don't believe gossip, he will provide for boy
- ? MM Smyth, Oakleigh to TLMP thanking him for his benefaction after Hervey's death, will all go to little Hervey's benefit

Redmond Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda's son)

- Sep 1873, High School Ipswich
- Jun 1874, Grammar School Toowoomba
- 1883, does a runner (from Rathdowney ?), takes 2 horses
- 22 Mar 1894, (TBC) Police Court Redmond MP – disorderly conduct, 5sh fine
- Oct 1904, Normanby

Hugh Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda's son)

- *Born Jul 1860, died a bachelor 1936 (or 1895 ?)*
- 2 May 1872, (Q) 12 May 1932 – gleanings from 60 years ago), Ipswich Grammar School, Hervey Murray Prior awarded The Tiffin Scholarship (£20), Hugh Murray Prior the Thorn Scholarship (£12)

- 1874-79, at High School Hobart Town
- 11 Jan 1877, (TBC) notes on Brisbane and Ipswich Grammar School success, 'also would interest Queenslanders that young Prior, son of TLMP, had just won French prize at High School Hobart' [young Prior could be Hugh or Redmond – not sure if R went to Hobart with Hugh]
- Jun 1878, Hugh and Egerton Bush Hotel, New Norfolk writes to Nora
- May 1882, overspending his allowance
- Aug 1882, Hugh does a runner (was working with Little and Brown) – turns up in Tenterfield in September



Hugh as a child – courtesy Tom and Therese Murray-Prior

Weeta Sofia Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda's daughter)

- 1861, died as an infant

Lodge Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda's son)

- 1863, died in infancy

Matilda Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda's daughter)

- 1865 died in infancy

Egerton Murray Prior (TLMP & Matilda's son)



Egerton c1885 (NLA)

- 18** ?, Ipswich writes to Mama at Montpelier, Kangaroo Point
- 18** ?, Toowoomba to Mama
- May 1878, High School Hobart Town
- Mar 1885, Simla Rocklea to Dear Mother, problems with Redmond (drink ?) wants to get him back to Killarney (near Warwick). Also sends her some of his verse
- 1888 ?, up with TdM at Bulli Station (sounds like station management not for him ¹³⁹)
- Mar 1904, Bankrupt, paid creditors 16sh in the £
- Feb 1918, Kureelpa, Nambour Last Will and Testament trust for wife Grace (*nee Crawford ?*)
- Sep 1936, dies at ? (Kureelpa ?) Assets partly TLMP Estate (mainly tied up), Grace in Sydney
- May 1945, Grace receives share of TLMP Estate £1,300

¹³⁹ *It is understood Egerton subsequently went into dairy farming*

Matilda Aimee (Meta) Murray Prior (TLMP & Nora Clarina's daughter)



Meta Murray Prior (photographed in Dublin) c1890 and (now) Mrs Hobbs c1898(NLA)

- Born Sep 1873, died Aug 1939
- Apr 1896, The Priory, Arthur Hobbs came down last week, will honeymoon in the Blue Mountains
- Dec 1913, Meta (Hobbs), Ascot, Tabba Street, Ascot to Rosie on their trip back from England
- Sep 1916, living at Myora, Kitchener St, Ascot



Watercolour of a swallow by Meta, no date (NLA)

Emmeline May Murray Prior (TLMP and Nora Clarina's daughter)

- Feb 1876, died in infancy (born May 1875)

Dorothea Katherine Murray Prior (TLMP & Nora Clarina's daughter)

- Dec 1883, 7th birthday (born Dec 1876)
- May 1928, letter to Ruth and Dorothy from Rosa addressed to Ruth at 3 Gresley Road, off Whitehall Park, Highgate, N London [Dorothy and Ruth living together ?]
- 23 Jan 1932 (TBC), social column notes Dorothy and Ruth have been staying at Montpelier, Brisbane (it appears along with Mrs Zahel and the AS Thurlow family) and have now left for Southport
- Died Jan 1941 a spinster

Alienora May (Eileen) Murray Prior (TLMP and Nora Clarina's daughter)

- Born May 1878
- Married *Rowan or Bob P* Hickson

Geoffrey Murray Prior (TLMP & Nora Clarina's son)

- Dec 1883, 4th birthday (born 1879)

Frederic Maurice Murray Prior (TLMP & Nora Clarina's son)

- Born Mar 1880
- Dec 1890, attending William Marks Bowen House School, Ann Street Brisbane ¹⁴⁰

Robert Sterling Murray Prior (TLMP & Nora Clarina's son)

- Born Aug 1881
- Dec 1890, attending William Marks Bowen House School, Ann Street Brisbane
- 1908, married Estelle Herring
- 26 Jun 1940, Robert's son Edgar Sterling enlists at Paddington aged 29. Edgar's wife Brenda Isabel is noted as living at 11 Forrest Knoll Avenue, Bondi ¹⁴¹

¹⁴⁰ William Marks BA (assumed Principal and Proprietor) was advertising in *The Brisbane Courier* (21 Jan 1903) for 'boys from 7 years to be prepared for grammar school' at the Bowen House School. Boarders were noted as residing at Indooroopilly – healthy situation, large grounds, cricket/tennis/swimming [Location ?]

¹⁴¹ National Archives of Australia website digitised records

Julius Orlebar Murray Prior (TLMP and Nora Clarina's son)



(Above Left) Julius as a young man photographed in Brisbane (NLA). (Above Right) Portrait of 'Jules Murray Prior, sketch made in Stanthorpe 1931' by artist Robert Emmerson Curtis ¹⁴² (courtesy Tom and Theresa Murray-Prior). REC was a friend of Julius and recounted that Jules was partial to a drop, his horse well versed in finding its way home without too much interaction from the rider. The story extends to Jules being found on more than one occasion the morning after still snoozing in the saddle

- Born Mar 1884, died a bachelor
- Julius served with the 10th Light Horse Regiment, 3rd Light Horse Brigade in the middle East during the first world war achieving the rank of Sergeant. His records show him as injured in Hospital at Beersheba on 1 November 1917 so it is assumed he saw action in this campaign ¹⁴³
- Oct 1920, response to Julius (Broadwater, Stanthorpe, Queensland) from Army regarding status of the issue of his 1914/1915 Star campaign medal
- 23 Oct 1931 (TBC), Notice of Julius' death on 6th October at Broadwater, Stanthorpe
- 24 Oct 1931 (TBC), Union Trustee noted as Administrator of Julius' Will, sole Executrix Mary Myrtle Macdonald, Lancaster Road, Ascot. Refers to Julius as an orchardist
- 8 Oct 1934 (TCM), Government Notices, transmission by death Sub 1 Portion 51V, Parish of Marsh, County of Bentinck to Mary Myrtle Macdonald, spinster

¹⁴² REC spent his early teens in Stanthorpe, his parents emigrating from England and taking on an orchard there in the early 1900s. With an interest in art (Stanthorpe Museum have a number of his early caricatures of local notables), in his late teens he came to Brisbane and obtained a position with Allan & Stark as (what we would call today) a graphic artist. Following a period in America (he sailed out there with film maker friend Charles Chauvel), he returned to Sydney sketching the progress of the construction of the Harbour Bridge. During the Second World War, with Max Dupain and Clement Searle he worked with the RAAF Camouflage Unit and undertook other War Artist work. His connection with St Lucia is his sketch of the Ygosse Boat Yard, one of a series done during the war – Ygosse built launches and barges for the armed forces. REC sought out Tom Murray Prior in Sydney and donated this sketch of Jules in the 1980s

¹⁴³ National Archives of Australia website digitised records

Ruth Angela Murray Prior (TLMP and Nora Clarina's daughter)

- *Born July 1885, died a spinster 1961*
- Mar 1923, living at Drak, Hunters Hill, Sydney
- May 1928, letter to Ruth and Dorothy from Rosa addressed to Ruth at 3 Gresley Road, off Whitehall Park, Highgate, N London [Ruth and Dorothy living together ?]
- 23 Jan 1932 (TBC), social column notes Dorothy and Ruth have been staying at Montpelier, Brisbane (it appears along with Mrs Zahel and the AS Thurlow family) and have now left for Southport

Mabel Murray Prior (Thomas de Montmorency and Florence's daughter)

- 1924 British Empire Exhibition, Dr M Penelope MP accepted as a member of the Fellowship and pledged to loyal service of the British Empire
- 12 Nov 1932 (TBC), Notice re administration of the estate of Mabel MP (commonly known as Mabel Penelope MP) deceased. Mabel a Medical Practitioner, normally resident in Sydney died whilst temporarily in Ireland (practicing there ?). CB Darvall acting for Thomas Bertram MP and Florence Elizabeth Herring, Administrators

Ethel Nora Butler (Thomas de Montmorency and Florence's daughter)

