

# How to Find the Genealogy of a House and Those People Who Lived In It

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## Styles/Clues/Preservation:

Styles - <https://99percentinvisible.org/article/style-house-visual-guides-domestic-architectural-designs/>

Architecture Detective - <http://thehelpfulartteacher.blogspot.com/2013/08/architecture-detective-what-types-of.html>

"A Field Guide to American Houses", Virginia & Lee McAlester - US housing styles - identifying features & history

"Dictionary of Architecture and Construction", Dr. Cyril M. Harris ed., McGraw-Hill Education - architectural details

"Vintage house book: classic American homes, 1880-1980", Tad Burness - lights fixtures & appliances

"Fixtures & Fittings of Period Houses, 1714-1939", Janet Collings - identify original features & materials

[Architectural and historical intensive survey report : City of Beloit, Wisconsin](#) Sheboygan, Wis. : Legacy Architecture – Historic Houses & Preservation - Beloit Public Library Genealogy & Local History [GEN 720.9775 Architectural 2015-2016](#)

Old House Magazine - <https://www.oldhouseonline.com/> Renovation DIY, restoration, historical decorating & styles.

National Register of Historic Places Program - <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>

Dept of Archaeology & Historic Preservation – Architectural Style/Form Guides - <https://dahp.wa.gov/historic-preservation/historic-buildings/architectural-style-guide>

Sears Craftsman Mail Order Houses - <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/realestate/19-photos-of-mail-ordered-sears-kit-homes-you-didnt-know-still-exist-today/ss-BBSn1rR?ocid=sf>

## Maps/History

Federal Land Records - (BLM) Bureau of Land Management, (GLO) General Land Office Records, <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx> - images of 5 million Federal land title records issued between 1788 & now: land patents, survey plats, field notes, land status records, document index records.

David Rumsey Historic map collection - <https://www.davidrumsey.com>

Animap County Software for Town/County boundary/name changes - <http://goldbug.com/animap/>

"A Very Modest Cottage", by Tereasa Surratt, Hearst 2010 <https://www.amazon.com>

Library of Congress (LOC) - Sanborn fire insurance maps - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/>

**Internet Archive** non-profit library of free books, movies, software, music, websites, etc. - <https://archive.org/>

Genealogy Trails History Group – Winnebago County, IL [http://genealogytrails.com/ill/winnebago/history\\_towns.html](http://genealogytrails.com/ill/winnebago/history_towns.html)

"Our Golden History; South Beloit, Illinois: Its History and Legends 1835-1967", Mrs. William Hayes ed.

"The Story of Roscoe", 1987, by Florence Lovejoy Shugars, <http://www.ralstongenealogy.com/roscoestory.htm>

BLOG - <https://statelinegenealogyclub.wordpress.com/> Article Postings & TAB **Genealogy Helps &Links**

Chambers of Commerce - Rockton, Roscoe, & South Beloit, Illinois - <https://statelinechamber.com/>; Real estate co. - <https://www.zillow.com> ; historical & genealogy societies/museums; Facebook Groups – “Beloit Wisconsin Remember When” “Growing Up in Rockford Illinois”; City/County/State websites; Wikis, Google, Wikipedia.com, Amazon.com, Ebay.com, Pinterest!

Public & academic libraries – books/maps/pamphlets/microfilm/on-line databases: WI Badgerlink - <https://badgerlink.dpi.wi.gov/>; Digital Collections of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries – <https://beloitlibrary.org/> Beloit History (Beloit Local History Digitization) - <https://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/WI/BeloitLocHist/>. <https://beloitlibrary.org/> AtoZdatabases – People, Address, Phone #s Look-up. University of Wisconsin Digital Collections (UWDC) - (images, books, maps, etc <https://search.library.wisc.edu/search/digital>

### **Deeds/Legal Records:**

“Discovering History of Your House on Ancestry”, Marian Pierre-Louis, Ancestry.com Academy class - <https://www.ancestry.com/academy/course/house-histories-ancestry?ref=searchbar>; Deed Chart Form

Winnebago County Recorder of Deeds: list- <https://ilwinnebago.fidlar.com/ILWinnebago/DirectSearch#!/search> ; \$ options - <http://wincoil.us/departments/recorder/links/> . Real property records in county where the property is located

City Property Searches: Beloit WI Assessors - <https://www.beloitwi.gov/> > Search for a Property > City of Beloit Property Tax Inquiry > Parcel #, Owner Name, or Address.

GIS Property Maps - <https://www.beloitwi.gov/> > Find a Map > [Aerial Photography & Maps](#) (External Link); (Or to find all other maps including our ward, zoning, and FEMA issued flood maps.)

County Property Searches: Rock County WI <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/land-record-maps-apps-data> ; Winnebago, Boone and Stephenson Counties, IL <https://agis.wingis.org/>

IL Public Domain Land Tract Sales - [https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/data\\_lan.html](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/data_lan.html)

### **Censuses:**

US (Etc) federal censuses, US non-population Censuses, States Censuses, Territorial Censuses: Ancestry.com, Family Search.org, HeritageQuest.com - <https://www.ancestryheritagequest.com>; United States Federal Censuses from 1790 - 2016 <https://www.census.gov/history/>

“U.S. Federal Census??s Asked by Decade” <https://wordpress.com/post/statelinegenealogyclub.wordpress.com/160030>

**1790 - 1840** Head of household only named person. Others = hash marks; by age/sex range & slave/free.

**1850**> All individuals named as well as head of household, (Not Native Americans & slaves).

**1880**> Relationship of each person to head of household, birthplace of each & of his/her parents.

**1890**> Census Enumerators instructed to add street name & house numbers for each household.

**1920**> Individuals by permanent residence not temporary residence (where worked or visited).

FamilyTree.org - [A Complete List of State Censuses"](#) by Andrew Koch 13Dec2018

State/Country on Wiki entry for each - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

Illinois Censuses - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Illinois\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Illinois_Census)

**Wisconsin Censuses** - <http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/wi-census.htm>

**Ghosts** -Society for Anomalous Studies - Paranormal investigation S WI/ N IL area - <https://www.sasghostresearch.com/>