

## Charters Towers Gold Mining Archive

The Charters Towers Gold Field lies some 1100 km NNW of Brisbane and 100 km SW of Townsville in north Queensland, Australia. To 1987, it was the third largest gold producer in Australia with a total cumulative output of 211 t Au at an average grade of 34 g/t Au.

The gold field was discovered in 1871 and sustained a production rate of over 6 tonnes (200 000 ounces) per year for 15 years from 1892 to 1906. The main operating mines were closed by 1918.

The main reef systems strike east-west and include the Brilliant, Day Dawn, Mexican, Queen and Sunburst lode zones, which extend over a strike length of five kilometres and are cut by NNW trending cross veins. A second east-west system, 800 m to the south, comprises the Golden Sunrise, Mary and Clark's Moonstone line of reefs, while a third system 500 m further south, includes the Ruby and Gladstone line of reefs. The most productive ore-bearing lodes (Day Dawn, Brilliant and Queen), dip to the north beneath the city of Charters Towers.

This archive consists of wage books and tributors books for gold mines, crushing mills and cyanide works in Charters Towers from 1895 to 1924, including Black Jack, Blantyre (Coal), Bonnie Dundee North, Brilliant and St George United (+Mill, Cyanide Works and Tributors Books), Brilliant Block (+Mill), Brilliant Central, Carrington's United (+Mill), Clarks Gold, Cumberland United, Day Dawn, Defiance (Mill), Moonstone and St. George, New Queen Cross, Queen Deeps, Rainbow (Mill), Victory (Charters Towers).

Please see the following archives for further information: Charters Towers Stock Exchange at 401R, the Day Dawn Mining Company at 401R, Ruby Queen Gold Mining Company at 24L, Don Johnson at 331R-339L, Ravenswood Mining Warden's Office at 40L, Venus Battery at 403M and 404M, Great Northern Freehold Tin Mining Co. Ltd, Francis Henry Bauer at 405, 406L, 406M, and Charles Overend Garbutt at 3R.

### References:

Porter Geoconsultancy.

<http://www.portergeo.com.au/database/mineinfo.asp?mineid=mn231> (accessed 10/03/2014)

**Archive Location: 24-26**

**Detailed Listing**

**Black Jack Gold Mining Co. N.L.** - Wages book for fortnight ending . . .  
CTGM/BJ/1 17.9.1938 - 3.2.1940

**Blantyre Coal Company** - Wages books, etc.  
CTGM/BC/1 3.2.1906 - 31.5.1909

**Bonnie Dundee North G.M.C.L.** - Wages book for fortnight ending . . .  
CTGM/BDM/1 25.1.1916- 31.10.1916

**Brilliant and St George United Gold Mining Coys** - Wages book for fortnight ending . . .  
CTGM/BSG/1 4.9.1901-19.3.1902  
CTGM/BSG/2 2.4.1902-29.10.1902  
CTGM/BSG/3 13.11.1902-27.5.1903  
CTGM/BSG/4 10.6.1903-23.12.1903  
CTGM/BSG/5 6.1.1904-20.7.1904  
CTGM/BSG/6 3.8.1904-1.2.1905  
CTGM/BSG/7 15.2.1905-25.4.1906  
CTGM/BSG/8 13.9.1905-25.4.1906  
CTGM/BSG/9 9.5.1906-16.1.1907  
CTGM/BSG/10 30.1.1907-6.11.1907  
CTGM/BSG/11 21.4.1909-9.8.1911  
CTGM/BSG/12 23.8.1911-17.2.1915

**Brilliant and St George Mill** - Wages book for fortnight ending  
CTGM/BSGM/1 25.5.1904-7.6.1905  
CTGM/BSGM/2 23.5.1906-4.12.1908  
CTGM/BSGM/3 3.6.1910-15.11.1911  
CTGM/BSGM/4 29.11.1911-1.10.1913

**Brilliant and St. George Cyanide Works** - Wages Books for fortnight ending  
CTGM/BSGC/1 27.5.1903-21.12.1904  
CTGM/BSGC/2 14.8.1908-28.1.1910  
CTGM/BSGC/3 11.2.1910-31.5.1911

**Brilliant and St. George United G.M.C.L.** - Tributors book  
CTGM/BSGU/1 14th February 1908-18th March 1916

Wages books for fortnight ending  
CTGM/BBC/1 11.6.1907 - 4.7. 1910  
CTGM/BBC/2 18.7.1910 - 19.5.1913  
CTGM/BBC/3 2.6.1913 - 1.5. 1916  
CTGM/BBC/4 15.5.1916 - 12.12.1918

