

What's the history of your house?

# Why find out the history of your house?

- Restoration & preservation
- Improve the value of your house
- Sense of place, history of your home
- It's fun!

## What's the process?

- Start in the easiest place: the present
- Find key points in the past
- To help guide us through different resources & piece together the puzzle of the past

# How do we do a history of a house?

- Check a lot of resources!
- Build up a layered picture
- Jigsaw puzzle – not all questions can be answered

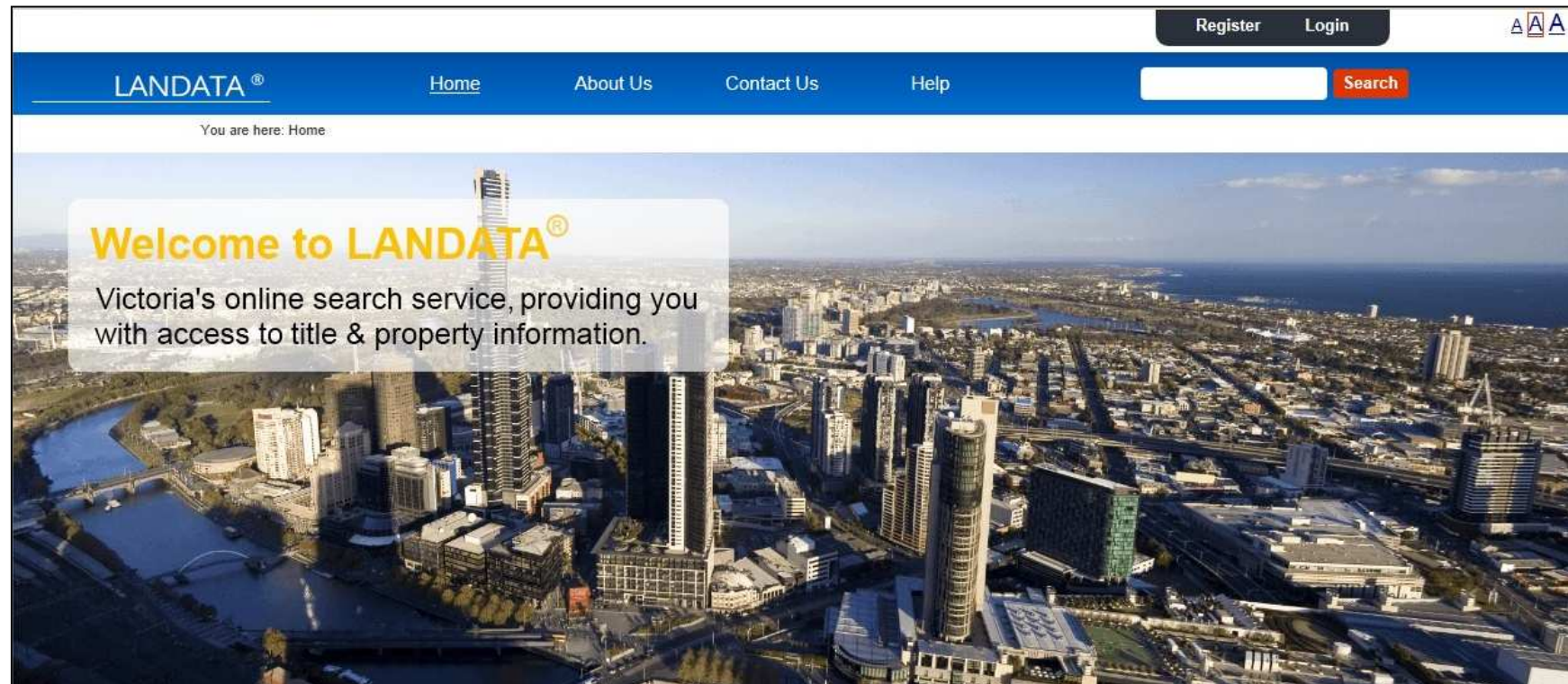
## Resources - buildings

- Title Landata
- Parish plan PROV
- Rates BRAC, GRC
  
- Historic newspapers Trove
- Photos GRC, SLV, BHS
- Wills & probate PROV
  
- Heritage studies CoGB / GRC
- Local histories GRC
- Street directories GRC

# Titles

- Landata

[www.landata.vic.gov.au](http://www.landata.vic.gov.au)




