

## ABSTRACT

This thesis deals with aspects of ownership, and control of land, and surveys both the historical and contemporary development of the areas which are investigated. It is divided into two sections. Part one deals with 'ownership' while 'control' is examined in part two. There are three chapters in part one following a general introduction. Chapter one looks at feudalism in Barbados. Chapter two considers the efforts of the early settlers to establish ownership of the land they possessed. In chapter three the problems relating to ownership are reviewed. The first three chapters of part two are specifically concerned with land use control. Chapter four examines early private and public control, chapter five deals with public control by compulsory acquisition, while in chapter six public and private planning control is discussed. The final chapter seven, considers methods of reconciling ownership and control.

Emphasis in the first part rests on ownership because, until ownership was completely determined, several problems were evident which highlighted the conflict between the rights of the proprietor, Carlisle, and the rights of the early

settlers who were in possession of the land. When legal ownership has been established and examined, emphasis will be placed on control in an effort to determine where the exercise of control rested during the early years of settlement and to show how societal development has shifted legal land use control.