



Pātaka Whenua Step-By-Step Guides

Search for an ownership

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You do not need to be a registered Pātaka Whenua user in order to search and access ownership information.

This guide covers two ways to search for an ownership in Pātaka Whenua online portal:

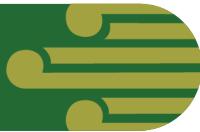
- Near Match Search (page 2),
- Exact Match Search (page 6).

Accessing Pātaka Whenua

Step 1

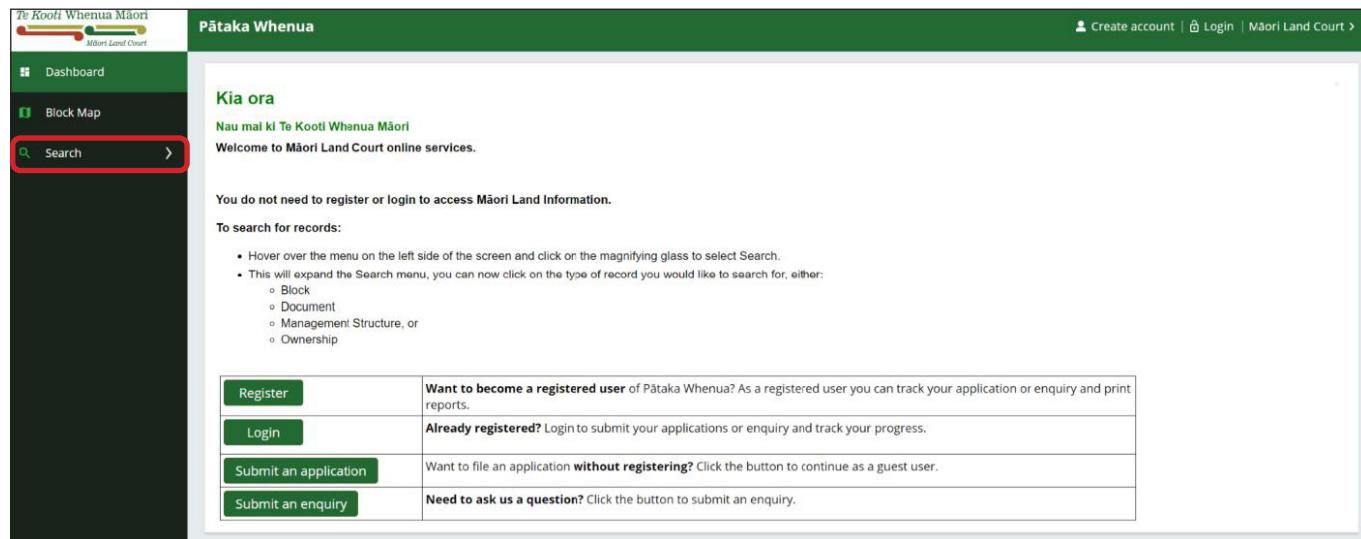
In your web browser, visit the Māori Land Court website www.maorilandcourt.govt.nz and click the green tab in the top right area labelled “**Pātaka Whenua – our online portal**”.

