

REPORT: UNIDENTIFIED PLAN M2660A.

Aims: Consider the map's form, identify the mapped location, review and discuss the mapped features. Present report in a manner that maximises the potential for the map to serve as a resource for information processing, research and online searching.

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INTRODUCTION

The plan M2660A, which forms the backing to plan M2660, is a hand-drawn map prepared using black ink on a linen base.¹ The original is held in the Cultural Collections of Auchmuty Library, University of Newcastle, NSW. This report has referenced the item's online version.² The map is a significance resource for researching early-Colonial development of southern Queensland, Australia.

DRAFTING and DATE

Nothing on the map indicates the name or origin of the map's drafter, office or origin or date of preparation. However, written within the bounds of the station CULGOA A (far left) is the pencilled statement, "Present LEASEHOLD", with the date "1942" bracketed below. "1942" is similarly repeated adjacent. These figures together with the term 'present' suggest this map can be confidently dated at or prior to 1942. Furthermore, properties named No.3 MARCH 1861 and No.4 MARCH 1861 establishing the map to be post-March 1861. The map's near-conformity with the 1872 colonial map (below) and the lack of infrastructure features suggest a date of late-1800s to early-1900s.

IDENTIFICATION of MAPPED LOCATION and NOTES on CARTOGRAPHY

This plan is a cadastral-styled map showing the colonial partitioning of surveyed runs among the system of rivers and plains to the south and south-west of the present-day regional centre of St George, in the Shire of Balonne, southern Queensland, through to the NSW border.

Therein, the property/station/run name, settler and/or owner name, (probable) colonial homestead locations, connecting tracks and outlying springs are shown. Dimensions are in chains and areas in acres. The map encompasses approximately 7000 sq. kilometres. Some southern partitions and properties span the New South Wales border, for about 110 kilometres east from coordinate -28.999° 147.338°.³ The scale of the map has not been determined.

¹ As advised in personal communication, 3 June 2013, from Gianni Di Gravio, University Archivist, Cultural Collections, Level 2 Auchmuty Library, University of Newcastle, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia. The A2600A reference is seen upside-down in the top left-hand corner of the map.

² <http://www.flickr.com/photos/uon/5906824370/sizes/o/in/photostream/>

³ Mapping coordinates sourced from Google Earth.

COLONIAL PARTITIONING

Approximately 85 land partitions are indicated, about half being 16,000 acres. While property boundaries are formed by both surveyed linear divisions and rivers, the primary element of partition used is 16,000 acres, often with dimensions of 400 x 400 chains.⁴ Consolidation of partitions is noted, such as the CURRAWILDI station at 64,000 acres. Remnant partitions dissected by rivers are also noted, such as the smallest land partition of BOGIRIA EAST at 8600 acres.

