

Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) Plans

What are they?

These are comprehensive plans of inner and some outer suburbs showing built structure such as roads, paths and buildings and also property boundaries. The earliest of these date from 1892 to early 1900s.

They are available in three scales

40 ft to an inch

160 ft to an inch

400 ft to an inch

How are they useful?

MMBW plans give an accurate, detailed snapshot of a property at a particular time. They are useful for tracing the process of subdivision of the site, the physical development of particular buildings and for deducing earlier street numbering.

The 40 ft to an inch plans are the most relevant when researching a particular property. Information included at this scale includes

- The outline of any buildings on a site
- Position of fences, garden, lawns, outbuildings, verandahs, paths and driveways
- Early street numbers of each property (which may have since changed)
- Street names (which may not be the same as the current names)
- The name of the property (sometimes)

The 160 ft to an inch plans convey the degree of development of the street and general area. The 400 ft to an inch plans convey the pattern of development of the wider suburb. Neither of these larger scale plans include street numbers.

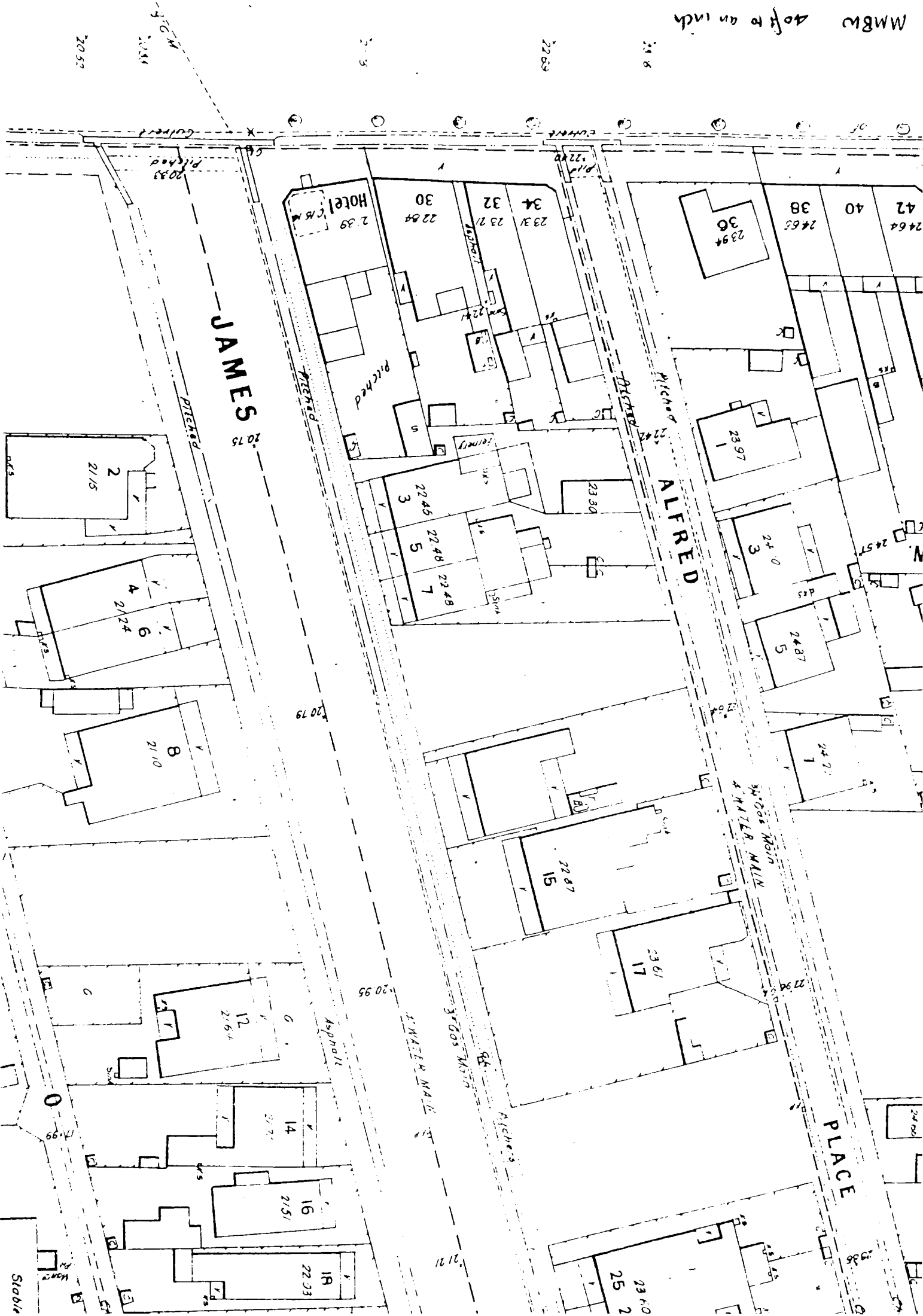
Where to find them

MMBW plans at all 3 scales are available at the *Maps Collection, State Library of Victoria, (La Trobe Street.)*

While these may not be directly photocopied, extracts of specific areas may be obtained by ordering a microfiche copy from which a paper copy can then be printed. Alternatively, these plans can be traced onto tracing paper.

MMBW plans of North Melbourne at 160 ft to an inch are also held at the *North Melbourne Library.* (These may be photocopied.)

State Library website - www.slv.vic.gov.au



Sands and McDougall (Sands and Kenny) Directories

What are they?

These directories were published annually. They systematically list the occupants of each building street by street for all of Melbourne, and also list each occupant by surname. There are other directories, though none cover Melbourne for such a continuous period.

How are they useful?

Directories can be used to establish

- occupants of a building since its initial construction
- changes in occupancy and occupancy patterns
- when a building first appeared at a particular address
- changes in street numbers and street names
- the general character of a street or suburb at a particular time
- where an individual lived over their lifetime

