

The Torrens Purchasers Index assists researchers find land ownership details between 1863 and 1971 by searching on a surname. It is a useful tool for obtaining title details for Torrens title land when only the name of a reputed owner (or lessee) and an approximate date of ownership (or lease) is known.

Land and Property Information (LPI) digitised the Torrens Purchasers Index as part of a program to conserve and provide better access to land records.

You can access these records through the Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV) in the Spatial Information Exchange (SIX) website www.six.nsw.gov.au.

What is the Torrens Purchasers Index?

Established in 1863, when the Torrens title system began, the Torrens Purchasers Index is a key means for finding when a person or corporation:

- became the owner of Torrens title land,
- became the holder of a registered lease over Torrens title land or,
- received a grant of Crown land (from 1863 onwards land grants and purchases were recorded in this index as a replacement for the Grant Index).

The index also lists land resumptions and documents that record a name change to the registered owner of Torrens title land.

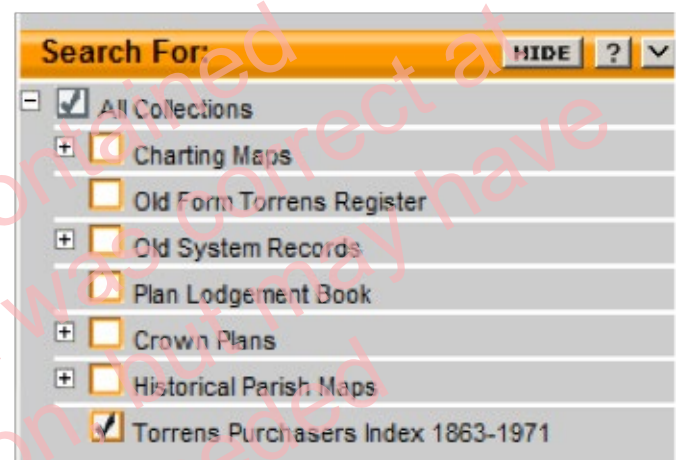
Each index entry provides:

- the full name of the person or corporation being registered as the owner or leaseholder of the land
- title details (the Volume and Folio number of the manual title) at the time of the transaction
- a dealing number which is the reference to the document register on the land title and is usually a number preceded by an alphabetical letter prefix

- the nature of the document with reference to a letter code i.e. T, L, or G that shows that this is a transfer, lease, grant etc
- the location of the land in terms of parish, county and locality.

How to access the Torrens Purchasers Index in the HLRV

You can access the Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971 collection through the HLRV.

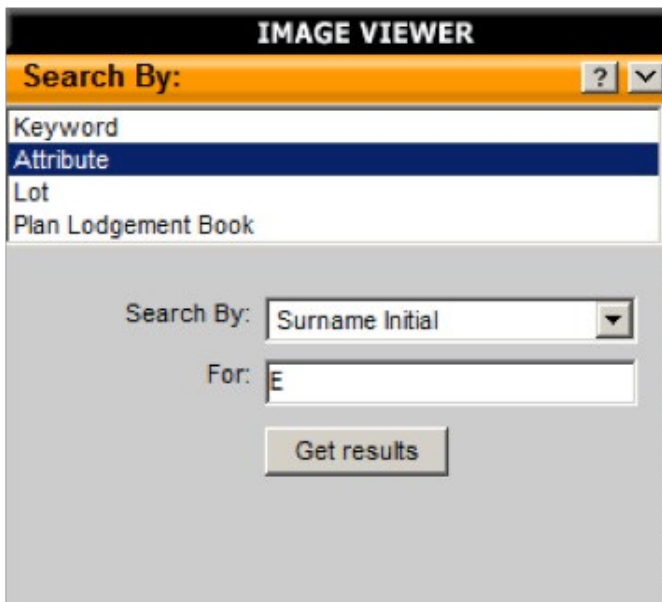


Select the Torrens Purchasers Index option in the HLRV 'search for' window.