Find an ownership using the Search menu - Near Match Search



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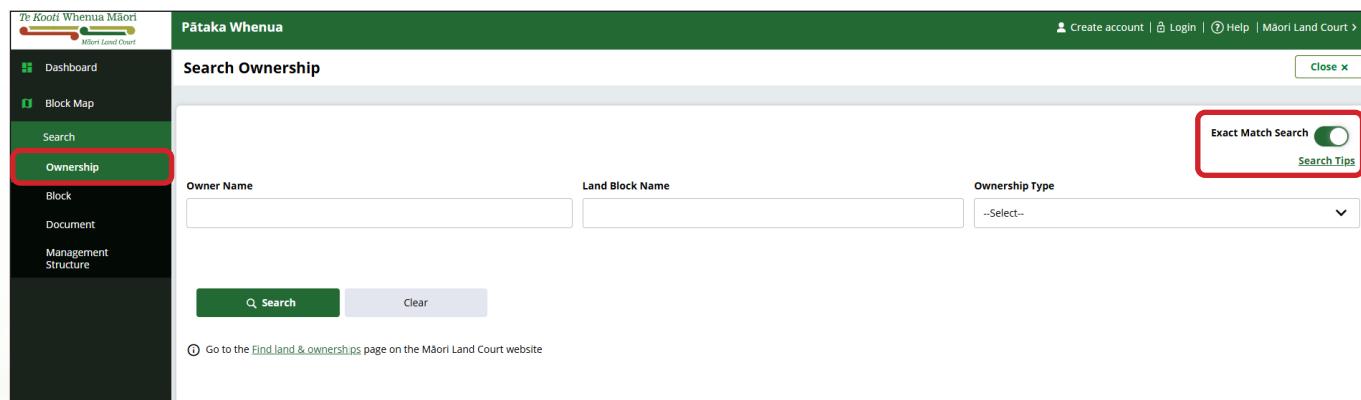
In the Pātaka Whenua portal, use the menu on the left side of the screen to click “Search”.



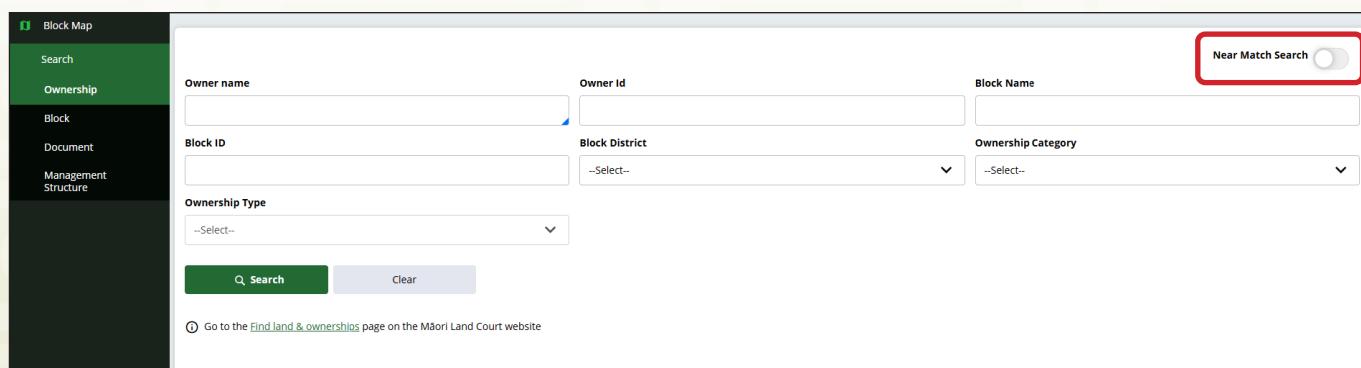
The screenshot shows the homepage of the Pātaka Whenua portal. The left sidebar has a 'Search' menu item highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a 'Kia ora' message and instructions for searching. It includes a table with four rows: 'Register' (Want to become a registered user of Pātaka Whenua?), 'Login' (Already registered? Login to submit your applications or enquiry and track your progress.), 'Submit an application' (Want to file an application without registering? Click the button to continue as a guest user.), and 'Submit an enquiry' (Need to ask us a question? Click the button to submit an enquiry.).

Step 2

This will expand the Search menu, select “Ownership” from the available options. This will open in the **Near Match Search** screen by default. If you prefer to search using the **Exact Match Search** screen, simply click the toggle located at the top right-hand corner of the Ownership screen.



The screenshot shows the 'Search Ownership' screen. The left sidebar has an 'Ownership' menu item highlighted with a red box. The main form has fields for 'Owner Name', 'Land Block Name', and 'Ownership Type'. At the top right, there is a 'Close X' button and a 'Search Tips' link. A red box highlights the 'Exact Match Search' toggle, which is currently selected (green button with white circle).



