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Introduction

The Office of the Public Trustee was constituted in 1915 by Proclamation of the Military Governor 20/1915 (dated 25th October 1915) to “*make provision for the administration management and preservation of the estates and property in the Protectorate of minors and lunatics, and of deceased, absent or unknown persons*”. By Government Notice 52/1915 of 21st December 1919, James Collie, the Secretary for the Protectorate, was appointed to exercise *ex officio* the functions of the Public Trustee.

The Office was abolished by Section 7 of Proclamation 21 of 1919 (dated 12th December 1919) which established the High Court of South West Africa. Its functions were taken over by the Master of the High Court.

The estate case files created by the Public Trustee were taken over by the Master of the High Court and are present in the archival group EST.

The present surviving records of the Office of the Public Trustee were retrieved from unregistered records in 2013 and comprise only of financial records for the entire period of its existence, and of telegraphic correspondence 1918-1819. They consist of 4 books in 1 storage unit.

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Financial records

1	Journal	1915-1918
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Telegraphic correspondence

2	Telegram book April 1918-July 1919	1918-1919
3	Telegram book 4.7.1919-4.9.1919	1919-1919
4	Telegram book 4.9.1919-30.11.1919	1919-1919