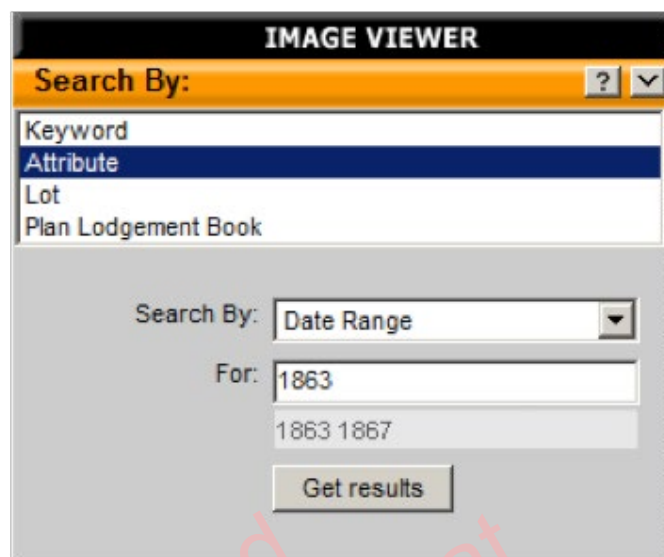
Finding a name in the Torrens Purchasers Index

The Torrens Purchasers Index is organised alphabetically, within chronological periods. For instance, the first books in the index cover transactions occurring between 1863-1867, with each book covering a portion of the alphabet.

To search the Torrens Purchasers Index select **Attribute** in the **Search By** window and search by **Surname Initial**. Enter the first letter of the surname initial of the registered owner.



You can also search by the 'date range' attribute. By entering the first date, HLRV will pre-empt the date range of the Torrens Purchasers Index book.



The letter 'E' to search for the surname Eagle is used in this example

Each book of the Torrens Purchasers Index and subsequent years for all surnames beginning with 'E' is displayed.

Image Type	Surname Initial	Date Range	Image name
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1860-Apr-01 1961-Oct-13	01-Apr-1960 13-Oct-1961 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1952-Jul-01 1955-05	01-Jul-1952 05-Aug-1954 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1954-Aug-06 1956-Jul-11	06-Aug-1954 11-Jul-1956 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1965-Jun-07 1967-May-10	07-Jun-1965 10-May-1967 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1963-Jul-11 1965-Jun-06	11-Jul-1963 06-Jun-1965 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1967-May-11 1969-Feb-18	11-May-1967 18-Feb-1969 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1969-Jul-12 1969-Jun-17	12-Jul-1969 17-Jun-1969 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1861-Oct-14 1963-Jul-10	14-Oct-1861 10-Jul-1963 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1969-Jun-18 1960-Mar-31	18-Jun-1969 31-Mar-1960 E
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1863 1867	1863 1867 E

Viewing the Torrens Purchasers Index in the HLRV

Select any of the search results to open and view the Torrens Purchasers Index record.

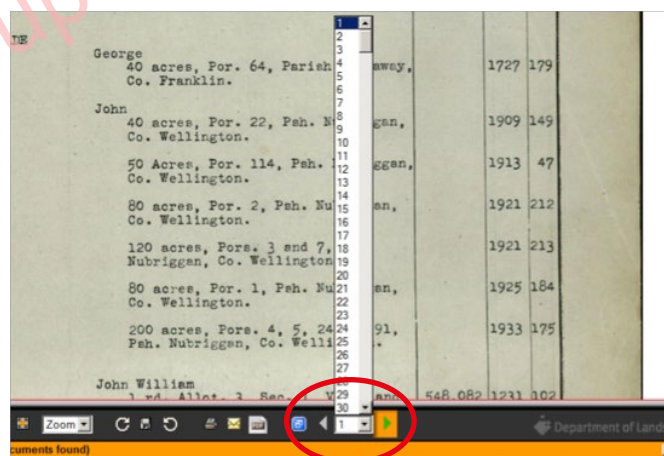
When you open and view a record there will be a number of images, as in the original hard copy index. To find the required page scroll through the images using the forward or back arrow or skip pages by typing the page number.