**Brilliant Block Gold mine** - Wages Book for fortnight ending  
CTGM/BB/1 25.7.1905 - 13.11.1906  
CTGM/BB/2 27.11.1906 - 11.4.1910

CTGM/BB/3 5.5.1913 - 25.1.1915  
CTGM/BB/4 8.2.1915 - 30.4.1918

**Brilliant Block Mill - Wages Book for fortnight ending**

CTGM/BBM/1 18.5.1914 - 30.4.1917  
CTGM/BBM/2 14.5. 1917 -0.8.1919

**Brilliant Central Gold Mining Co. Ltd. - Wages Books for fortnight ending**

CTGM/BRC/1 27.2.1902-16.5.1903  
CTGM/BRC/2 16.3.1907-26.10.1907  
CTGM/BRC/3 9.11.1907-11.4.1908  
CTGM/BRC/4 10.4.1909-12.2.1910  
CTGM/BRC/5 26.2.1910-23.9.1911  
CTGM/BRC/6 7.10.1911-2.7.1914  
CTGM/BRC/7 19.5.1901-6.5.1902 Gold production book

**Carrington's United Mill - Wages book for fortnight ending**

CTGM/CUM/1 29.7.1905-21.3.1908

**Carrington's United Mines Ltd. - Wages Books for fortnight ending**

CTGM/CU/1 28.3.1905-1.6.1907  
CTGM/CU/2 15.6.1907-7.3.1908  
CTGM/CU/3 31.10.1908-19.2.1910  
CTGM/CU/4 1.3.1910-2.11.1912

**Clarks Gold Mines Limited - Wages Books for fortnight ending**

CTGM/CGM/1 1.10.1912-13.3.1916  
CTGM/CGM/2 27.3.1916-25.2.1918  
CTGM/CGM/3 11.3.1918-17.11.1919  
CTGM/CGM/4 1.12.1919-18.4.1921  
CTGM/CGM/5 2.5.1921-24.7.1922  
CTGM/CGM/6 7.8.1922-23.6.1924

**The Cumberland United Gold Mining Co. Ltd. - Wages book for fortnight ending**

CTGM/CUM/1 25.5.1912-14.8.1915

**Day Dawn Gold Mines Co. - Wages books for fortnight ending**

CTGM/DD/1 25.4.1903-13.2.1904  
CTGM/DD/2 2.10.1909-20.8.1918  
plus part of wages book 16. Aug. 1902-30 Aug. 1902 inside front cover of 1903-1904 volume

**Defiance Mill - Wages Book for fortnight ending**

CTGM/DM/1 1.3.1909-30.3.1918

**Moonstone and St. George Gold Mining Co. Ltd. - Wages Book etc.**

CTGM/MSG/1 3.3.1915 - 15.11.1915

**New Queen Cross Gold Mines Ltd. - Wages Books etc.**

CTGM/NQ/1. 30.8.1902 - 11.4.1903  
CTGM/NQ/2 23.4.1910 - 4.10.1913

CTGM/NQ/3 18.10.1913 - 21.8.1915  
CTGM/NQ/4 4.9.1915 - 27.3.1920

**Queen Deeps Mines** - Wages Books for fortnight ending  
CTGM/QD/1 18.10.1906 - 2.2.1911, 16.2.1911 - 25.3.1911

**Rainbow Mill** - Wages Books for fortnight ending  
CTGM/RM/1 13.4.1912 - 26.9.1914  
CTGM/RM/2 19.5.1917 - 10.1.1920  
CTGM/RM/3 20.2.1915 - 10.5.1915 - with miscellaneous entries.

**Victory (Charters Towers) Gold Mining Co. Ltd.** - Wages Books for the fortnight ending  
CTGM/V/1 (No. 4 Shaft) 9.9.1905-1.12.1906  
CTGM/V/2 (No. 4 Shaft) 15.12.1906-22.2.1908  
CTGM/V/3 (No. 4 Shaft) 27.11.1909-31.8.1912  
CTGM/V/4 (No. 4 Shaft) 14.9.1912-21.11.1914  
CTGM/V/5 (No. 4 Shaft) 5.12.1914-21.10.1916  
CTGM/V/6 (No. 4 Shaft)  
Tributors 5.7.1913-18.11.1916

Time books for fortnight ending

Possible from Brilliant Extended Mine?  
Possible for different shafts?

