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Friday Island Lazaret

27 October 1892 – c. 1907

Details

The Friday Island Lazaret, situated on Friday Island in the Torres Strait, was established in 1892 as a leprosarium for non-European sufferers of leprosy. It was run by the Queensland government and closed in 1907. Remaining patients were moved to Peel Island.

On 27 Oct 1892, Friday Island, Torres Strait, was proclaimed a lazaret under the provisions of the Leprosy Act of 1892. It was established for the treatment of non-European patients. In 1907 Friday Island Lazaret was closed and patients were transferred to a new lazaret for both non-European and European patients on Peel Island, Moreton Bay.

It has not been determined whether children suffering from leprosy were sent to Friday Island.

Gallery

Friday Island Quarantine Station and Lazaret

Description: This is a photograph of the Friday Island Quarantine Station and Lazaret, showing a number of white huts and tent-like structures making up the Station. It is from a photograph album of Thursday Island and North Queensland, p22.

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- Colonial Secretary (10 December 1859 - 6 August 1896)
  Date: 1892 - 1896
- Home Secretary's Office (6 August 1896 - 5 December 1935)
  Date: 1896 - 1907

Related Organisations

- Dayman Island Lazaret (9 May 1889 - 1892)
- Peel Island Lazaret (31 May 1907 - 5 August 1959)
  Patients from Friday Island Lazaret were moved to Peel Island Lazaret in 1907.

Related Legislation

- Leprosy Act 1892, Queensland (1892 - 1937)
  The Leprosy Act provided for the treatment of lepers as well as their detention and isolation. It also allowed for the government to appoint any place to be a lazaret for the reception and medical treatment of lepers.

Resources

- *Friday Island Leper Station*, Queenslander, 1 October 1898
- *The Friday Island Leper Station*, Queenslander, 12 November 1892

Records

Records held by other organisations

- Special Batches [Correspondence Files of the Colonial Secretary's Office and Health Departments] (1852 - 1975)
- Lazaret Patient Registers (2 March 1892 - 27 September 1984)

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