- 1908, living at Kilcoy, postcard from Rosa P re-addressed to here from Maroon
- 13 Nov 1931, writing from Staghurst. Bertram in middle of Uni, Nora typing his thesis to save him £5 (reckons it is dry as old boots)
- Dec 1931, Rosa CP bequeaths furniture to Bertram Butler, Queen Ann writing bureau and chair, bookcase. Plus a typewriter , various books and £50 to cover transport costs
- Dec 1931 Rosa CP bequeaths to Great Nephew Bertram Butler her note books and unfinished works

Haly

- 1881/82, Willie and Harry Haly ??
- 1883 ?, Rosie Haly will be Lizzie MP's chief bridesmaid

White

- Dec 1884, Ernest White died, Annie and the children with him (Barkers ??)¹⁴⁴

¹⁴⁴ Ernest married Anna Maria Barker in 1871. Anna Maria was the daughter of William Barker and Elizabeth (nee Harpur), one of the two sisters who accompanied Matilda MP to Bromelton after she married TLMP. The other sister Rosa married Charles Robert Haly

Bells

- 26 Dec 1881, Joshua Bell dies in Queen Street
- 1883 ?, Bells take over Coochin

Sundry

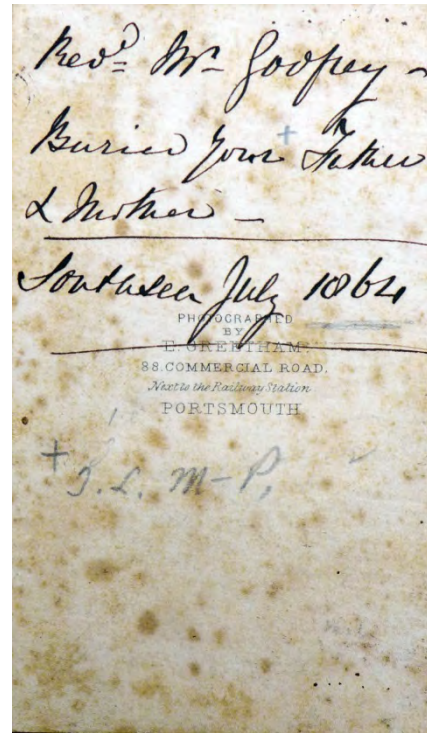
- 15 Oct 1842, (SMH) Military Promotions and Appointments, Henry Raymond Murray Prior to be Lieutenant by purchase (Lt Cholmery Captain by purchase, Brabason Noble gentleman Ensign by purchase)

Sundry/Supplementary Photographs

Some yet to be identified



*A river picnic for WSM on the Suttor River 1898
(Possibly related to the Bulliwallah race day same year)
(NLA)*



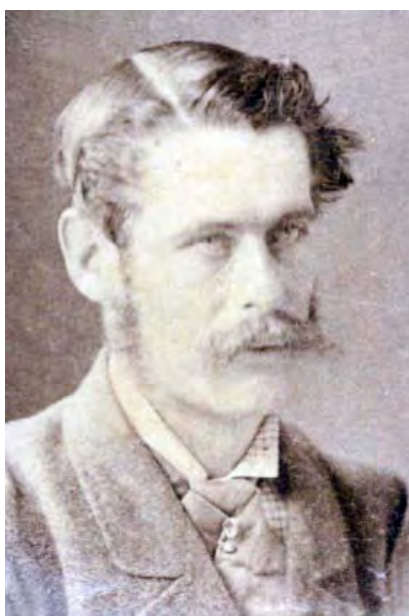
*The Rev Godfrey from Southsea who buried TLMP's mother and father in 1864
(Probably forwarded by one of TLMP's step sisters - NLA)*



Rosa 1883 and 1884 in London (NLA)



*Thomas de M at various ages (with probably Morres top left)
(Courtesy Tom and Therese Murray-Prior)*





Prints of watercolours by George Hart Taylor dated 1891 (courtesy Tom and Theresa Murray-Prior) believed to be of Maroon/District



Appendix

Extracts from TLMP Reminiscences

The new church in Shirley

The Prior Gift

OM64-01 Rosa Caroline Praed Papers

Box 3 8370, Packet 3/1/1

TLMP reminiscences in what appears to be Nora Clarina's handwriting

[The following are selective notes rather than any attempt at a transcript from the handwritten text. The reminiscences cover TLMP's account of dealings with and experience of conflict with aborigines during his time at Rocky Springs on The Gwydir, at Bromelton on the Logan and particularly during his tenure of Hawkwood on The Auburn River in the Burnett. There is some difficulty in deciphering the names of both individuals and stations, so the attached table is an attempt to reconcile/confirm same with other sources]

P1/2 mainly translations/aboriginal language usage

P3 more of above, mention of Mitchell's explorations

P4/5 had black boy Charlie (about 1848)..... marriage customs etc.... with him for years.... small boiling down operation at Bromelton when no market for fat cattle

P7 about 1854 after selling Bromelton I purchased Hawkwood on the Burnett or rather The Auburn... journey there riding Bessy with a young black boy (13'ish) who tells him of the initial pursuit of the aborigines...



*Hawkwood in the 1880s
(CSIRO Brisbane photo archive)*

P8 about the time of the Fraser murder the blacks became troublesome, they had assembled for the Bunya festival... all animal food consumed and instead took to mutton and beef... altercations with settlers.. 14 or 15 got together with half caste boy Paddy followed them to recover flock... blacks into scrub and taunted pursuers to follow... only Paddy brave enough to follow and armed with double barrel gun walked calmly into camp and potted two blacks... the rest soon out of sight

P9 Bunya Festival corroboree... reportedly had human flesh on the menu.. young men chosen and with their knowledge sacrificed... whites have little knowledge of customs and rites of blacks... in TLMP's experience aborigines with exposure to white culture make good companions

P10/11 Description of borra rings, corroborees.....about the end of 1840 or 1841 I went to take up the management of Mr Pringle's station 'Rocky Creek' [on the Gwydir, northern NSW].... blacks

rather troublesome even there. Not long after hanging of seven white men for murdering blacks at 'Myall Creek' [killings in June 1838]... should be noted stations much smaller than (less than 1,000 head)... workmen mainly convicts... not unusual for stations to be bailed up for a few days or more at a time... men and cattle often speared. At this time *Terry* and other aborigines bailed up *Mie Mie* Station eventually coming down the chimney and murdering the hutkeeper. Strong bars fitted in chimneys after that. Locals retaliated

P12 Myall Creek massacre... whites surrounded blacks at station, shot them and burned bodies on large fire.... Police called. Polarised Sydney community.. Plunkett, Attorney General determined to make an example of murderers persisted until 7 of perpetrators hanged. Plunkett warned others accountable for their actions, killing black same as killing whites.

P13 Native Police despatched to area under Major Nunn.. description of rounding up and killing of blacks

P14/15 rise of 'squatting'... early overlanders... spread of settlements... 1888 severe drought in Moreton Bay region [date suggests TLMP dictated these reminiscences sometime between 1888 and when he died in 1892, possibly during one of his periods of illness]

P16/17 Depasturing Licenses, land purchase

P18 remembers meeting Arthur Hodgson and party heading up to Downs... going at great pace... fine set of new chums 1839/40... tickets of leave men

P19 assigned servants... owners offered annual payments to best of them... (Caution from Papa – beware confusion old and new land grant system) [a number of similar notes through the document reinforces that Nora Clarina is the writer probably dictated by TLMP during a period of illness towards the end of his life]

P20 communications with Brisbane... 1842 Gorman replaced by Captain Wickham.. Dr Simpson... Governor Gipps and squatters at odds over basis of rental calculation of leased land

P21 bushranging... 'Jew boy' and four or five men... TLMP foolishly joined the possie

P22 Jacob Low head stockman at Rocky Creek when TLMP arrived, disappointed he hadn't got the job.... took over when TLMP left

P23 in 1848 coast blacks troublesome at Bromelton and Nindooinbah (Compigne)

P24 Bigge held up by bushrangers and forced to strip

P25 **The Burnett 1857 The Fraser Murders**

Natives on coast dangerous for some time... Young's station (Mt Larcombe) not far from Gladstone twice bailed up and all hands murdered... *Tolson* speared on verandah... Murray killed on his station... but so far natives on Burnett and Upper Dawson waters and towards Nanango were quiet. *Orton* was managing at Cockatoo before Sericold bought the station, Arthur McArthur had Bungaban, Mr Yaldwyn Taroom, Cardew ****ba, Miles rented *Kinnoul*. A feeling of insecurity was building up, blacks had cautioned their friends to leave the country. A black called at Dykehead and bounced the woman for some food.. told her directly white fellows sit down together black fellow will kill... then four men killed at *Euomba* and sheep taken... whole flocks taken in some places

P26 Mrs Fraser if I remember rightly was a widow of a carpenter who had made some money at Toowoomba and had rented Hornet Bank and its stock from Mr Scott... then the blacks killed Mrs McMillan who had some sheep not far from *Kinnons* and Palm Tree Creek (Scott's)... it became

evident they meant wholesale mischief and if they had been like the American Indian, capable of concerted action, they would have swept the country. Fortunately their habits were different, they would need a corroboree and long *woola* (council of war) before entering into such an action... starts with gins urging them on and then selection of fighting men... repeat performance after a war. The news came one day that Hornet Bank had been attacked during the night and the whole household massacred except for one son, a lad of 16 or 17... hut at Hornet Bank typical bush hut.... [little sketch of elevation in notes]...