As directories represent an annual survey, they will not list all the owners and occupants if these have repeatedly changed in a given year. Individuals who frequently move or have a transient lifestyle may not appear. Directories convey nothing about the physical nature of the building on a site.

How to use them

Entries are listed in two ways

- by surname
- by suburb, with north and south sides of each street listed alphabetically for in each suburb.

Be aware that street numbers and names may have changed. Sometimes small suburbs may be listed under larger adjacent suburbs.

Start at the earliest period for which the occupants and street number are known and work back in steps of five years. If any major changes in occupancy or numbering appear, search year by year to then determine the precise year of the change. (Use a table to record listings.)

Eventually a year will be reached for which there is either no entry for a site, or vacant lot. From this the approximate date at which a building was first constructed on a site can be deduced. (Search back several years further to confirm the site was not vacant on account of an earlier demolition)

Where to find them

Years 1857-1970 are held on microfiche at

The Genealogy Section, La Trobe Library, (State Library of Victoria.)

North Melbourne Library

Dryburgh st—E side

- Victoria st*
 Lower, Henry George
 Robinson, George
 6 Vacant
 14 Rowley, Richard
 Hamilton, John
 16 Pearle, James
 Seife, Robert
 Thomson, George
- Farrick ter—*
 3 Todd, Mrs
 2 Taylor, Jonathan
 1 Snook, Arthur
 23 Moroney, John
 Smith, Peter
 3 Tuohy, John
 2 Horn, William
 Vacant
 40 Stephens, Henry
 42 Townsend, J., woodyd
 Ashton, Charles
 Davidson, Frederick
- Queensberry st*
 Bryant, Miss, dressmkr
 Gilmour, Robert
 Robins, Catherine
 Salvation Army
 Barry, Thomas
 23 Tindall, W., chair caner
 64 Vacant
 68 Howells, Edward
 68 Kelly, Cornelius
 70 Sanderson, William
 72 Bealton, Benjamin L.
 74 Fenally, Mrs M.
 78 Vacant
 Bell, Robert
 30 Arnott, J.
 89 Fulton, Robert
 90 Jack, Alexander
 Middleton, Charles
 92 Cunningham, William
 Wesslink, H.
 Pratt, Mrs Mary
 Backerville, Charles
 94 Radlish, Richard
 96 Harley, Joseph F.
 95 Fulton, Robert
 Downing, Robert H.
 100 Herald, Alfred
- Arden st*
Harris st
 St Michael's School
 Gallichan, John
- Business st*
 Delaney, D., grocer
 Walker, William
 McDonnell, James
 Francis, James
 O'Neill, Francis
- Globe ter—*
 Caulselt, L. B.
 Cayless, John Wm.
 Laurel hotel—Clayton,
 George
- Wood st*
Canning st
 Guy, William
 Richards, John
 McIndoe, James
 Murray, Thomas
 Baker, James
 Blaset, Robert
 Halgh, John F.
 Loy, William H.
- Erskine st*
 Couzens, Thomas
Brougham st
 De Grouchy, Mrs E.
 Korn, Mrs J. A.
 Lewis, George
Flemington rd