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Step 3

Enter the person's name into the **Owner name** box if known. You can also add in any other search criteria information that you know using the provided boxes and drop-down menus.

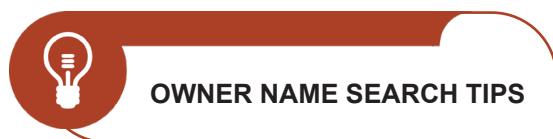
It is recommended to search with at least the name criteria entered in. Searching with only Land Block Name, or Ownership Type without a name may produce a large number of search results.

Exact Match Search [Search Tips](#)

Owner Name	Land Block Name	Ownership Type
<input type="text" value="Maraku Cribb"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="--Select--"/>

[Search](#) [Clear](#)

[Go to the Find land & ownerships page on the Māori Land Court website](#)



OWNER NAME SEARCH TIPS

- Search with the owner's first and last name if known.
- Can't find an owner? Try all the different names they might be known by including nicknames, married names, adopted, whāngai Māori names, and names that may have been spelt incorrectly.

Owner Name	Land Block Name
<input type="text" value="Maraku Cribb"/>	<input type="text"/>

Step 4

Once you have entered your search criteria, click "**Search**".

Exact Match Search [Search Tips](#)

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[Search](#) [Clear](#)

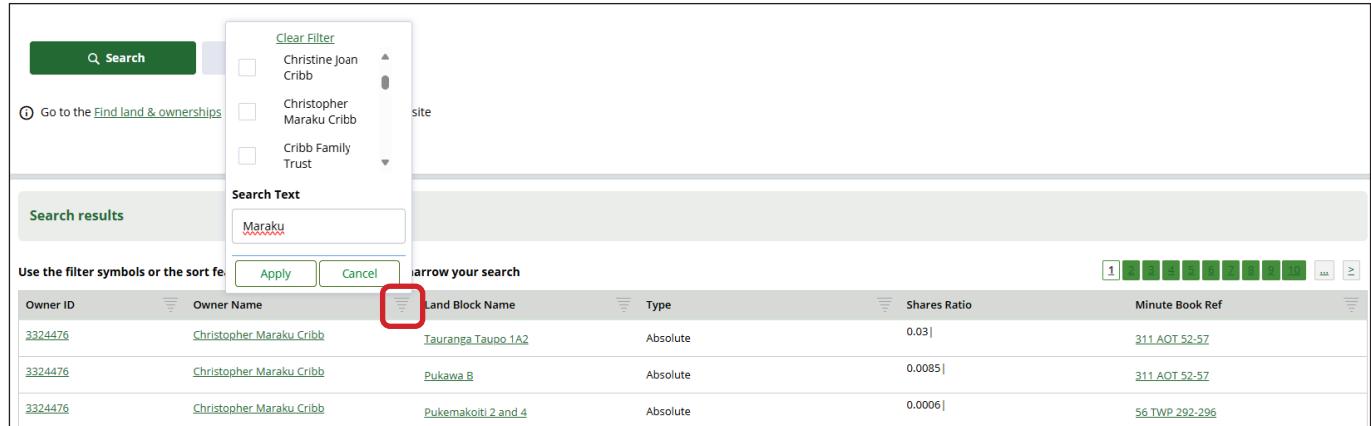
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Step 5

Scroll down the page to view the **Search results**.

Search results						
Use the filter symbols or the sort feature in the column headers to narrow your search						
Owner ID	Owner Name	Land Block Name	Type	Shares Ratio	Minute Book Ref	
3324476	Christopher Maraku Cribb	Tauranga Taupo 1A2	Absolute	0.03	311 AOT 52-57	
3324476	Christopher Maraku Cribb	Pukawa B	Absolute	0.0085	311 AOT 52-57	
3324476	Christopher Maraku Cribb	Pukemakoiti 2 and 4	Absolute	0.0006	56 TWP 292-296	

To refine the results further, you can use the triangle filter buttons to apply additional criteria with the filter pop-up boxes.



