

How To Research the History of Your House in Atlantic County, New Jersey



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National Register of Historic Places

A. PREPARE

1. **CONSULT:** *House Histories: A Guide to Tracing the Genealogy of Your Home* by Sally Light, (Reference Section, R722.37)

A how-to book which leads the researcher through dating the house through architecture, finding out who lived in the house, ways to find old records, procedure for getting the house listed on historic register, and much more useful information.

2. **Ask the librarian for brochure from New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, *How to Research the History of a House* by George A. Chidley.**

B. GATHER RECORDS

DEEDS & MORTGAGES

Atlantic County Clerk's Office, Courthouse Building, , 5901 Main Street, Mays Landing, NJ 08330
(609) 641-7867,625-4011

Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.atlanticcountyclerk.org

Records of deeds and mortgages for all municipalities in Atlantic County, from 1800's to present.

WILLS

Atlantic County Surrogate's Office, Courthouse Building, 5911 Main Street, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

(609) 645-5800

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.aclink.org/electedofficials/mainpages/surrogat.htm

Probated wills, estate records, administration proceedings and more, for all municipalities in Atlantic County, from 1800's to present.

TAX RECORDS

Contact the municipal tax assessor's office which contain local tax records.

C. CONSULT LIBRARY SOURCES

HISTORIC BUILDING SURVEYS – all housed in New Jersey Reference Section in Atlantic County Library Reference Center, 2nd Floor, Mays Landing:

Historic Building Survey: Atlantic County

Historic Sites in Atlantic County Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Mays Landing Historic District

TOWN HISTORIES:

Check the library catalog for books or pamphlets on your town.

Visit the Atlantic County Reference Center, 2nd Floor, Mays Landing for newspaper clippings, pamphlets and photographs on your town in New Jersey Vertical Files.

COUNTY HISTORIES: Please note: Atlantic County was established in 1837, carved from Gloucester County.

Absegami: Annals of Eyren Haven and Atlantic City by Alfred M. Heston.

Absegami Yesteryear by Jack E. Boucher.

Atlantic County: A Pictorial History by Elaine Conover Abrahamson.

Early History of Atlantic County, New Jersey by Atlantic County Historical Society.

South Jersey: A History 1664-1924 by Alfred M. Heston.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES:

Polk Directories from 1910. Located in Atlantic County Reference Center, 2nd Floor, Mays Landing.

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS:

Consult Atlantic County Library System Union List of Serials or Library Catalog for microfilm holdings. For example, Mays Landing Record microfilm from 1877-1908 is available.

CENSUS MICROFILM

Atlantic County reels 1830 - 1930 are held at the Atlantic County Reference Center, 2nd Floor, Mays Landing.



MAPS:

1872 Beers Map of Atlantic County showing individual ownership of land in Atlantic County, hanging in main lobby of Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing. Check maps in local and county history books.

Sanborn fire insurance maps from 1884 may be available at local municipal tax assessors or collectors offices. You may also go to New Jersey State Library in Trenton to view.

D. VISIT HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Consult Historical Societies and Museums in Atlantic County pamphlet prepared annually by the Atlantic County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs for your local municipal historical society.



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