# Titles – how to use

- Select 'Titles & Property Certificates'
- (Register / Login)
- Go through the steps as prompted

The screenshot shows the LANDATA website interface. At the top, there are links for 'Home', 'About Us', 'Contact Us', and 'Help', along with a search bar and 'Register' and 'Login' buttons. The breadcrumb trail indicates the user is in 'Titles & Property Certificates'. A progress bar shows seven steps, with '1. Specify Property' highlighted. Below the progress bar, the heading 'Step 1 of 7: Specify Property' is displayed. The main content area asks 'Do you know the: \*' and provides five radio button options: 'Street Address' (selected), 'Volume/Folio Number', 'Lot on Plan', 'Council Property Number', and 'Crown Allotment'.

## Titles – current title

- Get a 'register search statement'
- Register search statement result shows all previous transactions on the title

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**REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT (Title Search) Transfer of** Page 1 of 1  
**Land Act 1958**

VOLUME 01070 FOLIO 854 Security no : 124051927943M  
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**LAND DESCRIPTION**

Crown Allotment 15B Section 15B at Bendigo Parish of Sandhurst.  
PARENT TITLE Volume 00959 Folio 656  
Created by instrument E613454 24/11/1972

- E.g. transfers (Crown, freehold), mortgages & subdivisions



# Titles – title history

- For entire history, get titles back to original transfer from Crown
- Go through the steps on each **parent** title

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1. Specify Property | 2. Confirm Property | 3. Select Certificates | 4. Delivery Details | 5. Payment Details | 6. Confirm | 7. Receipt

### Step 1 of 7: Specify Property

Do you know the: \*

- Street Address
- Volume/Folio Number
- Lot on Plan
- Council Property Number
- Standard Parcel Identifier
- Crown Allotment

Enter Volume/Folio Number below

Enter Volume/Folio Number\*  /   
Volume Folio

# Titles – cancelled title

- For parent titles, get ‘cancelled title search’

Welcome **Dannielle Orr** [My Account Details](#) [A](#) [A](#) [A](#)

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You are here: [Home](#) > [Titles & Property Certificates](#)

1. Specify Documents | 2. **Select Certificates** | 3. Delivery Details | 4. Payment Details | 5. Confirm | 6. Receipt

### Step 2 of 6: Select Certificates

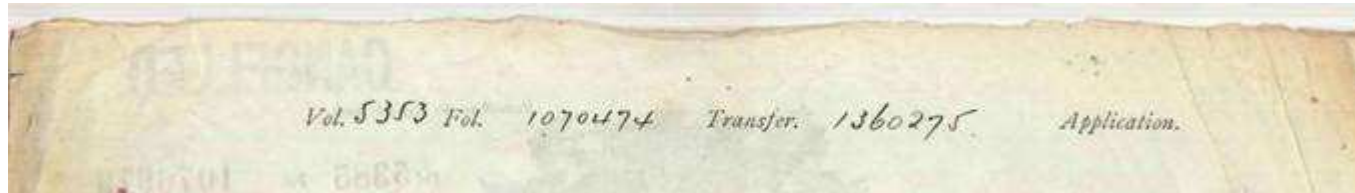
The following certificates are available.  
Select the certificates required.  
All fees are in Australian dollars (\$AUD).

