

SOURCE	POSSIBLE INFORMATION	FEE
Landgate Certificate of Title	Invaluable for determining change of ownership. Dates for mortgages can be a clue to when construction, alterations occur.	\$25.30 per C/T
Rate Books	Details owner and occupants each year. Most Local governments have deposited records with the State Records Office.	Free
Local history collections and local history books	Often have good information about families or houses.	Free
Heritage Inventories State Heritage Office inHerit database <a href="http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/public">http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/public</a>	Check if your property is included and maybe someone will have done the work for you.	Free
City of Bayswater Previous building plans <a href="http://www.bayswater.wa.gov.au/cproot/478/2/Plan%20Search%20Request.pdf">http://www.bayswater.wa.gov.au/cproot/478/2/Plan%20Search%20Request.pdf</a>	Archive Plan Search or plan search request. Previous building licences granted showing previous works approved. But doesn't mean they always went ahead!!! Frequently older plans have not been retained but you will still be charged a search fee.	\$77 + printing costs
City of Bayswater Aerial photographs 1953-2017 <a href="https://citymaps.bayswater.wa.gov.au/WABexternal/ImageryArchive1/index.html">https://citymaps.bayswater.wa.gov.au/WABexternal/ImageryArchive1/index.html</a>	Aerial photographs can quickly determine when changes occurred although quality is not always great. Note: Landgate hold images from 1948 of most of the metropolitan area. Access by appointment at Midland or online with an account.	Free
Post Office Directories, 1893-1949, State Library of WA <a href="https://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/post-office-directories">https://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/post-office-directories</a>	Determine who was living at the address and when the place was first recorded. A useful quick guide to when houses were built and who occupied it but is not infallible, street names and numbers do change. A useful tip is to work backwards from 1949.	Free
National Archives of Australia <a href="http://www.naa.gov.au/">http://www.naa.gov.au/</a>	Military records of service men and women, providing their home address, marital status etc Migration records provide dates of arrival and naturalisation records and sometimes addresses. Some photographs of commonwealth properties.	Online free. Fees for digital and hard copy
WA Births Deaths and Marriages <a href="http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/_apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx">http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/_apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx</a>	Births (1841-1932) Deaths (1841-1971) Marriages (1841-1936)	Free
Metropolitan Cemeteries Board <a href="http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au/research">http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au/research</a>	Valuable for determining the ages of individuals at death often leading to changes in ownership and occupation.	Free
WAGS – Western Australian Genealogical Society 6/48 May Street Bayswater	For more detail of families and their relationships.	Dependent on services

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State Records Office of WA <a href="http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/">http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/</a>  Retromaps <a href="https://mapping.sro.wa.gov.au/#/">https://mapping.sro.wa.gov.au/#/</a>	<p><u>Sewerage Plans</u> – Prepared by the MWSS &amp; DD, precursor to the Water Authority. Generally drawn in the first half of 20<sup>th</sup> century showing outline of buildings and features in lots (fences, W.C's garden paths etc). Recently launched as an online source 'Retromaps' it is easy to navigate your way around and the quality is excellent.</p> <p><u>Workers Home Board / State Housing</u> – some plans have been kept or typical home designs are available.</p> <p><u>Probate records</u> are available which sometimes detail property.</p>	Free
Australian Electoral Rolls State Library of WA (Battye Library) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Alexander Library, OR, if you have access <a href="https://www.ancestry.com.au/">https://www.ancestry.com.au/</a>	Shows the people of voting age living at an address and their occupation. The electoral boundaries have changed over the years so be aware of which electorate you need.	Free
TROVE Major Western Australian newspapers published from 1840 – 1954 <a href="https://trove.nla.gov.au/">https://trove.nla.gov.au/</a>	The biggest asset to research since its introduction in 2008!!!!  Always try and narrow search field by time periods and location, e.g. restrict to Western Australian newspapers.  Useful search terms include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• building permits</li> <li>• architect; tender; owner name; street name (usually for larger homes)</li> <li>• Birth and death notices are useful sometimes including a house name.</li> </ul>	Free
Neighbours and the community	Ask around in the neighbourhood if anyone knows something about your home. Some people have long memories and are happy to share.	Might cost a cup of tea or two.