

1939-1969

15 cm. of textual records

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By-Laws to appoint Clerks for the Town and City of Port Arthur were made as directed under the provisions of the Municipal Act, which also in part dictated the responsibilities of the position. One of the duties of the Clerk was to prepare juror's lists.

This series consists of meeting minutes relating to the local selection and distribution of jurors for the municipality. From the information recorded, it appears that selection took place once every calendar year. The minutes contain a listing of the names, addresses and occupations of perspective jurors. From this list, four Divisions of Jurors were chosen, consisting of Grand Jurors for the High Court Division of the Supreme Court, Grand Jurors for the Inferior Courts of the Criminal Jurisdiction, Petit Jurors for the Supreme Court of the Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction and Petit Jurors for the Inferior Courts of the Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction. The names, addresses and occupations of the chosen jurors are listed under the Division for which they were selected.

At the end of the Division listings is an oath of the selectors declaring that they had made the selection and distribution of the jurors from the Assessment Roll, or certified voters' lists for the Municipality for that year, to the best of their judgement and information, pursuant to the directions of The Jurors Act. The selectors usually appear to have been the Mayor, Assessment Commissioner and the Clerk.

Two volumes exist for this series. The first volume is a bound book, which starts with the year 1939 and ends in the year 1961. Prior to 1957 the recorded information was handwritten. From 1957 to 1961 typed lists were taped to the pages of the volume. The tape is decomposing with age, leaving the lists loose on the pages of the volume. The second volume is a post binder with the recorded information typed directly on the pages of the book. This volume starts in 1962 and ends in 1969.

Juror's records are not available prior to 1939.

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Further accruals are not anticipated.