

21-7-06.

Ms. Olive Murphy

Charlottesville 4470.

A.L.D.



Dear

Sirs/madam

for your  
information, disclosed you will find  
papers that I was given access to, by  
the state archives. Even though Dad was  
given exemption in the year of 1921, he  
was still under the control of the act  
and the government even after he  
was exempted. I am the eldest of 13  
children, 7 are still living. I have  
concerns of the government. The control  
of aboriginal & Torres Strait people, as a race  
of people in this country of which we belong,  
we are not the worst behaved; just the  
worst treated by services, controlled by  
governments, state, federal. With respect  
Sincerely Olive Murphy.

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MEMO TO: State Archivist DEPT. OF FAMILY SERVICES & ABORIGINAL & ISLANDER AFFAIRS  
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FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Department or Authority)

SUBJECT: Authorisation for researcher to consult records located at Queensland State Archives

The bearer of this letter, OLIVE MAY MURPHY  
 of ST UNIVERSITY ROAD, MITCHELTON 4053 is  
 (Address)

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QSA LOCATION NO	DESCRIPTION OF RECORD
A/58734	21/5150 Exemptions ALF Mc CARTHY (Correspondence)
13	40/1706 Complaints ALFRED M. CARTHY. (Correspondence)

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YES

NO

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DEPT. OF FAMILY SERVICES &  
 ABORIGINAL & ISLANDER AFFAIRS  
 G P O BOX 806  
 BRISBANE Q 4001  
M. Murphy  
 (Head of department or Authority)

Please stamp with Departmental stamp



THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ABORIGINALS,

Brisbane.

SIR,

We have been instructed by a half caste native named Alf Macarthy to apply to you for exemption from the provisions of the Aborigines Protection Acts.

Macarthy is now and has for some considerable time been in the employ of Messrs. Loughnan Brothers of Abbirglassie and Crystalbrook and is an educated and capable man. He is employed in positions of trust by his Employers and has no dealings whatever with aborigines or camps.

We would request that you cause investigations to be made, and we trust that the result of same will conclusively show you that this man is a fit subject for exemption under Section 33 of the 1897 Act.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Doc. 1-12-16.
No. _____
1-12-16.

Your obedient Servants,  
*Somaywan & Sonner*

*A/S Collins Mitchell*

*In inquiry and report, Ross Byrd and Taylor & Pa 3/12/16*

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rescriptions  
1916  
04049  
Famar District  
Police Station  
778 Mitchell 15 Dec 1916  
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Recd. exemption of Alf McCarthy from A.P. Act.  
Chief Protector of Aborigines,  
Brisbane.

to Alf McCarthy Half  
Caste.

For your information. I recommend the  
exemption of the boy " Alf McCarthy ".

Roma. Protector of Aborigines.  
18/12/16.

P. A. Roma  
This lad seems very young to be  
given his freedom I would prefer  
the request be deferred for a year  
or two. I would like further  
report as to his ability to  
protect himself in money dealing  
and general fitness for exemption.

I beg to report  
in reference to the annexed  
application of Alf McCarthy  
for exemption from inquiries  
Grade I. Ascertained that his  
age is 16 years & is a Native  
of Forest Vale Station near  
Mitchell. that his father was  
an half bred American Negro.  
his mother was a Half Caste  
Aboriginal. that his father  
used to do bush & tract work  
until he died, about 4 years  
ago. This boy can read & write a  
little and he bears a good  
character & nothing is known  
of him and neither himself. His  
father or mother has been known  
to live with or associate with  
Aboriginals. Therefore I am  
of opinion that this boy is  
not an Aboriginal within  
the meaning of the section  
4.6 of the Aboriginal  
Protection Act.

B/c. 9-1-17  
No. 17/15  
Recd. 17-1-17

Chief Protector of Aborigines  
Roma  
Recd & returned  
Roma  
18/1/17

Acting Sergeant Collins,  
Mitchell.

Please inform Messrs, Bridgman and  
Francis, Mitchell, of the Chief Protector's  
decision in this matter. Note and return.

Roma. Protector of Aborigines.  
11/1/17.