Select	Certificates	Info	Delivery Turnaround (approx)	Total Fee (Inc GST) \$AUD
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Dealings on Title Volume 959 Folio 656	<a href="#">i</a>	5 minutes	6.75
<input type="checkbox"/>	History Search Volume 959 Folio 656	<a href="#">i</a>	5 minutes	9.58
<input type="checkbox"/>	Imaged cancelled title Volume 959 Folio 656 (cancelled)	<a href="#">i</a>	5 minutes	0.00
			inc. Service Charge	\$9.12
			inc. Total GST	\$0.91
			<b>Total amount due</b>	<b>\$10.03</b>

## Troubleshooting

If someone has a current title:

- The **second** page has parent information at the top e.g. volume 5353 folio 474



Old / general law

- A small number of titles have not been transferred to Torrens system
- There will be no parent volume or folio
- Pay a research agent to obtain history

# Parish plans

- Public Records Office of Victoria

[www.prov.vic.gov.au](http://www.prov.vic.gov.au)

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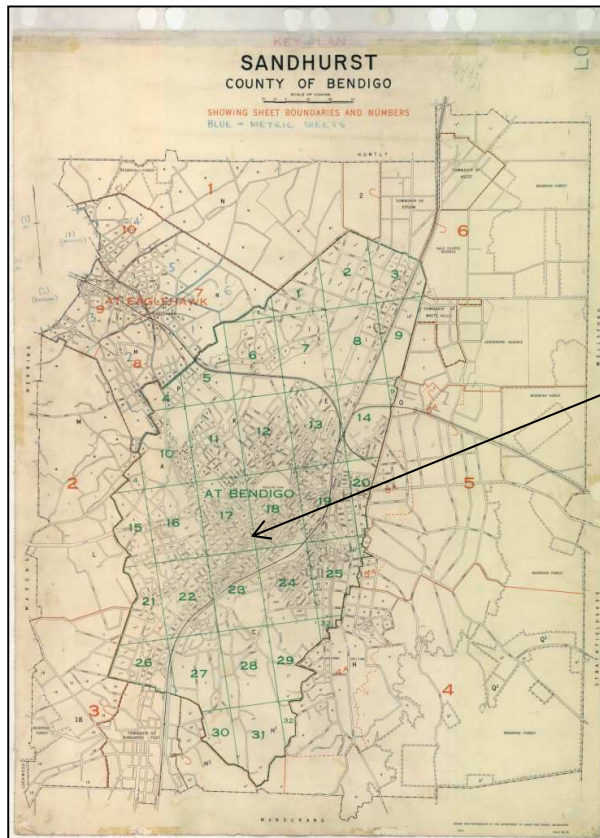


## Parish plans – how to use

- Follow the steps on the Goldfields Research Centre handout 'Parish land records'
- Or, follow PROV Guide 30  
<http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-30>
- Check the 'Sandhurst Key Sheet' to locate correct parish plan map for your address
- Bendigo & outer suburbs are under 'S' for Sandhurst
- Other towns are alphabetically listed

# Parish plans – a freehold example

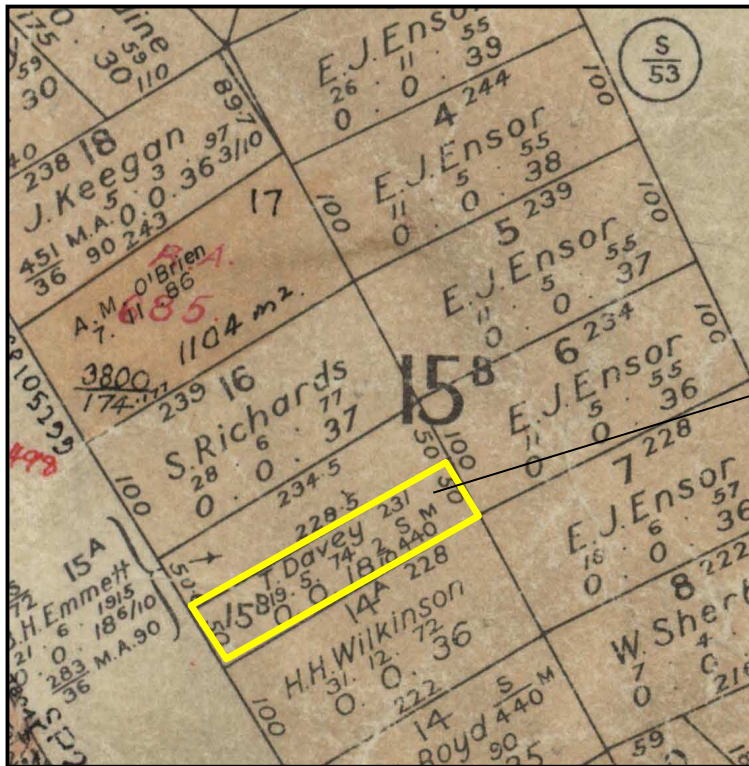
- Key plan: locate parish plan for your address