P27 two shepherds whose time was up had come in the evening before and were set to leave the next day... presumed there must have been 100 blacks upon them. Later TLMP travelling with black boy who seemed acquainted with all the particulars.... account of events... Sylvester knocked out only.... blacks left in morning... he had ten mile walk to *Euomba*.... native police had been stationed there... three or four boys... on hearing news Mr **** late officer raised boys and a couple of hands set off for Hornets Bank to track blacks

P28 blacks in no hurry... making for broken country not far from Euomba where the Dawson runs through a narrow valley with steep slopes/high rocks either side.... hiding place since the whites took up the land... blacks camped near river surrounded by scrub just before sunset... no concerns. Party left horses and crawled up to them in scrub.... men opened fire, four went down but light fading... aborigines bolted and left most of loot. Pursuers returned to Euomba...not long after the government disbanded the native police some troopers fell in with the blacks, meant no fear of arms etc..... after this no party went out for a long time. Miles from Kinnoul went out to bury the dead

P29/30 lists those murdered... also son away at the time... Mrs Fraser's daughter was ready to marry a squatter. Twelve months after business took TLMP to Kinnoul, called in at Taroom Station and with much difficulty persuaded a black boy to take him across the *Cassion* Plain and Dawson River to *Kilmont* ... boy not too keen, had been up to mischief. Reached Kinnoul pretty late... boy relates story of dogs being quieted at Hornet Bank and events including Boney involvement... boy possibly witnessed ?

P31 That this was part of a plan to exterminate whites was evident. Blacks attacked soon after at Auburn Station (Pigotts). Natives mustered from a radius of three or four hundred miles just before a great tribal fight at Palm Creek on the Dawson... 500 fighting men... 1,000 blacks altogether... dozen or so actually killed

P32 about six weeks after murder blacks came again... people not prepared for them... Pigott had to borrow powder from TLMP. Hawkwood better equipped, three coast blacks and a gin, Ernest Davis, Sydney Lindo, a German and one or two others... plenty of arms and ammunition. Hawkwood in the middle of shearing... large muster... Horton purchasing sheep for Victorian, 3,000 wethers from TLMP, making up 10,000... Mr Pigott let him have Cockatoo Creek to camp and sleep on. Horton called one day on way to Gayndah.... blacks topic of conversation.... previous night had seen shadows on tent... no gun but picked up an axe and went outside.... saw Cockatoo Billy with others.... feigned friendship but believed would have killed if sleeping.... intended more mischief. In fact message had been sent both to Palm Tree Creek (John Scott's) and to Redbank (J Ross) at the head of Cheltenham Creek saying they intended to serve them as they had served the Frasers and take the women into the bush. Nothing was said about forming a party until they left the table and retired for smoke. Alfred Thomas of Dykehead there... agreed something had to be done. Horton to take message with him down river... others to communicate locally with Auburn, Bungaban and Cockatoo... meeting to be arranged at Hawkwood the following Wednesday..... mustered a strong party and readied for an early start. Out troop 'The Browns' consisted MacArthur from Bungaban, Sericold and overseer from Cockatoo, Pigott and black boy from The Auburn, Thomas from Dykehead, Horton, myself and Ernest Davis with my two black boys Billy Hayes and Freddy (Brisbane blacks on whom he could depend)

P33 shearers promised they would continue shearing as though he was there... could not remember every individual [in party], 13 or 14 altogether, no working men. Intention to surprise the blacks camp at The Auburn but already departed. Next to *Orton's* (not Horton) tent on Cockatoo Creek where they camped, but not for long. (later known as flea bag camp). Party not in working order at this stage, no recognised leader, no watch kept at night... during night TLMP awoke and easily walked amongst the sleeping men.. how easy it would have been to be murdered.. stayed on watch rest of night. Next morning discussed and agreed on a regular watch. We named *John MacArthur* as Captain.... looked for tracks, all going towards Redbank. Council of War, what to do when we came across camp. Some, particularly the black boys urged that all the blacks be killed (Billy very strong) including gins and picaninny

P34 TLMP asserted that the first picaninny I saw wittingly hurt I would leave with my party.. so it was agreed that only the fighting men should suffer.. the [Redbank Plains] huts were close to a deep banked creek so we arranged that two of us should go to the station as if travelling while the rest of the party rounded up the camp. Shortly they were to be seen going at full speed to the camp. The natives rushed to the huts and had not the two been there to stop them most would have escaped into the creek over a strong and high fence. Some of them rushed into the hut where Mrs Ross an old Scottish woman was sitting. She cried out in great terror 'tak your *wull*' on them gentlemen never mind an old woman. The principal ring leaders amongst them managed, however, to rush into the creek. A good many managed to get away. Charlie another ringleader got off clear. Whilst some of the party were pursuing the fugitives the rest put the gins and remaining men into an old stable and kept them there until morning. Just before starting the gins were drafted out and allowed to go to the camp. They were in a great state of alarm all night and several times tried to rush out but we had fires burning front and back of the old stable and could see what they were doing between the slabs. Our party patrolled the district for three weeks before the Police were out

P35 Jerry a noted murderer... fine figure of a man, well armed... fronted MacArthur at Bungaban... threatened Mrs King at Rockdale (Richard King)... Jerry a pet at Taroom Station and harboured there much to disgust of neighbours... several others at Taroom

P36 recounts police chase. long chain of deep waterholes... Jerry talking to Mr Yaldwyn as they approached... Jerry grabbed him to act as shield... Officer called on Yaldwyn to throw Jerry, quite capable, or suffer consequences... Jerry dived in water but shot eventually. TLMP advised Mrs King on his way back (just happened to be there at the time [not part of Browns activity]). Not long after Mr *Larens* murder John Scott (Palm Tree Creek) was bathing in a waterhole, looked up and saw Jerry and others looking down on him... Scott bluffed him out and for some reason they did not harm him. Recounts Walker story (late Commandant of Police).. out chasing blacks in unoccupied lands... one of his men betrayed him...

P37 Walker and Wiggins badly hurt but managed to get back to Palm Creek where they were nursed.... assault took place on same night as Fraser murders. War kept up for 18 months.... continuously one or two parties out.... gradually good many of ringleaders accounted for

P38 Police tactics... going without uniforms etc... eight killed by this method..... no doubt part of Hornet Bank affair

P39 Boney The Browns got word that several of the ringleaders were at *Bundooma* (Boondooma), Mr Lawson's Station on the Boyne. Thither we followed them, our party camped a few miles from the station and I went to the house. Lawson was not at home but his brother-in-law Ball was there. During luncheon I spoke to him about his harbouring murderers (they had a number of blacks there putting up rough sheep yards). Mr Ball declared that they were all quiet inside blacks. Just as he was speaking one of them came up to the window and said "Mister Prior name you look out what do you want here". I looked up and said "What you Boney ?"... "Well Ball so much for your quiet blacks, Auburn Boney to wit. I presume you know him". Towards evening Chesborough Macdonald came over from Cadarga. Boney smelt a rat and kept close to the house but I watched him. Chesborough was friendly

with the natives and seeing I was watching Boney took up his cause. "Prior" he said "I see you have an eye on Boney and mean him some mischief...do you mind if I call him in for a talk... record of conversation....." TLMP doesn't buy

P41 police finally caught up with ringleaders.. Boney escaped
... Put reminiscences together in rambling disconnected way as they occurred to my memory but you will understand that only the first few weeks of warfare were carried on by us. When the Native Police came to the front we (the Browns) dispersed and went to our own homes. The Redbank slaughter was the only serious struggle of the kind that fell to our lot
Fraser brothers... little doubt many fell to their rifles but were never officially sanctioned..... but who could blame them

P42/43 William Fraser married later and took his wife back to Hornet bank. TLMP later met up with Cockatoo Billy who explained that after the Browns there had been a *woolla*.. some wished to attack again, others to stay as clean as possible... even if whites killed, others would come... Myall blacks.... tradition of hospitality during Bunya

P44 18 months of warfare, anxious times for settlers, particularly when riding back to station after being away on business, not sure what one would find.... encounter with Samson, native doctor at Hawkwood...

