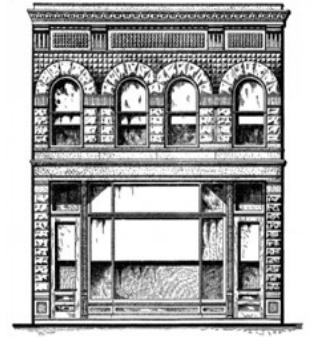




Trace the History of Your House



Special Materials in the Wisconsin Collection

Appleton City Directories can be used to trace the residents of a house by address. The earliest Appleton directory dates from 1874. Not all years are available, but the directory has continued in various forms to the present. Appleton addresses changed in 1925; the 1925 directory has both the new and old addresses (the old address is in parentheses). They are located at 917.7539 App, shelved in chronological order. Some of the older items are available online through [Fox Valley Memory](#).

City and County Directories for other communities and counties of the Fox Cities are available, although the holdings vary widely. Over the years, the information was published in different formats and by different publishers. For specific information, consult the Online Catalog or a librarian.

Sanborn Insurance Maps provide information about the size and shape of buildings. A 1924 Sanborn Insurance Map, which has revisions through 1970 and an index compiled in 1958, can be found in the **Wisconsin Atlas Case**. Older information is available from an earlier map on **Microfilm** (WR 912.77539 Ins, in storage). Black and white bound copies for 1883, 1886, 1891, 1895, 1901, 1911, as well as 1924, with revisions for 1934, 1952, and 1970 are available on the **Wisconsin Atlas Case**, and some are online at the [Wisconsin Historical Society site](#).

Plat Books of Outagamie County provide information on land ownership. The oldest Outagamie County plat, from 1850, can be found in the **Wisconsin Pamphlet Files** under “Outagamie County, Wisconsin - Maps.” A plat map for 1917 is in the **Map Case**. Later plat books are located at 912.77539 Out. An index to the 1889 county plat is available at 912.77539 Ind. The Library has more recent plat books for other counties in the 912 area. Some plat books are available digitally through [InfoSoup’s Appleton Memory Project](#) and the Wisconsin Historical Society’s [Recollection Wisconsin](#).

Outagamie County Maps and **Appleton City Maps** dating back to 1853 can be found in the **Map Cases**. More recent maps of other counties and communities are also available.

Books in the Reference Collection

R 720.3 His **Historic Architecture Sourcebook**. McGraw-Hill, 1977

R 720.3 Whi White, Norval. **The Architecture Book**. Knopf, 1976

Books in the Nonfiction Collection

- 643.7 Col Collings, Janet. **The fixtures and fittings of Period Houses 1714-1939.** Crowood Press, 2011
- 724.5 Vic **Victorian Domestic Architectural Plans and Details...** Dover, 1987
- 728.0974 MacA McArdle, Alma deC. **Carpenter Gothic: 19th Century Ornamented Houses of New England.** Whitney Library of Design, 1978.
- 728.0973 Gro Gross, Steve. **Old Houses.** Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 1991
- 728.0973 MacA McAlester, Virginia . **A Field Guide to American Houses.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2013
- 728.80973 MacA McAlester, Virginia. **Great American Houses and Their Architectural Styles.** Abbeville Press, 1994
- 745.409 Fer Ferebee, Ann. **A History of Design from Victorian Era to the Present.** W. W. Norton, 2011

There are many books on house plans of different eras in the 728s.

Books in the Wisconsin Collection

- W 709.775 Lev Levy, Hannah Heidi. **Famous Wisconsin Artists and Architects.** Badger Books, 2004
- WR 720.9775 Ada Adams, Peter. **Neenah Historical and Architectural Survey Project.** Neenah Department of Community Development, 1982
- W 720.9775 Per Perrin, Richard W. E. **The Architecture of Wisconsin.** State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1967
- WR 720.9775 Per Perrin, Richard W. E. **Historic Wisconsin Architecture.** Wisconsin Society of Architects of the American Institute of Architects, 1976
- WR 720.9775 Per Perrin, Richard W. E. **Historic Wisconsin Buildings: A Survey in Pioneer Architecture, 1835-1870.** Milwaukee Public Museum, 1981
- WR 720.9775 Sti Stith, D. J. **Design in Wisconsin Housing: A Guide to Styles.** University of Wisconsin-Extension, 1977

Books with an "R" or "WR" at the beginning of the call number are Reference books and cannot be checked out.

