

Files (Aboriginal matters) – Chief Secretary's Department

1916 – 1927

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Records Location

These records are held by [State Records Office of Western Australia \(24 July 2001 - current\)](#)

Details

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Access Conditions

This series contains records with both open and restricted access. Open access records can be ordered from SROWA by any member of the public. Individuals will need to apply to the Aboriginal History Research Services in order to access restricted records.

Records

The records in this series about missions and institutions include records relating to the removal of children, health and medical treatment, employment of Aboriginal people, lists of people living in or transferred to missions/institutions, and 'personal' correspondence files relating to named individuals, as well as more general administrative files relating to reporting, staffing, buildings and maintenance, rationing, assets, and finances. This

series also includes a small number of records relating to the adoption of Aboriginal children.

The 'personal' correspondence files in this series include the names of individuals and families in their titles. The term 'personal' file is a slight misnomer as these files invariably contain limited correspondence regarding the person stated. The Department for Communities holds a fuller series of personal files relating to Aboriginal people. These files were created by the various departments responsible for Aboriginal welfare and were transferred to the Department for Community Welfare in 1972.

The below document contains a list of items in this series that may be of relevance to Care Leavers. The items are arranged by the Home/Institution or theme that they refer to.

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Related Organisations

- [Swan Native and Half Caste Mission \(c. 1880 - 1920\)](#)
- [Colonial Secretary's Office, Colony of Western Australia \(1890 - 1924\)](#)
- [Claremont Mental Hospital \(1903 - 1972\)](#)
- [Department of Aborigines and Fisheries, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1909 - 1 January 1920\)](#)
- [Carrolup \(1915 - 1922\)](#)
- [Moore River Native Settlement \(1918 - 1951\)](#)
- [Department of the North West, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1920 - 1 January 1926\)](#)
- [Chief Secretary's Department, State Government of Western Australia \(1924 - 1983\)](#)
- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)

The records in this archival series were transferred to the Department for Community Welfare in 1972.

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