

The online images of the Old System Purchasers Index make it easier for you to research ownership of Old System land and identify associated land title records.

Land and Property Information (LPI) digitised the Old System 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](http://www.six.nsw.gov.au).

Copies of Old System deeds are available to order and purchase through LPI authorised information brokers – see LPI website for listing [www.lpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au), through the LPI Online Shop <http://shop.lpi.nsw.gov.au> using the **Deed Image** option, or at LPI Queens Square, Sydney.

## What is the Old System Purchasers Index?

The Old System Purchasers Index commenced on 1 July 1896 and is a manual index of persons acquiring or purchasing an estate or interest in land. The Old System Purchasers Index is held in hard copy format up to 1992 and electronically from then on.

Prior to 1908 the Old System Purchasers Index was compiled in alphabetical order as regards surnames only. After 1908, it was compiled in alphabetical order as regards first and surnames.

The Old System Purchasers Index is also compiled in chronological order. The index contains details of:

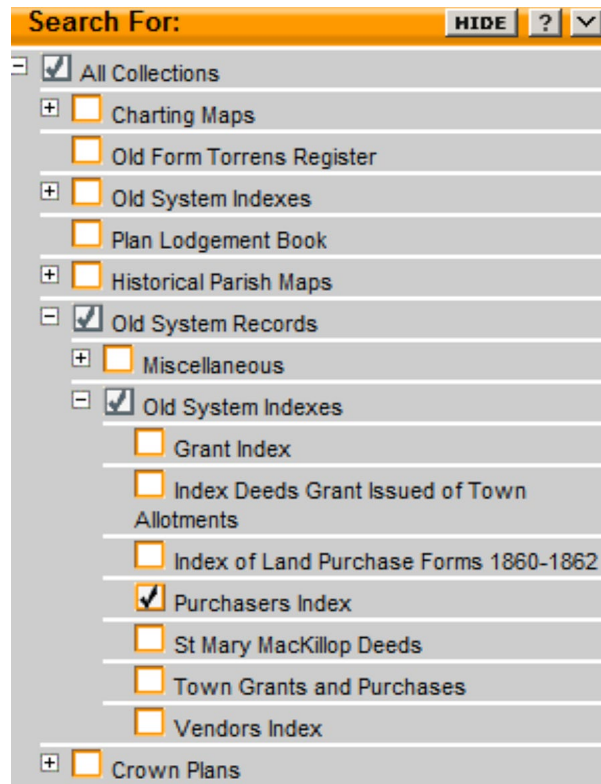
- the type of deed
- the book and number of the deed
- a brief description of the property.

The Old System Purchasers Index is compiled from the Vendors Index but is not as complete as it contains only references to owners of land and not the vendors in the deed.

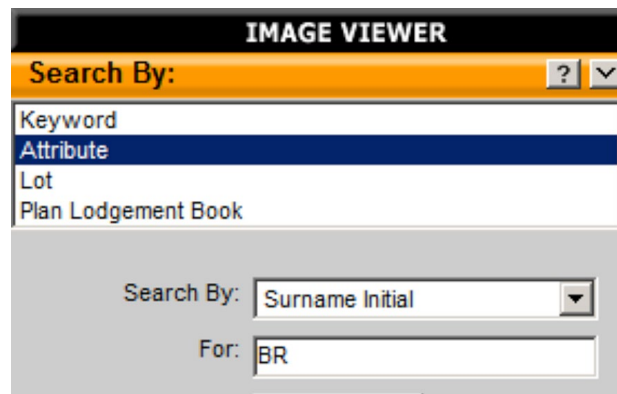
For more information on the Grant Index and the Old Purchasers Index see our *Old System Information and Search Guide* on the LPI website [www.lpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au).

## How to access the Purchasers Index in the HLRV

You can access the Old System Purchasers Index from the Old System Records collection in the HLRV.



To search the Old System Purchasers Index select **Attribute** in the **Search By** window and search by the first two letters of the **Surname Initial**.



The letter 'BR' is used in this example

Search results: 83 documents found

Collection	Image Type	Date Range	Surname Initial	Index	Image name
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1896-1899	BR, BO, BQ, BP	*	1896-1899 BR-BO
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1896-1899	BR	*	1896-1899 BR
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1896-1899	BU, BF, BT, BS	*	1896-1899 BR-BU
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1899-1902	BR, BO, BP, BQ	*	1899-1902 BR-BO
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1899-1902	BR	*	1899-1902 BR
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1899-1902	BU, BR, BS, BT	*	1899-1902 BR-BU
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1902-1905	BR, BO, BP, BQ	*	1902-1905 BR-BO
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1902-1905	BR	*	1902-1905 BR
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1902-1905	BR, BS, BU, BT	*	1902-1905 BR-BU
Old System Indexes	Purchasers Index	1905-1908	BR, BQ, BP, BO	*	1905-1908 BR-BO

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Each volume of the Old System Purchasers Index (1896-1899) and subsequent years for all surnames beginning with 'BR' is displayed.