Dryburgh st—W side

- Victoria st*
 1 Law, Joseph, bootmkr
 2 Fitzane, Thomas
 3 Hite James
 4 Kozzer, Elizabeth
 5 Dove, Joseph
 11 Lewis, William H.
 12 Towart, Robert
 McCulloch, Thomas
 13 Hamilton, John
 Galvin, John
 10 Rogerson, D.
 White, Walter H., grocer
 Hopkins, Mrs Fanny
 27 Boughoy, Jas.
 29 Brown, William
 31 Davenport, Edwin
 Bruce, John
 33 Robinson, George
 35 Kemple
 37 Moxham, John
 39 Visser, Peter
 41 Butt, Mrs Jane
 43 Tabley, James
- Hford villa—1 to 2*
 1 Bennett, Edward
 2 Ferguson, George
 47 Amess, James
 63 Hunter, John
 65 Phillips, Edward
 O'Connor, Martin
 Dargle, Alexander
- Queensberry st*
 3 Wilson, John
 5 Hibbert, George
 7 Cordes, Heinrich D.
 9 Mangan, Michael, grocer
 Leavold, Chas.
- 13 Fitz, Albert
 15 Gill, Joseph
- Right-of-way—*
 Vacant
 Morris, Henry
 Sweeney, Michael A.
 Byers, Mrs Ann
 Vacant
 Doyle, William
 Leach, Robert
 Fergerty, Thomas
 Arnold, Joseph
 Lawson, Matthew
 Morrison, John
- 32 Moonie, Robert C.
 34 Gillespie, Wm., contr
- Arden st*
Haines st
Shield st
 Lebean, Joseph H.
 Bean, George
 Cooper, Gavin
 Hart, William
 McGibbon, John, jun.
 Murray, John
 McCorkell, Mrs, grocer
 Gidney, Isaac
- Canning st*
 Connely, William
 Mahony, Michael
 Baker, Frederick
 Ford, James
 Laureus, John, M.L.A.
 Macourt, William
 McShane, Joseph
 Adam, John
 Currie, Peter
- Erskine st*
 Stewart, William
 Aitken, James
 Batty, Mrs
 Hughes, William
 Hamilton, James
 Vacant
 Coop, Walter

- Mitchell, Edward
 Schoolar, Robert
 Warner, William H.
 White, Isaac
 Randall, Chas. F., town
 clerk, Hotham
- Parvoria ter—*
 Vacant
 Jenkins, Percy
Brougham st
 Robinson, Mrs Thomas
 Smith, Theodore
 Baldwin, Reuben
 Dringerfield, Elwila
 McIntyre, Duncan
 Passmore, Thomas
 Gray, Walter
 Hare, Miss Jessie, tchr
 of music
 Vaughan, William
 Langford, Robt., ructnr
Curran st
Flemington rd

Elizabeth st N—W side

- Victoria st*
Queensberry st
Bedford st
 (See Elizabeth st N—Melb.)
- Elm st*
Abbotsford st
 15 Stanop, John T.
 11 Johnson, William
 12 Browner, Charles
 12 Ryan, Mrs Margaret
 11 Kearney, William
 10 Wyles, James
 9 Inwood, Joseph
 8 Lloyd, Thomas
 7 Baker, James
 6 Andly, Mrs Amy
 6 Felder, Walter James
 4 Banks, Stephen
 3 Roulen, Thomas
 2 Elton, Thomas
 1 Hart, Henry
- Uxbridge*
 Presbyterian Church
 State School (No 307)
Curran st

Errol pl

- Errol st—W side*
 1 Hogan, Patrick
 3 King, Mrs Jane
 4 Brewer, William
 6 Reid, —
 6 Boroman, Samuel
 7 Kelly, John W.