Sandhurst@Bendigo  
Plan 17

## Parish plans – specific plan

- Locate your property

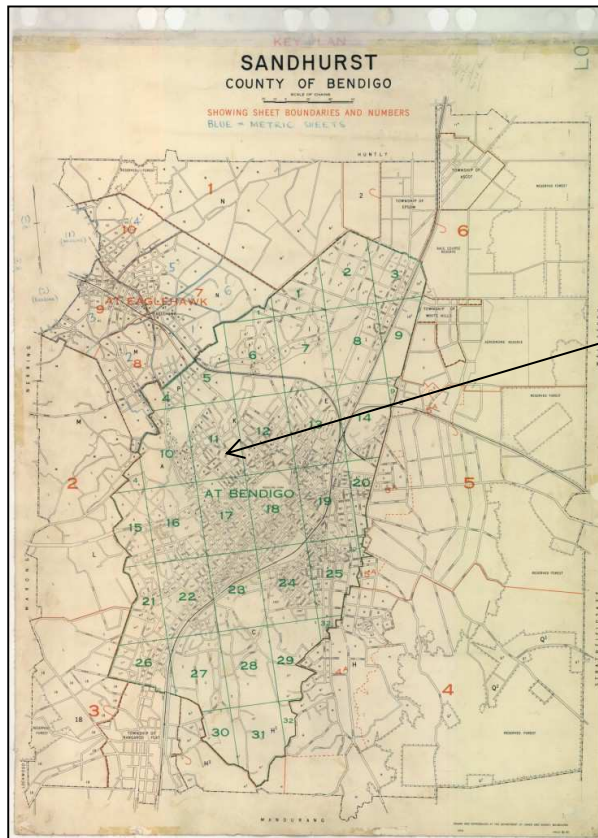


### Section 15B allotment 15B

- First transfer: T Davey
- Date of transfer: 19.5.1854
- Area: 0 acres, 0 roods, 18 & 2/10 perches
- Boundary: 50 x 231 x 50 x 228
- Survey putaway: S440M
- Survey putaway area: S53

