



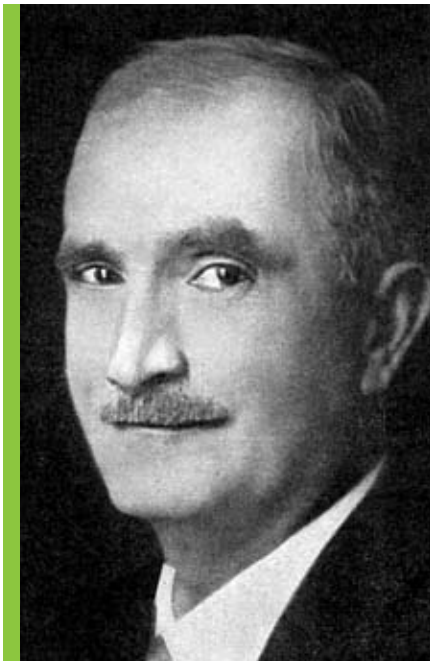
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On Our Selection - 36,196 LAN/AG FILES MICROFILMED



Steele Rudd. QSA Item ID 935749.

Many of our readers will remember with great affection the Dad and Dave characters made famous by Queensland author Arthur Hoey Davis (aka Steele Rudd). His book *On Our Selection* provided a humorous account of the trials and tribulations of life on a plot of land 'selected' in the late 1800s.

Thanks to the completion of a 10-year project, Queensland State Archives has microfilmed nearly one million pages of land selection files for agricultural and pastoral leases from 1868 to 1885 (Series ID 14033), which includes the deeds of the Davis family 'selection'.

These popular files contain selection applications, surveys, leases and the occasional marriage certificate.

The Davis file contains a letter written in 1879 from Rudd's father, Thomas Davis, to the Minister for Lands demanding his title deeds in order to secure a loan

against his 160 acres at Haldon on the Darling Downs.

In the letter he asks the Minister to use his influence to speed up the bureaucratic process so he can raise the money needed to "carry on my farming operations, being one of those suffering with the late dry season".

Visit online at www.archives.qld.gov.au, to search the archives' database by entering the person's name (last name first) to discover the reference for these records.

Once you have the reference, you can either visit the public search room at 435 Compton Road or telephone or email a request to photocopy the contents of the file.

Queensland State Archives' microfilm program plays an important role in ensuring the preservation of important and popular documents in the collection, making some of the more fragile records easily available to future researchers.

New Preservation advices available on QSA website

Preservation Services staff are committed to the implementation of sound preservation management procedures and have prepared advice to help members of the public.

These documents can be found on the QSA website at <http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/publications/preservation.asp> or phone Preservation Services on 3131 7777.

What's New for Researchers

- Insolvency and Audit Insolvency files – now in ArchivesSearch database
- Updated Search Procedures, virtual exhibitions and new indexes now on website

QSA2 Expansion Update

Recent visitors to QSA will have noticed that the placement of the roof on the new building is underway. Nine water harvesting tanks have been installed in the basement. These will collect stormwater from the roof and recycled water from cooling tower operations for use in irrigation and toilet flushing. Queensland State Archives would like to congratulate architect, Bretton Watson, on winning Designer of the Year at the recent Department of Public Works' Project Services Excellence Awards for his work on QSA2. QSA will continue to operate as usual during the construction period.

Special Commendation for Archives' Conservator

Christine Ianna, Queensland State Archives' Manager of Preservation Services, has been awarded a prestigious Museum and Gallery special commendation for her dedication to the field of preservation and conservation in the cultural sector.

Last year, the Johnstone Shire Council acknowledged Christine's practical advice following the damage to some council records after Cyclone Larry. A number of the shire councils in Far North Queensland have since adopted Preservation Services Unit's recommendations for improved storage conditions for their records.



Date Claimers:

Morning tea with the State Archivist dates for 2008

Wednesday 14 May

Wednesday 15 October

Time 10 am to 11 am

Lecture Theatre 1, Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

The Release of the 1977 Cabinet Minutes

The release of the 1977 Cabinet Minutes is an eagerly awaited event each New Year. Excerpts from the Minutes can be downloaded from our website www.archives.qld.gov.au from early January 2008.

Beginning Research at QSA

Tuesday 22 January 2008

Time 10 am to 11 am

Lecture Theatre 2, Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

An introduction to conducting research at Queensland State Archives.

The Queensland Rag Trade

Saturday 9 February 2008

Time 1 pm to 4 pm

Lecture Theatre 2, Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

Joint Seminar with National Archives of Australia and State Library of Queensland Heritage Collections – The Queensland Rag Trade: a look at the records relating to the fashion and textile industries.

ArchivesSearch Seminar

Wednesday 20 February 2008

Time 10 am to 11 am

Lecture Theatre 2, Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

This seminar show how to use the Queensland State Archives online database to locate records.

Harmony Day Seminar

Thursday 20 March 2008

Time 10 am to 11 am

Lecture Theatre 2, Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

A seminar to celebrate Harmony Day recognising the importance of multiculturalism in Queensland's history. This seminar will focus on records relating to Chinese immigration and their contribution to Queensland history.



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Image Queensland Seminar

Wednesday 23 April 2008

Time 10 am to 11 am

Lecture Theatre 2, Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

A seminar to introduce the new Image Queensland service and learn how to use ArchivesSearch to locate images held at Queensland State Archives.

History Queensland's biennial Family History Fair

Sunday 1 June 2008

Mt Gravatt Showgrounds

Clear your diaries for the Family History Fair. Fair organisers have decided to start the party early for the State's 150th birthday celebrations in 2009 and are looking for the stories you have discovered that relate to 150 years of Queensland for a competition. More details in the next Runcorn Record.

Season's Greetings

Director and State Archivist, Janet Prowse and the staff of Queensland State Archives wish Runcorn Record readers a happy holiday season and a prosperous 2008.

Christmas Closure

Queensland State Archives and the Public Search Room will close from Tuesday 25 December 2007. It will reopen at 9 am Wednesday 2 January 2008.

2008 Opening Hours

9 am–4.30 pm Monday to Friday

9 am–4.30 pm on the second Saturday of the month.

Closed public holidays. The first Saturday opening for next year will be 12 January 2008.

For all bookings phone 3131 7777



Editorial Information

The Runcorn Record is available for download free of charge from the Queensland State Archives' website at www.archives.qld.gov.au

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