Errol st—E side

- Victoria st*
 6 Miller, Miss, pastry cook
 8 Johnson, C., fish mngcr
 10-12 Grabas, Mrs, boot dir
 Webb, B. J., ncw agent
 16 Exhibitions Boot Co.
 (bch)—Cross, J., mgr
 Milne, D., leather cutter
 Forsyth, L., hair dresser
 Gibbon, G. N., tobact
 14 McDonald, J. A., btchr
 16 Tacon, F. W., greengr
 18 Harris, E., hair dresser
 20 Williams, J. L., plumber
 Lewis, M. & Co., umb-
 rella makers
 Simpson, L., icy goods
 24 Males, F., homeopath
- Raglan st*
 Chapman, Michl., btchr
 30 Wade, Eros., tailors

- 32A Sandry, Misses, mantle
 maker and costumier
 Empire hotel—Power,
 Redmond R.
 The Wholesale Clothing
 Co.—Skeen, Andrew,
 manager
 Hotham lockup—Cor-
 bett, Henry W., sergt
 Library and Mechanic
 Institute
 Federal Bank of Austral-
 ia, Limited (bch)—
 Griffith, E. A., mgr
 Court House
 Post Office—Macgibbon,
 John, postmaster
 Telegraph office—Law-
 son, Miss L. J., opertr
- Queensberry st*
 60 Gregory, W. A., draper
 52 Melbourne Savings Bx
 (Hotham branch)—
 Hogg, F. S., manager
 54 Barnes, Joseph, chemist
 Clements, John, tbcnst
 58 Keene, Chas. C., grocer
 69 Peachy, Robt., butcher
 62-64 King, Williams & Co.,
 drapers
 66 Chancellor, W., btchr
 63 Chancellor & Son, grocr
Bentigo st
 70 Steabben, Geo., confctnr
 72 Hoison, Jonathan S.,
 bootmaker
 74 King, Worth William
 76 Bull, Francis
 78 Lucas, Albert
 80 Dixon, David
 84 Deeley, Jas R., grocer
 86 O'Connor, Edward
- Lit Juron st*
 83 Morley, Cornelius
 90 Mill, Samuel G.
 92 Mullins, Laurence
 Corrigan, Elizabeth
 Vacant
 Knight, Sarah J.
 94-96 Easton, Fredk., blder
 94 McLaughlan, William
 100 Barrett, Patrick
- Arden st*
O'Shanassy st
Courtney st
Murphy st
 5 Ford, A. W.
 6 May, Richard
 7 Swan, John
 9 Sutcliffe, Robert Samuel
 Quinn, Patrick
 Merryfield, Samuel
 Boulton, Thomas
 Hill, Chas., town surveyr
Flemington rd

Errol st—W side

- Victoria st*
 1 Crisp, J. F., drayer
 3 Brown, Alex., grocer,
 wine & spirit merchnt
 5 Leening, Wm., bootmkr
 7 Kirkus, Wm., auctneer,
 hse, ind & ins agnt
 9 Barrow, William
 Hotham hd—McKenzie,
 John W.
- Errol pl*
 Coates, Mrs E., icy goods
 15 Lister, H., fancy goods
 17 Griffiths, M. W., bootmkr
 19 Shuppen, Jas., grocer
 21 O'Keefe, Edwd., btchr
 23 Beetchenow, Chas. H.,
 pork butcher

