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An Early History of Land on Tanna, Vanuatu

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ABSTRACT Tanna, one of the southern islands in the chain called Vanuatu, has had a history of colonialization by both the British and French governments, until Independence was gained in 1980. The impact on colonial rule on the Tannese people was often centered upon land ownership and rights to land. This vying for power and ownership over land is traced out in this account, based on anthropological field work and review of records held in the British Archives, then in Suva, Fiji.