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Records of the Isle of Man Courts of Justice: Inquest Case Papers

1800-2001

Alternative/previous reference numbers: C71;C261;C388;C607

Accession number: A168

Extent: 92 volumes; 97 archive boxes; 27 banker's boxes

Creator: Isle of Man; Courts: Inquests, circa 1266-present

Description of series:

The series comprises the case papers of inquiry and inquest proceedings impanelled on the Isle of Man to deliver presentments and verdicts on a variety of matters.

Early case papers take the form of bound volumes between 1800-1901; while from 1902 onward proceeding records are kept as case files.

Administrative History:

The earliest evidence of "enquest" style proceedings occurring on the Isle of Man dates from the late 13th century.

However, it was only from the early decades of the 17th century, and under the influence of English methodologies, that inquests proceedings began to take on a more recognisable contemporary form - that is, bodies which could make presentments and hear proceedings. Inquest proceedings could be impanelled to examine a variety of different matters.

As a result, there are a number of different types of bodies of Inquest/Inquiry on the Isle of Man:

- 'Great Enquest' or '*Bing Vooar*'- a jury of twelve drawn from each of the constituent parishes of a given Island Sheading. The members of the jury were sworn in and impanelled for a period of six months by the Deemster. During this term jurors were responsible for delivering presentments and verdicts to the Deemsters, as often as required;
- 'Jury of Enquiry' - a jury of four usually impanelled to examine a matter specified via a charge or directive issued by one of the Island's Deemsters;
- 'Trespass Jury' - a jury of four impanelled to examine: complaints of trespass; complaints in respect cutting of trees or throwing down of fences resulting from trespass; and complaints of extraordinary damage to property resulting from trespass;

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- 'Long Jury' - a jury of twelve impanelled for a period of six months and elected in the same way as the 'Great Enquest'. The 'Long Jury' was responsible for approving and confirming verdicts delivered by the 'Great Enquest'. In the event that the 'Long Jury' was found to have acted partially, a further traverse to the Keys was provisioned for.

- 'Setting Quest' - a jury typically comprised of four of the Lord's tenants from within a given parish. Each parish had a Setting Quest responsible for assisting the officers of the court in: finding suitable replacement tenants to fill tenancies vacated through death or alienation; advising on the equitable division of joint estates; and advising on the apportioning of rents within the parish.

- 'Coroner's Quest' - a jury of seven impanelled to aid the officers of the court in the examination of the circumstances surrounding deaths occurring within the jurisdiction.

Custodial History:

Records comprising this accession were created and maintained by the Isle of Man Courts to document inquest proceedings. The records were originally cosigned as temporary transfers under section 3(8) of the Public Records Act 1999 between Dec 1996 and Aug 2009. The records were then later fully transferred as an accession under section 3(4) Public Records Act 1999 on authority of Stuart Quayle, Chief Registrar, 17 Oct 2019.

Appraisal: Records were selected for permanent preservation in accordance with Part 1 of the Isle of Man Courts Record retention schedule, dated June 2018.

Accruals: Accruals are expected for this series.

Arrangement of series: This series is subdivided into 2 subseries, namely:

[S125/1 - Inquest Case Paper Volumes](#)

[S125/2 - Inquest Case Paper Files](#)

Access Status: Partially closed

Access conditions:

This series is partially closed with some records currently being subject to a B2/C2 closure period of 100 years under the Public Records Order 2015 due to statutory data protection restriction laid down in the Data Protection Act 2018. Please contact the Isle of Man Public Record Office for further information: public.records@gov.im.

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Copyright: Crown copyright for unpublished items - expires 125 years from the end of the calendar year of creation.

Archivist Note: Catalogued by Gavin Rowan, Records & Archive Officer, May-Oct 2021.

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1 SubSeries	Inquest Case Paper Volumes	<p>This subseries comprises a sequence of bound case papers of the proceeding of bodies of inquest/inquiry impanelled on the Isle of Man to deliver verdicts on a variety of different matters, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - trespass - boundary issues - watercourse issues - apportioning of tenancies in respect to vacant tenements - division of joint estates and apportioning of rentals - suspicious deaths - or any issue the jury is directed to inquire into by the Deemster. <p>Depending on the nature of the matter the jury is charged to examine, the proceedings can be styled in variety of ways including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Great Enquest', - 'Jury of Enquiry' - 'Trespass Jury' - 'Long Jury' - 'Setting Quest' - 'Coroner's Quest' 	92 volumes	1800-1901	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/1 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1800-1801	Open
S125/1/2 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1802	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/3 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1803	Open
S125/1/4 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1804	Open