- 10 Town Hall hotel—
 O'Callaghan, David
Smith's court—
 Cousins, Samuel
 Galway, Mrs E.
 Smith, Thomas
 Smith, J., carpenter
 10-21 Young, R. L., draper
 21 Bath, C., btchr (branch)
 Gay, George
 23 Catt, R., furniture dlr
 26 Vine, Mrs R., enctnr
- Cross pl—*
 Egan, Owen
 Keating, John
 Herbert, Fredk.
 27-33 Fitzgerald, Broz., dpr
 26 Smyth, Mrs & Co., mlncr
 27 White, R., bootmaker
 Walker, Peter H.
 29 Wadsworth, Edward M.,
 watchmaker
 41-43 Atkin, Chas. A., chnst
 45 Brown, John, bootmkr
 47 Hayles, Alfred, contr
 61 Lyons, Edmund, & Son,
 booksellers & statrs
 Pearce, Alfred B., pic-
 ture frame manufact
 61A Nelson, Wm., tobact
 63 Smith, Geo., bootmaker
 65 Thomson, J., basketmkr
 67 Reddish, Wm., pawnbr
- Queensberry st*
 Bank of Victoria (bch)
 —Longuehaie, W. E.,
 manager
 45 Burrell, Mrs and Miss
 dressmakers
 Millward, Miss, icy repy
 47 Lancashire, A. J., tailor
 49 Mont de Piets Co.—
 O'Farrell, Joseph, mgr
 51 Lancashire, T. H., hairdr
 53 McMaster, Peter B.,
 watchmkr & jeweller
 55 McMaster, Wm. L., bkr
 57 Kidd, Mrs Ann
 59 McEwan, Mrs Margaret
 61 Withers, Jas. R., solct
 Ellis, Barnett, auctneer
 61 Magnus, Miss E., dressm
Purcell st
 63 Crisfield, Mrs A., dressm
 65 Mullaney, Mrs S., grocer
 Oxford hotel—O'Brien
 Michael
- Glase st*
 81 Thurston, Henry
 83 Saunders & Co., hse agt
 85 Patterson, David, grocr
 87 Tregear, William
 McShane, Mrs A., grocr
 Kennedy, Miss M., dram
 87 Ferguson, James, Sin-
 ger's sewing machin-
 agent
 Allan, John H., tailor
 91 Howell, William
- Scotia st*
Griffin's ter—1 to 7
 1 Fanning, William
 2 Anderson, —
 3 Munro, John
 6 Frazer, Alexander
 8 Anderson, John
 7 Jordan, Edward
 Vacant
 Limerick Castle hotel—
 Beudham, Jane
Arden st
 Bishop, Samuel, btchr
O'Shanassy st
 Vacant
 Collins, Daniel
 Kitchen, Mrs Maria

Lang, James, 14 Macquarie-st, Pra.
 Lang, James, 40 Macquarie-st, Pra.
 Lang, John (Lang, Thos., and Co.), E. M.
LANG, JOHN, tailor and practical shirt maker, 114 Bourke-st east; p.r. Islington-st, Col.
 Lang, John, Bayles-st, Phyle., Carl.
 Lang, Joseph, Rankin-rd, Kens.
 Lang, L, engraver and lithographer, 30 Queen-st; p.r. Perth-st, Pra.
 Lang, Lewis, Albert-st, Pt. M.
 Lang, M. W. (Langdon, H. J., and Co.), Hawthorn-rd, Caul.
LANG, MATTHEW, and Co. (Lang, M.; Scott, Alex.), wine and spirit merchants, 83 Collins-st west; p.r. Gipps-st east, E. M. Tel. No. 267
 Lang, Mrs A., bootmaker, 199 Lygon-st, Carl.
 Lang, Mrs Ellen, gen dlr, 22 Stanley-st, Col.
 Lang, R., 49 Rowena-par, Rd.
 Lang, Robert, 28 Evans-st, Pt. M.
 Lang, Samuel, 20 Gore-st, F.
LANG, THOMAS, and Co. (Lang, Thos.; Lang, John), nurserymen, seedsmen and florists, 3 Lit. Collins-st west; p.r. 10; George-st, E. M. Tel No 963
 Lang, Thomas, Brunswick-st west, Bk.
 Lang and Turmel, butchers, Mt. Alexander-rd, Ess.
 Lang, William, 12 Macquarie-st, Pra.
 Lang, William, Meirces-st, Hot.
 Lang, William, trainer, Epson-rd, As. Va.
 Lang, William, Barbra-rd, Caul.
 Lang, William, farmer, Greensborough, Heid.
 Lang, Wm., boot warehouse, 116-118 Bourke-st east
 Langso, James, Alfred-st, Fey.
 Langson, Miss Emma, 11 Brunswick-st, N. F.
 Langson, Patrick, 332 Lygon-st, Carl.
 Langsley, Mrs., St. James's-pk, Burwood-rd, Haw.
LANGDON, H. J., and Co. (Langdon, Henry J., and M. W.), general merchants and importers of chemicals and drysalteries; agents for Chance Bros., Birmingham, 8 Elizabeth-st; p.r. Hawthorn-rd, Caul.
 Langdon, Miss Jane, Budd-st, Col.
 Langdon, M. W., Hawthorn-rd, Caul.
 Langdon, William, 122 Gladstone-pl, S. M.
 Langdon, William, Shiel-st, Hct.
 Langdon, William Ferrar (Farrar, H. W. and Co.), 53 Lit Collins-st west; p.r. Hawthorn-rd, Caul.
 Langford, William, Smart-st, Haw.
 Lange, Edward, caretaker Turn Verciu, Latrobe-st east.
 Lange, Frederick C. (Lange and Thoneman), Alma-rd, Caul.
 Lange, Louis, Lonsdale-st east.
LANGE and THONEMAN (Lange, F. C.; King, S.) importers, wine, spirit and general merchants, 32 & 25 Market-st
 Langford, Capt. Nicholas, 13 Eville-pl, S. M.
 Langford, Clement (Langford and Hutchison) Newry-st, Rd.

