

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.

Por.	Plan	Loc.	Vol.	Fol.	Por.	Plan	Loc.
101	A 829 1572	N.W.	7454	151	151	A 5	N.W.
102	829 1572	N.W.	7454	149	152	3412	N.W.
103	829 1572	N.W.	7454	149	153	14	N.W.
104	829 1572	N.W.	7454	150	154	14	N.W.

Extract of Parish Map portion table - identifies Crown plan and Old Form Torrens Register numbers.

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 copies Old 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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