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Historical land title records such as maps, plans and titles offer a link to the past. They provide a wealth of information about local history and the family history of a house or property.

Land and Property Information (LPI), a division of Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA), is the custodian of land titling, survey and property information dating back to the commencement of European settlement. The Authority is progressively conserving, digitising and archiving these important and valuable records to protect them from damage and improve access.

In a joint initiative, the State Records Authority of NSW and LPI are making the following historical land title records accessible online via public terminals: Old Form Torrens Title Registers, Charting Maps and Crown plans. These records can now be viewed at State Records Authority reading rooms at no charge. The Old Form Torrens Title Registers and the Charting Maps can also be accessed at the State Library of New South Wales in the same manner free of charge. To obtain your own copy of a record see 'How to purchase copies' on page 2.

Historical land title records available online

Old Form Torrens Register

Old Form titles were issued from 1863 to 1961. "Old Form" refers to the large paper format used for the creation of these records. Under the Torrens Title System land transactions for a parcel of land were registered on one title document called a folio of the Register. The Register shows a chain of ownership and the transactions affecting the title over a period of time, a description of the land parcel and references to previous and subsequent titles. It should be noted that most of these title records are cancelled or partially cancelled titles. Current title information is available to purchase from LPMA (see 'How to purchase copies').

Charting Maps

Charting Maps are a cadastral land boundary index that can be used to help find plan and title information relating to a parcel of land being researched. Used to record changes in boundaries, land ownership and administration over time, these maps form a vital part of the historic fabric of the state. The Charting Map

collection consists of Regional Parish Maps, Status Branch Parish Maps and Land Titles Office Charting Maps. Note, the charting maps have not been notated since September 2002 and are precursors to the current digital cadastre that can be viewed online by visiting http://shop.lands.nsw.gov.au and selecting 'Specialised Searches' from the menu and then requesting 'Property Location Map'.

Crown plans

Crown plans are survey diagrams illustrating the state's land boundaries, natural features and may include references to early leasing and ownership of the land.

There are many different types of Crown plan. The most common are called portion surveys which define parcels of land (portions). Crown plan surveys can also show reserves, roads, exploration routes, rivers, bays and harbours. The plans record distances, bearings and other survey data and usually contain a condensed history of the subject land including: soil type, vegetation, improvements and administrative detail.

Historical information land title records can reveal

- Land owner particulars
- Title system under which the land is held (Torrens, Old System or Crown)
- Land use and status e.g reserve, vegetation
- Land boundaries, survey information
- Land descriptions
- Previous and subsequent plans of subdivision
- Land exploration and development
- Gazettal actions
- Street names and localities
- References to other land administration records
- Details of Crown Grants

Getting started

A good starting point for more information on researching land records or property history in NSW is the LPMA searching guides.

There are five searching guides:

- First Stop Guide
- A Brief History of the Records of the Registrar General
- Torrens Title Information and Search Guide
- Searching the Registrar General's Maps and Plans amalgamating former guides "The Parish Map and Crown plan in Family History and Genealogical Searching" and "The History of Registrar General's Maps and Plans"
- Old System Information and Search Guide

Note: These guides are in the process of being reviewed and updated, and will be released in the second half of 2010. The guides can be downloaded at no charge from http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/land_titles/historical_research

A hard copy LPI Historical Land Title Records Online Access Reference Manual kept at the reading rooms is also available. This manual explains how to find and view images at the public terminal, and provides general information on how to interpret the land records.

How to access records

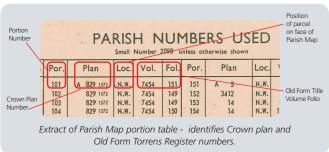
The public terminals provide access to PIXEL, a computer application that allows you to request and view the previously described historical land records as high quality colour images.

How to find and view records

The most popular search using PIXEL is to research the family history of a property. Unless you know the specific Crown plan number or Old Form Torrens Register title the best place to start this search is via the Charting Map collection. The Charting Map collection consists of a range of Parish, County and Town maps which act as an index to land administration record numbers.

Charting Maps can be accessed by searching on County and/or Parish names via the PIXEL 'search by' window. If you don't know the Parish name you can search for the locality at the Geographical Names Board site at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au. The result of the names search will include the Parish name for that locality, which you can then use to find your required map in PIXEL.

Once the Parish Map is open in PIXEL you can geographically locate the subject area on the face of the map. In most instances, this area will contain a portion number. The portion numbers are listed in a table on the parish map which record a reference to the Old Form Torrens title, identified by volume-folio, and the Crown plan number, identified by large-small number. Using the example below, to view the title for portion 101 in PIXEL enter 7454-15. To view the Crown plan enter for 829-1572.





All Old Form Torrens Titles and Charting Maps have been scanned and are available via PIXEL. Crown plans are progressively being captured and in some instances may not be available in PIXEL as the scanning project is not due for completion until mid 2014.

How to purchase copiesOld Form Torrens Title and Crown Plans

- Order through LPMA's Online Shop http://shop.lands.nsw. gov.au and selecting 'Title Searches and Records' and then either 'Torrens Title Image' or 'Crown Plan Image'.
- Visit LPI at 1 Prince Albert Road, Queens Square, Sydney; or,
- Obtain through a network of approved information brokers listed at

http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/land_titles/property_search/information_brokers

Charting Maps

Charting maps are a free product and can be downloaded by visiting the online PIXEL application http://images.maps.nsw.gov.au/pixel.htm

The records viewed on the public terminals are LPMA products and are not available to purchase or download through the State Records Authority of NSW.

Conditions of use

The LPMA records available via these public terminals are for viewing purposes only. No printing, digital photography or screen dumps of any records displayed is permitted.

The information contained within the historical land title records may still be current, but must be viewed as a historical snapshot and used for searching and reference purposes only. Current title information must be obtained online or in person at the sites listed above. Authoritative land titling records are only available from LPMA or its approved information brokers.

For more information

- For more information about LPI/LPMA records visit http:// www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/land_property_information, contact LPI on phone 1300 052 637, or in person at 1 Prince Albert Road, Queens Square, Sydney.
- For Spatial information and products visit the Spatial Information eXchange (SIX) at www.six.nsw.gov.au
- For LPMA heritage information and projects visit www.baseline.nsw.gov.au

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