[31 March and 24 December 2013]

	TLMP Reminiscences	<i>Hornet Bank Massacre, Arthur Laurie HSQ Journal 25 July 1957</i>	<i>Some reminiscences of early Queensland, Ernest Charles Davies, HSQ Journal, February 1959</i>	<i>Police of the pastoral frontier, native police 1849 to 59, Leslie Edward Skinner. UQ Press 1975</i>
Auburn	Pigott		Piggot	
Boondooma	Bundooma Mr Lawson			
Bungaban	John and or Arthur McArthur/MacArthur		Arthur McArthur Bungunbar	<i>PJ Pigott or John McArthur</i>
Cadarga	Chesborough Macdonald			
Cockatoo	<i>Orton</i> managing before Sericold bought		<i>Serrocold</i> Olton	G Pearce Sericold
Dykehead	Alfred Thomas		Thomas	
Eurombah	Euromba	Thomas Richard Boulton		Thomas R Boulton (Superintendent) Cardew (50s)
Hornet Bank	Mrs Fraser renting from Mr Scott	Originally Goongarry taken up by Scott		
Kinnoul	Rented by Miles	William Miles		William Miles Miller and Turnbull
	Mount Larcombe Mr Young			
Palm Tree Creek	John Scott			John Scott and William Thompson
Redbank Station	J Ross			Ross
Rockdale	Richard King			
Taroom	Mr Yaldwyn	WB Yaldwyn		WH Yaldwyn

The 'New Church in Shirley'



1790 and 1810 Engravings of the original St Nicholas Church at Millbrook Southampton where Thomas Murray Prior and Jemima Dickson married in 1812 The 1810 engraving illustrates a lunar rainbow. The church believed to have been constructed in the 16th century was by the late 1700s in a sorry state and an Act of Parliament was obtained to demolish it in 1797. With no money to replace it repairs were undertaken instead– Southampton City Council (Portcities Website).



The 'new church' Holy Trinity (above left) was consecrated in 1874, however, the tower and spire were not completed until 1882. The old church was eventually demolished in 1938, the photographs were taken in the early 1900s - Southampton City Council (Portcities Website).

The Prior Gift

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Letters should be addressed—
 "The Secretary,
 Charity Commission,
 Whitehall,
 London, S.W."

CHARITY COMMISSION,
27th July 1892.

OFFICIAL TRUSTEES' DEPARTMENT.

At the head of your reply write *B* County *Southampton*
56800 Place *Millbrook*
The Prior Gift
Original Request

N.B.—1. Every letter containing enclosures should enumerate them specifically, with a line in the margin for each
 2. Write clearly on Foolscap paper of the same size as this sheet.
 3. Communications relating to different objects should be made in separate letters.

Madam,
 The sum of £ *207.15.10*
 £2 10s. per Cent. ~~Consolidated Stock~~ *Annuities* has been purchased with the sum of
 £ *200* sterling (less brokerage), and was on
11th July 1892, transferred into the name of
 "The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds," pursuant to the provisions of
 the Charitable Trusts Acts.

The Stock receipt has this day been sent to *the Rector and Churchwardens of Millbrook under cover to the Reverend S Wilson at Millbrook*
 with a request that the same
 may be kept with the other documents relating to the Charity.

The amount of Stock so transferred has been entered to the account
 of the Charity in the books at this office, and *the Rector and Churchwardens*
 have been requested to furnish the Official Trustees with an authority as to the
 payment of the Dividends.

A Form to be used for the purpose was enclosed.

Miss S. A. Prior,
Howden Lodge,
14 Clarendon Road,
Southsea,
Hants.

I am, *Madam,*
 Your obedient Servant,
 D. R. FEARON,
 Secretary.

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TLMP Residences Brisbane and surrounds

TLMP Brisbane Properties

1858/59 Eskgrove, East Brisbane



Eskgrove (Laidlaw Parade, East Brisbane) 2010 and below the real estate agent's impression of what prospective purchasers could do to 'improve' the property



TLMP rented Eskgrove as a Brisbane base for the family following the 'retreat' from and subsequent sale of the Hawkwood property in the Burnett. Cashed up, and probably with a little help from the Bank, he began to build up his speculative land bank as the New South Wales government accelerated releases prior to separation.

He purchased in St Lucia (40% area of the current suburb) Indooroopilly/Moggill and extensively at Cleveland (approx 2,500 acres), essentially all the land fronting Waterloo Bay, current day Thorneside up to and including Wellington Point. This added to his more modest acquisitions from the early/mid 1850s and his father's land grants following his visit in 1853/54 (serving member of the British Army).

Whilst they were living at Eskgrove Matilda delivered a new addition to the family, a son, Redmond. They did, however, have their bay horse Toby stolen, TLMP offering a reward of £25 for its safe return¹⁴⁵. Lynette Bear (Co-author of, *The Praed Papers – A Listing and Index, Library Board of Queensland*) in her related handwritten research notes reveals that TLMP was already pegging out the site for their next home, a new house at Cleveland in April 1859.

1860/62 Creallagh, Cleveland [more research required]



Barry Kidd's drawing Como – taken from a photo of an impressionistic painting (Redlands Illustrated History by Barry Kidd 1979)

The name Creallagh is one of the connections from TLMP's Irish heritage that he would draw on in the naming of his properties. The exact location of what appears to have been a fairly rudimentary home is open to some conjecture.

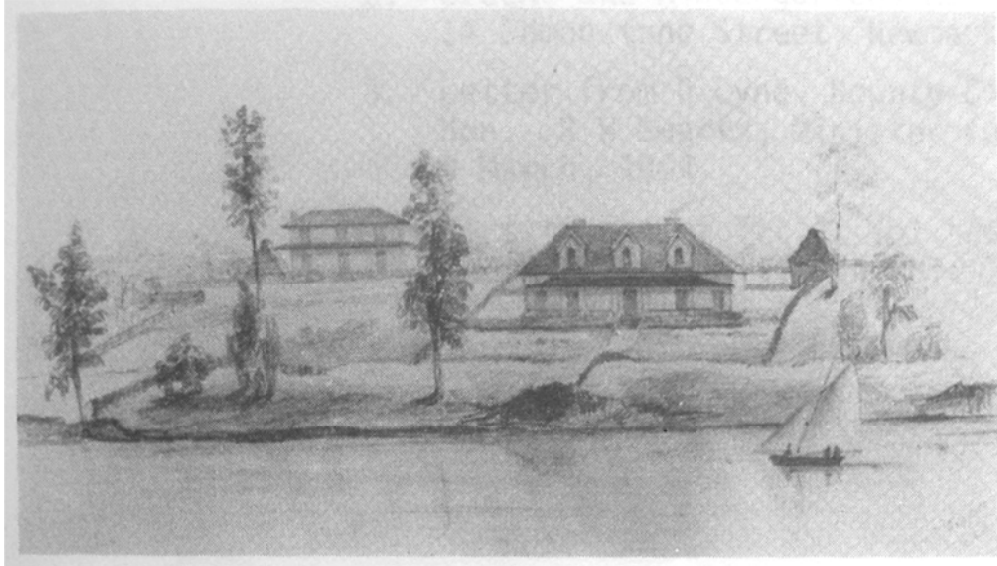
Barry Kidd has the location on what would later become the 'Como' tea gardens (not far from Ormiston Railway Station) although Mrs Charles Young (Como proprietor) in her address to the Queensland Women's Historical Society in 1959 suggests the Murray Priors never lived on the land. In both accounts and in other press reports there is common misinterpretation that TLMP initially purchased the land, it was in fact his father Thomas Prior (using part of his military Remission Order). Mixing the two up is not uncommon.

Whilst TLMP's and his father's early/mid 1850s land purchases were at Ormiston, and somewhat divorced from his later acquisitions it seems possible that he would have built Creallagh on one of them. His 1862 diary notes that Thomas and Matilda entertained at Creallagh including Mr and Mrs Thornton, Mr and Mrs Bigge and Mr Little in addition to the Barkers and the Halys.

¹⁴⁵ *Moreton Bay Courier*

Creallagh was included in the offer for sale of 700 acres in October 1862, the subsequent November advertisement noted that CR Haly was occupying the house (Matilda's sister Rosa married Charles Robert Haly – Halys still there the following March when their son Aylmer was born) which adjoined the property and sugar plantation of Hon L Hope ¹⁴⁶. Somewhere at Ormiston seems a reasonable assumption.

