

Edward Yule Lowry Archive

Edward Yule Lowry was a prominent socialist, active in trade unionism and labour politics in Townsville and the surrounding districts during the 1880's and 90's. He was born in London in 1846 and arrived in Australia in 1866 as a crew member aboard the "Sultana". Lowry helped organise wharf labourers in Townsville in 1887 and was agent to the seaman's union at Townsville upon his death in 1898. He travelled widely across Northern Queensland promoting the labour movement and the principles of the eight-hour day and supported the families of jailed Shearers Strikers in 1891. Lowry was a ubiquitous and eloquent writer, often quoting Shakespeare and Shelly. He signed his many letters to editors, Socialist, Ross Island. He was twice a parliamentary candidate, and elected Alderman of South Townsville. Lowry died suddenly in November 1898 at the age of 52.

This archive is Lowry's own collection of his published letters and various correspondences.

Archive Location: 403R

Detailed Listing

EYL 1 Proclamation to members of the Queensland Shearers Union etc. 1891. (See Shearer's Strike Trophy photo presented by property owners to NQ mounted infantry for holding down the Shearers Strike in the Charters Towers Historical Album, NQ Photographic Collection (NQID11605).

EYL 2 Municipal Policy of the Labour Candidates

EYL 3 Notice 'The other side of the present struggle for freedom'

EYL 4 Pamphlet 'An answer to Rev. Andrew Horan's structures on Labour agitators' 1894

EYL 5 Australian Labour Federation Political Platform

EYL 6 Balance Sheet, Maritime Strike, 1890

EYL 7 Australian Labour Federation notice 'Labour in Politics'

EYL 8 Notice 'Reasons Why You should join the Associated Waterside Union'

EYL 9 Federated Seamen's Union of Australasia Notice 'To all seamen resident in Queensland'

EYL 10 Platform ... Associated Workers Union

EYL 11 Two notices, Associated Waterside Union

EYL 12 Eight unattributed printed fragments

EYL 13 57 mounted press cuttings 1887-1897 from:

Brisbane Chronicle, Brisbane Courier, Daily Post (N.S.W.), Democrat, Liberator, New Australia, North Queensland Herald, Queensland Figaro, Townsville Daily Bulletin, Townsville Evening Star, Townsville Herald, The Worker