Messrs. Bridgman & Francis  
of Mitchell has been informed accordingly

Acting Supt. Roma  
12/1  
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Exem. 5/1840

Exemptions  
THE PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES  
15449  
OCT 11 1921  
Alfred McCormack

receipt for his exemption certificate.

OFFICE OF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINALS,

Mitchell,  
October 7th. 1921.

I hereby certify that I have this day received from the Protector of Aborigines at Mitchell Certificate of Exemption from the Provisions of Aborigines Protection and restriction of the sale of Opium Acts 1897 - 1901. Dated the third day of October 1921 and signed W. McCormack, Home Secretary.

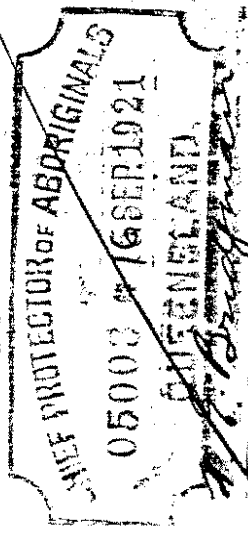
Alfred McCormack

Witness.

James Bonaguidi  
Solo. unsworn

*Exemption*

*File 17/3644*



H. ERNEST BRIDGMAN, CLERK, H.M.B.  
SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE 9  
P.O. BOX 4

CAMBRIDGE STREET.

*Mitchell*, Sept. 12th. 1921

*Further application for exemption of Alf McCarthy*

I have found a fit subject for exemption.  
I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
*W. J. ...*

The Chief Protector of Aborigines,

Brisbane.

Sir,

re Alf. McCarthy.

I have the honor to advise that I have been instructed to reapply for certificate of exemption for the abovenamed person.

You will find that on looking up your records I applied for exemption previously at the latter end of 1916, but that on your suggestion owing to his youth the matter has been deferred.

Brisbane.

Sir,

re Alf. McCarthy.

I have the honor to advise that I have been instructed to reapply for certificate of exemption for the abovenamed person.

You will find that on looking up your records I applied for exemption previously at the latter end of 1916, but that on your suggestion owing to his youth the matter has been deferred.

He is now 22 years of age, and I may again repeat the particulars contained in the previous application/ He was born at Forest Vale, Mitchell both of his parents being half-castes, he has never at any time lived with aboriginals, but has been brought up all his life among whites.

He has word for Mr. Loughnan of 16 SEP 1921

Abbieglassie for 4 years, and has lately been employed by Tomoo Station. He can read and write, seems a smart lad thoroughly capable of looking after his own interests and seems to understand the value of money and I think is quite capable of looking after his own interests, and I think on

*Investigations will be found a fit subject for exemption*  
I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
*Wm. J. ...*

*not suitable for report*  
*[Signature]*  
1921

21/5/18'0. Exemptions



Office of Chief Protector of Aborigines,

South Brisbane, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1921.

Memorandum:

PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES,

Mitchell

*Chief Protector of Aborigines*  
*Faculties*  
*accordance*  
*10/10*  
*21*

In accordance with your recommendation of 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo,  
a Certificate of Exemption from the Provisions of the Aborigines  
Protection Acts has been granted to Alf McBarthay  
of Inver Vale, Mitchell and is hereby attached.

Kindly deliver it to the owner and obtain an acknow-  
ledgment, which should be returned to this Office.

M.D. Warren  
Deputy Chief Protector of Aborigines

11 OCT 1921

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IDC/M169

Ident.

No. Name M<sup>c</sup>CARTHY Alfred  
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Breed— Full Blood  
(CROSS OUT DESCRIPTIONS NOT REQUIRED)  Half-Caste  
 Quadroon

Tribal Name  
(IF RELIABLE)

Protectorate Lunenburg

Year of Birth 1-4-1900  
(APPROXIMATE)

EXEMPT.

SEE FILE 40/1706

Place of Birth Mitchell, 6'ed

24 JUN 1940

COMMENTS

correspondence required

Names of—

Father Alfred M<sup>c</sup>Carthy

Mother Kathie Meadows

Name of Husband or Wife None  
(STATE IF LEGAL OR TRIBAL)

Marks, Scars, etc. A married man with wife &

8 children, principally a driver; & draws a fair amount of savings for year.