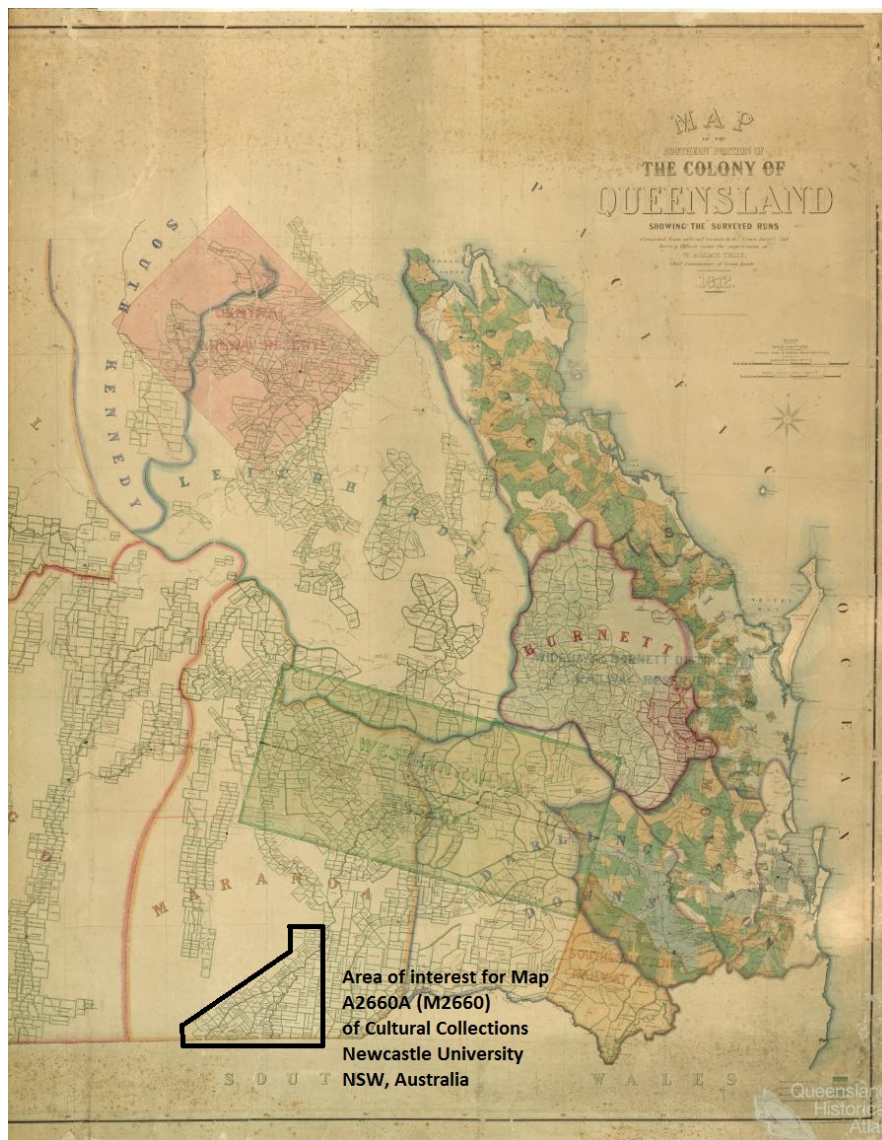


Figure 1. Colonial Queensland, 1872, with location of map M2660A identified.

1872 map title: 'Map of the southern portion of the Colony of Queensland showing the surveyed runs, compiled from official records.'

⁴ 1 Chain = 66 feet = 20.1168m; 1 sq.ch = 1 acre = 2.4710538 sq.m.

By way of orientation: the written name BOGIRIA EAST, immediately above the NSW border, and left of centre, is located where the present-day township of **Hebel** has developed. Similarly, the modern township of **Dirranbandi**, as developed on the east side of the Balonne River on the CURRAWILDI station, is centrally located within the map.

Other than the river system, several springs, and two hillocks on BONE BROKEIT NORTH and CUOYGAH runs, no natural topographic features are shown. Similarly, no man-made features are indicated other than the homestead locations and tracks. Balonne River is drawn in double-line while the remaining rivers are single. The lack of development is consistent with early-colonial settlement.

SCHEDULE of MAPPED INFORMATION

The following schedule shows property/run name, settler/owners name, property partition areas in acres, and the river/s onto which the runs front – all as indicated on map M2660A. Furthermore, the last column provides for remarks pertaining to other features indicated on the map, as well as general comments. Names indicated with the symbol # are seen in the Maitland Mercury advertisement of 8 September 1874 (as below). The list is compiled on reviewing the map in bands, left to right, then up.

PROPERTY STATION RUN name	SETTLER OWNER Or other name	Acres	RIVER Frontage	REMARKS
Bogandina	-	-	Culgoa	NSW
Coobeeinda	-	-	Culgoa	NSW
Bunna Bunna West	T. Moffat	16,000	Bokhara	QLD/NSW
Bogiria	-	16,000	Bokhara	QLD/NSW
Bogiria No.1	-	16,000	Bokhara	QLD/NSW
Bogiria No.2	Cure Willington	16,000	Bokhara	
Bogiria No.3.	-	16,000	Bokhara	Muggie Muggie
Bogiria East	-	8,600	Bokhara	
Goonara	-	18,560	Bokhara	
Goonghan	Hill	-	Narran	
Goonghan East	-	-	Narran	
Marilla	-	22,720	-	
Turrenby	-	26,676	-	
Wooloomoodoole	-	16,520	-	
Culgoa A	-	16,000	Culgoa	Text: 'Present Leasehold (1942)' includes additional to NW of Culgoa A
Culgoa	Earp	16,000	Culgoa	Text: ditto; 'FREEHOLD (1942)'
Culgoa Back	-	32,000	Culgoa	Text: Present 'FREEHOLD (1942)'
Culgoa North	Adams	16,000	Culgoa	
Huillagararah No.1.	-	10,400	Culgoa	Text: Present 'FREEHOLD

