UQFL265

Jack Harding Collection

Size  
22 boxes

Contents  
Papers relating to Jack Harding’s political and lobbying activities, including papers relating to the Douglas Social Credit Movement and the Social Credit Party of Australia; papers relating to the Monetary Reform League (Rockhampton) and the Rockhampton Anti-Inflation Study Group (which Harding co-founded), papers relating to the Anti-Fluoridation Council, the Central Queensland Society for Prevention of Cruelty, the Capricornia New State Movement. Personal diaries, subject files and correspondence. The collection includes correspondence, minute books, campaign material, newspaper cuttings, subject files, diaries and ephemera.

Date range  
1934 to 1989

Biography  
John Edward ‘Jack’ Harding was born in Brisbane in 1902 or 1903. His father Edward Harding served in the AIF during WWI and was on a war pension following the war. The family had a soldier settlement block northwest of Rockhampton, where Jack Harding became the secretary of the local settlers’ association. During the Great Depression he advanced the Douglas Social Credit concept of Municipal Councils issuing vouchers in return for work done on roads and similar activities. He sold his farm and ran unsuccessfully for the State Parliament as a Social Credit of Australia Party candidate in 1934. Following the Second World War, Harding joined the Labor Party. Because of John Curtin’s early support of Social Credit, Harding believed that its ideas might be advanced through the Labor Party. He played a major role in the election of the George Gray to the Federal Parliament for Rockhampton. Harding usually gave his occupation as farmer and business man. From ca. 1944 to ca. 1955 he ran The Farm Exchange in Rockhampton’s Denham Street together with A E Webb. From the mid-1940s he was active in the Monetary Reform League (Rockhampton) and in 1971 established the Rockhampton Anti-Inflation Study Group. He subscribed to the Australian League of Rights publications and lobbied politicians to incorporate social credit principles into their monetary policies, and to establish a Queensland State Bank. The Labor Party opposed his ideas and expelled him from the party. He advanced Capricornia New State Movement principles and also lobbied against cruelty against animals and the fluoridation of public water supplies. Harding died in May 1991.

Notes  
Open access

Further manuscript material relating to Social Credit is held in UQFL284 Richard Brockett Collection; FVF403 Social Credit League Ephemera; FVF364 Rockhampton Anti-Inflation Study Group, Ephemera; F1948 The rise and fall of the Social Credit Party in Queensland by Philip Cameron
The collection was rehoused in 2018 and box numbers were reallocated. Refer to the chart at the end of this listing to convert old box numbers to new numbers.

Publications have been removed and catalogued separately or discarded.

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**Box 1**

**Douglas Social Credit Association / Movement and Social Credit Party of Australia**

**Item 1**

Minute Book, 9 Nov 1934 to 30 Sep 1937

Includes minutes of the

Central Queensland District Council Meeting, 9 Nov 1934, 5 Jul and 27 Sep 1935
Douglas Credit (D. C.) Party, 31 Jan, 14 Feb and 8 Mar 1935
Central Queensland Divisional Conference, 24 Apr 1937, 19 Nov 1937 (loosely tipped-in)
Special Conference of the Central Queensland Branches of the Social Credit Party of Australia, 27 May and 30 Sep 1937
Includes a list of names and addresses at the end

**Item 2**

Notebook for Central Queensland Division and Rockhampton State Conference, Jul to Aug 1937

**Folder 1**

Douglas Credit Party of Australia (Queensland Section)

*Constitution and Standing Orders*. August 1935


**Folder 2**

Typescripts and ephemera, 1930 to 1940

**Folder 3**

Correspondence, reports, policy documents, newspaper cuttings, 1934

**Folder 4**

Correspondence, Reports, Policy documents, Newspaper cuttings, 1934 - 1937
Folder 5
Social Credit Party Records, Correspondence, Reports, Policy documents, Newspaper cuttings, 1935 to 1940

Folder 6
Correspondence, Reports, Policy documents, Newspaper cuttings, 1952 to 1953

Folder 7
Ephemera, including election ephemera, 1934. Includes hand-painted calico banner, 1934

Folder 8
*Thoughts of Douglas*
Compilation of excerpts from the writings of C H Douglas, c1975

Box 2
*Monetary Reform League (items in poor to very poor condition, some loss to paper)*

Item 1
Minute Book, 18 Apr 1944 to 1 Jun 1945

Item 2
Minute Book, 15 Jun 1945 to 12 Sep 1946

Item 3
Minute Book, 3 Oct 1946 to 11 Apr 1950

Item 4
Minute Book, 16 May 1950 to 2 Oct 1951

Item 5
*Committee for the J E Harding Keppel Campaign*

*Keppel Campaign* Minute Book, 14 Mar to 18 Apr 1944

Item 6
Folder 1
*Bretton Woods* subject folder
Includes correspondence to Members of the Commonwealth Parliament, petitioning them to vote against the ratification of the Bretton Woods agreement, and their responses, 1944 to 1946