1861/2 Shafston (Kangaroo Point)



*'View from New Farm c1858 . Possibly the original Shafston House known as Ravenscot'(Shafston House Kangaroo Point Historical Survey and Management Plan – Allom Lovell September 1981 - JOL)
[Bears an uncanny likeness to Montpelier which was a little further up the Reach]*

The Historical Survey/Management Plan provides a list of owners and occupiers suggesting Shafston House had its beginnings as Ravenscot built by Rev Robert Cryke in 1851/2. Henry Russell purchased the house in 1852 adding to the original structure and re-naming it Shafston. The house was let from the mid 1850s and in 1859 sold to Louis Hope.

TLMP was using Shafston as his town residence at least from 1861 (Matilda was advertising for staff in September 1861 ¹⁴⁷). In his own diary he noted he left Cleveland at 5am and breakfasted at Shafston on 6 January 1862, a couple of days after his appointment as Post Master General was Gazetted.

Louis Hope appears to have spent little time at Shafston the property being leased to a number of notables up until he sold it 1883. Tenants included TLMP's brother in law William Barker (married Matilda's sister Elizabeth) who lived there from 1874 to 1878.

The new owner Charles Milne Foster re-built the original house.

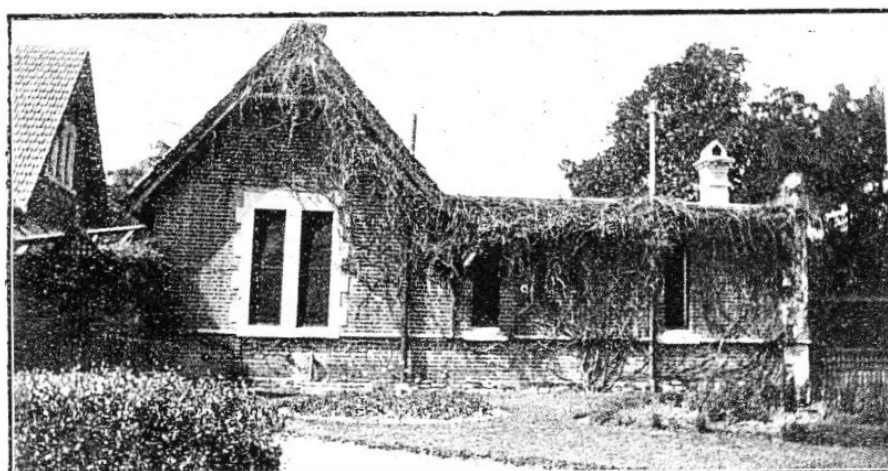
¹⁴⁶ *The Moreton Bay Courier*

¹⁴⁷ *The Courier*



FRONT VIEW OF SHAFSTON HOUSE, FROM THE RIVER SIDE.
This building was erected by the late Mr. C. M. Foster on the site of the original Shafston House, which was the home, in turn, of several of Brisbane's prominent citizens of the last century.—See page 7

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THE CREEPER-CLAD KITCHEN WING OF SHAFSTON.

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Daily Mail 1 July 1933 (Newspaper cuttings JOL)

The Fosters moved in the mid 1890s and leased the house until it was purchased in 1904 by James Henry McConnel. At the time of the newspaper article ownership had passed to the Commonwealth, originally used as a repatriation hostel (re-named Anzac Hostel) it was occupied by the RAAF for a number of years.

1862/64 Hodgson's Terrace George Street

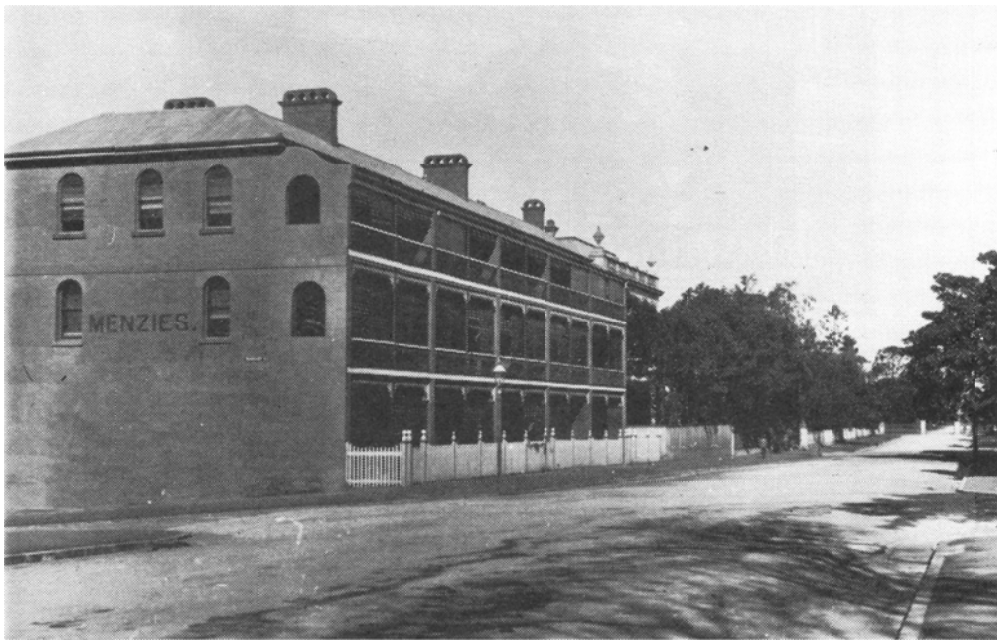
The Murray Priors next lived at the James Cowlshaw¹⁴⁸ designed Hodgson's Terrace not long after it was constructed in 1860 for Arthur Hodgson. It was originally built as a terrace of five two storey houses. Thomas Lodge and Matilda lived at No1. Their short lived son Lodge was born here in March 1863.¹⁴⁹

¹⁴⁸ Cowlshaw may have retained an interest in the property, TLMP's diary notes he paid £39 rent to him in June 1864

¹⁴⁹ *The Courier*



A view from the roof of Parliament House looking along William/George Streets (RHSQ). Hodgson's Terrace is the two storey terrace in the middle ground on the right



*Hodgson's Terrace following the 1904 addition of the second floor. It transitioned from prime residential to professional/small business use, in the 1890s becoming the fashionable Menzies Hotel. Significant changes were made to the Ground Floor and the accommodation further extended by including converted buildings around the corner in Margaret Street
(Colonial George and William Street Heritage Tour – BHG 1991)*

The Brisbane History Group tour guide notes that Mrs WJ Menzies established the original hotel in 1904 which could boast in 1906 that it had the largest dining hall in Queensland, electric lighting and suites of rooms for families. The hotel changed hands in 1913 and subsequently in the early 1920s became the Kingsley Private Hotel. The building was demolished in 1979.

1865/part 70s Montpelier, Ferry Street, Kangaroo Point



Montpelier, Kangaroo Point understood to have been built by Captain Collins in the 1850s¹⁵⁰ The stone house had its main rooms leading directly off the wide verandah. (Picture Queensland – JOL 180647)

During 1864 TLMP noted in his diary that James Carden Collins (son and assumed successor to Captain Thomas Collins' property holdings) was in default on repayments against a loan he had made him (possibly partly secured against Montpelier -TLMP had Arthur Martin value the property for him - £300 for land, £300 for house). By the end of the year the Bank had interceded by Court Order and had JC Collins' properties, including Telemon on the Logan, up for sale (Collins was also in debt to McDougall).¹⁵¹

