

J.F. Currie Archive

J F Currie, a former Atherton Shire Clerk and Secretary of the Atherton Chamber of Commerce, was a strong advocate of the development of the North by means of British and European immigration in the post-World War II period.

Most of this collection consists of documents about tenders and loans relating to fencing work and dates from 1940-1941. Also included is the text of the 'Proposed Scheme as adopted by the Tableland and Coastal Shires of North Queensland for Submission to the Development and Migration Commission'. This submission was the ultimate result of Mr. Currie's advocacy for development of the North by closer settlement.

These records can usefully be read in conjunction with the records of the Atherton Shire Council.

Archives Location: Cairns 054L

Detailed Listing

CU/1 Book containing a series of newspaper cuttings of articles relating to the development of North Queensland. Included is the "Proposed Scheme As Adopted by the Tableland and Coastal Shires of North Queensland for Submission to the Development and Migration Commission". This submission is in full and was the ultimate result of the continual advocacy of Mr. J.F. Currie for, the development of land for closer settlement.

CU/2 - CU/25 Contained in a manila folder.

CU/2 Advertisement from the Atherton Shire Council calling tenders for fencing pound reserves, dated 8/2/1941, signed
J. Taylor - Shire Clerk. 1p. Typescript carbon copy.

CU/3 Atherton Shire Council. Proposed loan of £300 - itemised estimate of costs for pound and pound yard. 1p. Typescript

CU/4 Atherton Shire Council. Specifications for pound yard. Loan work. 2p. Typescript

CU/5 Carbon copy of form from the Atherton Shire Council calling tenders for fencing through Cassidy's. 1p. Typescript

- CU/6** Lands Department map of Atherton: Shire of Barron, County of Mares Plan No. 157.89.
Attached: (i) Type copy of invitation to tender for fencing, dated November 28, 1940, signed: J. Taylor Shire Clerk. 2p. Typescript
- CU/7** Fencing of pound yard. Description as per estimate. 2p. Manuscript
- CU/8** Letter from The Treasury to the Shire Clerk, Atherton, re loan £300 and when a claim for an advance may be expected, dated December 4, 1940. 1p. Manuscript
Attached: (i) Request from the Atherton Shire Council for a quote for a supply of timber. 1p. Manuscript
- CU/9** Letter from the Shire Clerk to the District Engineer requesting application for first advance against loan, dated December 11, 1940. 1p. Typescript
Attached: (i) Letter to the Under Secretary, The Treasury dated December 11, 1940. 1p. Typescript.
(ii) Claim of 1.18.6 on loan for Pound and Pound-yard, dated November 11, 1940. 1p. Typescript
(iii) Certification of expenditure of first claim from the Atherton Shire Council. 1p. Typescript
- CU/10** Reply to Shire Clerk, Atherton Shire Council referring to claim on loan and method of application, dated December 20, 1940, from District Engineer, Queensland Main Roads Department, Townsville. 1p. Typescript
Attached: (i) Duplicate progress reports, January 4, 1941. 2p. Typescript
(ii) Progress report of work period no. 1, ending December 6, 1940. 1p. Typescript
- CU/11** Letter to the Atherton Shire Clerk acknowledging Progress Report of works by the Queensland Main Roads Commission dated, March 10, 1941, signed by the District Engineer at Townsville. 1p. Typescript
- CU/12** Letter from the Treasury (Brisbane) re: acceptance of the tender of Messrs. W. English and W. Young, dated March 27, 1941, signed by the Under Secretary. 1p. Typescript
Attached: (i) Tender from Messrs. Southwood and Burrowes, dated March 3, 1941. 1p. Manuscript
(ii) Tender from Messrs. English and Young. Undated. 2p. Manuscript
(iii) Copy of advertisement - newspaper cutting dated 8/2/1941.
The copy of the advertisement is attached to the back of an authorisation to issue out of the 'Public Account' moneys likely to become due and payable during one month from the 9th day of July, 1925. This document is signed by Sir Matthew Nathan, then Governor of Queensland. 1p. Typescript
- CU/13** Claim No. 2 from the Atherton Shire Council on loan of £300 for fencing pound reserve, dated May 22, 1941. 1p. Typescript carbon copy
Attached: (i) Application for advance, dated May 22, 1941. 1p. Typescript

- CU/14** Letter to Atherton Shire Clerk acknowledging receipt of Council's claim no. 2 from the Queensland Main Roads Commission - Townsville, dated June 12, 1941., signed by the District Engineer. 1p. Typescript
- CU/15** Memorandum from the Treasury, enclosing a cheque for £44.4.4 dated June 23, 1941 in payment of advance of Loan for fencing pound reserve. 1p. Typescript
- CU/16** Letter to the Under Secretary, The Treasury, re application for an advance on the loan, dated June 26, 1941. 1p. Typescript
Attached: (i) Notes for claim no. 3. 2p. Typescript and Manuscript
(ii) Claim no. 3, dated June 26, 1941. 1p. Typescript
- CU/17** Letter from The Treasury re: Fencing Pound Reserve and also refers to cheque, dated August 19, 1941. 1p. Typescript
- CU/18** Progress Report of Work for period no. 2, ending May 17, 1941. 2p. Typescript
- CU/19** Calculations. 7 pages rough figures. Manuscript
- CU/20** Pamphlet: A Jubilee history of the Discovery of Tin at Herberton fifty years ago April, 1880 - April , 1930 and of the Great Northern Freehold Tin Company Ltd. 3p.
- CU/21** Advertisement. Atherton Shire Council. Loan and subsidy works. Tenders for fencing in *The Tableland Examiner and Barron Valley Advocate*, dated November 29, 1940. p.5. Complete issue. 6p.
- CU/22** Advertisement. Atherton Shire Council. Loan and Subsidy Works. Tenders for fencing. *The Cairns Post*, December 2, 1940. p.1. Newspaper clipping.
- CU/23** Advertisement. Atherton Shire Council. Loan and Subsidy Works. Tenders for fencing. *The Cairns Post*, November 30, 1940. p.1. - Newspaper clipping
- CU/24** Letter from the Treasury re Progress Reports, dated May 27, 1941. 1p. Manuscript
- CU/25** (i) Atherton Shire Council. Impoundment Notice, *The Tableland Examiner and Barron Valley Advocate*, January 20, 1939. p.5. Newspaper clipping
- CU/26** Cobb & Co. Royal Flying Doctor Service, 1963 coach run souvenir flag.