District  
Police Station  
Mitchell 10th Aug 1900

Re. General Order No: 679

Act. Sergt John Casey No: 318 reports on General Order No: 679

Arresting Officer:	Con N.J.Nash
Place of arrest:	Mitchell
Name of offender:	Alfred McCarthy
Nature of Charge:	Harbouring a Female Half-Caste
If arrested on Warrant:	??? Proceedings by Summons at the instance of Con Nash.
How disposed of:	Fined 10 pound and 3/6 costs of Court
If offence Gazetted refer to Gazette:	No Reference
If not Gazetted State so:	Not Gazetted

John Casey  
Act Sergt 530

Alf

McCarthy ✓

Forest Vale. Mitchell

Home Office  
Register of Letters Received, 1921  
HOM /B58 Q.S.A.  
Correspondence re: Certificates of Exemption

N.B. A = Application for C. of E.  
R = Recommended for C. of E.

Name  
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Place  
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Action  
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5. 8.1919 Letter from the Protector of Aborigines, Roma to the  
Protector of Aborigines, Mitchell  
Re: Savings Bank Account Books sent to Mitchell

A/C  
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R.L.F.  
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Name  
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Alfred McCarthy

16/11/018

Exemptions  
CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINALS  
08644 & 19 OCT 1917  
QUEENSLAND  
H. E. Bridgman

asking has anything been done re granting Alf  
McCarthy exemption.

H. E. BRIDGMAN, 1917  
BRIDGMAN & FRANCIS,  
SOLICITORS  
H. E. BRIDGMAN  
C. W. FRANCIS

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TELEPHONE 9

CAMBRIDGE STREET,

Mitchell, 18th October 1917  
QUEENSLAND

The Chief Protector of Aborigines,  
Brisbane.

Sir,

re Alf McCarthy.

With reference to your communication  
of 1st. December last I have the honour to enquire if any  
thing further has been done in respect to the granting  
of exemption of the above person.

I would strongly urge the granting  
of such exemption.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. E. Bridgman

*2009*

24th. October, 1917

Sir,

In reply to your note of the 18th. instant re Alf Mc. Carthy I would advise that on the 3th. January last the Protector at Roma was advised that this lad who is only 16 years of age seems very young to be given his freedom and in his own interests the request should be deferred for a year or two. Moreover his education is apparently limited to being able to read and write a little, and it is not evident that he would be able to protect himself in money dealings or *be* otherwise generally fit for exemption.

17:1766

The papers shew that by instructions Act. Sergt. Collins of Mitchell informed your firm to this effect on the 13th. January.

Yours obediently,

Chief Protector of Aborigines.

H. E. Bridgeman, Esq. ,  
Solicitor,

MITCHELL

## Report on Application by Half-caste for Exemption from the Provisions of the Aboriginal Protection and Restriction of Sale of Opium Acts.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
Name of Applicant .. .. .	Alf Mc'Carthy!
Sex .. .. .	Male.
Age .. .. .	21 years last April.
Where born .. .. .	Forest Vale. Mitchell.
State .. .. .	Queensland.
Nationality of parents, father .. .. .	Half Caste Aboriginal.
"    "    mother .. .. .	Half Caste Aboriginal.
Were parents legally married? .. .. .	Said to be legally married at Roma.
Is applicant married (legally)? .. .. .	Single.
If so, what is nationality of wife (or husband)?	-----
Has applicant any children? If so, what are their ages? .. .. .	-----
Does applicant (or his family) habitually associate with aboriginals? .. .. .	No.
Does applicant drink? .. .. .	No.
Or, procure it for other aboriginals? .. .. .	No.
Is applicant educated, to what extent? .. .. .	Read and write fairly well.
Is he (or she) intelligent enough to protect himself in business dealings? .. .. .	Yes.
Is he (or she) thrifty, and does he (or she) understand the value of money? .. .. .	Yes.
What amount has he (or she) to credit in the Savings Bank? .. .. .	£34-16-1.
Does applicant live in a civilised manner and associate with Europeans usually? .. .. .	Yes.
Is applicant of good character, steady in employment, and industrious? .. .. .	Yes.