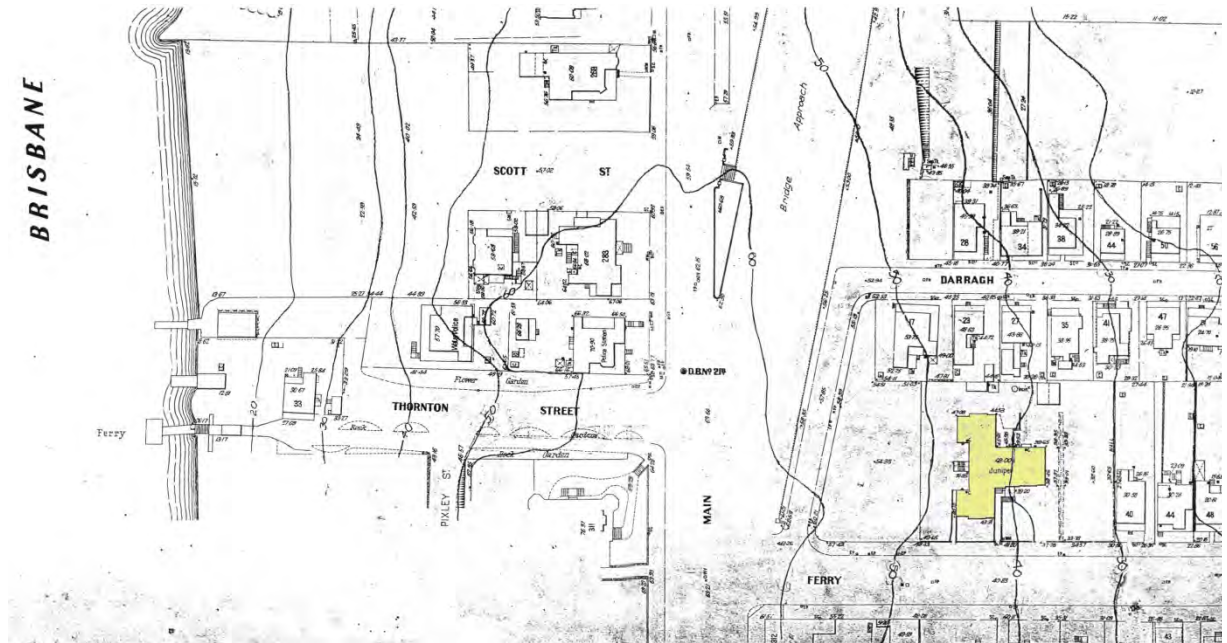
This was fortuitous as TLMP had been considering getting back into the pastoral business and discussed the merits of the Logan runs with brother in law William Barker (who had held the Tamrookum Station from the 1840s) and with the Bank (£15,000'ish required to purchase) yet was somewhat undecided by the end of the year. Matilda does not appear to have been very enthusiastic about a return to station life, perhaps based on her earlier experiences at Bromelton and Hawkwood and the demands of a growing family.

TLMP, unsettled by uncertainties surrounding his Post Master General position, never the less took the plunge and purchased the Collins properties in early 1865.

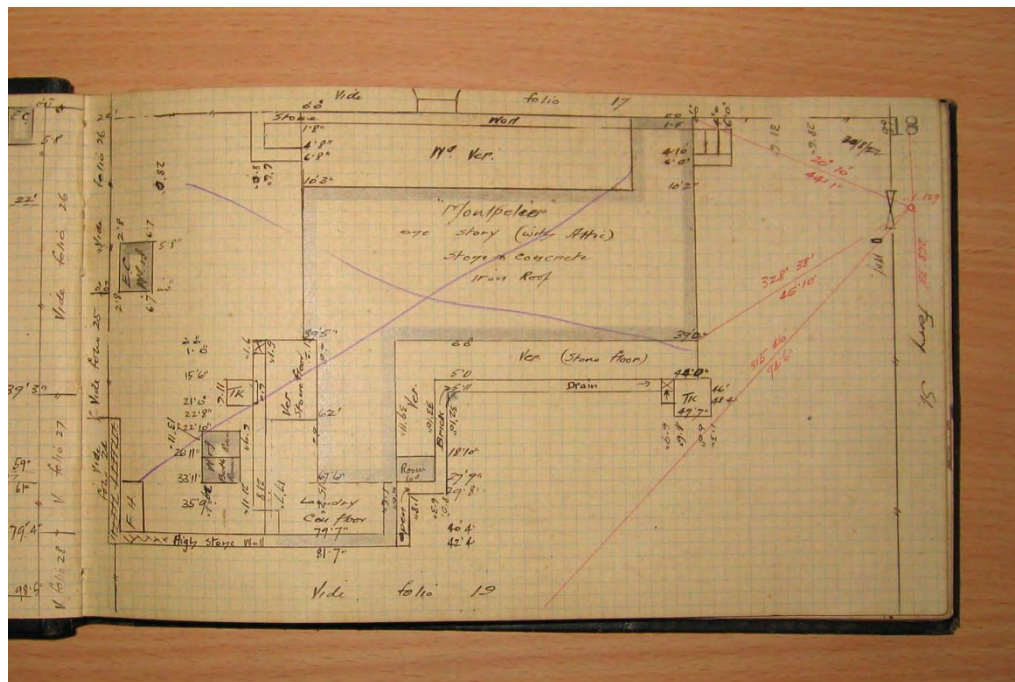
Montpellier was retained as the families Brisbane base, it appears, at least until the mid-1870s. Matilda passed away there in 1868, their daughter Rosa Caroline married from Montpellier in 1872 and Nora Clarina's first child Matilda Aimee was born here in September 1873 (TLMP re-married in December 1872).

¹⁵⁰ *Queenslander 18 September 1930*

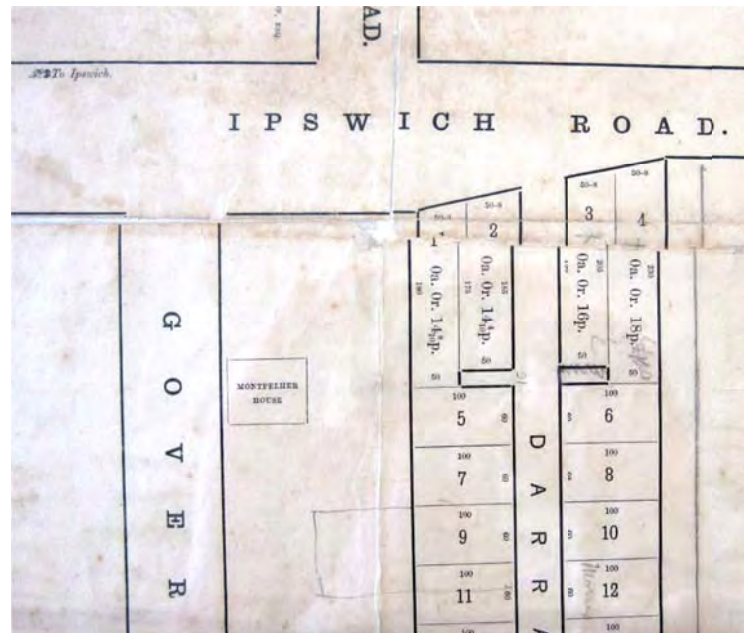
¹⁵¹ *Collins does not appear to have been using Montpellier from at least Feb 1864 as a Mrs Haslingden was advertising Board and Lodgings for Gentlemen in The Brisbane Courier. She notes the late Captain Collins Kangaroo Point property has stables, coach house and paddocks attached*



Initial attempts to locate Montpellier by reference to the Brisbane drainage scheme records proved somewhat challenging until reference was made to the associated surveyors note books. Juniper on the plan above replaced Montpellier sometime in the 1930s (Queenslander 18 September 1930 article notes old house in a state of disrepair) (Brisbane City Archives)

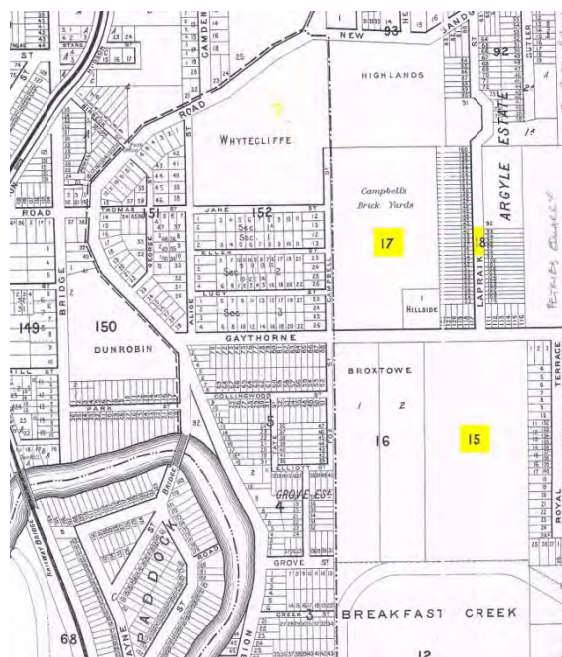


Surveyors Notebook describing the property. The crossing out denoting the building was subsequently replaced. This information helped with the understanding of the orientation of Montpellier, the broad verandah and attic gables facing the Shafston Reach of the river (Brisbane City Archives)



*Extract from the 1865 Arthur Martin sales poster for the sub-division of Portion 35. The lots along either side of Darragh Street were up for sale. Montpelier still sits on a substantial portion of land running the full length of Ferry Street (labelled Government Road) from Ipswich Road down to the Brisbane River. Thornton Street is indicated on the plan, on the opposite side of the main road.
(Picture Queensland – JOL 7060403.).*

(1863/64) The Quarries



McKellar map from the mid 1890s, TLMP's mid 1850s portion purchases highlighted (Fryer Library)

During 1863/4 when TLMP was considering his future there is consistent reference in his diary to the 'Quarries'. He notes he frequently rode out there (with Matilda and others) discussed plans with the Architect, obtained estimates, built a fence, talked to neighbours etc, however, the only clue to its whereabouts was a vague reference to Albion. By the end of 1864 he had decided not to spend the £2,000 (a bit stretched at the time), early the following year taking up the Collins property on the Logan.