				(1942)'
Huillagararah No.2.	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Briarie	-	38,865	-	
Elee East	-	19,200	Bokhara	Texts: 'Muggie Muggie'; ? 'Col_iggalar'; Bokhara bisects property
Yangle	Buinberra Hill	19,000	Narran	? Burnberra Hill
Yangle East	Station	19,000	Narran	
Tako	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Miamonungindi South	-	-	Culgoa	
Miamonungindi North	Saunders	16,000	Culgoa	i.e. T. or J. Saunders
Block No.4.	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Minornagindi	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Mugrugulla East	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Walwaddledi South	-	16,000	Ballandool	
Walwaddledi	W. Eckford	23,680	Ballandool	
Minnun	Woods	16,000	Ballandool & Bokhara	
Cuoygall	Nee Nee and Elee	14,080	Bokhara & Narran	
Cuoygah	Orchard	17,000	Narran	Topo: hill
Yangle North	-	53,100	-	
Wooloomoodole North	-	30,000	-	
Jangalby West(?)	J.W. Colliss	16,000	Culgoa	Jangalby#
Mugrugulla East	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Turo West#	E. Baldwin	16,000	Culgoa	
Turo East#	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Codernah	-	16,000	Ballandool	
Euraba West	-	12,800	Ballandool & Bokhara	
Euraba	-	13,440	Bokhara & Narran	
Booligar	-	16,000	Narran	
Booligar East	-	28,600	-	
No.3 March 1861	-	16,000	Culgoa	
No.4 March 1861	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Tootha#	Tootha	16,000	Culgoa	
Tootha North#	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Thalyale South#	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Gunathaby#	Gunathaby	16,000	Culgoa	
Minnoon	Lamrock#	16,000	Ballandool & Balonne Minor	(or, Minnoon#)
Moorabree#	-	17,920	Culgoa & Balonne	(or, Moorabree#)
Cowrawah	Yabbard	18,560	Culgoa & Balonne Minor	
Colleyboun	-	12,800	Balonne Minor,	

			Bokhara & Narran	
Currawildi	Curriwildi & Grover	64,000	Baloone & Narran	[Location of Dirranbandi, more or less]. Topo: 'C__ Lagoon'(?) The texts, 'Part of Currawildi' and 'Colle____' (?) occurs between Baloone Minor and Narran rivers.
Mullum Mullumba	-	16,000	Narran	
Bone Brokeit	-	20,800	-	
Bone Brokeit North	-	16,000	-	Topo: hill
Noondoo South	-	50,400	-	
Weebrah	-	16,000	Culgoa	
West Merri Merri B	-	15,000	Culgoa	
Merri Merri B North	-	16,000	Culgoa	
Merri Merri A	W. Baldwin	19,600	Baloone	Texts: 'Keebra__'; 'Pid__'; 'Murri Murrie' (?)
Merri Merri B	-	24,930	Culgoa & Baloone	Topo: 'Sandy Culgoa'(?)
Alygyle	-	32,000	Balonne	Topo: 'C__ Lagoon'. (?)
[unidentified]	-	-	-	
Mirefohule	-	16,000	-	
Goonadaddi	-	16,000	-	
Noondoo Springs	-	16,000	-	Topo: 'Spring'
Eugun	-	34,473	-	
Guy Guy	Whyenbar	16,000	Culgoa & Balonne	
Upper Guy Guy	-	16,000	Balonne	
Bourabie	Boah	16,000	Balonne	
Thoulimbil	-	18,560	Balonne	
Boorgnangarl	-	16,000	-	
Keeret	-	16,000	Balonne	
Upper Keeret	Morobey	16,000	Baloone	Topo: a area of about 100 acres is shown hatched in the NE corner, against which 'Morobey' is written.
[unidentified]	Doondi	-	Balonne	Topo: a area of about 100 acres is shown hatched in the NW opposite 'Morobey' (above), against which 'Doondi' is written.
Whitendie	-	16,000	-	
Currie	-	19,200	Balonne	
Kullinjah	-	25,600	-	Alt: Kulumjah (?)
Gulnarbar West	-	16,000	-	
Retro Gulnarbar	-	16,000	-	

19th CENTURY ADVERTISEMENT

An advertisement in the Maitland Mercury of Sept 8, 1874, (6th col), commences,

'Brewster & Trebeck have received instructions from J. Lamrock# to sell by public Auction ... THE CUBBIE STATION consisting of the following blocks: Tootha N.#; Thalyale S.#; Moorabie (sic)#; Minoon (sic)#; Gunathaby#; Tootha#; Unnamed No.1.; Unnamed No.2.; Cowgella; Turo W.; Turo E.; Jangalby#; ... Culgoa River# ... Ballandool River #... [etc]'.⁵

The majority of names advertised are seen on the map, as indicated by my #.

OTHER MAPPING

As shown above, the land partitioning is consistent with the 'Map of the Southern Portion of the Colony of Queensland Showing the Surveyed Runs ... 1872'.⁶

The general trend of the cadastre also matches elements within the present day Balonne Shire Map, although the latter shows that the early colonial partitions are now heavily subdivided.⁷

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⁵ Maitland Mercury advertisement: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18787543>

⁶ <http://www.qhatlas.com.au/map/map-southern-portion-colony-queensland-showing-surveyed-runs-1872>

⁷ http://www.balonne.qld.gov.au/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=e2209447-a25c-4558-9fd6-584c9e692c56&groupId=722471