

Canterbury Land Index 1853-1864

Information has been drawn from five alphabetical indexes (Pre-1861, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864) contained within the first volume of the Canterbury Name Index¹ and the Canterbury Primary Index² covering the same time period. The latter is arranged in order of land instrument number. An example of 'what to do next' is presented on the following pages.

Other notes:

"In Christchurch the registrar had the excellent idea of entering the sections in the index book on the page with the same number as the section. When the section was subdivided he entered the new parcel in a book numbered C2 etc and of course included a reference in the main index book. He was apparently of a frugal turn of mind. When he came to the end of the book at say page 999, he turned back to page one, ruled it off and called the bottom half page 100 and so on."³

Articles:

Old Deeds and New Titles – Land Records in the Colony by Evan Wright in Proceedings 1987 [Wellington] Conference of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Land and Deed Records – 150 years of material for the genealogist by Garth Houltham in Proceedings 1990 [Auckland] Conference of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Lands and Deeds by Hugh Tohill in Proceedings 1998 [Dunedin] Conference of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Where Did My Ancestors Live? An insight into records of Land Information New Zealand by Ronald Hermon in Proceedings 2006 [Hamilton] Conference of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

¹ Archives NZ Reference CH 1032/288 folio 179 – PDF can be downloaded from Archway

² Archives NZ Reference CH 1032/276&277 instrument numbers 1-10979 – these can also be downloaded as PDF documents from Archway

³ Old Deeds and New Titles – Land Records in the Colony by Evan Wright in Proceedings 1987 [Wellington] Conference of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

[1] Canterbury Name Index to Deeds – Example George Buchanan

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Name	Registered As
Boothroyd Tho.	5843.
Buchanan B. & Pearson J.	4958. 5315. 5751.
Bruce Thomas	4331.
Buller James Rev.	4379. 4765. 5336
Bundell W.	4384. 4385.
Buckley George	4436. 5142.
Burns J. H.	4445.
Bunting Horatio	4625.
Buchanan Hugh	4803. 5498.
Burgess John	5108.
Buller J. W.	5334.
Buller R. J.	5195.
Buchanan Geo	5207
Buxton J. S.	5219. 5666. 5668. 5746.
Buller Charles Wesley	5335.
Buchanan J. J.	5626.
Barton Walter	5702. to 5707
Burcell Saml.	5719.

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Next step: Look for entry relating to Instrument No.5207 in the Primary Index

[2] Canterbury Primary Index Volume 1 folios 1-5574⁴
 Instrument numbers are listed in numerical order.

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Land Registration Office

Date of Receipt of Instrument and hour of presentation	Instrument Register	Date of Instrument	By whom presented for Registration	Nature of Instrument	Parties to By whom made
10 a.m. 21 May 1862	5206	10 May 1862	D.	Return	H. Housler
10 a.m. 21 May 1862	5207	5 th Dec 1861	D.	Grant	Crown
12 a.m. 21 May 1862	5208	11 May 1862	D.	Convey	G. Buchanan
11 a.m. 21 May 1862	5209	2 nd Oct 1861	D.	Do	W. W. W. W. W.

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Instrument	To whom made	Land affected	Copies or Extracts of Record or Index took	No. of Pages	Rate of Fee	Daily Fee	Quarterly Total
	G. Buchanan	3153 (ar.) & 3153 (ran.)	C			12	15 0
	H. J. Leeson	3153 (ar.) & 3153 (ran.)	C			10	14 2
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Next step: Look for entry No.3153 in the Canterbury Deeds Index

⁴ Archives NZ Ref CH1032/276 - PDF can be downloaded from Archway

[3] Canterbury Deeds Index Vol 5 Nos 3005-3766⁵
Entries are in numerical order

Three thousand one hundred and fifty three
(Aravenua)
MAP C
DISTRICT NO 3153

RECEIPT OF INSTRUMENT.	NATURE OF INSTRUMENT.	DATE OF INSTRUMENT.	WHERE RECORDED.	REFERENCE.	SIGNATURE.
10 a.m. 21 Aug 1862	Grant to Buchanan	5 Dec 1861	13 D 205	A 5207	W P Campbell
10 a.m. 21 Aug 1862	Con Buchanan to Le Brun	11 Aug 1862	13 D 206	5208	W P Campbell
12 A.C. Oct 1865	Mrs Le Brun to Douglas	30 Sept 1865	25 D 345	18350	J. C. Campbell per J.B.
12 10 A.C. 20 Sept 1870	Le Brun to Douglas	10 Aug 1870	32 D 505	29576	A. H. Le Brun
2.50 P.M. 17 Jan 1871	Le Brun to Macdonald	10 Jan 1871	32 D 662	30531	J. I. W. R. J. J. 11
Certificate of title under Land Transfer Act 1870 issued to Mary Jane Le Brun per J. I. W. R. J. J. 11					

Three thousand one hundred and fifty three
(Raukapuraka)
MAP C
DISTRICT NO 3153A

10 a.m. 21 Aug 1862	Grant to Buchanan	5 Dec 1861	13 D 205	A 5207	W P Campbell
10 a.m. 21 Aug 1862	Con Buchanan to Le Brun	11 Aug 1862	13 D 206	5208	W P Campbell
11.30 A.M. 21 April 1868	Mortgage Macdonald to Mrs. Macdonald	16 April 1868	37 D 9	21844	W P Campbell
2.50 P.M. 17 Jan 1871	Con Le Brun to Macdonald	10 Jan 1871	32 D 662	30531	J. I. W. R. J. J. 11
11 A.M. 28 March 1872	Con Macdonald to Macdonald	10 March 1872	45 D 647	35013	W. Duncan
12 N. 28 March 1872	Mortgage Macdonald to Macdonald	14 March 1872	45 D 649	35014	W. Duncan
2.30 P.M. 23 Oct 1876	Con Macdonald to Macdonald	15 Oct 1876	80 D 783	48060	J. I. W. R. J. J. 11
12.11.6 July 1880	Probate of Will Macdonald	1 July 1879	111 D 249	59153	J. I. W. R. J. J. 11
12.11.6 July 1880	App Macdonald to Macdonald	1 Aug 1879	98 D 222	59156	J. I. W. R. J. J. 11
12.11.6 July 1880	Con Macdonald to Macdonald	1 Aug 1879	98 D 226	59157	J. I. W. R. J. J. 11
2.55 P.M. 1 Aug 1883	App Macdonald to Macdonald	23 Aug 1883	111 D 155	68572	J. I. W. R. J. J. 11
2.55 P.M. 29 Feb 1884	Con Macdonald to Macdonald	29 Jan 1884	111 D 783	69816	J. I. W. R. J. J. 11
Certificate of title to S. Brown & A. Chevall Vol 109 fol 111. 4112 issued to William A. R.					

[4] Use the 'where recorded' references to access Deed Registers at the Christchurch office of Archives New Zealand.

⁵ Archives NZ Ref CH1032/224 - PDF can be downloaded from Archway