Langford and Co. (Langford, Samuel), wholesale grocers, 196 Elizabeth-st; p.r. 16 Lennox-st, Rd.
 Langford and Co., auctioneers and ins agts, 71 Queensberry-st, Hot.
 Langford, George (J.P., and J.P. for N.S.W.), Edenhope, Alma-st east, St. K.
 Langford and Hutchison (Langford, C.; Hutchison, H.), builders and contractors, 151 Bridge-rd, Rd.
 Langford, James, Curran-st, Hot.
 Langford, James, Mose-pl, Howard-st, Hot.
 Langford, John, builder, Burke-rd Boro.
 Langford, John, Curran-st, Hot.
 Langford, John, 18 Green-st, Rd.
 Langford, Mrs Rhoda, grocer, 25 Stanley-st, Col.
 Langford, Patrick, Victoria-st west, Bk.
 Langford, Richard, Dover-rd, N. Wm.
LANGFORD, ROBERT, and Co. (Robert), fish, game, and oyster salesmen, and general auctioneers, and commission agents, Fish Market, Flinders-st east; p.r. Dryburgh-st, Hot.
LANGFORD, ROBERT, and Co. (Robert), house, land, estate, insurance agents, and general auctioneers, 71 Queensberry-st, Hot. (see advt)
 Langford, Robert, 2 Vine-st, Wr.
 Langford, Robert J., 26 Vine-st, Wr.
 Langford, William, 12 Catherine-st, Rd.
 Langford, Wm., and Co., 22 Victoria-st, Rd.
 Langham, Henry, 8 Dight-st, Col.
 Langham, James, 72 Kerr-st, F.
 Langham, Mrs Emma, fancy repository, 201 Clarendon-st, S. M.
 Langham, William G., Newry-st, N. F.
 Langhome, Mrs Mary A., confr, 22 Queen-st
 Langhorne, Edward, 73 Napier-st, F.
 Langhorne, George, John-st east, Bk.
 Langhorne, Robert, 216 Napier-st, F.
LANGLANDS FOUNDRY COMPANY Limited (with which is incorporated the Felton Foundry Company Limited) ironfounders, blacksmiths, boiler-makers, machinery merchants, and importers of engineers' tools, &c. Head office and works, Normanby-rd, S. M., Yarrs Bank south; machinery warehouse, 126 Collins-st west—Thomson, James, manager; p.r. As. Va. Tel No 131
 Langlands, George, 53 Clarendon-st, S. M.
 Langlands, Henry, Hunter-st Col.
 Langlands, Henry W., 41 Richmond-ter, Rd.
 Langlands, Thomas, Canning-st, N. Carl.
 Langlands, William, 76 Coppin-st, Rd.
 Langlans, Robert, St. Vincent-st west, S. M.
 Langley, Alfred, St. Vincent-st west, S. M.
 Langley, Edwin, erated water manufacturer, Grattan-st, Carl.
 Langley, G., com sgt, Madeline-st, Carl.
 Langley, John M., china and glass importer, 218 Bourke-st east
 Langley, Joshua, pawnbroker, 179 Elizabeth-st
 Langley, Mrs Ellen, tobacconist, 158 Clarendon-st, S. M.

