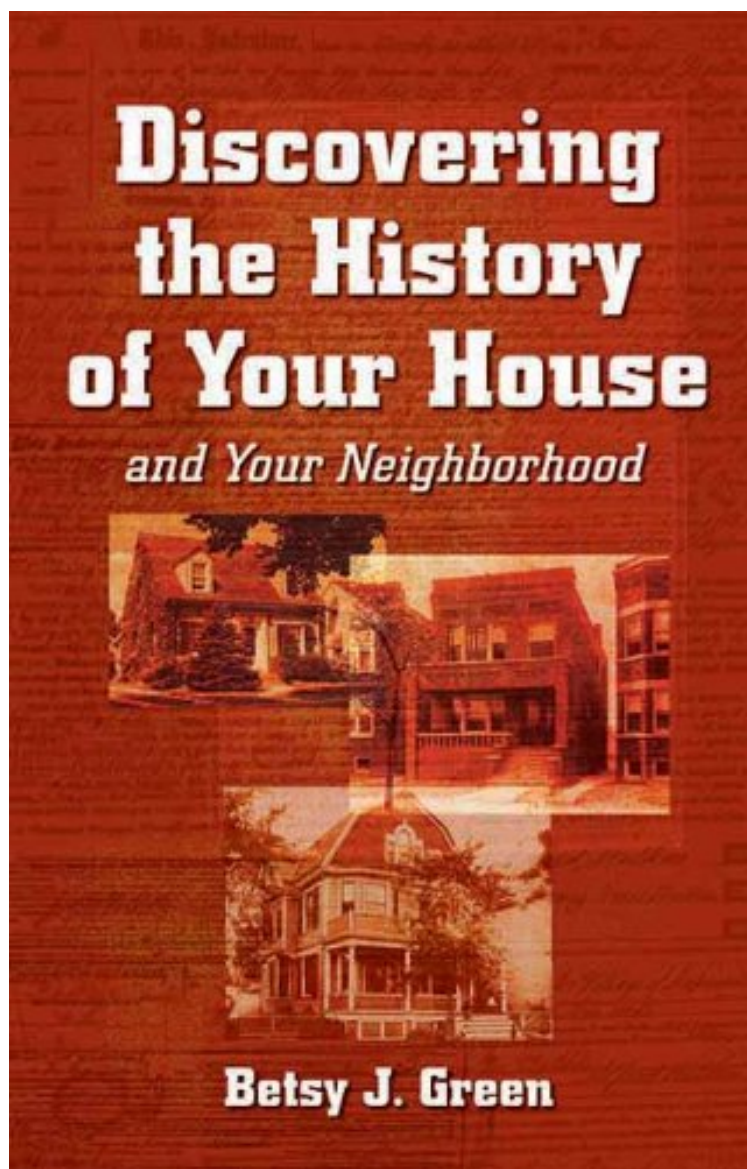


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Informative By R. Hayward Bought this book because I own a house built in 1892. Has help me do further research. I would definitely recommended. 2 of 2 people found the following

review helpful. House history is fun
By darla terry I am really enjoying discovering my house history and about the people who lived in my house previously. This book covers all angles so far. I am so glad that I bought the book!
8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A Detective Manual for Domestic Mysteries
By D. S. Bornus Everyone can find interest in researching the history of past inhabitants of their house. This book gives step-by-step instructions to identify the names of past inhabitants, how to locate them or their relatives, and learn facts about their lives as well as obtain old photos showing your house in previous incarnations. One can learn about hidden mysteries ranging from hidden rooms to why in the world did they choose THAT interior decoration, etc.
For inspiration I recommend reading "If These Walls Had Ears," written by James Morgan. It is what you might write when you complete research like this.

Every home has a story to tell! Whether you own an elaborate Victorian, cozy bungalow or cottage, ranch style, or are part of a newer subdivision, your house and property have a unique history that is just waiting to be uncovered. Part treasure hunt and part jigsaw puzzle, researching the history of your house is a fascinating and rewarding experience. In *Discovering the History of Your House and Your Neighborhood*, author Betsy J. Green will show you how easy it is to create a cherished legacy for future generations to enjoy. You'll learn about:
Beginning your search
Finding and contacting former owners of your house
Discovering the architect who designed your house
Finding the original plans for your house
Re-creating long-lost woodwork, porches, even historic landscaping
Locating building permits for your house
Finding the original price of your house
Researching subdivisions and neighborhoods
Finding deeds for your house and land
Getting information from a deed
Finding old photos of your house and neighborhood
Using old maps to learn about your neighborhood
Discovering your house on a postcard
Using vintage architectural magazines
Writing up your house history
Includes a state-by-state guide to resources

From Booklist Most homeowners probably haven't given much thought to who owned their homes two or three generations ago, or what color they were, or whether they once had different street addresses. House historian Green, on the other hand, believes that every older home should have a complete and detailed record of its previous owners, architectural modifications, and history. If you're keen to become an architectural detective, this intriguing book will get you started. Useful tips abound: if, for instance, you're looking for old photographs of your home, and you live on a main thoroughfare, check out photos of parades that might have passed by; if you're looking for information on previous owners, make sure to check for variant spellings of their surname in the relevant documents. In addition, the author steers us toward the right government offices and the appropriate library resources. There's no doubt that this is a special-interest book with a limited audience, but wouldn't it be nice to have a copy on your shelves the next time a would-be house detective asks for help? David Pitt
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