**W. Smith**

CTGM/TB/1 8.3.1910-14.6.1910  
CTGM/TB/2 27.6.1910-4.10.1910  
CTGM/TB/3 4.10.1910-24.1.1911  
CTGM/TB/4 7.2.1911-16.5.1911

**J. Grubben**

CTGM/TB/5 30.5.1911-19.9.1911

**J. Aldridge**

CTGM/TB/6 14.6.1910-20.9.1910  
CTGM/TB/7 20.9.1910-10.1.1911  
CTGM/TB/8 24.1.1911-16.5.1911  
CTGM/TB/9 16.5.1911-19.9.1911

**J. Viol**

CTGM/TB/10 13.12.1910-18.4.1911  
CTGM/TB/11 18.4.1911-8.8.1911

**Time book (source unknown)**

CTGM/TB/12 9.8.1950-10.5.1954

**New Brilliant Freeholds Gold Mining Co.** - Wages book for fortnight ending  
CTGM/NBF/1 3.10.1908-13.11.1909

**The New Brilliant Freeholds Gold Mining Co. Ltd.** - Wages Books for fortnight ending  
(Large volumes)

CTGM/NBF/2 27.11.1909-26.11.1910

CTGM/NBF/3 10.12.1910-27.4.1912

CTGM/NBF/4 11.5.1912-20.12.1913

CTGM/NBF/5 3.1.1914-12.8.1916

CTGM/NBF/6 26.8.1916-4.11.1916

**East Mexican G.M.C.L.** - Wages book

CTGM/EM/1 6.9.1906 - 27.10.1910 - damaged (in envelope)

**East Mexican Gold Mining Co. Ltd.** - Wages book fortnight ending (Large volumes)

CTGM/EM/2 11.11.1911-4.11.1916

CTGM/EM/3 18.11.1916-20.10.1917

**Mills Day Dawn United Gold Mines Co. Ltd.** - Wages book fortnight ending

CTGM/MDD/1 20.4.1895-25.1.1896

CTGM/MDD/2 24.12.1907 - 25.7.1908

CTGM/MDD/3 20.3.1909 - 13.11.1909

CTGM/MDD/4 27.11.1909 - 20.8.1910

CTGM/MDD/5 9.1910 - 8.7.1911

CTGM/MDD/6 22.7.1911 - 11.5.1912

CTGM/MDD/7 25.5.1912 - 21.6.1913

CTGM/MDD/8 5.7.1913 - 24.10.1914

CTGM/MDD/9 7.11.1914 - 23.9.1916

**Brilliant Extended G.M.C.L.** - Wages Books (large)

CTGM/BE/1 27.12.1910 - 5.9.11

CTGM/BE/2 19.9.1911 - 3.9.1912

CTGM/BE/3 17.9.1912 - 31.3.1914

CTGM/BE/4 9.5.1916 - 17.6.1919

**Brilliant Deeps Limited** - Wages Books for fortnight ending

CTGM/BD/1 3.7.1909 - 5.11.1910 (small)

CTGM/BD/2 5.11.1910 - 1.6.1912 (small)

CTGM/BD/3 7.2.1914 - 29.4.1916 (large)

CTGM/BD/4 13.5.1916 - 22.6.1918 (large)

**Tributors Records etc.** - (1 vol.) Large.

**Contents** CTGM/T/ 1

(a) Day Dawn Block ~ Wyndham Gold Mining Company Limited. pp. 1-17: 8.2.1909 - 8.7.1910

(b) Mills Day Dawn United Gold Mines Company Limited. pp. 18 - 44: 20.7.1910-30.6.1916, pp. 101 - 102: 22.7.1910 - 24.7.1910

(c) Victory Gold Mining Company Limited. p.46: 27.7.1917 - 12.9.1917

(d) Brilliant Deeps, p.47: 8.11.1916 — 11.4.1917

(e) New Brilliant Freeholds Gold Mining Co. Ltd. Gold Mining Leases - Record (1 vol.) pp. 95 - 101: 14.3.1910 - 2.7.1910, 23.1.1915 — 1.5.1918

**Gold Mining Leases - Record (vol. 1)**

CTGM/L/1 (Cover title:- Receipt Book Instruments. Gold Mining Leases).