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<https://www.bda-online.org.au>**Landholders in NSW 1813**

In 1814 a list of the names of persons in New South Wales holding land granted by the colonial government was published, based on information received from colonial authorities. The data recorded was name of landholder, number of acres, name of district where the land was located and a map reference with a district number and letter allowing a grant to be found on a fold out map published with the volume.

This book lists 1,278 landholders granted land from 1792 onwards. The 31 districts, roughly corresponding with the area of modern Greater Sydney, are listed below (with names of some modern suburbs partly or wholly in the district areas are given in square brackets]:

A Northern Boundary

[roughly occupying parts of modern North Parramatta and Oatlands].

B Liberty Plains

[Lidcombe, Auburn, Newington and Homebush Bay, Homebush West, Rookwood Cemetery, Chullora].

C Bankstown

[Bankstown, Chipping Norton, Georges Hall, Milperra, Revesby, East Hills, Padstow, Panania, Picnic Pont].

D Parramatta

[North Parramatta, Rydalmere, Harris Park, Granville, Auburn, Merrylands, Guildford, Yennora, Old Guildford, Fairfield East].

E Grounds reserved for government purposes

[a large area land reserved for public purposes north of Castle Hill, the site of the Toongabbee Government Farm on either side of Toongabbie Creek in modern Old Toongabbe and Winston Hills, and other areas].

F Concord

[parts of modern Concord, Rhodes, Cabarita, Mortlake, North Strathfield].

G Petersham

[parts of modern Petersham, Balmain, Rozelle, Glebe, Five Dock, Drummoyne, Chiswick, Abbotsford, Croydon Park, Ashfield, Ashbury, Dulwich Hill, , Lewisham, Summer Hill, north Newtown, Camperdown].

H Bulanaming

[parts of modern Marrickville, St Peters, south Newtown, Enmore, Erskineville, Sydenham, Tempe].

I Sydney

[Sydney City, Redfern, Waterloo, Surry Hills, Alexandria and the whole of the Eastern Suburbs, Airport and suburbs north of Botany Bay and east of Alexandria Canal].

J [this letter was not used on the map]

K Hunters Hill [the whole of the modern Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches roughly south of Narrabeen Lagoon and east of Lane Cove River, but not including the modern suburb of Hunters Hill which is on the west side of Lane Cove River].

L Eastern Farms [from the west of Lane Cove River approximately to Charity Creek, Meadowbank and north of Parramatta River approximately including Putney, Denistone, Eastwood, Ryde, Marsfield, Macquarie University, Gladesville and Hunters Hill].

M Field of Mars [parts of Carlingford, Telopea, Dundas and Dundas Valley and areas west of the modern railway line as it passed through Epping, Eastwood, Denistone and West Ryde Stations – but not including the site of the modern suburb of Marsfield which was then in Eastern Farms].

N Ponds [fronting the north bank of Parramatta River, from the west side of Charity Creek, Meadowbank to Vineyard Creek, Rydalmere, including Ermington and Melrose Park and Subiaco Creek, also known as Ponds Creek owing to a chain of ponds found at its upper reaches].

O Toongabee [including parts of modern Toongabbie, Winston Hills and Baulkham Hills]

P Prospect [parts of modern Pemulwhly, Greystanes, Prospect, Toongabbie and Seven Hills].

Q Dundas [roughly in the vicinity Carlingford, not modern Dundas/Dundas Valley].

R Richmond Hill [roughly coinciding with modern Richmond, North Richmond, Richmond Bottoms and the north section of Agnes Banks].

S Green Hills [roughly coinciding with modern Windsor, South Windsor, Cornwallis and Mulgrave].

T Phillip [occupying most parts of modern Wilberforce, Ebenezer and Freemans Reach].

U Nelson [roughly coinciding with modern Pitt Town and Pitt Town Bottoms].

V Castle Hill [this was the site of the Castle Hill Government Farm, a convict settlement now occupied by Castle Hill Heritage Park, Gilbert Road, Castle Hill].

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W Evan [a large area south of Richmond and Windsor between the Nepean River and South Creek, roughly occupying parts of modern Agnes Banks, Londonderry, Bligh Park, Castlereagh, Penrith, South Penrith, Kingswood, Llandilo and Werrington].

X Bringelly [roughly coinciding with modern Glenmore Park, Mulgoa, Orchard Hills, Luddenham and Wallacia].

Y Castlereagh [roughly coinciding with modern Kirkham, St Clair, Erskine Park, Horsley Park and Cecil Park – the modern locality of Castlereagh was not in this district].

Z Botany Bay [the area south of Cooks River, west of Botany Bay and east of Salt Pan Creek, including Lugarno, Peakhurst, Penshurst, Roselands, Lakemba, Campsie, Canterbury, Earlwood, Wolli Creek, Arncliffe, Rockdale, Kogarah, Sans Souci, Bexley, Hurstville and Oatley].

AE Castlereagh [the Hawkesbury River north of Ebenezer to about Lower Portland Head and Wisemans Ferry].

OE Cooks [written as Cooks on the map but more commonly written as District of Cook – the area roughly coincides with the modern suburb of Cobbity, just north of Camden].

EE Minto [roughly coinciding with modern Elderslie, Mount Annan, Campbelltown, Leumeah, Minto, Ingleburn, Glenfield, Casula, Liverpool and Warwick Farm].

CC Cow Pasture [written as Cow Pasture on the map but more commonly written as District of Cowpastures - roughly coinciding with modern Camden South and Camden Park].

A high quality enlargeable scan of the map and the book created by the State Library of New South Wales can be viewed online at these links:

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/collection-items/plan-allotments-ground-granted-crown-new-south-wales-j-burr-g-ballisat>

<https://collection.sl.nsw.gov.au/record/74VKq23JdjAM/QLzLezaRJL84A>

The full title of the book is:

An Accurate list of the land-holders, in the colony of New South Wales; pointing out the number of acres in each district, As Granted from the Crown. Corrected to 1813. London. Published for the Proprietors, Burr & Co 30 Robinson's Row, Kingsland... Printed by R Denton, 84, Leather Lane, Holborn, Dec. 1814.

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