Search results in HLRV

To sort the search results chronologically select the 'date range' attribute in the header. This will re-order the index volumes in date order. The scanned index is based on the hard copy version. The original version used different formats for the dates including year-year (1863-1867) and year-month-day (1956-Jul-12).

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Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1863 1867
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Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1873 1877
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1878 1882
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Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1891 1895
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1896 1900
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1901 1905
Torrens Purchasers Index 1863-1971	E	1906 1910

Search results in HLRV after clicking 'date range' and sorting chronologically



HLRV extract of Torrens Purchasers Index showing multiple page numbers

By looking up a name and date in the Torrens Purchasers Index you can find a title reference. The following index extract shows the Torrens Title for Edwin Baker Eagle is Volume 3845 Folio 92.

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Nature of Instrument	No. of Instrument	Register Book	
		Vol.	Folio
X EAGLE Charles Part suburban por 1 at Banks Meadow Lun & Fh Botany (Long Bay Road & Botany Road)	B502510	1330	5
T Charles William 16pers lot 27 Sec 4 D F 5497 Mun Auburn	B356387	2435	109
M Edith Blanche Lot 27 of Sec 2 D F 1399 Mun Hurstville	B337848	3340	101
T Edward Joseph Leonard 4lacs part por 11 of Murray River Shire Wakool Fh Barham	B499964	3435	64
C Edwin Baker 2acs 24ppers lot 9 & part lot 8 D F10765 Mun Enfield Fh Concord	B327128	3845	92
V	B36008	3208	80

Alternatively, all Torrens Titles are available to purchase from LPI authorised information brokers – see LPI website for listing www.lpi.nsw.gov.au, through the LPI Online Shop <http://shop.lpi.nsw.gov.au> or at LPI Queens Square, Sydney.

Inquiries from June 1971

Owner inquiries relating to title or leasehold from 1 June 1971 to date can be made over the counter at LPI, Queens Square or through LPI authorised information brokers – see LPI website for listing www.lpi.nsw.gov.au.

The identified title can be viewed by searching for 3845-92 (which is the Volume Folio reference) in the Old Form Torrens Title Register online collection, which contains titles up to Volume 5048.

This collection is available for viewing only at LPI Sydney office, State Records or State Library public terminals.

To comply with NSW legislation you will be required to verify your identity and agree to terms regarding acceptable use of the owner inquiry before the search will be conducted. Identity documents must include a current photo identification and one other form of identification.

Further information

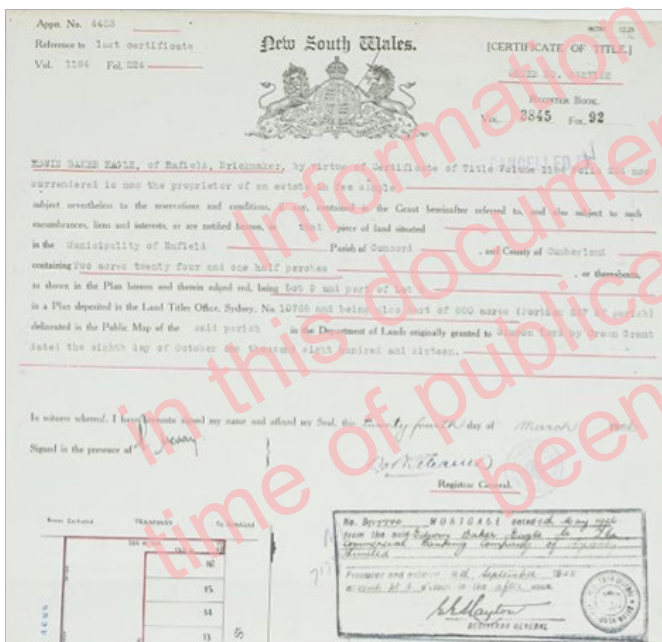
Further assistance with family and local historical searching can be sought from:

State Records

Western Sydney Records Centre
143 O'Connell Street
Kingswood
www.records.nsw.gov.au

State Library of NSW

Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000
www.sl.nsw.gov.au



Extract of an Old Form Torrens Title, Volume 3845 Folio 92 identified from the Torrens Purchasers Index