

Grant Family Archive

Members of the Grant family have lived in the Innot Springs - Mt Garnett area of north Queensland since the late 1880s. This collection consists of 74 diaries written over the period 1888-1962.

For the period 1894-1899 there are diaries written by J.H. Grant who, with his brothers F.S. and E.N. Grant, was lessee of Woodleigh Station.

The diaries of Franklin Stanhope Grant (b. 1860, d 1926) cover the period 1889-1926 and are the most detailed in the collection. They cover not only periods at Woodleigh Station and Valley of Lagoons but also periods at Cue on the Murchison goldfields and in Victoria and Tasmania.

Jessie R. Grant kept a diary during 1927 when she was managing Mandalee Station and again during 1929-1931, the latter recording her overseas travel.

The diaries of James Lionel Grant, 1928-1962 are not as detailed as earlier writings but cover a period of considerable change in the pastoral industry.

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Photographic copies from Microfilm negatives: 7 diaries covering
period 1889-1896

Originals: At Cairns Historical Society (Pocket size)

Donor: Mrs Allen, on behalf of Mrs Jessie Johnson
nee Grant, Malanda

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(A) J.H. GRANT'S DIARIES (WOODLEIGH STATION) 1894-1899 - (Quarto Size)

JHG1/1894 No enclosures.

JHG2/1895 No enclosures.

JHG3/1896 (Included period 1-31 January, 1897)
Enclosures : (i) receipt dated 2 September [1896?];
(ii) note re: Cong Coo's credit and debit.

JHG4/1897 (February 1st to 31 December 1897). No enclosures.

JHG5/1898 No enclosures.

JHG6/1899 (1 January to 2 July. No entries for period 3 July to 23 August. Pages from 24 August onwards missing from diary). Enclosures: correspondence H.G. Grant to Mr. Grant [probably J.L. Grant]. 28 September 1928

(Quarto size, except for 1918 and 1923 which are Octavo).

NOTE: Diaries FSG1/1889 - FSG7/1896 are listed separately

- FSG8/1897 (28 January - 31 December). No enclosures.
- FSG9/1898 No enclosures.
- FSG10/1899 Enclosure: Messages on small memorandum note-book page.
- FSG11/1900 Enclosure: Correspondence F.[?]. Henry Shadforth to F. Grant, 28 April [1899?] in an envelope.
- FSG12/1901 (21 January 1901 - 5 February 1902. Entries for period 21 January - 30 March 1901 on separate pages pinned to main diary).
Enclosures: (i) Notice re lost horse; (ii) receipt of horses for agistment from Irvinebank Mining Coy; (iii) Newspaper Cuttings - source and date unknown.
- FSG13/1902 Enclosures: (i) List of horses on agistment at Mandalee; (ii) newspaper cutting from Wild River Times, date unknown, entitled "A Long Range Weather Forecast"; (iii) newspaper cutting "The Governor-General". Source and date unknown.
- FSG14/1903 (Includes period 1-7 January 1904). Enclosures: (i) draft petition from residents in the neighbourhood of Innot Hot Springs [to PMG?], no date [1903?], in the handwriting of F.S. Grant, complaining about the sudden stoppage of direct mail from Herberton and Mareeba to Mt. Garnet; (ii) correspondence from N. Rogers to F.S. Grant, 31 January [1903?], re: horses; (iii) business statements between F.S. Grant (Mandalee Grazing Farm) and Irvinebank Mining Coy., 1 August 1902 and 14 January 1903 re; agistment and other services; (iv) business statements between F.S. Grant and Messrs. Jack and Newell, 30 June 1903.
- FSG15/1904 Enclosures: (i) commercial advertisement for patent "Stout Buff" copying paper; (ii) business statement between F.S. Grant and D.J. Cronin, 6 May 1904, re: agistment.
- FSG16/1905 Enclosure: Business statement between F.S. Grant and Irvinebank Mining Coy. Ltd., 17 January 1905.

