



Researching Your House in Fitzroy - using the library resources and the internet

- 1 Build up a database of early occupants, from the Sands & McDougall directories
 - of your house, and the immediate neighbours, and maybe your whole block of the street
 - noting any changes of house numbering that may have occurred in 1905, 1888 and 1865

- 2 Rate books give details on occupants and their occupations, owner, building description, valuation
 - but microfilm quality is marginal, difficult to read the handwriting, and to navigate
 - use Fitzroy CC rate books from 1859 onwards, (need the MCC rate books up to 1858)

- 3 For the original building date, type, owner, builder, it is possible to search
 - Burchett Index (1850-1870)
 - Australian Architectural Index

- 4 Some one-time records and indexes across Fitzroy are
 - November 1854 list of properties, building descriptions, occupants, owners
 - 1857 and 1858 index of petitioners for municipal separation
 - MMBW detailed maps of the 1897-1900 period

- 5 Information on owners, occupants and their families is available in
 - index of births, marriages, deaths
 - shipping arrivals
 - index of inquests
 - probate documents (now available on-line)

- 6 Newspaper search of The Argus over the century 1846 to 1945
 - now available on-line (e.g. 474 hits for 101 Gore, single hit for 101 Greeves)
 - use the Advanced Search function, especially for rare or unusual names

- 7 Google Advanced Search
 - web (text) (e.g. 1300 hits for 101 Gore 7 hits for 101 Greeves)
 - images (e.g. 15 hits for 101 Gore, 20 hits for 101 Greeves,)
 - news archive (e.g. 202 hits for 101 Gore, a single 1917 hit for 101 Greeve_)



Resources in the Fitzroy Library

Postal Directories (Sands & McDougal, Sands & Kenny, Tanner, etc.)

microfiche 1839 to 1974

CD versions 1854, 1857-61, 1860-65, 1866-1870, 1871-75, 1876-80, 1884, 1892, 1893, 1904,
(and Tanner directory 1859, Bailliere's 1879)

Fitzroy Rate Books, 1859 to 1949 (on microfilm)

MMBW maps of 1897-1903, showing all individual houses in Fitzroy

List of Properties, Fitzroy Ward, 1854 (only south of Gertrude St, and south-west of Labour in Vain hotel)

Municipal Petitions Index, including Fitzroy in 1857, 1858, 1859.

Burchett Index of Fitzroy Ward "Notice to Build" records, 1850 to 1870

Fitzroy local newspapers, various from 1862 to 1858 (on microfilm and CD)

Index of Births (1836-1920), Marriages (1836-1942), Deaths (1836-1985)

Victorian Government Gazette (CD for each of 1857-61, 1863-65, 1874, 1887-90)

on the Internet

City of Yarra - Heritage Studies & Local History

<http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au>

then select > Planning & Building

or select > Library

> Heritage

> Heritage Resources

> Local History

> Local History Resources

> History of your house

University of Melbourne - Architecture - Professor Miles Lewis

Australian Architectural Index (1840s to 1920s)

<http://www.mileslewis.net/australian-architectural.html>

Melbourne Mansions Database

<http://www.mileslewis.net/melbourne-mansions.html>

Public Record Office Victoria

<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/>

then select > Access the Collection

> Online Indexes

> Wills & Probate

- often describes properties, etc.

> Passenger Lists

- details of arrivals of early residents

Land Title Boundaries

<http://services.land.vic.gov.au/maps/interactive.jsp>

Searchable Online Newspapers

<http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

including <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/title/13> The Argus 1846 to 1945

Online Pictures

pictureaustralia.org

for O'Brien collection at Melb. University, and other Australia-wide sources

picturevictoria.vic.gov.au

for Fitzroy Library collection, and other Victoria-wide sources