# Parish plans – a Residential Area example

- Key plan: locate parish plan for your address

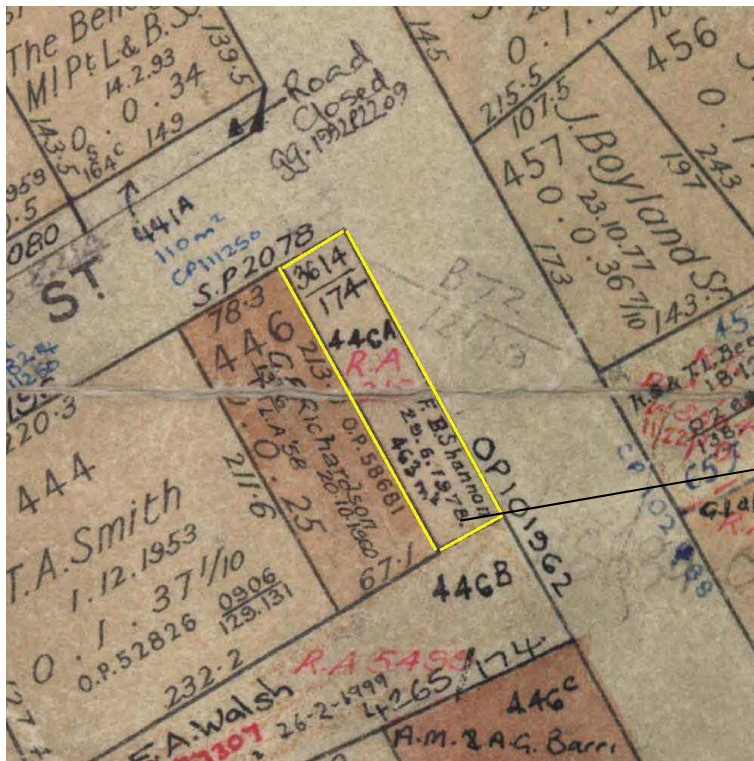


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Plan 11



# Parish plans – specific plan

- Locate the property



## Section K allotment 446A

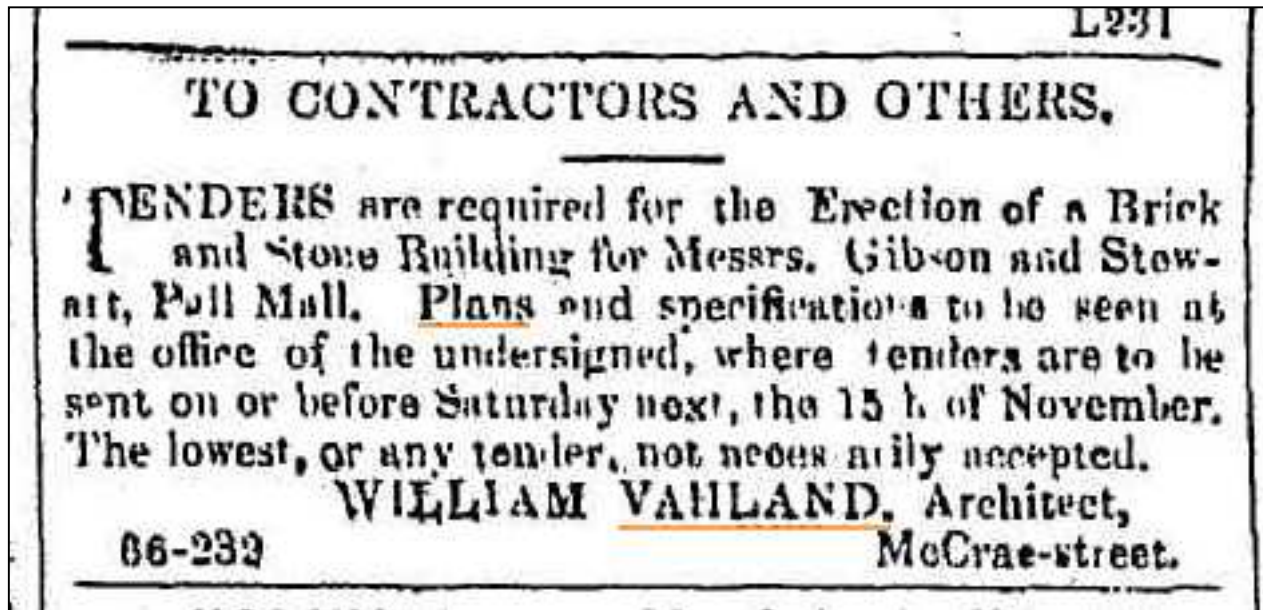
- First transfer: FB Shannon
- Date of transfer: 29.6.1978
- Area: 463 m<sup>2</sup>
- Boundary: not noted
- Survey putaway: none
- Residential Area 2[1]5
- File cat.: 174
- Serial: 3614

## Rates

- Goldfields Research Centre  
[www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au)
- Rates database 1856 – c.1901
- Search options: surname, address, year
- ‘Exact’ or ‘like’ options
  
- Bendigo Regional Archives Centre  
[www.brac.vic.gov.au](http://www.brac.vic.gov.au)
- Rates books 1856 – 1970s
- Refer to BRAC Guide 4
- Look at entries written over 100 years ago!