Note: From 24 November 1905 to 27 January 1906 F.S. Grant and family away and W.H. Broad in charge.
- FSG17/1906 Enclosures: (i) Business statement between F.S. Grant and Irvinebank Mining co., 30 January 1905; (ii) business statement between F.S. Grant and J.O. Garbutt, 16 November 1906; (iii) message from W.M. Fox giving permission for B. Fox to take delivery of horses. Attached to a page of notes re agistments.
- FSG18/1907 (1-9 January 1908) Enclosures : (i) list re: brands of horses; (ii) business statement between F.S. Grant and Mr. Williams (coach proprietor), 12 February 1907; (iii) Business statement between F.S. Grant and Irvinebank Mining Co. Ltd., 1 July 1907; (iv) business statement between F.S. Grant and Irvinebank Mining co., January 1907; (v) business statement between F.S. Grant and Vulcan Tin Mining Co., 10 January 1907.

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Box 2: 34 diaries covering period 1924-1962.

FRANKLIN STANHOPE GRANT'S DIARIES cont...

- FSG35/1924 Enclosures: (i) Statement of account from F. Winkleman, 27 November 1924; (ii) Letter D. Collins to F. Grant, 22 & 24 May [1924?]; (iii) Newspaper cutting "Mrs Warren's Daughter". Source and date unknown; (iv) Note re: cost of fencing; (v) F.S. Grant to Land Commissioner, 24 July 1924.
- FSG36/1925 Enclosures: (i) Note written by A.J. Cotton undated; (ii) Copy of letter from F.S. Grant to Chairman & Councillors, Shire of Herberton, 29 December 1925 [on back of (iii)]; (iii) A.C. Bellamy to F.S. Grant 13 September 1925; (iv) Letter [indecipherable signature] to F.S. Grant, 15 July 1925; (v) H. Robinson to Mary [Robinson?], 21 September [1925?]; (vi) Helen Colman to F.S. Grant, 8 May 1925; (vii) Helen Colman to F.S. Grant, 7 December, 1925; (viii) Various notes re: brands and costs.
- FSG37/1926 (Note Franklin Stanhope Grant's death occurred 20 December, 1926. Jessie R. Grant writing in diary from 8 November 1926). Enclosures: (i) Memorandum Les to F.S. Grant, 1926; (ii) List of articles in "Grant Family Box" handed over by Ritchie and Parker; (iii) Form 57 - An application for Certificate of performance of conditions on selection (Under Land Act 1910). No date; (iv) Note M.W. to F.S. Grant 21 June 1926.

C. JESSIE ROSINA GRANT'S DIARIES (Quarto size)

(a) MANDALEE, 1927.

- JRG1/1927 Enclosures: (i) Letter Jessie R Grant to Mrs. Lucy, no date; (ii) Letter Jess R. Grant to Mr. Hamilton, 15 September 1927; (iii) Cutting from magazine (source and date unknown) - a photograph of Mount Leviathan near Cloncurry; (iv) J. Grant-Thomson (Water Supply Department) to F.S. Grant, 20 March 1923; (v) Prices listed for various articles on Smellie and Co. note paper; (vi) Two (2) unused forms (No.82) entitled "Way Bill: The Diseases in stock Act of 1915"; (vii) Statement of account between Mrs. Lucy and Mrs. Grant October 1927; (viii) Statement of account between Mrs. Grant and Len Lucy, 28 November, 1927.

(b) OVERSEAS, 1929-1931.

- JRG2/1929-30 (12 October 1929 - 28 June 1930)
Enclosures: (i) Various cuttings from British news-

papers re: King and Queen's Thanksgiving Service for the preservation of St. Paul's Cathedral, circa June 1930; (ii) Programme for Christian Fellowship Service 28 May [1930?]; (iii) Barbara C. Gibson (Sec. North Qld. Auxiliary of the Diocese of North Qld.) to Mrs. Grant, 8 June 1930; (iv) Quarterly Paper: Diocese of Kalgoorlie, No. 51, May 1930; (v) Programme of services held at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, January 1930; (vi) Invitation from the High Commissioner of Australia to Mrs. Grant to attend "Trooping of the Colour, 1930 - Full dress rehearsal"; (vii) Information sheet on the Great Western Railway Educational Excursion; (viii) Programme of services at Westminster Abbey at Funeral of Randall Thomas Lord Davidson of Lambeth (Archbishop of Canterbury 1903-1923), 29 May 1930; (ix) Newspaper cutting entitled "A Picturesque Australian Wedding", 17 April 1930. Source unknown; (x) Bill - Hotel des Colonies, Paris no date; (xi) Booklet entitled "London Fire Brigade", no date; (xii) Letter Lionel Halsey to Mrs. Grant, 4 June, 1930.

