

Cummins and Campbell Ltd. Archive

This firm was established in 1889 as wine and spirits and general merchants. The head office was in Flinders Street, Townsville. The founders were John Cummins and Aylmer Campbell. The business grew rapidly and its activities extended throughout the sugar districts and the western pastoral and mining areas.

The company filled the gap left in the north after the diversification of Burns Philp and the removal of its headquarters to Sydney; its prosperity waxed initially through its dealings with the revived Charters Towers goldfield—Aylmer Campbell managed the first branch there but died before 1909. Branches were established at Cairns, Bowen, Innisfail and Ingham with agencies at Ayr, Hughenden, Yungaburra and Cloncurry and a depot at Mount Isa. Cummins became one of a triumvirate of local merchants including James Burns and Samuel Allen of Samuel Allen & Sons who dominated the commerce of Townsville and North Queensland from the first settlement.

For many years the firm's house journal, Cummins & Campbell's Monthly Magazine, was almost the sole repository of writing on North Queensland.

In the late 1970s, Cummins and Campbell came under the control of Carlton and United Breweries.

Reference:

Ian N. Moles, "Cummins, John. (1857–1934)," Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/cummins-john-5845>

Archive Location: 328R-329R

Detailed Listing

CC/1/1 Reports and Balance Sheets for 31 July 1899 to 31 July 1926.

CC/1/1/L1 Exparte - Cummins and Campbell Ltd. Opinion by John L. Woolcock, Town Hall Chambers June 29, 1911, 4p.

CC/1/1/L2 List of Shareholders in [Queensland?] 1p.

CC/1/1/L3 Comparison of Balance Sheet for 12 months ending 31.7.32 for Cummins and Campbell, and ending 30.6.32 for Allens, 1p. Balance Sheet for Cummins and Campbell Ltd. ending 31.7.33, 1p.

CC/1/2 Reports and Balance Sheets (looseleaf) for:

31 July 1929, one copy

31 July 1931, one copy

31 July 1932, one copy

31 July 1933, one copy

31 July 1934, one copy

31 July 1935, one copy

31 July 1936, one copy

31 July 1937, one copy

31 July 1941, one copy

31 July 1942, one copy

31 July 1943, one copy

31 July 1945, one copy

31 July 1946, one copy

31 July 1947, one copy

31 July 1948, one copy

CC/1/3 Reports and Balance sheets for 31 July 1899 to 31 July 1944.

CC/1/4 Reports and Balance sheets for 31 July 1914 to 31 July 1919.

CC/1/5 Report and Balance sheets (looseleaf) for:

31 July 1899, one copy

31 July 1920, one copy

31 July 1921, one copy

31 July 1922, one copy

31 July 1923, one copy

31 July 1924, one copy

31 July 1925, one copy

CC/1/5/L1 Copy of letter to Cairns Branch giving policy laid down by Cummins and Campbell for payment of staff (male) during World War II, dated 31 October, 1939, 3p.

CC/1/5/L2 Copy of memo to: Messrs W. Cummins, R. Hall, P.V. Farrelly and R. Meyers. Regarding Payment of men at camp duty, dated 21 September 1939, 1p.

CC/1/5/L3 Material relating to Sister Kenny Memorial, regarding deduction of 5% of one week's income for this scheme by staff of Cummins and Campbell dated 22 June 1937, 3p.

CC/2/1 Security Register noting records of leases, tenancy agreements from approximately 1915 to 1926.

CC/2/2 Security Register noting records of leases, tenancy agreements from approximately 1926 to 1937.

CC/2/3 Security Register noting records of leases, tenancy agreements from approximately 1927 to 1944.

CC/2/4 Security Register noting records of leases, tenancy agreements from approximately 1936 to 1945.

CC/3/1 Shareholders Register 1920 - 1957 includes various notes and letter to shareholder Mr. Ernst J. Mende regarding an incorrect share certificate.

CC/3/2 Share certificates issued in 1957 and 1958, from Numbers 349 to 599 (250 in all) with 'cancelled' stamp.

CC/4/1 Wages Book 1936 - 1939

Includes sheets of notes (22p.). Regarding wages, National Insurance, voting, Sister Kenny Memorial Fund, etc.

CC/5/1 Cummins and Campbell Seals Book 1939 - 1962. Use of company Seal for various documents in this time period.

Includes:

CC/5/1/1 Letter from Roberts, Leu and North regarding Collinsville Hotel receipt of rent and painting moneys dated 28 June 1957, 2p.

CC/5/1/2 Sub-Agency Agreement relating to the Appointment of Passenger Booking Agents, dated 20 February 1956, 3p, 2 copies. Both have 'cancelled' on all pages.

CC/5/1/3 Application for License to use Franking Machine, 2p.

Bond by User of Franking Machine, 2p., dated 1 February 1956.