

## Jennifer's Guide to Local Sources

Resource	Location	Potential Information
<b>W. Dale Clark Library, Omaha NE</b>		
City Directories	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Reference – Face reference desk, last row of shelves you can see on your right	Resident's names and occupations
Sanborn Maps	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Reference Desk Ask for Microfilm Ne Ref 912.782 Sanborn	Building construction date, material, number of openings, porches, stairs, number of floors, boundaries, outbuildings, streetcar lines, neighborhood context
Other Maps	Online Catalogue <a href="http://www.omahapubliclibrary.org/earlyomaha/mapgallery1.html">http://www.omahapubliclibrary.org/earlyomaha/mapgallery1.html</a>	Bird's eye view for same as above; Water hookups for construction date
Local Histories	Omaha Planning Section – 917.82	Neighborhood context; Exterior features
	Omaha History Section – 978.2254	City-wide context; Exterior features
	Specific Topics (ie Streetcars of Omaha and C.B. 385.5 Orr)	Neighborhood development; Exterior features
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Reference Desk; clippings card catalogue; reference books (Mobile Americans... Ne Ref 305.5 C47)	Biographical information on past owners; some neighborhood context;
State Histories	State History Section 978.2	Neighborhood, City and State context
Genealogy	Genealogy Index – 3 <sup>rd</sup> FI Genealogy Room NW Corner	Biographical information on past owners
	Ancestry.com – available in Genealogy Room	Biographical information on past owners
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor reference desk – clippings card catalogue	Biographical information on past owners
Social Histories	Omaha History Section – Ethnic Histories; Church Histories; Organizational Histories 978.2254	Biographical information on past owners; some neighborhood context; few exterior features
	Who's Who in Omaha 1928; 1940 Ask at reference desk Ne Ref 978.2254	Biographies of prominent Omaha citizens
Photograph and Postcard Collections	Online Catalogue <a href="http://www.omahapubliclibrary.org/earlyomaha/">http://www.omahapubliclibrary.org/earlyomaha/</a>	Exterior features
Newspapers	Omaha World Herald 3 <sup>rd</sup> FI SE corner Microfilm room North Wall	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year or Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> – construction information; obituaries of owners, contractors and architects; important events in lives of owners, contractors and architects; grand opening articles; social calendar ; exterior features
	Omaha Bee - 3 <sup>rd</sup> FI SE corner Microfilm room S Wall	Same as above
	The Excelsior; Dundee News; Benson Sun – See above	Same as above
Census	Census data on microfilm	Who lived at a particular address; what their occupation was; age; race; homeland; varies

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<b>Douglas County Historical Society</b>		
Same general sources as above	Better clippings files; different maps and photographs, original versions of newspapers instead of microfiche, original versions of Sanborn and Baist's Maps; other maps, yearbooks	See sources above
<b>Durham Western Heritage Museum</b>		
Photo Archive	Basement of Museum – call for an appointment	Often worth paging through street scenes
<b>City Offices</b>		
Building Permit	Planning Office	Not available for Omaha
Tax Records	Assessor's Offices / Online	Past records not available for Omaha
Deeds	Deed book	List of past owners
Individual Deeds	Record of Deed's Office City County Building Harney Street Level South Side	Legal property description including any unusual property line alterations; Past values of property (significant jumps may indicate construction); May describe building or property - especially if leased
National Register Nominations	Planning Office City County Building 11 <sup>th</sup> Fl	Nominations of similar or nearby properties may discuss style or ownership of yours when providing context; Their bibliography may provide sources
Local Landmark Nominations	Planning Office	Same as above
<b>Landmarks Inc</b>		
Clippings files on local architects, buildings and neighborhoods	Contact landmarks@omahalandmarks.org for access	Biographical information on architect; construction date; neighborhood context
<b>UNL Architecture and Love Libraries</b>		
Architecture Biographical Dictionaries	Main catalogue: <a href="http://iris.unl.edu/">http://iris.unl.edu/</a>  Also check: Avery Index available only at UNL library – period articles	Biographical information on architect
Architectural Style Guides		Identify key features; potential timeline
Architectural product and trade catalogues		Limit potential timeline; clues to possible original appearance
Architectural histories of building materials and types		Context; potential timeline; key features
Histories		Provide national context

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<b>NE State Archives</b>		
Same general sources as Omaha Public Library	<a href="http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/index.html">http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/index.html</a> Reference Department Nebraska State Historical Society 1500 "R" Street P.O. Box 82554 Lincoln, Nebraska 68501 Telephone: 402-471-4751	See sources above
Cemetery Records		Date of death of owner, architect, contractor
No City Directories or Census Records		
<b>NE State Historic Preservation Office</b>		
Architect clipping files	<a href="http://www.nebraskahistory.org/histpres/about.htm">http://www.nebraskahistory.org/histpres/about.htm</a> State Historic Preservation Office 1420 P Street Suite 300 Lincoln NE 68508 Phone: 402-471-4787 in Lincoln	Date of construction; contemporary work
National Register Nominations		Local context; additional research sources
Surveys of Properties		Context; date of construction; architect
<b>Online Sources</b>		
National Register Research Home Page	<a href="http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/research/nris.htm">http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/research/nris.htm</a>	Research buildings by same architect, owner, contractor; Multiple property listings for similar structures
Early Omaha Gateway to the West	<a href="http://www.omaha.lib.ne.us/earlyomaha/">http://www.omaha.lib.ne.us/earlyomaha/</a>	Maps, postcards, books,
Nebraska Studies	<a href="http://nebraskastudies.org/">http://nebraskastudies.org/</a>	Omaha timeline; Significant Omaha events
Nebraska Pioneers	<a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~neresour/pioneer/index.html">http://www.rootsweb.com/~neresour/pioneer/index.html</a>	
Family Search	<a href="http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp">http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp</a>	Biographical information on owners, architects, contractors
Andreas' History of the State of NE - 1882	<a href="http://www.kancoll.org/books/andreas_ne/hon_cnty.html">http://www.kancoll.org/books/andreas_ne/hon_cnty.html</a>	
Douglas County US GenWeb Project	<a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~nedougla/">http://www.rootsweb.com/~nedougla/</a>	

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