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S125/1/5 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1805	Open
S125/1/6 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1806	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/7 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1807	Open
S125/1/8 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1808	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/9 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1809	Open
S125/1/10 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1810	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/11 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1811	Open
S125/1/12 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1812	Open

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S125/1/13 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1813	Open
S125/1/14 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1814	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/15 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1815	Open
S125/1/16 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1816	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/17 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1817	Open
S125/1/18 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1818	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/19 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1819	Open
S125/1/20 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1820	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/21 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1821	Open
S125/1/22 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1822	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/23 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1823	Open
S125/1/24 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1824	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/25 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1825	Open
S125/1/26 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1826	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/27 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1827	Open
S125/1/28 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1828	Open

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S125/1/29 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1829	Open
S125/1/30 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1830	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/31 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest 	1 volume	1831	Open
S125/1/32 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest 	1 volume	1832	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/33 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1833	Open
S125/1/34 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1834	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/35 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1835	Open
S125/1/36 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1836	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/37 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1837	Open
S125/1/38 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1838	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/39 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1839	Open
S125/1/40 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1840	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/41 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1841	Open
S125/1/42 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1842	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/43 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1843	Open
S125/1/44 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1844	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/45 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1845	Open
S125/1/46 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1846	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/47 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1847	Open
S125/1/48 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1848-1849	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/49 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1850-1851	Open
S125/1/50 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1851-1852	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/51 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1853	Open
S125/1/52 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1854-1855	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/53 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1856-1857	Open
S125/1/54 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1858-1859	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/55 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1860-1862	Open
S125/1/56 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1863-1864	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/57 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1865	Open
S125/1/58 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1866	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/59 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1867	Open
S125/1/60 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1868	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/61 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1869	Open
S125/1/62 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1870	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/63 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1871	Open
S125/1/64 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1872	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/65 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1873	Open
S125/1/66 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1874	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/67 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1875-1876	Open
S125/1/68 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1877	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/69 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1878	Open
S125/1/70 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1879-1880	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/71 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest 	1 volume	1881-1882	Open
S125/1/72 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest 	1 volume	1883	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/73 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1884	Open
S125/1/74 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1884	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/75 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1884	Open
S125/1/76 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1885	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/77 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1886	Open
S125/1/78 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1887	Open

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S125/1/79 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1888	Open
S125/1/80 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1889	Open

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S125/1/81 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1890	Open
S125/1/82 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1891	Open

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S125/1/83 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1892	Open
S125/1/84 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1893	Open

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S125/1/85 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1894	Open
S125/1/86 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1895	Open

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S125/1/87 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1896	Open
S125/1/88 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1897	Open

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S125/1/89 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1898	Open
S125/1/90 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1899	Open

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S125/1/91 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1900	Open
S125/1/92 Item	Inquest Case Paper Volume	1 unindexed volume comprising handwritten case entries. The entries include records documenting varied proceedings, most notably: - great enquests - setting quests - juries of inquiry - trespass juries - coroner's quest	1 volume	1901	Open

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S125/2 SubSeries	Inquest Case Paper Files	<p>This subseries comprises case paper files which together document the proceedings of various bodies impanelled to deliver verdicts on issues ranging from boundary and watercourse disputes to inquiries into the circumstances surrounding deaths on the Island.</p> <p>It should be noted, however, that the majority of later inquests case paper files relate to the investigation of circumstances surrounding deaths on the Island. Contents of such case files typically include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - depositions of witnesses - police statement(s) - medical report(s) - crash investigation report, including photographs/maps of accident scene (where applicable) - post mortem report(s) - Verdict on cause(s) of death <p>Note: A box list of extant case file ranges can be provided on request</p>	97 archive boxes; 27 banker's boxes	1902-2001	Partially closed

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S126

Records of the Isle of Man Courts of Justice: Inquest Proceedings Finding Aids

1830-2004

Accession number: A168

Extent: 6 volumes

Creator: Isle of Man; Courts: Inquests, circa 1266-present

Description of series:

This series comprises two records sequences, namely: entry books and alphabetical indexes. Together these records constitute the original finding aid for the Inquest Case paper sequence.

Administrative History:

The earliest evidence of "enquest" style proceedings occurring on the Isle of Man dates from the late 13th century.

However, it was only from the early decades of the 17th century, and under the influence of English methodologies, that inquests proceedings began to take on a more recognisable contemporary form - that is, bodies which could make presentments and hear proceedings.

