UQFL 501
Photographs relating to the Ipswich Hospital for the Insane

Size
2 parcels

Contents
4 photographs of senior staff associated with the Ipswich Hospital for the Insane; 1 aerial photograph of the site.

Biography
In 1910 the Ipswich branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum was renamed the Ipswich Hospital for the Insane, becoming an institution in its own right. It accommodated patients suffering from mental illness, and, from 1933, children with intellectual disabilities. In 1938 it was renamed the Ipswich Mental Hospital. This collection features photographs of the institution’s early administrators. Samuel Lewis went to Ipswich as a warder in 1879 and held a variety of positions until 1916. Dr Harold Foxton was appointed the first Medical Superintendent of Ipswich in 1910. He was replaced in 1919 by Dr Alexander Morrison, who served in the position until his death in 1926. After a short tenure by Dr J.E.F. McDonald, in 1928 Dr Basil Stafford was appointed to the job. Under his leadership a less custodial approach to treating mentally ill residents was introduced. Stafford remained at Ipswich until 1937, when he became Medical Superintendent at Goodna and later Director of Mental Hygiene. In the post-war years the Ipswich facility underwent further name changes, eventually closing down in 1998 when the land and buildings were acquired by the University of Queensland for use as its Ipswich campus.

Notes
Open access

Parcel 1

Item 1
Aerial photograph of site of UQ Ipswich campus, possibly when it was the Challinor Centre, c1970s
(b&w, 80 x 80cm)

Parcel 2

Item 1
Photograph of Dr Howard Vernon Foxton, Medical Superintendent, Ipswich, 1910-1919, Assistant Medical Superintendent, Goodna, 1908-1910, c1910s
(b&w, 30 x 37 cm mounted on board 48 x 58 cm)
Item 2
Photograph of Dr Basil F. R. Stafford Medical Superintendent Ipswich Mental Hospital 10-7-28 to 7-11-37, c1930s
(b&w, 28 x 40 cm mounted on board 49 x 62 cm)

Item 3
Photograph of Dr Alexander Morrison, Medical Superintendent, Ipswich, 1919-1926, Assistant Medical Superintendent, Goodna, 1917-1919, c1910s
(b&w, 27 x 38 cm mounted on board 48 x 62 cm)

Item 4
Mr Samuel Lewis, Ipswich, Head Attendant 1878-1884, Superintendent 1884-1910, Steward and Head Attendant, 1910-1916, c1910s
(b&w, 28 x 39 cm mounted on board 48 x 59 cm)