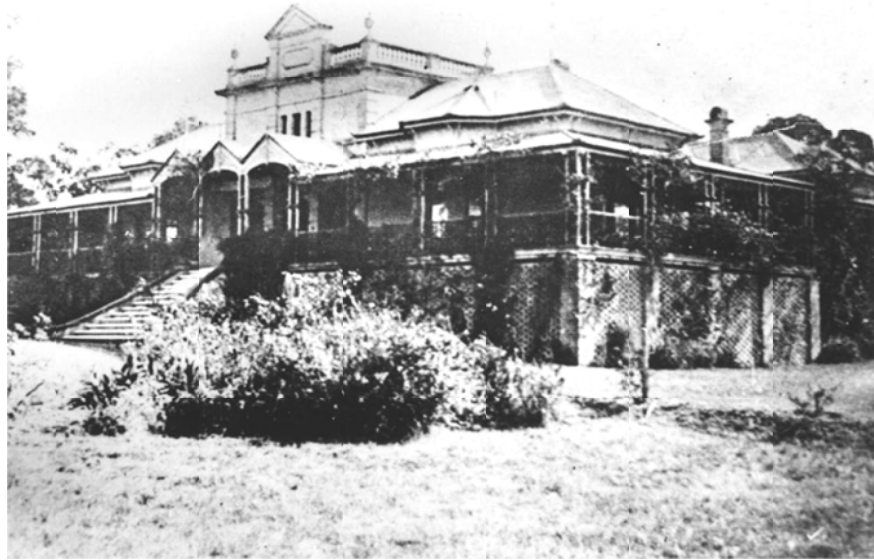
*Elevations of the proposed three storey house designed for TLMP by James Cowlshaw at the Quarries, Albion. Other than pegging out, these drawings appear to have been as far as the project went. This would have been the most imposing town house TLMP ever owned and lived in had it proceeded.
(10096 James Cowlshaw Architectural Plans – JOL SLQ)*



January 1891 Delamore, Kedron [more research required]

Included only on the basis of a single reference, the To Let ¹⁵² notice noting Hon TLMP presently occupied the property.

¹⁵² *The Brisbane Courier*



Delamore, Kedron c 1895
(Picture Queensland – JOL 116424 SLQ)

1891/98 Whytecliffe, Albion



Whytecliffe c1930
(Picture Queensland – 124024 JOL SLQ)

In its series on Brisbane's Historic Homes *The Queenslander* in September 1930 carried an article by FE Lord on Whytecliffe noting that it had been built by John Petrie for Mr Robert Little. The house was built of brick with stone foundations and a shingle roof (subsequently replaced with iron). It is not clear from the description when the house was built, probably after Little married his second wife in 1875 (possibly during the 1880s). A large house, originally comprising twenty two rooms (which would have included the kitchen wing) it was built with marble fireplaces, a cedar staircase and skylight to the hall/vestibule as features of the building.

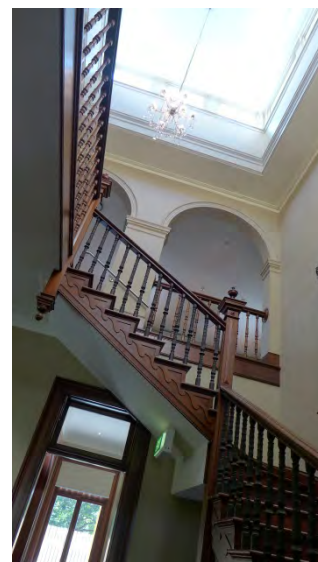
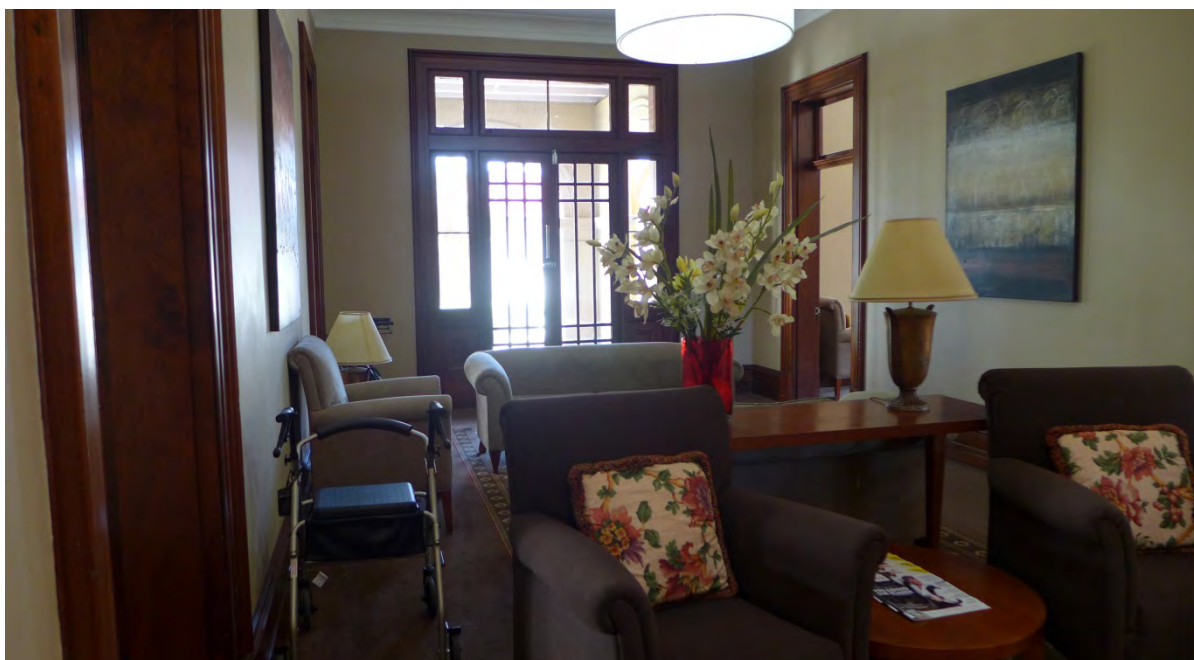
Robert Little and his family lived at Whytecliffe, however, following his death in 1890 (died in Ceylon) his wife and son left for England at the end of the year, the property then being let.

The MP family records note a cheque for £50 was drawn in March 1891 for the rent on Whytecliffe together with a request to close in some of the verandah with glass screens (no objections raised as long as removed on vacation), so it is likely that TLMP was the first tenant. TLMP passed away here on 31 December 1892, Nora Clarina spending time here intermittently it appears until early 1898.



Front view January 2005 (prior to restoration as part of the 'retirement village' development) and below in 2015. The house is currently used as a community hub for the retirement village, however, there are plans for it to be used as part of a more 'intensive care' facility to be constructed adjacent. A new community facility will be created in an adjacent contemporary historic residence following restoration work.





Interior of the restored/refurbished Whytecliffe February 2015, Entrance Hall, main stair and feature folding cedar doors in ground floor reception rooms





Relative locations of TLMP's Bromelton (1840s) and Maroon (1860s) properties in the County of Ward. Heads of Logan (Rathdowney) is approximately half way between Maroon and Telemon on this extract from the 1878 FE Hiscocks & Co Queensland Atlas (JOL)

TLMP and family landholdings/dealing

Thomas and Thomas Lodge Murray Prior Land Purchases

Source:

Land Sales NSW Government Gazette 1842-1856, Deeds of Grant Queensland Government Gazette 1860-1861, Agricultural Reserves Votes and Proceedings 1863 (State Archives – Government Gazette Abstracts -green bound compilation)

[Copies of Title Deeds \(courtesy Tracy Ryan, Redlands Bay Library\)](#)

<i>When</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Portion/Lot</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Jul 1852	TLMP	C of Stanley	4-0-0	6	£12	Suburban Lots
				7	£12	
				8	£15-12-0	
Jul 1853	Thomas Prior (Brisbane)	P of Cleveland	12-0-0	2/107	£30	Remission Order allowed him as a Brevet Major on half pay of the 5 th Regiment of Foot
			25-1-0	3/107	£30	Remission Order allowed him as a Brevet Major on half pay of the 5 th Regiment of Foot
			12-0-0	4/107	£50-10-0	Remission Order allowed him as a Brevet Major on half pay of the 5 th Regiment of Foot
Jul 1853	Thomas Prior (Brisbane)	P of Cleveland	9-2-13	2/93	£47-18-2	Remission Order allowed him as a Brevet Major on half pay of the 5 th Regiment of Foot
Jul 1853	Thomas Prior (Brisbane)	P of Cleveland	10	1/100	£25	Remission Order allowed him as a Brevet Major on half pay of the 5 th Regiment of Foot
Feb 1854	Thomas Prior	P of Moggill	12-2-23		£32-4-9	£20-6-11 paid by balance of Remission Order allowed him as a late Officer in HM Regiment
Feb 1854	TLMP	P of Yeerongpilly	61-0-0		£73-4-0	Deed issued 13 Feb 1855
Feb 1854	TLMP	P of Moggill	93-0-0	17	£93	Sheehans Paddock Deed issued 13 Feb 1855
			96-0-0	18	£196-16-0	Sheehans Paddock

