**Masters**

The early history of the Office of Master in Van Diemen's Land, including the initial appointment of Joseph Hone in 1824, his resignation in 1836, his re-appointment in 1840 and the abolition the office by the [Abolition of the Master Act](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/tas/num_act/aatatoomotsc21vn12552/) is documented by the second person to hold the office, Cecil George Brettingham-Moore at [[1963] UTasLawRw 5](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/UTasLawRw/1963/5.html)

The office of Master was revived by the [Supreme Court Act 1959](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/tas/num_act/sca195941o1959229/) and permitted one person to be appointed both as Master and as Registrar.

Name Period of Office

Joseph Hone, Esq 1824-1851

Cecil George Brettingham-Moore, MC 1960-1984

Richard Carter Southee 1985-1999

Stephen James Holt 1999-2008\*

\* On 1 March 2008 the Title "Master" was changed to "Associate Judge"