JRG3/1930-31 (14 October 1930 - 23 February 1931). No enclosures.

D. JAMES LIONEL GRANT'S DIARIES (MANDALEE).

1928 - 1962 (Octavo size, with the exception of the 1928-9 volume.)

JLG1/1928-9 (Irregular entries for 1928, with a record of events for the period 1 November 1929 to 2 January 1930 included at back).
No enclosures.

JLG2/1931 No enclosures.

JLG3/1932 Enclosure: Advertisement for Milk Separator.

JLG4/1933 Enclosures: (i) Deputy Commissioner (Department of Irrigation and Water Supply) to J.L. Grant, 6 April 1934; (ii) Record of rainfall at Mandalee for 1933; (iii) Record of rainfall at Mandalee for 1932 [on back of (iv)]; (iv) Circular from S.P. Swan (Burns Philp and Co. Cairns) no date.

JLG5/1934 No enclosures.

JLG6/1935 No enclosures.

JLG7/1937 No enclosures.

JLG8/1938 Enclosure: Record of rainfall at Mandalee for 1938.

JLG9/1939 No enclosures.

JLG10/1940 No enclosures.

JLG11/1941 Enclosure: Copy of a letter to Manager Bank of New South Wales, 6 April 1943.

- FSG19/1908 Enclosures: (i) draft letter from F.S. Grant to Messrs. F. Lassetter and Co. Ltd. (Sydney), 26 August 1908; (ii) correspondence R.T. McManus (shipping and forwarding agent) to F.S. Grant, 26th November 1908, re: dispatch of sundry items including horizontal bar; (iii) list of missing livestock owned by Mr. Alston, no date; (iv) Gordon and Gotch bookmark - "What shall I read next?".
- FSG20/1909 Enclosures: (i) Brands and description of horses belonging to Irvinebank Mining Coy. at Mandalee, 1 March 1909; (ii) letter Fred. Robinson to Frank Grant 31 December/1 January [1908/1909/] mentioning "Asia" shares, weather, and the Carpentaria affair; (iii) rough notes re: agistment; (iv) empty envelope with Miss Robinson's address on it; (v) newspaper cutting from North Queensland Register, 6 March 1909, re: eradication of star-burr; (vi) shopping-list.
- FSG21/1910 Enclosures: (i) unused telegram form; (ii) Leslie Grant's Report Card, Herberton State School, Class 4, for a period of 20 school days ending 11 February 1910; (iii) Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Coy. Ltd. to F.S. Grant, 16 November [1910?] re: Policy 35; (iv) Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co. Ltd., Interest notice (date due 1 January 1911) and renewal notice (date due 1 January 1910); (v) Mutual Life & Citizens' Accident and Sickness Assurance, classification by occupants. No date; (vi) Note - "approximate wire used boundary fence 1909"; (vii) three (3) faded and unidentifiable photographs, no date or notation; (viii) Business statement between F.S. Grant and Vulcan Tin Mining Co., 11 May 1908; (ix) Cutting from North Queensland Herald, no date; (x) Business statement between F.S. Grant and Wm. Rogers (Irvinebank Mining Co. Ltd) 1 July 1910; (xi) return butt no. 8818 for General Election 1910, Commonwealth of Australia Department of Home Affairs; (xii) Letter Thomas J. Atkinson to J.S. Grant, 23 June 1910 (in envelope); (xiii) Newspaper cutting (no date, source unknown) entitled "A snake incident: the published version of a letter from F.S. Grant to Wallace Grant."
- FSG22/1911 Enclosures: (i) List headed "Mrs. Meredith's furniture" (ii) Notice from North Queensland Newspaper Co., notifying readers that the North Queensland Register will be published in Townsville in future.
- FSG23/1912 No enclosures.
- FSG24/1913 Enclosures: (i) Letters J.B. Purton to Grant, 1 May and November 1912. [Some social and political comments] ; Verses (7) of Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-Ay; (iii) Newspaper cutting re: Herberton High School; (iv) Commissioners of National Education, Ireland, handwriting guide. No date.
- FSG25/1914 Enclosures: (i) Illustrated handout entitled "Theory and practice of handwriting"; (ii) List of mules to be castrated; (iii) Correspondence from Warden's office Herberton to F.S. Grant, 24 April, 1913, advising him Miner's Homestead Lease No. 1252 forfeited for non-payment of rent.
- FSG26/1915 Enclosure: Jess Grant to Frank Grant, pp.4-5 only. No

