



Guide to

Memorials held within the State Records Office of Western Australia

In the simplest terms these files cover land transfers and changes to land, either as a normal sale, mortgage, lease, bankruptcy, insolvency or probate.

The following is the process which is required to uncover memorial documents that may relate to your ancestor: -

Firstly Acc 1804 – This is an index to the main index i.e. this will tell you on what page your surname can be found within the surname index.

Name.	Page.	
Shelley-Lewis	926	
Stream Street Tweed	4/455 943	4/960
Street & Male Limited	943	
Strelitz	936	
Strelitz	926	
Stempel Steter	926 4/457	
Strickland	913	

Example from Acc 1804

Secondly Acc 1802 – (Surname Index) This is the index to the Memorial Books (Volumes).

Go to the page number obtained from Acc 1804. Find your ancestor on this page or pages. Then you will find a list of numbers against your ancestors name; these are the volume and page numbers of the memorials.

Strickland Sir Gerard	III	255	V	VI	339	VI	340	VII	121	762	
Strickland Mary Ann	126	61	1193	651	58	339	58	340	121	762	
Strickland John	281	1925	VI	VII	12811	VII	311	2026	VII	405	2361
Strickland Henry Robert	76	1110	93	5721	711	12811	311	2026	405	2361	

Example from Acc 1802

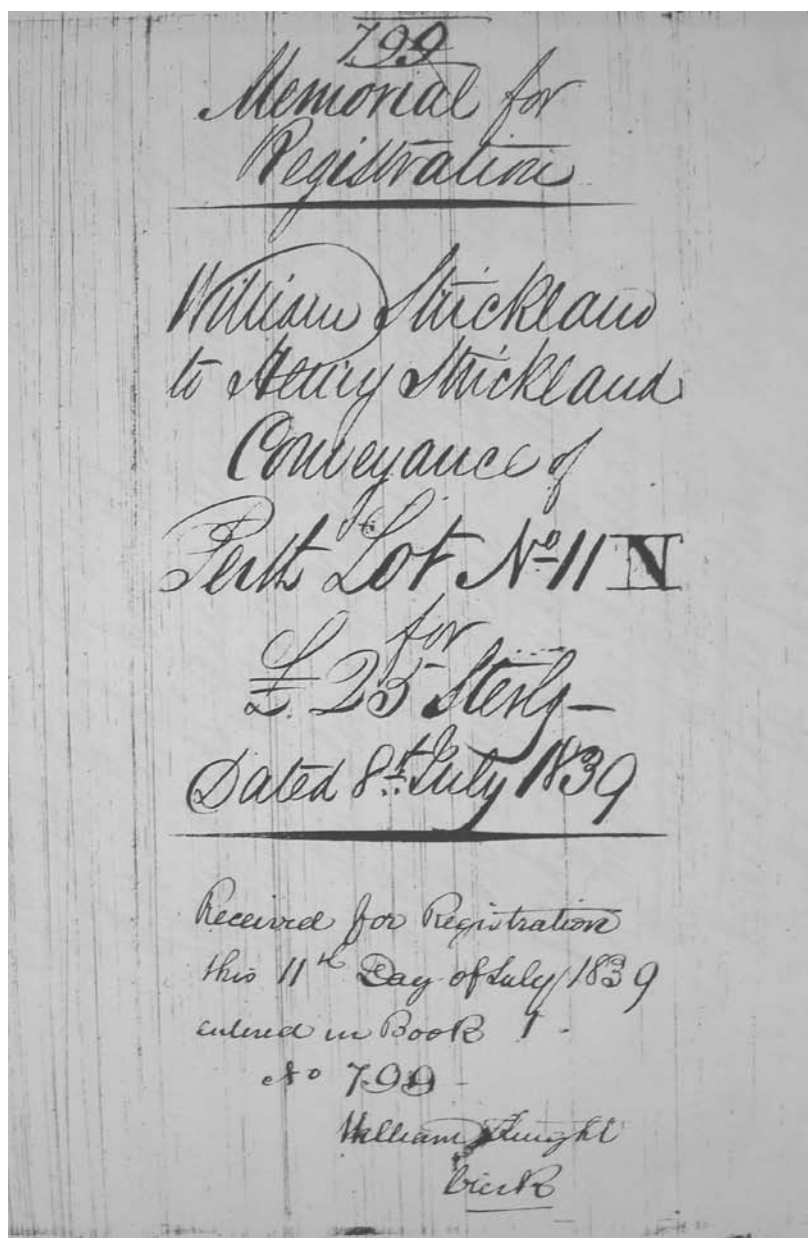
In the case of the illustration above the Memorials are contained within Volume 3 (III) page 81 and Vol 5 (V) page 651; the number directly below the Roman numeral needs to be ignored.

Now that you have your Memorial numbers (in this example - Volume 3 (III) page 81 and Vol 5 (V) page 651) we can now proceed to Acc 1800 and obtain a copy of the Memorial and discover the reason behind the Memorial.

Thirdly Acc 1800 and Cons 5713 – The Memorial.

Acc 1800 contains Memorials from Vol 1 to Vol 22, Cons 5713 contains Memorials from Volume 23 to Volume 28.

Memorials give an overall description of the land, where it can be found i.e. what street. What land it is bounded by. How many chains in length it measures. And for what purpose the Memorial was drawn up, whether it was for changes to a mortgage, changes to sewage, probate etc.



Example of the front page of a memorial

Acc 1803 contains Memorials by area ie Perth, Swan, Country locations. This may also be helpful for Local History Research.

Further information can be obtained from the State Records Office of Western Australia www.sro.wa.gov.au