## Historic newspapers

- National Library of Australia  
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/>
- *Bendigo Advertiser* advertising notices



- Eg 10 November 1856 p.3

# Photos

- State Library of Victoria

[www.slv.vic.gov.au](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au)

- Airspy collection: C20th aerials of Victoria

The screenshot shows the State Library of Victoria website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Services, Visit, What's on, Learn, Explore, Our community, Our collections, and Support us. Below this is a search bar with the text 'airspy bendigo' entered. The search results are displayed as follows:

- Search results:** Results 1 - 10 of 33 from All collections. Sorted by: relevance. Page 1 of 4.
- Refine results by:** Subject: Ballarat (Vic.) (1), Victoria (1), New South Wales (1), Queensland (1), Show more.
- Result 1:** Bendigo [picture]. Charles Daniel Pratt 1892-1968 photographer. [Oct. 13, 1929]. Available online. View online, Locations, Request, Details, Comments & tags, Other options.

# Wills & Probate

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## Wills & Probate – how to use

- Follow the steps on PROV How To Guide 29 <http://prov.vic.gov.au/howtoguide-29>
- (more resource info also available in PROV Guide 29 <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-29>)
- Go to Wills & Probate page at <http://prov.vic.gov.au/research/wills-and-probate>
- & click to search Online index at [http://prov.vic.gov.au/index\\_search?searchid=54](http://prov.vic.gov.au/index_search?searchid=54)

# Wills & Probate – example

- William C Vahland, died 21 July 1915
- VPRS 28 Probate & Admin Files P3 unit 559, p.11 extract

I N V E N T O R Y	
<u>REAL ESTATE</u>	
All those pieces of land being Crown Allotments 12,13,14 and 15 of Section 2 and Crown Allotments 9,10,30,31,32 and 34 of Section 6 in the Parish of Elmore Crown Allotments 1,2,3,4,5, 6,7,8,9,12,13,14, and 15 in the Parish of Runnymede and Suburban Allotment 3A Crown Allotments 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 Section 1 Crown Allotment 28 Section 2 Crown Allotments 4,5,6 and 11 Section 4 Crown Allotments 1,2,3 and 4 Section 6 Crown Allotments 1 and 2 of Section 7 and Crown Allotments 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 of Section 9 in the Township and Parish of Runnymede containing in all 488 acres together with all buildings and erections thereon.	5856- 0- 0
All that piece of land being Lots 1,2 and 3 Block P of part of Allotments 2 and 3 of Section 8 Parish of Huntly containing $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre or thereabouts fenced.	10- 0- 0
All that piece of land being Crown Allotment 15 and part of Crown Allotment 1 Section 82C City of Bendigo Parish of Sandhurst County of Bendigo with frontage to Waterloo Street of 90 feet with 2 brick cottages erected thereon.	1500- 0- 0
One half interest in All that piece of land being Crown Allotment 1 Section 33C City of Bendigo Parish of Sandhurst County of Bendigo having a frontage to Barkly Place of 270 links with 5 brick and stone 3 storied buildings erected thereon. Deceaseds one half interest therein.	1000- 0- 0

# Heritage studies

City of Greater Bendigo

[www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Services/Planning/Heritage/Heritage\\_studies](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Services/Planning/Heritage/Heritage_studies)

- Citations for places with heritage overlays



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& there you have it – a very fast  
tour of resources for doing  
'what's the history of your house'