The screenshot shows the search interface with a filter pop-up for 'Owner Name' open. The search term 'Maraku' is entered in the 'Search Text' field. The results list includes 'Christine Joan Cribb', 'Christopher Maraku Cribb', and 'Cribb Family Trust'. A red box highlights the 'Owner Name' column header in the main search results table, which lists three entries for 'Christopher Maraku Cribb' with different land block names and ownership types.

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Step 6

When you have located the correct owner name and it is displayed in the **Search results** area, click the name in the **Owner name** or **Owner ID** column to open the ownership information page.

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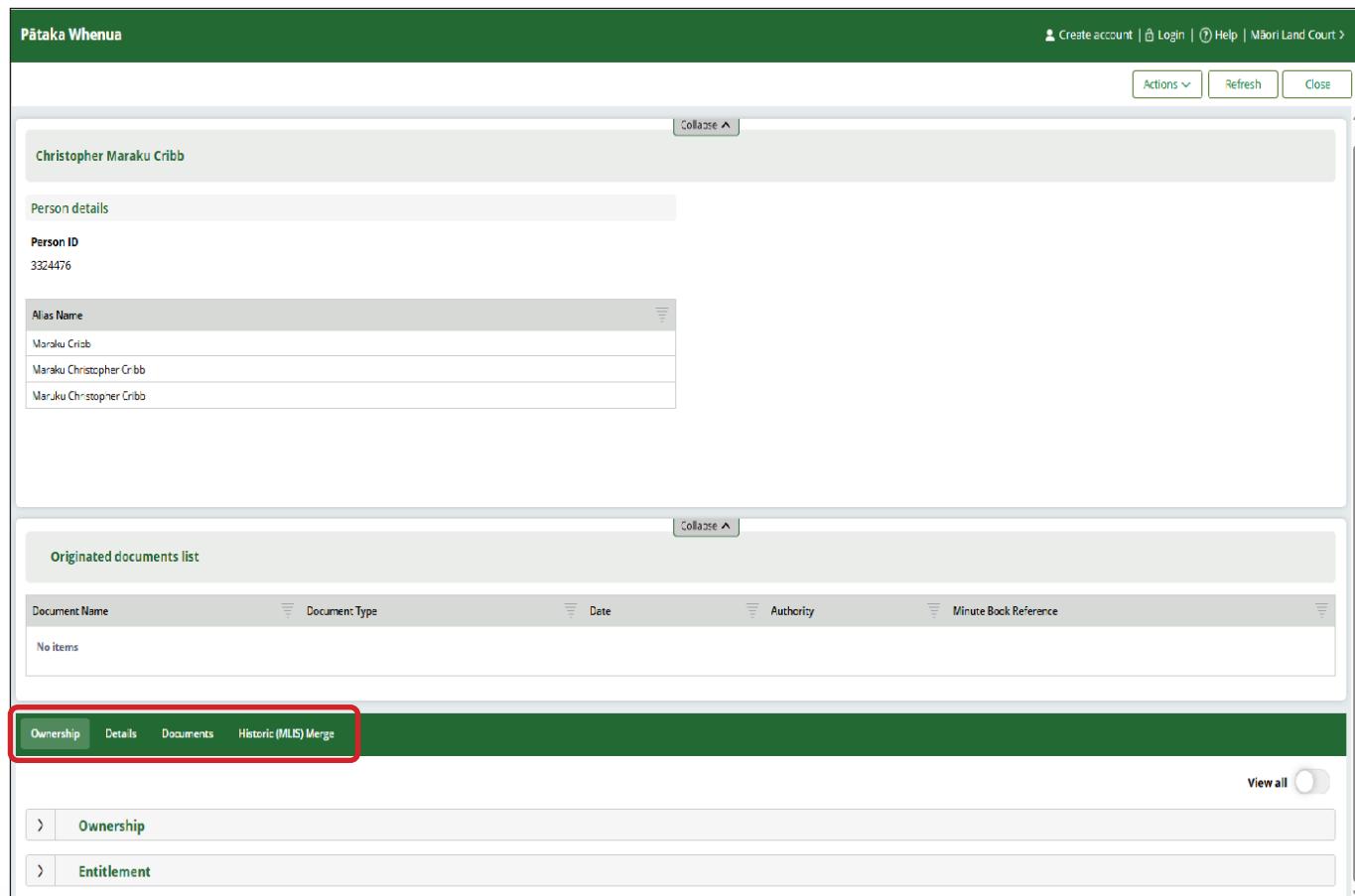


