

Rockhampton

Olsen's Caves, some 30 km. North of Rockhampton, were discovered by John Olsen, a newly arrived migrant from Norway in 1882. He was able to select and obtain title to the land upon which the caves are situated, as he foresaw their potential interest and importance. The caves remained in the hands of the Olsen family until the 1980s, and the property was then purchased by the Augusteyn family. (Olsen 1964, 1978)
The Camoo Caves are nearby and were opened to the public in the 1970s. They are now included in the National Park and commercial tours have been discontinued.

QUEENSLAND INTELLIGENCE AND TOURIST BUREAU PICTORIAL SERIES

Pu Queensland Government Intelligence and Tourist Bureau

Pr Government Printer

F Photograph with medium margin all round and title in lower margin.

Entrance to Olsen's Caves, Central Queensland V

(With the B1 back - see Collas 1983 - printed in blue.)

Entrance to Olsen's Caves, Central Queensland V [pm. London, 19 Nov 1908]

(With the B1 back - see Collas 1983 - printed in blue.)

Entrance to Olsen's Caves, Central Queensland V

(With the B2 back - see Collas 1983 - printed in lemon. Publicity message on back reads 'The quantity of timber sawn in Queensland in 1906 was 90,801,846 sup. feet' and our copy also has a typed message : "To ye land seeker and ye tourist; With compliments of the Sydney Branch Queensland Government Tourist and Information office, 116 Pitt St., Sydney, opp General Post Office New South Wales.")

Entrance to Olsen's Caves, Central Queensland V

(Picture in colour, with B3a back - see Collas 1983 - printed in rose. Publicity message on back reads 'The death rate per 1,000 in Queensland was the second lowest in Australia, and lower than New Zealand during 1907.'

Entrance to Olsen's Caves, Central Queensland V

(Picture in colour, with B3b back - see Collas 1983 - printed in violet.)

FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION SERIES [1908.]

Pu Queensland Government Intelligence and Tourist Bureau

F Black half-tone picture with broad margins and title in lower margin

The Harp Cave, Olsen's Caves, Near Rockhampton, Central Queensland H

(Our copies have F1 back as defined by Collas 1983, printed in green ; one has a British stamp, and was postmarked at the exhibition, 19 Oct.1908. Postmarker reads 'Ballymaclinton Shepherds Bush Exhibition' and was from the shop in the Irish Village area of the exhibition - near the Australian pavilion; another was posted on 17 Oct.1908 from Alton, Hants.]

MURRAY VIEWS SERIES

Pu & Pr Murray Views

F Full frame, full-color prints with deckle edge; title and descriptive details on back

W51 Olsen's Caves, C.Q. H (surface view)

W52 Olsen's Caves, C.Q. H (cave view)

W53 Olsen's Caves, C.Q. H (Surface view of entry area)

W60 Olsen's Caves, C.Q./The Elephant's Head V

W62 Olsen's Caves, C.Q. /

A section of the natural parkland setting, adjacent to the caves. H (s.n.a. W53)

W12A Camoo Caves, C.Q. /The Fairyland Cavern H

W14A Camoo Caves, C.Q. H (Cave view)

W24A Camoo Caves, C.Q. /The Chandelier in Camoo Caves H

W42 Camoo Caves, C.Q. /Stalagmites inside the caves H

W43 Camoo Caves, C.Q. /Moonscape, near Rockhampton H

NEO SERIES

Pu & Pr Neo Productions, Neo Productions, Yeppoon

F Full frame, full-color prints; title and descriptive details on back

The Harp, Olsen's Caves H

Olsen's Caves . . . H

Olsen's Caves . . . V

Forest at Olsen's Caves V