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Feb 1854	TLMP	P of Toombul	15-1-8	15	£38-5-0	Quarries Deed issued 13 Feb 1855
			13-2-0	17	£33-15-0	Quarries Deed issued 13 Feb 1855
			10-2-0	18	£26-5-0	Quarries Deed issued 13 Feb 1855
Feb 1854	TLMP (Brisbane)	P of Cleveland	10	1/103	£49-1-0	
			10	2/103	£42-10-0	
			10	3/103	£45	
			10	5/103	£33	
1855	TLMP of Brisbane	P of Cleveland	16.1.32	91/1	£181-15-6	
Oct 1858	TLMP	P of Capalaba	38-0-0	9	£38-0-0	Subsequently sold to Louis Hope in 1863 (TLMP had a £3000 mortgage lodged on Title @ 8% for 5 years)
Oct 1858	TLMP	P of Capalaba	51-0-0	10	?	Subsequently sold to Louis Hope in 1863 (TLMP had a £3000 mortgage lodged on Title @ 8% for 5 years)
Oct 1858	TLMP of Brisbane	P of Capalaba	53-0-0	14	£53-0-0	
Oct 1858	TLMP of Brisbane	P of Capalaba	51-0-0	19	£55-18-0	
May 1860	TLMP of Brisbane	P of Capalaba	111-0-0	32	£111-0-0	Deed ready for pickup Nov 1860
May 1860	TLMP of Brisbane	P of Capalaba	76-1-31	31	£76-8-11	Deed ready for pickup Nov 1860
May 1860	TLMP of Brisbane	P of Capalaba	96-0-0	38	£96-0-0	Deed ready for pickup Nov 1860
Nov 1860	TLMP		50	42		Deed ready for pickup
			46	41		Deed ready for pickup, Taringa/Indooroopilly land
			42	26		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			39	25		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			50	28		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			46	27		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			59	33		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			72	34		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			123	35		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land

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			156	36		Deed ready for pickup, Birkdale land
			83	37		Deed ready for pickup, Birkdale land
			86-2-27	39		Deed ready for pickup, Birkdale land
			81	43		Deed ready for pickup, Birkdale land
			40	24		Deed ready for pickup, St Lucia land
			55	23		Deed ready for pickup, St Lucia land
Dec 1860			43	21		Deed ready for pickup, St Lucia land
			40	20		Deed ready for pickup, St Lucia land
			41	40		Deed ready for pickup, Taringa/Indooroopilly land
			45-3-19	39		Deed ready for pickup, Taringa/Indooroopilly land
			51	22		Deed ready for pickup, St Lucia land
			34	38		Deed ready for pickup, Taringa/Indooroopilly land
Dec 1860			40	25		Deed ready for pickup, St Lucia land
Jan 1861	TLMP of Cleveland	P of Capalaba	13-1-4	59	£13-5-6	
Jan 1861	TLMP of Cleveland	P of Capalaba	24-0-0	68	£122-8-0	Deed ready for pickup May 1861
Jan 1861	TLMP of Cleveland	P of Capalaba	7-3-27	58	£7-18-4	
Jan 1861	TLMP of Cleveland	P of Capalaba	31-1-0	71	£31-5-0	
Feb 1861	TLMP of Cleveland	P of Capalaba	24-0-31	56	£24-3-11	
Feb 1861	TLMP of Cleveland	P of Capalaba	30-3-36	82	£30-19-6	Deed ready for pickup May 1861
May 1861			34	24		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside land
			30	57		Deed ready for pickup
			24	81		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			27-0-25	80		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			45-2-28	79		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			48	76		Deed ready for pickup, Thornside/Birkdale land
			24	62		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			26-0-0	60		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land

<i>When</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Portion/Lot</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Comments</i>
			18	75		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			26-0-10	72		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			21	73		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			13-2-24	74		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			12	66		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			11-2-0	65		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			16	63		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			9	64		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			23	70		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			8	67		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land
			12	69		Deed ready for pickup, Wellington Point land

Murray Prior Dealings in Land

Conveyances and Encumbrance Ledgers (Queensland State Archives)

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Thomas Lodge Murray Prior

<i>Property Location</i>	<i>Property Description</i>	<i>Transaction</i>
P of Indooroopilly	Portion 21	<i>Mar 1864, noted as 'Mortgage' [to Edward R Drury prior to him selling to CRH ?]</i>
P of Indooroopilly	Sub 2 Portion 24	Jul 1872, TLMP > Board of General Education. Red pen note in last column notes 'Rejected 22/8/73'
P of Capalaba	Subs 11 and 12, Sect 2, Portion 68 (Wellington Point)	<i>Jul 1864, noted as 'Conveyance' [Village of Wellington ??]</i>
P of Capalaba	Allot 6, 7, 8 and 10 Sect 2 Portion 68	<i>Feb 1865, noted as 'Conveyance</i>
P of Capalaba	Allot 3 and 4 Sect 1 Portion 68	<i>Jun 1865, noted as 'Conveyance</i>
P of Capalaba	Subs 13 and 16 P 68 ?	Jul 1865 TLMP > Matthew Brown Orr and James Honeyman
P of Capalaba	Sub 17 Portion 68	Oct 1865 TLMP > Clara Warner
	Allot 1 and 2, Sect 1 P ?	Oct 1865 TLMP > James Warner
P of Capalaba	Sub 9 Sect 2 P 66 / 67 / 68 ?	Dec 1865, TLMP > Isaac Markwell
P of Capalaba	4 and 5 Sect 2 Portion 68	Oct 1866, TLMP > Charles Beevor Davensy
P of Capalaba	21 and 22 Portion 69	Sep 1879, TLMP > Frederick Weckar
	18, 19 and 20 Portion 70	Sep 1879, TLMP > Catherine Bauer
P of Capalaba	13, 14 and 15 Portion 66	Sep 1880, TLMP > Alice Dewhurst
	4, 5 and 6 P ?	Sep 1880, TLMP > ?
P of Capalaba	5 Portion 67	Oct 1880, TLMP > Robert Robinson
P of Capalaba	5, 10 and 11 Portion 68	Apr 1881, TLMP > Johann Kock
	1 and 2 Portion 67	Apr 1881, TLMP > Henry Barltrop
P of Cleveland	2 / 93, 1 / 100 and 2, 3 and 4 / 107	Apr 1880. TLMP Registers Mortgage on Morres Murray Prior property

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Sth Brisbane	Allot 36	Feb 1866, Australian Joint Stock Bank > TLMP
Sth Brisbane	Subs 17, 23, 27, and 29 P 35 (or 38 ?)	Nov 1867, James Gibbon > TLMP
Sth Brisbane	Subs 17, 23, 27, 29, ESA 35 and ESA 36	Aug 1875, TLMP > Alfred Henry Brown
P of Yeerongpilly	61 acres [assumed Portion VI]	Apr 1866, release of TLMP Mortgage on land he sold to Nathan Knight
P of Moggill	Portions 40 - 52	Jan 1870, release of TLMP Mortgage on land sold to Patrick Mayne
? country leases ?	33 Parcels	May 1868, TLMP > J and W Wienholt
Laidley	Portions 156-159	May 1877, TLMP > John Sargent Turner, William Graham, William Charles Williams and Edward Wienholt

Thomas De Montmorency Murray Prior

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Melcombe	Selection 1594 Portion 12	Mar 1877, T d M > TLMP
Melcombe	Selection 1164 Portion 9	Sep 1877, T d M > TLMP
Telemon	Selection 1968 Portion 26 Selection 1662 Portion 12	Sep 1879, T d M > TLMP
P of Moggill	1 / C / Portion 23 10 / D / Portion 29	Sep 1879, T de M > Joseph Magee
	11 & 12 / D / P 28 and 29	Sep 1879, T de M > Thomas Heenan
P of Moggill	15 / D / Portion 27	Apr 1880, T de M > Bernard Heery
	13 / Portion 27 and 14 / P 28	Apr 1880, T de M > John Gillick
P of Moggill	8 / C / Portion 26	Dec 1880, T de M > Robert Disher Neilson
P of Moggill	5 and 6 / C / Portion 25	Jan 1881, T de M > William Finlay