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

You can change the order of the search results by clicking on the attribute heading e.g. to change the order of the dates click on the **Date Range** heading and the results will be resorted.

## Finding a purchaser name in the Purchasers Index

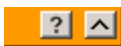
Entries in the Old System Purchasers Index pre 1908 are in alphabetical order of surname. After 1908 entries were indexed in alphabetical order by the surname and the first name.

### Tips

When you open and view a record there may be a number of images. To find the purchaser you are looking for scroll through the images using the forward arrow or backward arrow or skip forward by typing the page number.



Use left or right arrows to go through the pages of results or use drop down arrow to display pages.



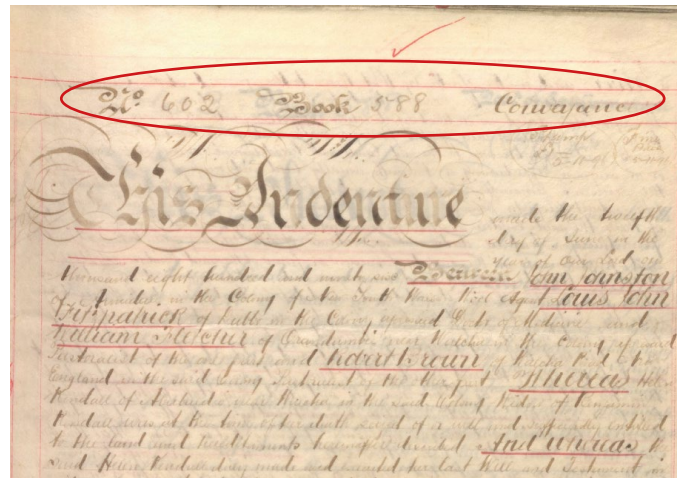
Use bottom right arrow to take you back to the search results.

To whom	Particulars of Property	Nature of Deed	Reference Book	No.
John	Rec of Mtge regd 282 Bk 516 (Co Waradagery Pch Wyoming 640a (CP) & 1803a (CL))	Rec & Reasgt	588	36
Early A (Trustee) also Alice B (ux of John Pender with remdr to sd John Pender	Pch Peterham at Balmain lot 27 sec 1 of the Percy Est (sd Est being a subdn by Paling of lots 8 & 9 sec 14 of the Balmain Est NE by Percy St	C	"	132
James W	Pur chge on Mtge regd 84 Bk 580	E C	588	384
Robert	Dist New England at Aberbaldie 162a (unsettled class) Bd by Muluerindi river (reserving a road)	C	588	602
Robert	Coa Vernon & Perry Pch's Cobrahald Vernon & Aberbaldie numerous pcls (CP) & CL lands (see Deed) Deed of Confirmation	D of C	"	603

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This example shows that Robert Brown purchased a 162 acre property in the district of New England by the Muluerindi River. The Old System reference to the deed is Book 588 and No. 602.

The deeds are available to purchase through LPI authorised information brokers – see LPI website for listing [www.lpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au), through the LPI Online Shop <http://shop.lpi.nsw.gov.au> using the **Deed Image** option, or at LPI Queens Square, Sydney.



This extract of Old System deed Book 588 No. 602 shows that Robert Brown acquired the land by way of a conveyance dated 12 June 1896 for £162.

The Old System Purchasers Index lists information up until 1985.

Old System Purchasers Index information from 1986 can be accessed through LPI authorised information brokers – see LPI website for listing [www.lpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au), through the LPI Online Shop <http://shop.lpi.nsw.gov.au> using the **Deed Name Search** option, or at LPI Queens Square, Sydney.

## More information

For information on the Old System Purchasers Index see the *Old System Information and Search Guide* and other search guides on the LPI website [www.lpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au).

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

### State Records

The Western Sydney Records Centre (WSRC)  
143 O'Connell Street  
Kingswood (original archives and microform)  
[www.records.nsw.gov.au](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au)

### State Library of NSW

Macquarie St  
Sydney NSW 2000  
[www.sl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)