

### **EASTON, William Robert (1893-1987)**

William was educated at Perth Boys' School and the University of Western Australia. He was articled to the surveying profession and qualified as a Licensed Surveyor in 1914. During World War 1 he served as a Lieutenant 1<sup>st</sup> Divisional Aust. Engineers in France and returned to Perth 1919 to work in the Department of Lands & Survey.

In 1921 he was appointed as Leader of the Party to carry out the examination of the coast from the vicinity of Walcott Inlet, northerly and north-easterly, as far as Vansittart Bay, with a view to locating the best harbour between Broome and Wyndham.

In recognition of his exploration and survey work in the western half of the North Kimberley, the Land District formerly known as "Kwinana" was re-gazetted to "Easton".

In 1932 William took up farming in Namban, near Moora, until 1967/1968 when he retired to a small property in Upper Swan.

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REQUEST USING THIS NUMBER	DATE RANGE	DESCRIPTION
ACC		BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES
5408A/1		1979. Extract from <i>The Way</i> , including biographical notes on William Robert Easton. Photocopy
5408A/2		n.d. Biographical details of WR Easton compiled by his son, Dr. Frederick Easton, arranged chronologically and summarised according to material such as references and certificates of service documents. Typescript
		CERTIFICATES
5408A/3		19 January 1894. Certificate of Successful Vaccination of WR Easton, aged six months

5408A/4		1910-1915. Certificates of Service from Headmaster, Licensed Surveyors, Government Departments. 12 folios
5408A/5		1914-1916. Certificate of Competency - WR Easton passed Examination for Licensed Surveyors; Authorisation to practice as Licensed Surveyor in WA and Victoria; Recommendation from Board of Examiners of Candidate for Licence to Survey in WA.; Certification of examination pass in Astronomy, University of Western Australia
5408A/6		24 April 1922; n.d. Election as Fellow of Royal Geographical Society, London, and American Geographical Society. 2 folios
		CORRESPONDENCE
5408A/7		4 March 1924. Letter to WR Easton from Secretary, Department of North-West, Perth, re surveying work in Drysdale, Wyndham area
5408A/8		6 September 1928; 27 September 1928; 25 October 1928. Between Manager, State Shipping Service, Fremantle and WR Easton, Member, The Northern Territory Commission, Darwin, re concession tickets for travel and freight charges from Darwin to Fremantle. 3 folios
5408A/9		26 February 1931. Letter to Department of Home Affairs, Canberra, from WR Easton, Surveyor-General, re over-estimation of area of Pastoral Lease 2225 of portion of Melville Island
5408A/10		n.d. Letter (part) from Darwin to Secretary, North Australia Commission, Darwin, re reduction of area of Lease 2225 of portion of Melville Island.
5408A/11		15 April 1931. Letter from Bovril Australian Estates Ltd., Perth, to WR Easton, Lands and Surveys Department, Darwin, thanking him for copies of Pastoral Map of the Territory.
5408A/12		4 October 1956. Letter from Surveyor General, Surveyor General's Office, Perth, to WR Easton, Perth, advising of re-naming of Kimberley Division, Kwinana, to Easton, in recognition of Mr. Easton's exploration and survey work in the Kimberley in 1931
5408A/13		16 April 1931; n.d. Two part-letters from WR Easton to unknown recipients re Crown Law correspondence and from TH Moyes to Northern Agency Ltd., Darwin, re discrepancy in Pastoral Lease 2225 (portion of Melville Island). 2 folios

5408A/14		26 December 1931. Letter to WR Easton from Harold Smell of All for The Territory League, Darwin, expressing appreciation for electioneering and comments on the outcome of the election
5408A/15		31 March 1932. Letter from JA Porter, Darwin, to WR Easton, commenting on various business and political matters
5408A/16		17 September 1926. Handwritten letter from WW Killen, MHR, Canberra, congratulating WR Easton on his appointment to the Northern Territory Commission, and referring to his (Mr. Killen's) speech to the House of Representatives on the North-South Railway
5408A/17		1 March 1932. Personal letter from a Darwin friend (signature indecipherable) to WR Easton re health problem, accounts, and comment on elections.
5408A/18		8 March 1932. Letter to WR Easton from Jack Lovegro (?) in Alice Springs, re personal acquaintances and outcome of election
		FILES
9966A		1921. Photocopy of letter addressed to Surveyor Easton from District Surveyor, North advising the appointment as leader of the party to locate the best harbour. 1956. Photocopy of letter addressed to Mr Easton from Surveyor General, Perth concerning the change of a district name to Easton. Black & white photograph of WR Easton taken in 1921 in the North Kimberley area of Western Australia
		PUBLICATIONS
5408A/19		5 September 1922. Extract from Government Gazette, WA - Return showing Persons Temporarily Employed (in various Government Departments).
		REFERENCES
5408A/20		14 January 1911; 17 October 1915; 28 February 1924; 15 July 1924. Various recommendations from Government Departments in favour of WR Easton. 5 folios
5408A/21		1923. Various references in support of and applications by WR Easton for positions in the Northern Territory. 7 folios
		REPORTS
5408A/22		n.d. Part-Statement (from unknown source) on Pastoral Lease 2225 - Amendment of Area
		TELEGRAMS

5408A/23	13 April 1931. Copy of telegram from Department of Home Affairs to North Australia Commission, requesting full report on correction of area of Pastoral Lease 2225 of portion of Melville Island
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