### Searching Land Title Records Online From Land Information NZ (LINZ)



This is another way of getting an insight into your ancestors or family's lives.

You can use an address if you have one or if you've seen the house or have a photo of it, you may be able to find an address for it on Google maps as they have photos and addresses of the houses.

Looking at a title will give you the owners name, the date the property was purchased, any mortgages that were registered against it and will tell you when it was sold to the next person and subsequent owners.

### Land Title System in NZ



- NZ used the **Deeds System** for property ownership, from 1841 to 1871.
- Deeds are property ownership details written into books and are available to view from Archives NZ in Auckland. Land Information NZ "LINZ" intends to digitise these books in the future as well.
- After 1871 they introduced the **Torrens System** for property ownership and these records were also on paper, but separate documents and went digital from 2002. This is the current system and it is these titles that have been digitized and are available online.
- Also available to view from Archives NZ are Sale and Purchase Agreements for property sales from Dec 1942 to 1950 and these show you who purchased the property and how much they paid. The Government restricted sale prices to 1942 prices to help returning soldiers from WW2 to buy a home.
- The New Zealand Land Information Office is where you go to search. It costs \$6.00 for a search, and it is emailed to you as a PDF file.
- The site is available Monday to Thursday 6am to 10pm, Friday 6am to 7pm, Saturday & Sunday 6am to 5pm.

## How to find an address



- Go to Google Maps and find the street your ancestor lived in. "187 Centerway Rd Orewa"
- I know what the house looked like, and it was near Purirui Ave, but don't remember the street number, so I go along the street to find the house. Google Maps will show you the street numbers. If your lucky you will see the street number on the letterbox.

https://www.google.co.nz/maps/@-36.7951473,174.6710743,11z

## **Guide To Search**



- Next go to the website : <u>https://lrs.linz.govt.nz/search/</u>
- First, enter the street address and look at the list that comes up and pick the correct one and click on it. Next look at the property shape and size to make sure it looks like the one you want. It will show the property details and a map of the property with the road name.
- You then have 3 options, my suggestion would be to tick the **Historical Title.** This will give you the most useful information.
- If the property has been subdivided since your ancestor owned it, you will have to do more than one search. You use the Title ID for the first one and look for the Prior Reference number to get the previous title and repeat for each one.
- It will cost \$6 each time you search a title to get the previous reference number.



#### **UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT 1952**

**Historical Search Copy** 







Identifier

SA1064/123

Land Registration DistrictSouth AucklandDate Issued26 February 1953

26 February 1953

Prior References SA330/288

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### Reserve Bank of NZ Inflation calculator

Want to know how much a house worth \$50,000 in 1973 is worth in today's money



https://www.rbnz.govt.nz/monetarypolicy/inflation-calculator

# Questions