

Basic Detail Report

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Title

Woodley's Boatsheds ledger, Berry's Bay, September 1921

Date

1921

Medium

Ink on paper, board, leather, cloth

Dimensions

Overall: 238 x 160 x 30 mm, 713.4 g

Name

Ledger book

History

Berry's Bay at Mosman on the north side of Sydney Harbour has been a centre of boat building and repair since the first operations there by William Dunn, Walter Ford and William Langford in the 1870s. By the 1920s, Ford's yard was described as 'probably the most extensive in Sydney'. During the twentieth century other notable yards at Berry's Bay were Groom Brothers and the Barnetts. During the 1970s and 1980s, increasing waterfront property values saw the decline of the boatyards at Berry's Bay. Woodley's Boatsheds at Berry's Bay commenced in 1908 with a lease from NSW Maritime, and were still operating in 2009 over 100 years later, one of the last in Sydney Harbour. The 1908 photograph shows Woodley's slipway and yards with the yacht THELMA on slips. Woodley's mostly worked on yachts, tugboats and ferries built to 90 feet long, as well as boiler manufacturing.