Folder 2
Correspondence, including to and from *The Electoral Campaign*, 1944

Folder 3 (requires further cleaning)
Correspondence, 1945

Box 3
*Monetary Reform League* (items in poor to very poor condition, some loss to paper)
Folder 1
Correspondence, 1945

Folder 2
Correspondence, newspaper cuttings, 1946 to 1947

Folder 3
Correspondence, 1949 to 1950

Folder 4
Correspondence, 1950 to 1952

Folder 5
Correspondence, 1953

Folder 6
Correspondence, 1953 to 1954

Folder 7
Typescripts by J E Harding
*Debt and Taxation; Inflation*
Box 4
Monetary Reform League (items in poor to very poor condition, some loss to paper)
Correspondence, 1948 to 1950 (loose in box)

Box 5
Rockhampton Anti-Inflation Study Group
Each folder contains correspondence, newspaper cuttings, reports and newsletters
Folder 1
Records, Apr 1975

Folder 2
Records, May 1975

Folder 3
Records, Jun 1975

Folder 4
Records, Jul to Aug 1975

Folder 5
Records, unsorted 1975

Folder 6
Records, Jan 1976

Folder 7
Records, Apr 1976

Box 6
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Folder 1
Records, Jul 1976
Folder 2
Correspondence with Colin Carige, MHR, Jun to Dec 1976

Folder 3
Records, Jan to Mar 1977

Folder 4
Records, Feb 1977

Folder 5
Records, Apr 1977

Folder 6
Records, Sep 1977

Folder 7
Records, Nov 1977

Folder 8
Records, unsorted 1977

Box 7
Rockhampton Anti-Inflation Study Group
Each folder contains correspondence, newspaper cuttings, reports and newsletters

Folder 1
Records, Jan 1978

Folder 2
Records, Mar to Apr 1978

Folder 3
Records, May 1978

Folder 4
Records, Jun 1978
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Records, Jun 1978

Folder 6
Records, Jul 1978

Folder 7
Records, Sep to Oct 1978

Folder 8
Records, Nov 1978

Folder 9
Records, Nov 1978 to Jan 1979

Box 8
Rockhampton Anti-Inflation Study Group
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Records, Jan 1979

Folder 2
Letters to MLAs re State Bank (Reserve Bank of Queensland), Sep to Oct 1979

Folder 3
Records, unsorted 1970s

Folder 4
Records, unsorted 1970s

Folder 5
Records, unsorted 1970s
Box 9
Rockhampton Anti-Inflation Study Group
Loose in box
Unsorted correspondence, newspaper cuttings, reports, discussion papers and newsletters, 1970s

Box 10
Rockhampton Anti-Inflation Study Group
Each folder contains correspondence, newspaper cuttings, reports and newsletters
Folder 1
Records, Mar 1980

Folder 2
Records, Apr 1980

Folder 3
Records, Jul 1980

Folder 4
Records, 1981 to 1982

Folder 5
Records, Mar 1982

Folder 6
Records, 1984

Folder 7
Records, 1985

Folder 8
Records, unsorted 1980s

Folder 9
Rockhampton Prices Committee
Correspondence, 1968 to 1969
Box 11  
Anti-Fluoridation Association (Anti-Fluoridation Council)  
Item 1  
Anti-Fluoridation Association  
Minute Book, 3 Jul 1956 to 16 Aug 1968

Item 2  
Anti-Fluoridation Association  
Cash Book, 27 Jul 1949 to 6 Mar 1989

Item 3  
Anti-Fluoridation Council of Australia  
Cash Book, 1 Jul 1951 to 9 Jul 1984

Loose in box  
Unsorted correspondence, newspaper cuttings, articles, 1956 to 1961

Box 12  
Anti-Fluoridation Association (Anti-Fluoridation Council)  
Unsorted correspondence, newspaper cuttings, articles, 1961 to 1967

Box 13 (formerly Box 37)  
Anti-Fluoridation Association (Anti-Fluoridation Council)  
Unsorted correspondence, newspaper cuttings, articles, 1964 to 1971

Box 14 (formerly Box 35)  
Anti-Fluoridation Association (Anti-Fluoridation Council)  
Unsorted correspondence, newspaper cuttings, articles, 1968 to 1971

Box 15  
Central Queensland Society for Prevention of Cruelty  
Item 1  
Constitution and Rules, 1957
Item 2
Minute Book, 29 Feb 1933 to 25 Mar 1949

