

Correspondence files, Welfare Branch, Northern Territory Administration

1959 – 1978

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Details

Correspondence files, Welfare Branch is a large series of correspondence files on many different types of welfare related subjects. This series also includes many files on individuals assisted by the Welfare Branch, including children under the care of the Branch. The files relate to both Aboriginal and non Aboriginal children and families.

Access Conditions

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Finding Aids

The files in this series were indexed during 2011-2014. The kind of information collected in each index includes: client name (including aliases and nicknames), date of birth, birth parent names, names of foster and/or adoptive parents, sibling names, names and locations of other institutions (Northern Territory or interstate – non government or church organisation, and other state welfare institutions or hospitals), other file numbers or references, and whether there are photographs on file.

Records

This series of correspondence files also includes information related to Government Receiving Homes and other institutions for children in the Northern Territory and interstate. The files also provide insights into welfare policies. Some of these types of files also contain the names and details of children.

The previous Series Number for these records was F941. It is currently NTRS 3755.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Welfare Branch, Northern Territory Administration, Australian Government \(1955 - 1970\)](#)
- [Receiving Home, Darwin \(1957 - 1961\)](#)
- [Receiving Home, Alice Springs \(1959 - 1966\)](#)
- [Dundas House \(1961 - 1979?\)](#)
- [Adolescent Receiving Home \(1961 - 1963\)](#)
- [Essington House \(1963 - 1974\)](#)
- [Palmerston House \(1963 - 1975\)](#)

The National Archives of Australia series F1 contains items relating to Palmerston House: NAA: F1, 1975/2529 Child Welfare Ordinance - Approval of Institutions, 1959-1977.

- [Bradshaw House \(1966 - 1976\)](#)
- [Tambling House \(1970? - 1975\)](#)
- [Tambling House Family Home \(1976 - 1978\)](#)

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