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Land Grants 1788-1809

A book *Land Grants 1788-1809 New South Wales, - Norfolk Island - Van Diemen's Land*, edited by Keith Johnson & Malcolm Sainty, was published under the imprint Genealogical Publications of Australia, Sydney in 1974.

The original manuscript volume has a title -

List of all Grants and Leases of Land registered in the Colonial Secretary's Office, between the 26th day of January 1788 and the 30th day of December 1809.

A second section lists Town Allotments.

Both sections begin in 1792 and not 1788 as the original title of the manuscript states.

The editors added an Index and a List of Multiple Grantees. The following Introduction is reproduced from the book published in 1974.

INTRODUCTION

This facsimile of a List of Land Grants 1788 - 1809 was reproduced from the original volume held in the State Archives of New South Wales, Ref: 7/2731 referred to on page 90, Section 11,1 of the Concise Guide to the Archives, 1970.

It appears to have been a list drawn up for the Colonial Secretary's Department from records held by the Surveyor General which in turn relate to the original Register Books now held by the Registrar General's Department, Land Titles Section, Sydney.

The Surveyor General's registers now located in the State Archives, Ref: 7/444, 7/445 and 7/446, referred to on pages 152 and 419 of the *Concise Guide* and on page 21 of the October, 1971 *Supplement to the Guide*, are three almost identical volumes. 7/444 ends January, 1807, 7/445 on 24 April, 1807 and 7/446 on 16 July, 1804.

Whilst these three Register Books contain more information than the volume here reproduced, no other volumes except the series at the Registrar General's Department cover the period 1807 - 1809.

The book numbers, (i.e. 1A, 2B, 30, and 4D) appearing in this volume, refer to the Register Books at the Registrar General's Land Titles Office, The volumes are located on the 3rd floor of that department and are in typescript form, the originals have been transferred to the State Archives and are located at SZ47, SZ75 and SZ76.

This volume can be used more as an Index to the original registers for the period 1788 - 1809. The registers are open to public inspection at the Land Titles Office.

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In order to complete a gap in 7/1731 we have included in Appendix 1, a list of Land granted for the period 3 October, 1809 to 31 December, 1809. Town Allotments were covered for this period in the original.

Appendix 2 lists all grantees who shared jointly a grant. The information in these two lists were taken from the registers at the Land Titles office and from the note books of Thomas D. Mutch (1885 -1958).

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