B District  
Police Station  
Mitchell 28/4/00

Report Re: Supplying of Opium to Aborigines

Act Sergeant John Casey No: 318 reports there is Half Caste Aboriginal Known as McCarthy Marsupial Scalping in the Police District of Mitchell. He has a large number of Aborigines with him and is the Police are fully satisfied, supplying them with Opium. This man McCarthy has the permission of the Aboriginal Protector Mr Meston to employ Aborigines, further he at all times ??? to and since the passing of the Aborigines Protection Act and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act lives and associates with blacks and no doubt claims to be an Aboriginal.

The Act Sergeant knows of nothing in the Aborigines Protection Act that will protect Half Castes and Aborigines offending against Sec 20 & 21 of that Act more than other offenders, but at the same time deems it advisable to have the consent of his Inspector before attempting a test case.

The Police at Mitchell during the past 18 Months have used every effort to stop the sale of Opium to Aborigines and have in that time gained many convictions against offenders. Withal the many persons at the present time in this District who trade Opium with the Blacks is astonishing.

In many Cases now the European Opium Dealers sell and supply Opium to only the most trustworthy Blacks, who act as middle men and retail in small quantities to the masses of the people.

Insp Fitzgerald  
Roma

John Casey  
Act Sergt

Notes relating to above matter

McCarthy's permit expired on the 20th of March so that he holds no permit at the present time and I am not likely to renew it

**A Meston 5/5/00**

Act Sergt Casey

To note Mr Meston's B.C. and act when opportunity offers

KF Supp 06/6/00

Abor Coy

Alf McCarthy

21:5003. Exemptions



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QUEENSLAND

Ra Mitchell

Forwarding completed from re Alf McCarthy  
Office of Chief Protector of Aboriginals,

27 SEP 1921

South Brisbane, 20th. Sept., 1921.

Under Secretary  
Home Dept  
Secretary recommends

Chief Protector of Aboriginals

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MEMORANDUM:

To the Protector of Aboriginals,

MITCHELL,  
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & &

I have to advise that an application has been made by H. E. Bridgman, Solicitor, of Mitchell, on behalf of ALF MCCARTHY, for his exemption.

This boy made previous application in 1918, when you reported on the matter - your report No. 778/18, of date 16th. December, 1918, and he was advised to wait for a year or two as he was too young to be given his freedom.

Please inquire into the matter and report further as to the advisability of now granting Alf his exemption, completing attached form.

Forward

*Ra Mitchell*  
Chief Protector of Aboriginals.

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3/10  
B.C. Chief Protector  
W. J. OALL  
23/9/21  
MITCHELL  
26 SEP 1921

Returned accordingly  
23/9/21  
Dunn's Protest

26 SEP 1921



✓  
Copy

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINALS.  
QUEENSLAND.

MCCARTHY ALF ..... granted Exemption from the provisions  
of the Aboriginal Protection Act.

Address..... Forest Vale .....

Certificate No. .. .. . 34 .....

Date .. .. . 1921 .....

Issued by .. .. . .....

Relative file .. .. . 21/4/195150 Exemptions .....

Date of Birth .. .. . .....

Married or Single .. .. . .....

Nationality of Parents:—

Father .....

Mother .....

Savings Bank A/c:—

Balance .....

Disposal .....

↑  
correspondence  
required

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District  
Police Station  
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How disposed of:	Fined 10 pound and 3/6 costs of Court
If offence Gazetted refer to Gazette:	No Reference
If not Gazetted State so:	Not Gazetted

John Casey  
Act Sergt 530

IDC/M169

Ident.

No. Name M<sup>c</sup>CARTHY Alfred  
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Breed  Full Blood Tribal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(CROSS OUT DESCRIPTIONS NOT REQUIRED)  Half-Caste (IF RELIABLE)  
 Quadroon

Protectorate Lunenburg

Year of Birth 1-4-1900  
(APPROXIMATE)

EXEMPT.  
SEE FILE 40/1700  
24 JUN 1940  
COMPLAINTS

Place of Birth Mitchell, 6'ed

correspondence required

Names of—

Father Alfred Mc Carthy

Mother Kathie Meadows

Name of Husband or Wife Kate  
(STATE IF LEGAL OR TRIBAL)

Marks, Scars, etc. is married man with wife &

8 children, principally adover, a drouse for some  
of natives for year.