TIP: There may be multiple results for one owner, the Land Block Name column may help you find the ownership you are looking for.

Step 7

Once you open the ownership information page, you will find name and ID details, the originated documents list (if entered), and four tabs below this with further information.

Click through the tab headings to explore the additional information available and browse the associated documents for the ownership.



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Actions ▾ Refresh Close

Christopher Maraku Cribb

Person details

Person ID
3324476

Alias Name

Maraku Cribb
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Originated documents list

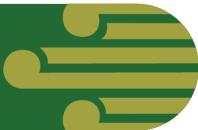
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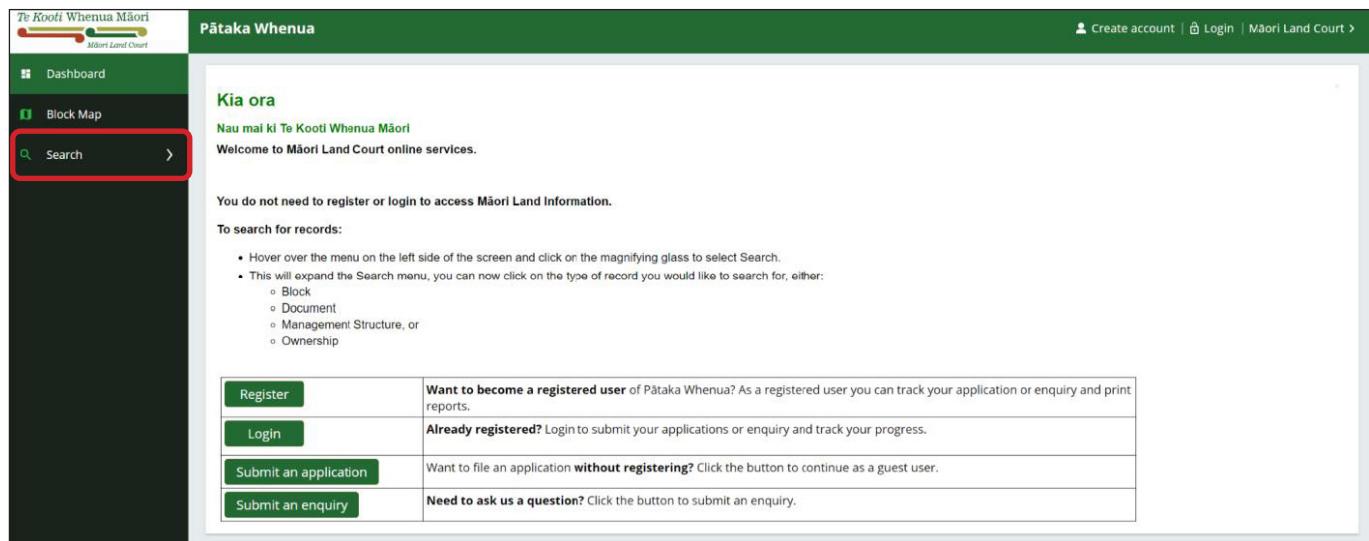
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Find an ownership using the Search menu - Exact Match Search



