

Principal On-Line and In-Person Capitol Hill House History Resources

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This table has been developed from internet research and from guides to conducting house history in Washington D.C. compiled by the Library of Congress, the D.C. Public Library, the Historical Society of Washington D.C., (now Washington History Center) and the National Archives and Records Administration. Each of these institutions has placed digital resources on-line, and additional sources are frequently added. Since internet links often become out-dated, they are included here only in a few cases. Resources can be found most easily either by visiting an institutional website or by using an internet search engine.

| | Resources Available On-line | Resources Found in Research Rooms¹ |
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| Interactive Map – Existing Buildings | <p style="text-align: center;">HistoryQuestDC.Com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easiest source for square and lot numbers, date of construction, owner and other information on extant buildings. Also has links to properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Shows historic district limits</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Created by DC Office of Planning from historic building permits and other sources</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Building permits on microfilm. Includes destroyed buildings, additions and more</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NARA DCPL HSW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drawings separated from permits NARA – College Park</p> |
| Interactive Map – Sites | <p style="text-align: center;">Propertyquest.dc.gov</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easy access to current tax assessment, owner, historic district lines, zoning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Created by DC Office of Planning</p> | |

Abbreviations: LoC Maps – Library of Congress Geography and Map Division; LoC P&P – Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division; HSW -- Historical Society of Washington D.C. (now Washington History Center); DCPL - DC Public Library Washingtoniana Collection; NARA -- National Archives and Records Administration

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| Map of Washington DC Boschke | 1857 -1861 Shows building footprints in City of Washington. LoC Maps | HSW |
| Real Estate Map Faehz and Pratt | 1873 Map shows building outlines LoC Maps Atlas of Government Reservations (including some parks on Capitol Hill) DCPL | 4 volume atlas 1873-1874 HSW |
| Real Estate Plat Book Hopkins | 1887-1892 (vol 2 1892 includes Capitol Hill) Shows building footprints, materials, street composition, sewers, water mains, wells, PO letter boxes, lamps DCPL | Hopkins 1887, 1892, 1894 (3 volumes) HSW LoC Maps |
| Real Estate Atlases Sanborn | 1888, 1903-1916, 1959 Shows building outlines and construction details LoC Maps Wikimedia Commons (1888) | HSW |
| Real Estate Atlases Baist | 1903, 1907, 1909-1911, 1913-1915, 1919-1921 Shows building outline and street paving materials LoC Maps | 1903-1968 DCPL Washingtoniana 1903-1968 LoC Maps (selected dates) |
| DC City Directories | Names , addresses, occupations of DC Residents Address (reverse) listings 1914-1973 Most easily accessed via Ancestry.com on DCPL GoDigital Many others available via Google | Selected volumes at NARA, DCPL, HSW, Gelman Library (see details on city directories below) |
| Census | Names searchable on Ancestry.com, Family Search (free online platform), Heritage Quest (available via DCPL) Search by enumeration district maps for 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses. | |

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| Tax and Assessment Directories | | DCPL Washingtoniana 1874 (1877?) -2009 on microfilm HSW – select directories primarily 1917-1940 and 1981-1999 National Archives – pre-1877 |
| Deeds | Document images and index information August 1921 to present DC Recorder of Deeds otr.cfo.dc.gov/service/recorder-deeds-document-images | DC Recorder of Deeds pre 1921 non-digitized documents |
| OTHER SOURCES | | |
| Wymer Photographs | Photographs of DC Neighborhoods including many images of Capitol Hill, c 1950 Easily searchable map of limited images wymersdc.com Catalog with thumbnails of all images HSW | HSW - Notebooks with images |
| Architects Directory | planning.dc.gov/publication/dc-architects-directory | |
| Historic American Building Survey | LoC Prints and Photographs Division Catalog – search by address https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/ | |
| DC Inventory of Historic Sites | planning.dc.gov searchable PDF version also available | |
| National Register of Historic Places | https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/database-research.htm | DC Historic Preservation Office National Register Nomination Forms for DC Buildings |
| Other Photographs | Library of Congress - Prints and Photographs Online Catalog | |
| Neighborhood information, house histories and descriptions of CHRS House tour houses | Capitol Hill Restoration Society Website | |
| Neighborhood oral histories and photographs | Ruth Ann Overbeck Capitol Hill History website | |

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| Archival materials | | DC Archives – Birth Certificates (1874-1895), Death Certificates (1874-1945), Marriage Records (1811-1989), Wills and Probate Records (1801-1999), Indentures of Apprenticeship Records (1812-1893) |
| Newspapers - Washington Star, Washington Post, National Intelligencer | LoC Chronicalling America DCPL Digital Resources Washington Post 1877 - present | |
| APPENDIX | | |
| City Directories in Detail | DCPL – Ancestry account (use Browse feature) University of Pennsylvania – links to Internet Archives, HathiTrust and Google Books: http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/serial?id=boyddc 1860, 1862, 1864, 1867, 1877, 1878, 1881, 1887, 1892, 1896, 1901, 1903, 1906, 1908, 1909, | NARA –DC (Boyd's) 1874-1876. 1878-1897, 1899, 1905, 1907-1916-1919, 1921-1925, 1927-1934, 1936-1943, LoC Local History and Genealogy Reading Room – on microfilm |
| | Hathi Trust (Google search) 1800, 1858, 1867, 1870, 1875, 1876, 1880, 1881, 1888, annual 1893 through 1900; 1903 -1916, 1920-1922 | (Polk's) NARA-DC 1948, 1954, 1960, 1962, 1964-1965, 1967, 1969-1970 |
| | Google Books 1822, 1846, 1850, 1853, 1858, 1860, 1862, 1864, 1867, 1870-1872, 1874-1878, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1884, 1887, 1878, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1884, 1887, 1888, 1890, 1892-1901, 1903-1918, 1920-1923, 1939 | GW Gelman Library, 1822, 1830, 1834, 1843, 1846, 1850, 1853, 1855, 1858, 1860, 1862, 1864-1879, 1881-1889, 1892-1894, 1897-1898, 1903-1909, 1911, 1916, 1921-1924, 1926-1930, 1932-1942. 1948, 1954, 1956, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1973. On microfilm: 1861-1901 |