

CALIGRAPH



This Caligraph (typewriter) is believed to be the one of the first used in Gympie. It was manufactured by the American Writing Machine Company, New York, in the early 1880s.

The keyboard has 76 keys, with a key for each upper and lower case letter of the alphabet, plus the numbers and punctuation marks. As the machine operated using the understroke type bar principle, the carriage needed to be lifted to see what was just typed.

It was donated to the museum from the estate of the late A G Ramsey, managing director of the Gympie Times until the early 1920s, and it is displayed in the Tank with other old writing and adding machines.