

## House Histories handout, (West Middlesex FHS)

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### Useful online links and addresses

#### General

The main genealogical sites including Ancestry, FindmyPast and TheGenealogist have many records which are useful for house historians including census returns, wills, the 1939 register, trade directories etc. FindmyPast and TheGenealogist also include address search options on their website. TheGenealogist have also digitised the Tithe Maps and Awards held at the National Archives and are in the process of digitising the 1910s Valuation Survey (Lloyd George Domesday Survey) records. Other specific websites are noted below. Note that you will still need to visit local archives to find out more! Check their online catalogues for their holdings. Many local archives also have their own published guide on house histories. The London Archives, (previously the London Metropolitan Archives) also has a guide on House History research on this link <https://www.thelondonarchives.org/your-research/research-guides/house-history>

#### Background information

Land Registry site <https://www.gov.uk/search-property-information-land-registry>

Victoria County History publications <https://www.history.ac.uk/research/victoria-county-history>

Historic England Listed Buildings database <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

#### Maps

National Library of Scotland Ordnance Survey maps <https://maps.nls.uk/> and <https://maps.nls.uk/guides/houses/>

Catalogue of British Town Maps <https://townmaps.history.ac.uk/>

Old Maps online <https://oldmapsonline.org>

A Vision of Britain Through Time <https://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/>

Layers of London website <https://www.layersoflondon.org/>

Charles Booth's poverty maps <https://booth.lse.ac.uk/map>

Also check The National Archives, British Library and Local Archives catalogues for maps. Some local archives have digitised maps and other records available via their websites.

#### Newspapers

Britishnewspaperarchive <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

FindmyPast newspapers <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/search-newspapers>

Gale database newspapers <https://www.gale.com/intl/c/british-library-newspapers-part-i>

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National Library of Wales newspapers <https://newspapers.library.wales/>

The Gazette <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

#### Other websites

Middlesex Deeds Registry <https://www.thelondonarchives.org/your-research/research-guides/middlesex-deeds-registry-research-guide>

Manorial Documents Register <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/manor-search>

#### Architectural Styles

Books: Trevor Yorke as a written several good introductory guides including *How to Date Buildings* and *British Architectural Styles* and several on specific periods such as Georgian and Victorian.

Websites:

<https://www.theenglishhome.co.uk/architectural-styles/>

<https://www.howoldismyhouse.com/house-styles-to-check.html>

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/dlsg-vernacular-houses/heag102-domestic1-vernacular-houses-lsg/>

For those who want to study House Histories in more depth I run a Pharos Course on the subject. The next one starts on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 see <https://www.pharostutors.com/introduction-to-house-history>