



CITY OF VINCENT
**LIBRARY &
LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE**

A GUIDE TO RESEARCHING THE
**HISTORY OF
YOUR HOME**



Every home has a history.
This guide introduces you
to resources and services
that will help unlock the
unique story of your home.

“CHELSEA”
65, ANGOVE ST.,
NORTH PERTH, W.A.

WHERE TO START

Start with what you already know about your home and clarify the questions you want answered. When was it built? What was there before? Who has lived within its walls? What is the history of the area?

Local History Centre

The City of Vincent’s Local History Centre offers resources and services to help you explore these questions and more. Resources include:

Photographs

Over 4000 images of people and places in the Vincent area are available online:

<https://library.vincent.wa.gov.au/local-history-centre.aspx>

Maps, Plans & Posters

Original street maps, sewerage plans and real estate subdivision posters of the Vincent area dating from the 1800s.

Street Files & Directories

Hard copy files containing previous research on properties and streets such as Certificates of Title, heritage assessments, newspaper articles, and real estate advertisements.

Other Resources

Landgate

www.landgate.com.au

- Certificates of Title – current and historic.
Please note searches for current and historic titles are fee based services.
- Aerial Views of Perth from 1953
Landgate's Map Viewer Plus is a useful tool for looking at changes in street or property boundaries.
<https://maps.landgate.wa.gov.au/maps-landgate/registered/>

National Library of Australia [TROVE]

www.trove.nla.gov.au

TROVE offers free access to a range of heritage materials across Australia. Digitised newspapers contain articles, family notices, advertisements and illustrations relating to particular properties or people.

State Library of Western Australia

www.slwa.wa.gov.au

- Photographs from across WA
- Archival records
- Maps and plans
- Wise's Post Office Directories (1893 – 1949)
- Telephone directories (1919 – present)



Newspapers

Find archived copies of local papers, clippings and get assistance searching historic papers on [TROVE](#).

Oral histories & written stories

Hundreds of oral history interviews and written accounts of life in particular houses, streets and suburbs by current and former residents.

Architecture books and heritage guides

Reference books can help identify the age and style of your property. Guides to particular housing styles are also available.



Suburb histories

Short guides on Vincent suburbs are online at:
<https://library.vincent.wa.gov.au/suburbhistories>

Websites & Databases

Free access to Ancestry which includes information about historic properties and people from rate-books and electoral rolls.

Heritage Assessments & Reports online at:

<https://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/develop-build/heritage.aspx>



State Records Office

www.sro.wa.gov.au

Access to state government records including

- Detailed maps and plans of specific areas
- Archival records about suburb development.

State Heritage Office

inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/public

'InHerit' is a register of national, state and local cultural heritage places. Even if your property is not heritage listed, nearby listings can provide contextual information about the street or area.

Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System (AHIS)

<https://maps.daa.wa.gov.au/AHIS/>

The Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System provides information about Aboriginal heritage places in WA. The Vincent area includes nine registered Aboriginal heritage sites.

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://www.bdm.justice.wa.gov.au>

Access to basic information about people who may have lived in or owned your property.

Information is available for the following years:

Births (1841–1932): Deaths (1841–1971) &

Marriages (1841–1936).

NEED HELP?

Visit us 9am to 1pm or book an appointment between 2 and 4pm, Monday to Friday for help researching the history of your home.

Free house history workshops are also offered throughout the year. Look out for details and reserve your place.

Share your stories with us

Once you have compiled your home's history, please share it with us and help grow the City's collection of local stories from our suburbs.

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