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RECORDS OF A SAINT ONLINE

Historic records relating to the work of Mary MacKillop are now available online.

NSW Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said Mary MacKillop, who will be canonised on 17 October, worked tirelessly as Superior General of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart Order in the late 19th century.

“During this time, she purchased a number of properties in NSW on behalf of the Order for convents, schools and orphanages,” the Minister said.

“There are records for some iconic Sydney sites, including the Catholic Church in Mount Street North Sydney, which became the headquarters of the Order and is now home to a Memorial Chapel and Mary’s remains.

“A total of 11 of the Old System deed records bear Mary MacKillop’s signature and a further 18 are signed on her behalf.

“They show how the Order flourished and grew under her charge.”

The Land and Property Management Authority is custodian of the oldest and most important land records in NSW.

Mr Kelly said LPMA has redesigned its online shop, improving access to these important historical records, including the Mary MacKillop deeds.

“On top of that, the site features services useful to home buyers, home owners, people seeking genealogy information and people in search of information about the history of their property,” the Minister said.

“In conjunction with the Sisters of St Joseph, LPMA has also produced a commemorative booklet on Mary MacKillop.

“It details the life and works of Mary MacKillop as reflected in the property she acquired on behalf of her Order.”

The Mary MacKillop deeds and booklet are available at www.lpma.nsw.gov.au and click on Online Shop.