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## **Isle of Man Public Record Office**

**S28; S57-S58**

**Records of the Trustees of the Common Lands  
1866-1952**

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**S28**

**Records of the Trustees of the Common Lands:  
minute books  
1866-1950**

## S28

# Records of the Trustees of the Common Lands: minute books

**1866-1950**

**Alternative/previous reference numbers:** C631 (part)

**Accession number:** A57

**Extent:** 7 volumes

**Creator:** Isle of Man; Trustees of the Common Lands; 1866-1950

**Description of series:** The series consists of 7 handwritten minute books which furnish an account of the meetings of the Trustees of the Common Lands. In effect, the minute books detail the decision making processes and actions undertaken by the board in order to realise the body's statutory obligations.

The earliest minuted meeting in the series, 11 Sep 1866, occurs shortly after the elections of the trustees and runs through to 1 Jul 1950.

Activities detailed in the minutes include but are not limited to: the election of trustees; the appointment of the body's secretary and clerk; the appointment of inspectors; the lease, sale and purchase of common lands; and the day-to-day management of the common lands.

**Administrative History:** The Trustees of the Common Land were established on foot of The Disafforesting (Commoners) Allotment Act, 1866. This legislation vested the management of the People's interest, or the commons, in the hands of trustees with one trustee representing each of the island's sheadings. The Trustees of the Common Lands were later restyled as the Common Lands Board in 1915. In 1950, the functions of this board were in turn vested in the newly formed Forestry, Mines and Lands Board.

**Custodial History:** Records in consignment C631 were transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office as a temporary consignment under section 3(8) of the Public Records Act, 1999 in Mar 2010 by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Forestry, Amenity and Lands division). The records were fully transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act, 1999 in Jan 2016.

**Appraisal:** Selected for permanent preservation in Nov 2015, Angela Skitt, IOMPRO.

**Accruals:** No accruals are expected.

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**Arrangement of series:** Minute books are arranged chronologically within the series.

**Access Status:** Partially closed

**Access conditions:** Part of this series is currently subject to a B2 closure period of 84 years under the Public Record Order 2015 due to statutory data protection restriction laid down in the Data Protection Act 2002.

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**Copyright:** Crown copyright (duration - 125 years from the end of the calendar year of production).

**Related records at the Isle of Man Public Record Office:** S57 – Records of the Trustees of the Common Lands: rent book; and S58 – Records of the Trustees of the Common Lands: account book.

**Archivist Note:** Gavin Rowan, IOMPRO, 13 Dec 2016.

<b>S28/1</b> Item	<b>Trustees of the Common Lands: minute book</b>	Bound, indexed volume comprising the signed minutes for the meetings of the Trustees of the Common Lands between 11 Sep 1866-12 Jun 1897.	1 volume	11 Sep 1866- 12 Jun 1897	Open
<b>S28/2</b> Item	<b>Trustees of the Common Lands: minute book</b>	Bound, indexed volume comprising the signed minutes for the meetings of the Trustees of the Common Lands between 19 Jun 1897-31 Aug 1907. The volume also includes the following loose enclosure, namely: a stamped envelope date 1 Aug 1957.	1 volume	19 Jun 1897- 31 Aug 1907	Open
<b>S28/3</b> Item	<b>Trustees of the Common Lands: minute book</b>	Bound, indexed volume comprising the signed minutes for the meetings of the Trustees of the Common Lands between 2 Nov 1907-21 Nov 1914. The volume also includes a pasted enclosure which is attached to the flycover and lists the leases which are due to expire on the 12 Nov 1914.	1 volume	2 Nov 1907- 21 Nov 1914	Open
<b>S28/4</b> Item	<b>Trustees of the Common Lands: minute book</b>	Bound, indexed volume comprising the signed minutes for the meetings of the Trustees of the Common Lands between 30 Dec 1914-29 Nov 1924. The volume also includes the following pasted enclosures: a handwritten letter, dated Dec 1919, relating to the election of a new trustee for Michael; a handwritten list detailing newly elected trustees between Jan 1922-Dec 1924; a typed copy letter, dated 21 Dec 1921, relating to the election of a new trustee for Ayre; and a newspaper cutting from the Isle of Man Times relating to Manx motorists on the Mountain Road.	1 volume	30 Dec 1914- 29 Nov 1924	Open

