

Building History Worksheet

Research checklist for _____
(address)

I. Madison County Archival Library (MCHS) or Edwardsville Public Library (EPL)

- Atlases, Madison County
- Betty Maloney File (Edwardsville buildings)
- Cemetery Records and Indexes
- City Directories (see worksheet)
- Edwardsville High School Year Books
- Edwardsville Newspapers (microfilm)
 - Searches needed (digitized versions of the Intelligencer are incomplete)

- Edwardsville Intelligencer Special Editions
 - 1895 Industrial Edition
 - 1912 Madison County Centennial
 - 1915 Court House Edition
 - 1937 Intelligencer's 75th Anniversary
 - 1962 Madison County 150th Anniversary
- MCHS House History Files
- MCHS Index Card File (Index of library holdings by address and surname)
- MCGS Files at EPL
- Madison County & Edwardsville Histories (books)
- P-File (Photographs) at MCHS Archival Library
- Sanborn Insurance Maps MCHS

II. On-Line Resources

- Newspaper Archive at library or personal subscription; Search for the address and names of early owners (with quotation marks) using variations of the address and name, including abbreviated versions and misspelled versions, i.e. "710 N. Buchanan," "710 North Buchanan," "710 Buchanan," or "Charles Albert Ritchie," "Chas. A. Ritchie," "C. A. Ritchie," "Charles Richie," etc.
- Property Assessments <http://reweb1.co.madison.il.us/>
 - Current Owner
 - Legal Description of Property & Parcel ID
 - Recent Sales History
- Fold3 Military Records (subscription)
- Family tree of early homeowners: _____
Surnames _____
- Check genealogy websites. Some sites like familysearch.org are free. Others like home.ancestry.com, although a subscription service, may have a limited library edition available at no cost.