Langley, Rev. Henry A. (C. of Grove, Pra.
 Langley, Thomas, 5 High-st,
 Langley, W., hairdr, 226 Dr
 Langlois, Lois, Feacousfield-p
 Langlois, Thomas, Albert-st v
 Langmore, Arthur G., Malver
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 Langridge, G. T.), aucti
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 st west, and 64 Smith
 course-rd, Kens. Molb
 No 713, Newmarket
 (see advt.)
 Langridge, John, Barrett-st,
 Langridge, John, 40 Evans-st
 Langridge, Mrs E., 2 Falkirk-
**LANGRIDGE MUTU
 NENT BUILDING**
 Smith-st, Col., auu 42 (C
 Langridge, Hon. G. D
 nanager; p.r. North-ter
 Tol No 713 (see ad
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 (Arnold, C. S., mng'r), Rac
 Langhaw, Joseph, Arthur Se
 Langhaw, Wm., Edward-st,
 Langhaw, William, Arthur S
 Langtreth, Edward, grainer
 Carl
LANGTON, DAVID I
 Brunswick-st, F.; p.r. 1
 Langton, Henry, butcher, Bu
 Langton, Henry, Auburn-rd,
 Langton, Edward, sec. Moc
 (Ltd), Bank-pl, Collins-s
LANGTON and HOL
 Edward; Holmes, C.
 and average adjusters, Lu
 Bank-pl, Collins-st west
 Langton, Hon. Edward (Lang
 "Miss Nita," William-st, J
 Langton, Rivers, merchant
 15-16 Vaughan-chamber
 p.r. Brighton-rd, St. K.
 Langtree, Charles, Northwood
 Langtree, Thomas, 181 Spring
 Langtree, Thomas, Hilton-st,
 Langtree, Thomas J., St. Vin
 Langwell, Samuel, 55 Barkly-
 Langwill, Peter, coke mercha
 sed Coal and Coke Co.,
 st west; p.r. Alma-st ves
 Lanham, William, Hoddle-st,
 Lanigan, Daniel, Scotchmer-
 Lanigan, Mrs Mzry, Park-st (C
 Lanigan, Philip, 72 Elizabeth
 Lanigan, R., Globe htl, Crock
 Lankean, C., 6 Lothian-ter,
 Lanman, George, Ruabon-st,
 Lannan, Martin, Grant-st, Co
 Lannan, Martin, 79 Buckingl
 Lannigan, E., Busden-st, Elst
 Lanning, Henry, 23 Smith-st,

Rate books

What are they?

Rate books are generally available for the nineteenth century and early twentieth century. They contain information about every rateable property in a suburb, which was collected annually.

How are they useful?

Rate books can convey the following information about a particular property

- When a building first appeared
- Basic facts about a building. I.e. Construction material, number of rooms.
- Whether a building has been enlarged, partially demolished, replaced.
- Who has owned a property, who has occupied it and their occupation
- Trends in the property value, which may also indicate its physical development.
- Changes in street numbering.
- The historic character and sequence of development of a street
- The process of subdivision of the site

How to use them

For each year streets are listed by ward. The streets within each ward are listed alphabetically at the beginning of each ward section, though within each ward section, the streets are not listed alphabetically. They are listed in the order in which the council official surveyed the suburb. (This was generally the same for each subsequent year.) Within each street section, each side is listed separately.

i.e. north side, then south side or east side, then west side.

1. Start at the most recent year available in the rate books. Locate the street in the alphabetical listing at the beginning of each ward section.
2. Scroll through entries until the relevant street is found.
3. Identify the property from either its street number or its relative position in the street. (If unsure, first check MMBW plans and directories to establish these.)
4. Copy out the relevant entry, noting the entry number. Compiling a table, check previous years moving back in steps of 3-5 years. (Use the entry number to locate the relative position of the property within the earlier rate books.) If major changes occur, check intervening years to pinpoint when.
5. Check back until only vacant land is listed for the property. The first mention of a building in the rate book description of the property in following years will indicate when a building was first constructed on the site.

Interpreting the information

Rate books are generally accurate, though minor discrepancies sometimes occur in the details of occupants and descriptions of properties.

Issues to consider

- The existing building may not be the earliest at a site. Indications of this might be a change from a timber to brick, or a house might replace stables on a property.
- Most streets were initially unnumbered, and numbering commonly changed.
- Has the name of the street been changed?
- Has the property always had its current boundaries? There may be no listing of vacant land for a site because it was part of a larger block that was subdivided. Check to see whether the number of listings in a street suddenly increased in a given year.

As suburbs developed, the large allotments sold in the initial crown land sales were typically subdivided, thus increasing the number rateable properties in later years.

Where to find them

North Melbourne, Melbourne and Malvern rate books are held on microfiche at *Genealogy Section, La Trobe Library, (State Library of Victoria.)*

Local Libraries

(North Melbourne holds rate books for North Melbourne 1855-1905 and for Melbourne 1845-1910.)

TOWN OF

HOTHAM.

An ASSESSMENT to the GENERAL RATE, made

this 2nd day of January

After the Rate of 1/6 per cent

in the Pound by virtue of the "Local Government Act 1874."