Inquest proceedings could be impanelled to examine a variety of different matters. As a result, there are a number of different types of bodies of Inquest/Inquiry on the Isle of Man:

- 'Great Enquest' or '*Bing Vooar*' - a jury of twelve drawn from each of the constituent parishes of a given Island Sheading. The members of the jury were sworn in and impanelled for a period of six months by the Deemster. During this term jurors were responsible for delivering presentments and verdicts to the Deemsters, as often as required;
- 'Jury of Enquiry' - a jury of four usually impanelled to examine a matter specified via a charge or directive issued by one of the Island's Deemsters;
- 'Trespass Jury' - a jury of four impanelled to examine: complaints of trespass; complaints in respect cutting of trees or throwing down of fences resulting from trespass; and complaints of extraordinary damage to property resulting from trespass;
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confirming verdicts delivered by the 'Great Enquest'. In the event that the 'Long Jury' was found to have acted partially, a further traverse to the Keys was provisioned for.

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- 'Coroner's Quest' - a jury of seven impanelled to aid the officers of the court in the examination of the circumstances surrounding deaths occurring within the jurisdiction.

Custodial History:

Records comprising this series were created and maintained as the original finding aids for Inquest proceedings by the Isle of Man Court Services. They were later fully transferred as an accession under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1999 on the authority of Stuart Quayle, Chief Registrar, 17 Oct 2019.

Appraisal: Records were selected for permanent preservation in accordance with Part 1 of the Isle of Man Courts Record retention schedule, dated June 2018.

Accruals: Accruals are expected for this series.

Arrangement of series:

This series is subdivided into 2 subseries, namely:

[S126/1 - Inquest Entry Books](#)

[S126/2 - Inquest Alphabetical Index](#)

Access Status: Partially closed

Access conditions:

This series is partially closed with some records currently being subject to a B2/C2 closure period of 100 years under the Public Records Order 2015 due to statutory data protection restriction laid down in the Data Protection Act 2018. Please contact the Isle of Man Public Record Office for further information: public.records@gov.im.

For information on visiting the Isle of Man Public Record Office please see our website:

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Copyright: Crown copyright for unpublished items - expires 125 years from the end of the calendar year of creation.

Archivist Note: Catalogued by Gavin Rowan, Records & Archive Officer, May-Oct 2021.

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S126/1 SubSeries	Inquest Entry Books	This subseries comprises a sequence of entry books. Entry books are organised chronologically by year and case number. Letters were used to denote when documents were put on file in relation to a particular Enquest/Inquest proceedings.	5 volumes	1830-2004	Partially closed
S126/1/1 Item	'Enquest Entry Book'	1 bound volume comprising handwritten entries of Inquest proceedings. Entries take the form of listings organised by year and case number. Where applicable, entries typically provide the following information: the name of the plaintiff, the name of the defendant, summarised details of the proceedings and details of the outcome of same.	1 volume	1830-1915	Open
S126/1/2 Item	'Enquest Entry Book'	1 bound volume comprising handwritten entries of Inquest proceedings. Entries take the form of listings organised by year and case number. Where applicable, entries typically provide the following information: the name of the plaintiff, the name of the defendant, summarised details of the proceedings and details of the outcome of same.	1 volume	1916-1941	Closed

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S126/1/3 Item	'Enquest Entry Book'	1 bound volume comprising handwritten entries of Inquest proceedings. Entries take the form of listings organised by year and case number. Where applicable, entries typically provide the following information: the name of the plaintiff, the name of the defendant, summarised details of the proceedings and details of the outcome of same.	1 volume	1941-1961	Closed
S126/1/4 Item	'Enquest Entry Book'	1 folder comprising typed entries of Inquest proceedings. Entries take the form of listings organised by year and case number. Where applicable, entries typically provide the following information: the name of the plaintiff, the name of the defendant, summarised details of the proceedings and details of the outcome of same.	1 volume	1962-1993	Closed
S126/1/5 Item	Inquest Entry Book	1 folder comprising typed entries of Inquest proceedings. Entries take the form of listings organised by year and case number. Where applicable, entries typically provide the following information: the name of the plaintiff, the name of the defendant, summarised details of the proceedings and details of the outcome of same.	1 folder	1994-2004	Closed

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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S126/2 SubSeries	Inquest Alphabetical Index	This subseries includes 1 bound volume comprising typed entries of Inquest proceedings heard on the Isle of Man. The Index is arranged alphabetically by surname.	1 volume	1916-1999	Closed

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S127

Records of the Isle of Man Courts of Justice: Inquest Case Papers Record Book

1986-1999

Accession number: A168

Extent: 1 volume

Creator: Isle of Man; Courts: Inquests; circa 1266-present

Description of series:

1 volume comprising handwritten entries which capture the following high level, summarised information in relation to Coroner's Inquest proceedings heard on the Isle of Man:

- name
- date of death
- date of inquest
- coroner
- cause of death
- verdict

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Custodial History:

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