- FSG27/1916 Enclosures: (i) Business statements between Jack & Newell and F.S. Grant, 31 December 1915 and 29 January 1916; (ii) Receipts from Queensland Railways, 15 December 1915 and 3 March 1916; (iii) Note with monetary calculations signed J.R.G.; (iv) Note with information re: costs and supply of shelter and oats; (v) Note with information re: cost and supply of cyclone gate; (vi) Fencing plan with measurements.
- FSG28/1917 Enclosures: (i) Letter David Jones Limited to F.S. Grant, 1 November 1917; (ii) Statements of account with David Jones Ltd, 23 November 1917 and 23 January 1918; (iii) Commonwealth Savings Bank to F.S. Grant, 25 February 1918; (iv) Poster. Monster Art Union, 4 August 1917; (v) Statements of account with F.Lassetter & Co. Ltd., 11 February and 14 March 1918.
- FSG29/1918
FSG30/1919 Enclosure: List of mares foaled.
Enclosures: (i) Correspondence F.S. Grant to Protector of Aborigines, Mt. Garnet, 1 August, 1919; (ii) Tickets for Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade Hospital Art Union; (iii) Accounts outstanding May 1919; (iv) S. Wilson (Hon. Sec. Herberton Repatriation Committee) to F.S. Grant, 7 April 1919; (v) S. Wilson to F.S. Grant, 27 May 1919 re: donation of a horse; (vi) Commonwealth Bank of Australia withdrawal Form.
- FSG31/1920 Enclosures: (i) Letter Wallace Grant to F.S. Grant, 23 July 1920 [interesting political comments]; (ii) [Leslie Grant?] to Mandalee people, 25 July 1920.
- FSG32/1921 Enclosures: (i) Government publication. E.H.F. Swain, "Forestry or Farming - or Both?". No date. (ii) Receipt from F. Lassetter and Coy. Ltd, 8 December 1921; (iii) Newspaper cutting. Poem entitled "Off to the bush" by N. Francis. Source and date unknown; (iv) Receipt from A.P. Grenfield & Co. to J.R. Grant, 8 August, 1921; (v) Les to F.S. Grant, 18 February 1921; (vi) Jose Price to F.S. Grant, 19 August 1921.
- FSG33/1922 Enclosures: (i) E.C. Wright and Co. to F.S. Grant, 20 January 1922; (ii) Newspaper cutting entitled "Fall in Land Values", Cairns Post, 1922; (iii) Letter from niece/nephew [identity unknown] to F.S. Grant, 8 July 1922; (iv) Statement of account from Armstrong, Ledlie & Stillmen to Mrs. J.S. Grant, 30 September 1922; (v) F.S. Grant to Land Commissioner, 8 June 1922 requesting 12 months extension of licence to occupy grazing homestead lease no. 1020; (vi) Copy of telegram F.S. Grant to Smellie & Co. (Cairns), 10 April 1923; (vii) Deputy Federal Commissioner of Taxation to F.S. Grant, 7 March 1923; (viii) Booklet on "The Message Aural Apparatus for the Relief of Deafness"; (ix) Newspaper clipping (source unknown) entitled "Rates of Postage", 12 December 1921; (x) Various invoices and receipts.
- FSG34/1923 No enclosures.

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| JLG12/1942 | (Includes January 1943). No enclosures. |
| JLG13/1943-4 | No enclosures. |
| JLG14/1945-6 | No enclosures. |
| JLG15/1947 | (Includes 1-16 January 1948) No enclosures. |
| JLG16/1948 | No enclosures. |
| JLG17/1949-50 | (Includes to February 1950). No enclosures. |
| JLG18/1951 | No enclosures. |
| JLG19/1952 | No enclosures. |
| JLG20/1953 | (To 8 January 1954) No enclosures. |
| JLG21/1954 | No enclosures. |
| JLG22/1955 | (To 5 January 1956). No enclosures. |
| JLG23/1956 | No enclosures. |
| JLG24/1957 | No enclosures. |
| JLG25/1958 | No enclosures. |
| JLG26/1959 | (To January 1960). No enclosures. |
| JLG27/1960 | No enclosures. |
| JLG28/1962 | No enclosures. |