



Researching Your Home's History

South Carolina Room

- Trace ownership using deeds
 - Use Real Property Search to find old property cards (<https://www.greenvillecounty.org/appsas400/RealProperty>)
 - Deeds/plats searchable online; also available on microfilm (<https://www.greenvillecounty.org/rod/searchrecords.aspx>)
- City directories to see who lived in the home (SC 917.5727; Ancestry.com Library Edition and Heritage Quest have city directory collections)
- Maps
 - Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for homes in city (keep in mind city limits change over time)
 - USC digitized maps (<https://digital.library.sc.edu/collections/sanborn-fire-insurance-maps-of-south-carolina/>)
 - Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps also available on microfilm
 - Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps physical copies on top of map cabinet
 - Land ownership maps (can be useful for properties outside city)
 - Kyzer map of Greenville County 1882 (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3913g.la000837>)
 - Mills map of Greenville County 1825 (<https://www.loc.gov/item/2013593133/>)
 - Greenville City Block Book 1923 & 1924 (SC MICROFICHE 333.3 CITY)
 - Land grant maps covering part of Chester, Fairfield, Greenville, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, and Union counties (SC Map 912.727 SC 1976)
 - State land grant plats (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov>)
- Newspaper articles

- National Register of Historic Places
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/database-research.htm>
- Possible sources for photographs
 - Try researching the families who lived in the home. Descendants may have photographs of the house or property
 - Greenville Historical Society
 - 100 Lavinia Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601; 864.233.4103;
info@greenvillehistory.org
 - The South Carolina Room has limited photographs of Greenville residences and no blueprints
 - Internet Archive has a collection of house plan catalogs which may also contain sketches
<https://archive.org/search.php?query=subject%3A%22house+plans+--+catalogs%22>)
- Other resources that may be helpful depending on the location/significance of your home
 - Vertical files with newspaper clippings
<https://www.greenvillelibrary.org/newspapers>
 - Town/city histories
 - *The historic resources of Greenville, South Carolina* (SC 975.7 Building)
 - *Greenville County, South Carolina historic resources survey* (ARCHIVE SC Pam Box-85 Stallings)
 - Historical Image Viewer - aerial images through the years, Greenville city
<https://citygis.greenvillesc.gov/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=historicalimageryviewer>)
 - County GIS map (<https://www.gcgis.org/apps/greenvillejs/>)
- Reference books and other helpful guides
 - *Houses and homes : exploring their history* by Barbara J. Howe, et al. (SC 363.69 Houses)
 - *Locating your roots : discover your ancestors using land records* by Patricia Hatcher (SC 929.702 Hatcher)
 - *Land & property research in the United States* by E. Wade Hone (SC 929.702 Hone)