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A P Lyons Collection

Size 13 boxes, 2 parcels

Contents Photographs, diaries, correspondence, maps, journals, publications, annual reports

Date 1884 to 1977

Biography Arthur Power Lyons was born in Bundaberg Queensland, in 1879. He was educated in Sydney and became Assistant Resident Magistrate in Papua in 1906. In 1909 he was appointed Resident Magistrate in the Western Division of Papua, and Warden of Gold and Mineral Fields. From 1930 until his retirement in 1943, A.P. Lyons was Director of Public Works for Papua. He was also a member of the Papuan Executive and Legislative Council in this period, and chairman of the Building and Petroleum Advisory Boards. Lyons wrote a number of anthropological reports concerning the people of Western Papua.

Notes Unrestricted access.
Contains material formerly catalogued at F1232, F1236, F1406, F1407 and F1588.

Box 1
Folder 1
Samarai and Eastern Division, 15 photographs, 1906 to 1927

Folder 2
From unpublished manuscript: Port Moresby 1885-1941, 44 photographs

Folder 3
Negatives
Negatives of photographs of the funeral of Sir Hubert Murray; additional rolls of negatives

Box 2
Folder 1
Lakekamu Goldfield 1909-1912, Papua, 24 photographs
Folder 2
PNG: Burial ceremonies of Lt. Gov. Sir John Hubert Plunkett Murray, at Port Moresby 28.2.1940, 24 photographs

Folder 3
Portraits of officials, and assorted photographs from Lakekamu and Papua, 1881-1993, [bulk 1910 to 1915], 29 photographs

Box 3
Folder 1
4 orthochrome photograph plates and 3 negatives relating to Papua New Guinea, undated. Hand written annotation on original box states “Erskine annexing Papua”. Descriptions provided by Fryer Library, unless otherwise stated.

1. Man standing in wooden rowing boat and two men sitting on a wooden platform near a dam wall. A bridge and housing on hills can be seen in the background [glass plate]
2. Large house with water tank [glass plate]
3. Commodore Erskine presenting a walking stick to native Boa Vagi at Port Moresby in 1884 [glass plate]. Print photograph held in photograph album in Folder 3. Description taken from reverse of print photograph.
4. Commodore Erskine hoisting the Union Jack at Port Moresby in 1884 [glass plate]. Print photograph held in photograph album in Folder 3. Description taken from reverse of print photograph.
5. Three men seated at a telephone switchboard [negative]
6. Two men working on a boat in dry dock [negative]
7. Three men working on wooden beams near the Papua Hotel [negative]

Folder 2
19 black and white photographs, and 2 negatives relating to Papua New Guinea, some dated between 1930 and 1940. Hand written annotation on original box states “Photos of Papuan [?] Native Artisans at work”.

Folder 3
Album of 218 photographs taken by A P Lyons in Papua New Guinea [annotated] [fragile] [contains correspondence and a newspaper cutting]. Some photographs relate to the Gogodala tribe.

Box 4
Album of 47 photographs at Lakekamu Goldfield, Papua, taken by A.P. Lyons, 1910.
Folder 1
5 miscellaneous typescripts and articles relating to Papua New Guinea. Some written by A.P. Lyons. Includes original sketch by R.R. Gore.

Folder 2
Two correspondences from A L Crawford, Research Officer, Papua New Guinea Public Museum and Art Gallery to E Lee, 1 Aug 1977 [originally in Annual report of the management of Gogodala Cultural Centre to the director of the National Cultural Council from A.L. Crawford the executive officer of the board of management 1974/1975].


Folder 3
Folder of correspondence relating to the Expedition up Fly River to inquire into the murder of Drexler Bell, 29 Dec 1875 to 5 Jul 1921.

Folder 4
Lyons, A. P. Why I went to British New Guinea [annotated typescript], Sept/Oct 1952. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1236]

Folder 5
Personal diary of A.P. Lyons, 2 Sep 1939 to 20 Dec 1941. Includes newspaper clippings (some photocopies), photographs, letters and envelopes [fragile]. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1588]

Publications
Box 5
Journal of A.P. Lyons, Western Division of Papua, 1913-1921. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1406]

Journal No. 1 of A.P. Lyons, Resident Magistrate of Western District, Papua, Jul 1913 to Nov 1917. Includes insertions. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1232 Volume 1]

Journal No. 2 of A.P. Lyons, Resident Magistrate of Western District, Papua, Nov 1917 to Oct 1920. Includes typescripts. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1232 Volume 2]

Box 6
Journal No. 3 of A.P. Lyons, Resident Magistrate of Western District, Papua, 31 Oct 1920 to 29 Oct 1921. Includes negatives and insertions. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1232 Volume 3]

Journal No. 4 of A.P. Lyons, Resident Magistrate of Eastern District, Papua, 15 Nov 1921 to 6 Aug 1925. Includes typescript and drawings. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1232 Volume 4]

Box 7
Two personal diaries of Daphne Winnifred Lyons (wife of A.P. Lyons), 6 Jan 1919 to 8 Apr 1922. Includes newspaper clippings.

An account of personal family history written by Daphne Winnifred Lyons for their daughter Erna Winnifred Lyons, May 1926. Includes insertions.

Box 8

Box 9
Bound volume of British New Guinea Annual Reports, 1 Jul 1892 to 30 Jun 1899. Annotations by A.P. Lyons. Includes insertions.

Box 10
Bound volume of British New Guinea and Territory of Papua Annual Reports, 1 Jul 1899 to 30 Jun 1909. Annotations by A.P. Lyons. Includes insertions.
Box 11

Box 12
Three bound volumes of Territory of Papua Annual Reports (published for the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia), 1 July 1916 to 30 Jun 1929. Annotations by A.P. Lyons. Some include insertions.

Folder 1
Lyons, A.P. ‘Why I went to British New Guinea’, typescript, 37 leaves [formerly catalogued at F1236]

Folder 2
Murphy, John. ‘Western Division of Papua: field book, 1913-1921’, handwritten transcription, 52 leaves [formerly catalogued at F1406]

Item 3
Murphy, John. ‘Diary 1939-1941’, handwritten transcription, 1 volume [formerly catalogued at F1588]

Box 13
Items 1 – 4
Murphy, John. ‘Journals’, handwritten transcriptions, 4 volumes [formerly catalogued at F1232 Volumes 1 – 4]

Item 5
Murphy, John. ‘Port Moresby, Papua, from 1885 to 1941, 1947’, photocopy, 69 pages [formerly catalogued at F1407]

Parcel 1
A textual and photographic account of the chronological history of principal events in the growth of the town of Granville (also known as Port Moresby, Papua) from 1885 to 1941. Information sourced from British New Guinea and Territory of Papua Annual Reports. Compiled by A.P. Lyons, 1947. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1407]
Parcel 2

Map of the Fly River from a traverse made by R.M.W.D. in connection with the Drexler-Bell Expedition Nov and Dec 1920 [originally held in Folder of correspondence relating to the Expedition up Fly River, Box 2, Folder 3].

Map of Aramia River, 21 Aug 1916 [originally held between pages 257 and 258 of Journal No. 1 of A.P. Lyons, Box 3]. [Similar to material formerly catalogued at F1232 Volume 5]

Murphy, John. ‘Journal’, handwritten transcription, 2 maps [formerly catalogued at F1232 Volume 5]