Item 3
Minute Book, 6 May 1949 to 30 Jun 1950

Each folder contains correspondence, newspaper cuttings, reports and newsletters

Folder 1
Records, 1966 to 1967

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Records, 1967 to 1968

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Records, 1973 to 1974

Box 16
Central Queensland Society for Prevention of Cruelty

Folder 1
Records, 1973 to 1974

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Records, 1976

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Records, 1975 to 1980

Folder 5
Records, 1978

Box 17
Central Queensland Society for Prevention of Cruelty
Folder 1
Records, 1979

Folder 2
Records, 1980

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Records, 1980

Folder 4
Records, 1981

National Parks / Capricornia Conservation Council
Folder 5
Records, 1974

Folder 6
Hyacinth Research

Folder 7
Records, 1977
Box 18

Natural Health Practitioners
Unsorted correspondence with Natural Health Practitioners (Naturopaths, Chiropractors) about Natural Health, including Fluoridation of Drinking Water (loose in box)

Folder 1
Australian League of Rights Annual Health Seminar, May 1978

Folder 2
Typescript, The Grape Cure for Cancer and Other Diseases, by Johanna Brandt, ca. 40p, c1948

Box 19

Diaries
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Diary Book of General Office Work. J Harding, Robinson Rd, Nundah, Brisbane. Working address: 331 Queen St, Brisbane, c1935

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Diary, Jan 1936 to Jun 1937

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Diary, Jan 1938 to Nov 1939

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Diary, Jul 1945 to Aug 1947

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Diary, Aug 1947 to Sep 1948

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Diary, Jan 1954 to Aug 1954

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Diary, Jan 1954 to Jan 1955

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Diary, Aug 1959 to Feb 1963

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Diary, Feb 1963 to Aug 1965 (some loss to paper)

Item 15
Diary, Sep 1963 to Sep 1967

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Diary, Apr 1970 to Apr 1972

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Diary, May 1972 to Mar 1973
Box 20
Diaries

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Diary, Mar 1973 to Jul 1973 (some loss to paper)

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Diary, Jul 1973 to Jan 1975

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Diary, Nov 1976 to Jul 1978

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Diary, 1974 to 1978

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Diary, 1979 to 1983

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Diary, 1980

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Diary, Mar 1982 to Dec 1982

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Diary, 1987 to Dec 1990

Item 10
Diary, Aug 1988 to Sep 1990

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Diary, Aug 1988 to Sep 1990
Box 21

Miscellaneous Groups subject folders

Folder 1
Cattlemen's Union of Australia: First Cattlemen's Convention. Folder with President's address, standing order, constitution, resolutions, manuscript notes, Dec 1976

Folder 2
South Africa / Rhodesia, c1970

Folder 3
Australian League of Rights

Folder 4
Australian League of Rights

Correspondence with Trogan, a code-name for Don ?? of Aspley, who worked in the Premier's Department. Trogan's and Harding's correspondence primarily relates to a State Bank and the aims of the League, almost certainly the Australian League of Rights, 1979 to 1983

Folder 5
The Farm Exchange (Harding & Webb), c1950

Folder 6
Central Queensland Advancement League, 1943 to 1952

Folder 7
Central Queensland Consumers' Association, 1973

Folder 8
Capricornia New State Movement, 1966 to c1980

Folder 9
Australian Defence Association, 1982

Folder 10
Church of England, Diocese of Rockhampton, 1950 to 1952
Folder 11
Select Committee on Education, Submission by Mrs Rona Joyner, 1978

Folder 12
Australian Labor Party, 1960

Folder 13
Voice of Indignant People (V.I.P.) Movement, c1980

Folder 14
Central Queensland Rights Association, 1961

Folder 15
Christian Alternative, 1983

Item 1
Group photograph of 15 men outside building, c1935
No identification

Item 2
Exercise Book titled, Brisbane Distribution August 1979
Purpose unclear

Box 22
Private correspondence, typescripts

Folder 1
Private Correspondence

Folder 2
Private Correspondence

Folder 3
Private Correspondence relating to J C Huxley’s loan from the Agricultural Bank, 1957 to 1958
Folder 4
Private Correspondence, 1944 to 1947

Folder 5
Private Correspondence, 1953 to 1954

Folder 6
Private Correspondence, 1959 to 1960

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Private Correspondence, 1967 to 1968

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Private Correspondence, 1982

Folder 9

Item 1

Item 2
Typescript, *Some startling facts of recent history*. By L D Byrne, c1949 [attributed according to the copy in the John Horn Blackmore collection at Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Canada]
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