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<b>S28/5</b> Item	<b>Trustees of the Common Lands: minute book</b>	Bound, indexed volume comprising the signed minutes for the meetings of The Common Lands Board between 7 Mar 1925-4 Feb 1933. The volume also includes a pasted enclosure, namely: a newspaper cutting relating to the length of a trustee's service on the board.	1 volume	7 Mar 1925-4 Feb 1933	Closed
<b>S28/6</b> Item	<b>Trustees of the Common Lands: minute book</b>	Bound, indexed volume comprising the signed minutes for the meetings of The Common Lands Board between 25 Mar 1933-20 Feb 1943.	1 volume	25 Mar 1933-20 Feb 1943	Closed
<b>S28/7</b> Item	<b>Trustees of the Common Lands: minute book</b>	Bound, indexed volume comprising the signed minutes for the meetings of The Common Lands Board between 24 Apr 1943-1 Jul 1950. The volume also includes a number of loose and pasted enclosures, namely: two handwritten lists, structured by sheading, detailing the election and re-election of members between Jan 1923-Jan 1947 and Jan 1944-Jan 1949; a typed list, organised by sheading, detailing the election and re-election of members between 1866-1945; and a list, dated 17 Oct 1969, detailing the furniture and fittings in the Board's offices at 46 Athol Street, Douglas.	1 volume	24 Apr 1943-1 Jul 1950	Closed



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book  
1917-1950**



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**S57**

## **Records of the Trustees of the Common Lands: rent book**

**1917-1950**

**Alternative/previous reference numbers:** C631 (part)

**Accession number:** A57

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Creator:** Isle of Man; Trustees of the Common Lands; 1866-1950

**Description of series:** The series comprises 1 handwritten rent book - consisting of 174 folios - which evidences the actions undertaken by the board to realise the body's obligations under The Disafforesting (Commoners) Allotment Act, 1866. In this case, the ongoing management of common lands via the collection of rental monies.

Each folio furnishes the following information: the name of property, the acreage, the annual rents payable, the date payable, the lease date, the tenant's name, the tenant's address as well as an account of rental monies received from the tenant.

The rent book includes a number of pasted enclosures which are attached to its fly cover, namely: 3 newspaper cuttings concerning the public auction of common lands on 12 Feb 1921, the 17 Aug 1925 and the 12 Nov 1932; and a handwritten enclosure entitled 'Valuation (from Assessment Board) May 1929' which details the acreage and value of a number of mountainous parcels of land held by the board. In addition, there are 8 loose enclosures of handwritten and typed correspondence relating to the settlement of outstanding ground and gate rentals due from leasees.

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**Custodial History:** Records in consignment C631 were transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office as a temporary consignment under section 3(8) of the Public Records Act in Apr 2010 by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Forestry, Amenity and Lands division). The records were fully transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1999 in Jan 2016.

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**Accruals:** No accruals are expected.

**Arrangement of series:** Series comprises 1 volume.

**Access Status:** Closed

**Access conditions:** This series is currently subject to a B2 closure period of 84 years under the Public Record Order 2015 due to statutory data protection restriction laid down in the Data Protection Act 2002.

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**Records of the Trustees of the Common Lands:  
account book**

**12 Nov 1933-7 Oct 1952**

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## Records of the Trustees of the Common Lands: account book

12 Nov 1933-7 Oct 1952

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**Accession number:** A57

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Creator:** Isle of Man; Trustees of the Common Lands; 1866-1950

**Description of series:** The series comprises 1 handwritten, foliated account book which details ingoing and outgoing monies for the Common Lands Board between 12 Nov 1933-12 Jul 1950. In effect, the account book evidences one of the administrative aspects of the board's fulfillment of its statutory obligations. In this case, the accurate enumeration of monies accrued from the board's assets and monies spent on the upkeep of said assets. In addition, the last three folios in the volume detail ingoing and outgoing monies for the Common Lands Board's successor, the Forestry, Mines and Lands Board between 6 Oct 1952-7 Oct 1952.

**Administrative History:** The Trustees of the Common Land were established on foot of The Disafforesting (Commoners) Allotment Act, 1866. This legislation vested the management of the People's interest, or the commons, in the hands of trustees with one trustee representing each of the island's sheadings. The Trustees of the Common Lands were later restyled as the Common Lands Board in 1915. In 1950, the functions of this board were in turn vested in the newly formed Forestry, Mines and Lands Board in 1950.

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