And an Assessment to the Special Rate, made by Special Order, the 13th day of September,

in the Year of our Lord, 1872, after the Rate of Sixpence half-penny in

Western WARD.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORTH MELBOURNE.

No. on the Rate.	Surname of Person Rated.	Christian Name of Person Rated.	Trade or Occupation.	Name of Owner of Rateable Property.	Description and Situation of Rateable Property.	GENERAL RATE.						
						Electoral Division.	Net Annual Value.	Rate as <u>1/6</u> Pence in the Pound.	No. of Report.	Arrears.	No. of Report.	Rate at Sixpenny in
3747	Damber	W ^m	Warehouseman	Self	Brick dwelling	7	210 8 1	105 4 1		121	100 4	570
8	Smith	Fredrick	Teacher	Snowball	"	4	42	2 2	30 2			1
9	Robertson	W ^m Stewart	Carriage Driver	"	"	4	32	1 12	35 8	8 4	35	1
2750	Land	"	"	Book W. M.	Land	4	32	1 12	4 4	8 4	"	"
1	"	"	"	Powderly	"	"	12	12	30	"	"	"
2	Lynn	Gabrick	Contractor	Self	Brick	6	8	8	32 8	6 8	32	1
3	Hillegard	John	Barber	Roche M.	Wood	3	50	2 10	38	"	"	1
4	Belland	W ^m	Barber	"	"	3	16	16	7	"	"	"
5	Felster	John	Yanner	Fewster W ^m	Brick	3	14	14	"	"	"	1
6	Katie	John	Laborer	"	"	3	14	14	28	"	"	7
7	Glasgow	Mary	"	Bridge John	Wood	4	16	16	4	"	"	3
8	Woodhead	W ^m	Barber	Self	"	3	18	18	15	"	"	2
							12	12	37			1
Melrose St												
9	Walker	Henry	Yanner	Wasceman A.	Brick dwelling	6	30	1 10	18			16
2760	Reed	Alie	"	"	"	6	30	1 10	"			16
1	Grieve	W ^m	Gentleman	"	"	6	30	1 10	"			16
2	Lang	"	"	Johnson	Land	"	5	5	"	1 4 6	"	2
3	Loring	Robert	Barber	Bunning Andrew	Brick	5 1/2	23	1 3	35			12
4	Seidel	Horn	Barber	"	"	2 1/2	23	1 3	"			12
5	Lomer	Patrick	Barber	"	"	2 1/2	23	1 3	"			12
6	Buckingham	Henry	Fireman	"	"	4	23	1 3	"			12
7	Burke	Patrick W ^m	Green grocer	"	Wood shop	3	22	1 2	"			11
8	Smith	Charles Henry	Butcher	"	"	2	40	2	"			1 1
9	Songall	John	Grocer	"	Brick	5	66	3 6	"			1 1

Online Resources

State Library of Victoria

The online catalogue may be used to search the State Library's massive collections including manuscript and photographic material. Entering the search terms 'MMBW' and your street name will bring up MMBW plans showing your inner-city street.

www.slv.vic.gov.au

Australian Architectural Index

Online database of architectural references in Melbourne newspapers, journals and other sources.

www.mileslewis.net/australian-architectural.html

Melbourne I-Heritage Database

The City of Melbourne has commissioned heritage studies since the early 1980s and now has an invaluable collection of heritage information for more than 8000 places within the municipality, which is available online.

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/BuildingandPlanning/Planning/heritageplanning/Pages/iHeritage.aspx

Picture Australia

This is the largest online database of digitised Australian pictorial collections, accessible through a single search engine.

www.pictureaustralia.org

Other Resources

Burchett Index

Melbourne City Council's Notices of Intention to Build (NOITB), are held at the Victorian Public Records Office (as VPRS 9288), The 39,000 original records cover the period 1850-1916, but for the Fitzroy area the records terminate in 1870. In about 1980, Winston Burchett produced a card index of about 15,000 of the more significant records.

This index is accessible in microfiche form at the State Library of Victoria and the Public Records Office of Victoria, and in card form at the Department of Transport Library (Infralib) at 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne (appointments only 9655 8600).

Land Victoria

Historic titles and parish plans will show sequence of land subdivision and ownership for properties. These are available at Land Victoria's central offices at:

Level 9, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000. (open 8:30 am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday).