



Information Sheet

HOUSE PLANS - CITY OF STIRLING

While most municipalities had the plans of houses built in their area deposited with them, the only series of note which has so far come to the State Records Office of Western Australia is from the City of Stirling.

The State Records Office holds plans of houses built in the City of Stirling (then called the Perth Road Board) for the period 29 August 1917 to 30 April 1947. Microfilm copies of these plans can be accessed at the State Records Office.

Registers of Building Licences

Researchers or renovators who wish to obtain a copy of a house plan lodged with the Perth Road Board should first check the Registers to Building Licences. The accession number for the Registers is Acc 2784 and these can be found in the State Records Office Microforms area.

The Registers provide the following information: plan number assigned by the council, date of lodgement, owner, architect, builder, ward, street, location, section, lot, Titles Office plan number or diagram, description of building (ie type of house, shed etc), building fees, dimensions of building, thickness of walls, floor area and value.

To find a plan you need to know the street name and lot number, which can be obtained from the title (at the Titles Office). It also helps to know other details such as an approximate date of building and the name of the owner, which will help to select the correct plan. The Registers cover the period 1917 - 1951 (although actual plans cease in 1947) as follows:

Acc 2784/1	August 1917 - December 1929
Acc 2784/2	January 1930 - April 1935
Acc 2784/3	April 1935 - November 1938
Acc 2784/4	November 1938 - August 1946
Acc 2784/5	August 1946 - December 1951

Building Applications

Once the council assigned a plan number and the date has been ascertained it is then necessary to check the list of building applications contained in AN 63 (ask a member of staff for their location). The list will provide the accession/volume number (called item number in the list), date range covered by each volume and application numbers contained in each volume. You will need to select the appropriate accession number and volume in which your plan will appear.

The accession number for the applications will be either Acc 1712 or Acc 2775 and these can be found in the State Records Office Microforms area. It should be noted that not all applications include a plan, not all plans are numbered and some numbers are duplicated. Included are residential, commercial and other (eg schools) plans. Copies can be made from the film of any plan required.