#### **Site Histories Source Sheet No. 17**

Preparing site histories involves researching the various land uses that have occurred at a particular location within the City over time since the documented occupancy of the site. A site can be either a single building such as a house or factory, or a large area of land covering several Town Acres on which there are situated many different types of buildings and other land uses. Site histories may also be undertaken for areas of the Park Lands and River Torrens within the City boundaries. While the City Archives holds several series of records which can be used to trace the various uses to which land within the City has been put, it is only one of several City based institutions which holds records relating to the subject.

**Archival Sources**

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| **Record Description** | **Date Range** | **Accession Number(s)** |
| Kingston Map | 1842 |  |
| Smith Survey Sheets | 1880 | 1619 |
| Smith Survey Plans – Park Lands (Sheet No. 2) | 1880 | 3237 |
| Plans of Acres Books | c1875 | 465 |
| City Treasurer’s Assessment Books | 1847 - | 5235, 5236 |
| Digest of Proceedings – Town Acres Index | 1872 - |  |
| Master Index [Town Clerk’s Dockets and Special Files] | c1930 - 1976 | 2426 |
| Index to pre-1923 Building Act Buildings | c1920 - 1923 | 2581 |
| Return of plans submitted to the Council and Local Board of Health under Building Act | 1881 - 1925 | 1169, 2168, 4919 |
| Return of Surveyor of Notices Received for Building Work under Building Act 1881 | 1882 - 1921 | 173,2167, 4620 |
| Building Surveyor’s Dockets | 1925 - 1977 | 4786, 4876 |
| Plans of Demolished Buildings | c1922 - 1980 | 1829, 2630 |
| Building Plans Register | 1924 - 1981 | 1170 |
| Building Application Plans | 1924 - | 2482 |
| Town Clerk’s Department Newspaper Clippings - General | 1898 - 1971 | 283 |
| Street Numbering Conversion Register | 1920 | 1655 |
| Street Numbering Field Note Books | 1920 | 5180 |
| City Engineer’s Department Photo Albums | 1925 - 1970s | 3261, 5751 |
| Valuer’s Field Books | 1890 - 1973 | 1010, 2254 |
| City Valuer’s Plans | 1924 - 1936 | 168 |
| Heritage Services Black Files [Files Maintained during the City of Adelaide Heritage Study] | 1999 | 5800 |
| Building Surveyor’s Files [Heritage Buildings and Structures] | 1999 | 4818, 4819, 4820 |
| Plans of Parks around River Torrens | 1915 - 1960 | 1114 |
| Plans and Maps re Use and Alienation of Park Lands | 1899 - | 1096 |
| ‘It’s all a load of garbage. A study of waste disposal, 1840 - c1910 sites in Early Adelaide’ [Thesis by PG Anson] |  |  |
| 19th Century aerial views of Adelaide (lithographs) | 1875 - 1892 |  |
| Commercial Department Photographs | c1960s | 3554, 3947 |
| [Building Surveyor’s Photographs] | 1845 - 1968 | 4568 |
| Historical Pictorial Collection | 1850 - 1970 | S59, 1461, 3016, 5531 |

**Other sources**

***A Brief Source Guide for Research of Buildings and Sites in the City of Adelaide*** (ACC Heritage Services, 1995)

***Heritage of the City of Adelaide. An Illustrated Guide*** (Corporation of the City of Adelaide, 1990)

Department of City Planning / Planning and Development, *City of Adelaide Heritage Study* (18 volumes 1981-86)

Corporation Annual Reports 1901 - 1960 include reports of the Building Surveyor (demolition and construction of buildings), and the Director of Parks and Gardens (Park Lands sites).

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