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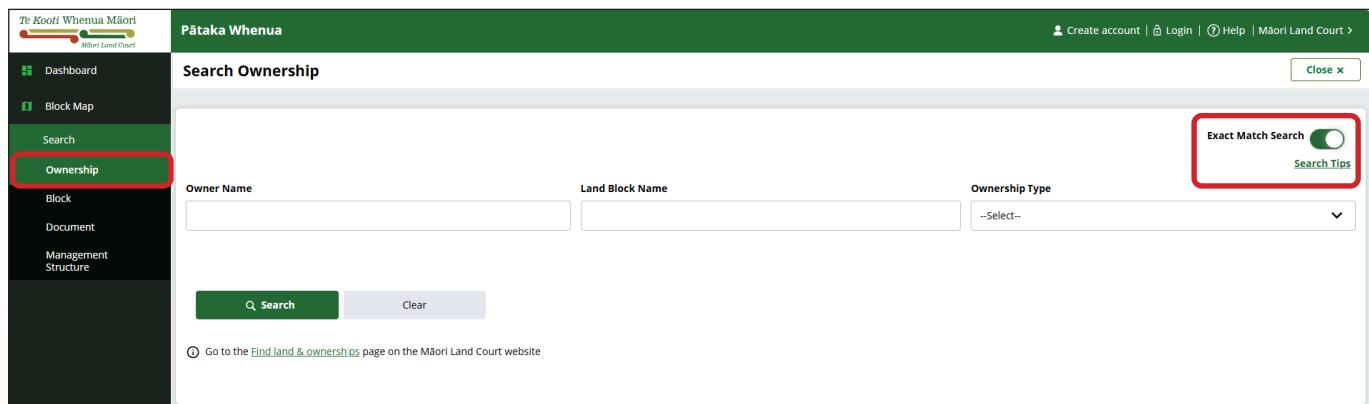
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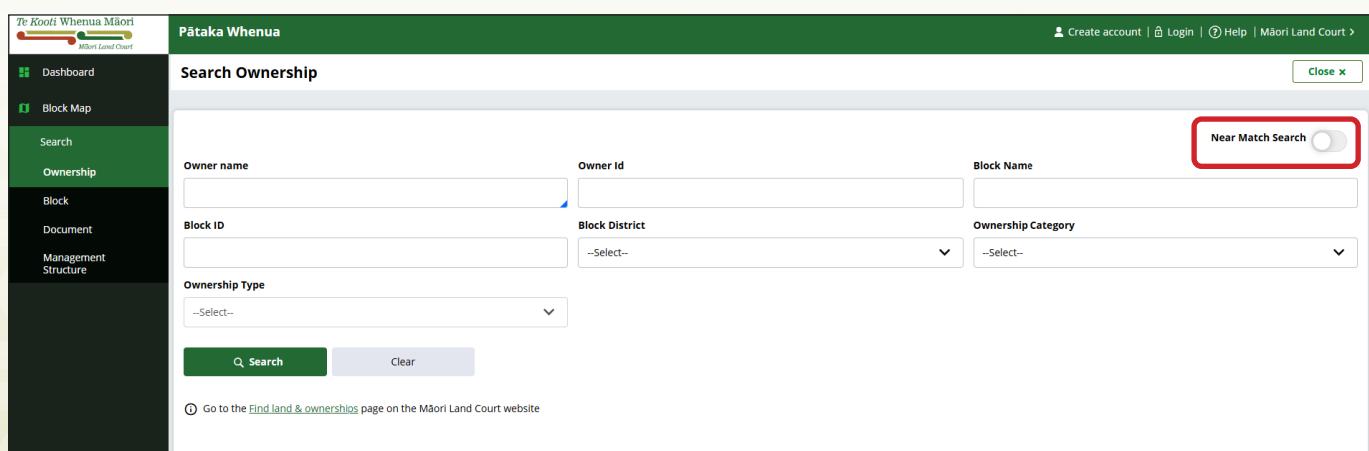
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Step 2

This will expand the Search menu, select “Ownership” from the available options. This will open in the **Near Match** screen by default. For **Exact Match** screen, simply click the toggle located at the top right-hand corner of the Ownership screen.



