

PLANS AND SOURCES FOR DOING A HOUSE HISTORY

LISTS:

Research Plan:

1. Former Owners and Neighbors
2. Architecture and Location
3. Chain of Title
4. Flesh Out the Story
5. What To Make of It

Places to Look for Information:

1. Residents/Neighbors
2. Architecture, Maps
3. Land Records
4. Estate Records
5. Books & Newspapers
6. Archives

Research Log:

1. Depository & Date of Visit
2. Person Being Researched
3. Document Searched
4. Results (positive or negative)

House History Notebook:

1. Research Log
2. Maps
3. Chain of Title
4. Timeline
5. Abstracts of Deeds
6. Copies of Documents

When There's No Recital:

1. Search the Grantee Index
2. Check for Mortgages & Special Deeds
3. Jump Back, Then Forward
4. Check Partitions & Divisions

Archives to Visit:

1. Hunterdon Co. Historical Society
2. NJ State Archives, Trenton
3. Hunterdon County Records Management (Rte 12)
4. Lambertville Historical Society

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SOURCES:

1. www.goodspeedhistories.com
2. Book: Phyllis D'Autrechy, House Plans, available from the HC Cultural & Heritage Website:
3. Book: Betty DeSapio, "A Hunterdon Genealogy Guide," email betty@desapioresearch.com
4. info on dendrochronology: Marilyn Cummings → email address
5. Book: Eric Sloane, A Reverence for Wood
6. Book: Cultural & Heritage Commission, Historic Sites Survey (HC Library, HCHS)
7. John Hutcheson, exec. director, D&R Canal Commission (office at Prallsville), call him at 609-397-2000 to ask him to look up your property if you are west of Main Street in Lambertville.
8. Aerial photos from Google Maps or Google Earth
9. www.Historymapping.org
10. Topographical Maps: USGS, <https://www.usgs.gov/products/maps/topo-maps>
11. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: available online from the Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps>
12. Bailey Map of Lambertville, 1883: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:View_of_Lambertville,_New_Jersey_\(2675134880\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:View_of_Lambertville,_New_Jersey_(2675134880).jpg)
13. Beers Atlas, Philadelphia Map, and Cornell Map: HCHS
14. Hammond Maps for original landowners: HCHS
15. Tax Maps: City Clerk or County Hall of Records
16. Early Hunterdon Deeds: Family Search website: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/220656?availability=Family%20History%20Library> (use the link; I can't figure out how to find this using their search catalog)
17. Census Records: Family Search catalog for NJ, Ancestry.com, etc.
18. Find-a-Grave
19. Book: James P. Snell, History of Hunterdon Co., HC Library
20. Book: Edward Cohen, *Lambertville's Legacy*
21. Early Newspapers: HCHS Newspaper Collection; HC Library has newspapers on microfilm. For Trenton newspapers that published early notices of public sales, see Genealogy Bank, <https://www.genealogybank.com/explore/newspapers/all/usa/new-jersey/trenton>