Books in the Wisconsin Collection, cont.

- W 917.7504 Han Hanson, Krista Finstad. **Wisconsin's Historic Houses and Living History Museums.** Prairie Oak Press, 2000.
- W 977.5 Con Connolly, M. Caren. **Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes.** Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2010.
- W 977.539 Cit **City of Appleton 1989 Historic Sites Inventory.** City of Appleton, 1989
- WR 977.539 His **Historic Building Survey, Appleton, WI.** Appleton Department of Planning and Development, 1978
- WR 917.539 various City and County Directories

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Tax Rolls

Outagamie County Tax Rolls are in three locations. Appointments to see the records must be made in advance.

Outagamie County Treasurer's Office

410 S. Walnut St. Appleton, WI 54911 ▪ 920-832-5065

Holdings: All Outagamie County localities, 1982-present on microfiche

Outagamie County Historical Society

330 E. College Ave. Appleton, WI 54911 ▪ 920-733-84

(Hourly charge for research)

Holdings: All Outagamie County localities, 1861-1862

Partial localities: 1863-1867; 1870-1872

All localities: 1903-1973 for years ending in "3" and "8"

UW-Green Bay Research Center

Cofrin Library, 7th Floor

2420 Nicolet Dr. Green Bay, WI 54311 ▪ 920-465-2539

Holdings: All Outagamie County localities, 1850s, incomplete

All localities: 1860, 1863, 1864-1890

All localities: 1900-1980 for years ending in "0" and "5"



www.apl.org
920-832-6173

Helpful Websites

Documenting Your Historic Structure

City of Appleton Historic Preservation Commission (<http://appleton.org/government/planning/historic-preservation>)

National Park Service / Heritage Documentation Program (www.nps.gov/hdp/)
(www.nps.gov/nr/preservation_links.htm)

National Park Service / National Register of Historic Places (www.nps.gov/nr/publications/guidance.htm)

National Park Service / Technical Preservation Service (www.nps.gov/tps/)

Wisconsin Historical Society (<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:1189>)

Local Sources

Appleton Public Library Created Links to Obituary Index, Post-Crescent Index, Veterans Grave Registrations, Historic Photos Index and other online sources www.apl.org/e/apl and www.apl.org/community/history

Appleton Public Library Local History Collection at Recollection Wisconsin

<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/WI/WI-idx?type=browse&scope=WI.APPLETONPLATS>

Appleton city directories; plat books; local history books including *Record of the Pioneers of Outagamie County, Wisconsin...*; *Historic Building Survey*; and *City of Appleton 1989 Historic Sites Inventory*.

Fox Valley Memory www.foxvalleymemory.org

Text: *Ryan's History of Outagamie County* (searchable); *Our First 100 Years, 1857-1957*; *City of Appleton 1989 historic sites inventory*; various plat books and atlases; some city Directories; *Historic Building Survey*; and more.

Photos: photos and postcards from around the Fox Cities.

Local Historical Organizations

Appleton Historical Society <http://appletonhistory.org/>

Historic Old Third Ward (Appleton) <http://www.focol.org/oldthirdward/>

History Museum at the Castle <http://www.myhistorymuseum.org/>

Kaukauna Area Historical Society <http://kaukaunalibrary.org/local-history/kaukauna-area-historical-society-kahs>

Little Chute Historical Society <http://www.focol.org/littlechutehistory/>

Menasha Historical Society <http://menashahistorical.webs.com/>

Neenah Historical Society <http://www.focol.org/neenahhistorical/>

General Sources

Badgerlink Access to Newspaper Archives and HeritageQuest Online for free census records, directories, family histories) <http://badgerlink.net>

Cyndi's List <http://www.cyndislist.com/houses/general/> Links to house & building history sites.

Internet Archive <https://archive.org/>

Multiple formats—books, movies, software, music, audio—available for free. Many items of historic interest. The Wayback Machine archives web pages so you can go as far back as 1996 to see what a site looked like.

Land Records & Maps

Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (Wisconsin) <http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/?linkid=1440&locid=145>

Bureau of Land Management http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/land_records.html

Old Maps Online <http://www.oldmapsonline.org/>

Outagamie County Air Photo Viewer <https://gis.outagamie.org/maps/historicaerials/index.html>

Outagamie County GIS—current buildings in Outagamie County <http://gis.outagamie.org/maps/Platbookviewer/s2.html>

Township, Range and Section Surveying system (19th century) <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/SurveyNotes/>