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Step 3

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Near Match Search

Owner name	Owner Id	Block Name
Maraku%Cribb		
Block ID	Block District	Ownership Category
	--Select--	--Select--
Ownership Type	Ownership State	
--Select--	--Select--	

Search **Clear**

ⓘ Go to the [Find land & ownerships](#) page on the Māori Land Court website



OWNER NAME SEARCH TIPS

- Search with the owner's first and last name if known.
- We recommend you type a % symbol between the first and last name if the person has a middle name or when searching for the first time, e.g. First%Last name and example below. This indicates to the system that there may be text between the entered names.
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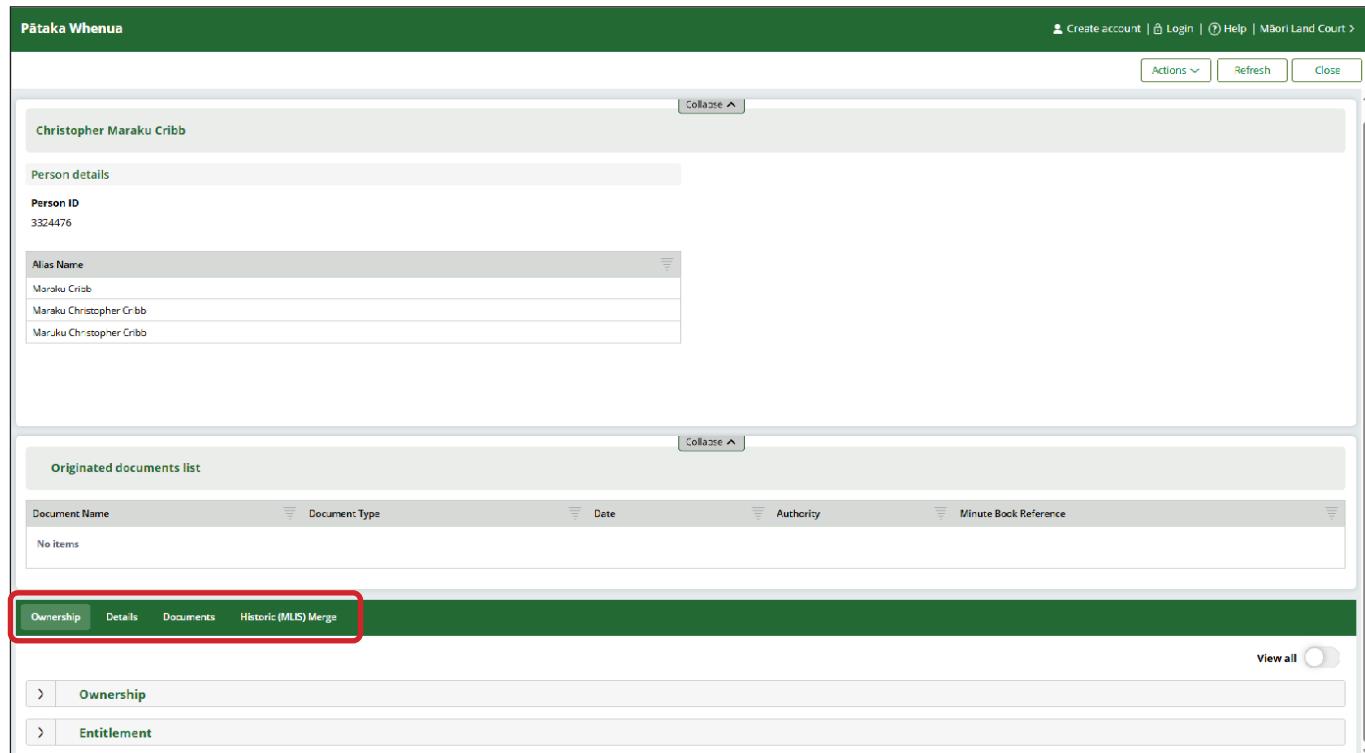


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