CLEVELAND HISTORY

RESEARCHING YOUR PROPERTY, STREET, AND NEIGHBORHOOD
Sense of Place

The history of a place is not always obvious.
In 1900, there were 9558 Hungarians in Cleveland. The 1920 census showed that 42,189 people stated they were born in Hungary.

“A distinct neighborhood came into being during the mid 1880s. The Hungarians settled around Madison Street (now East 79th) and Woodland Avenue from East 65th Street onward. Streets with particularly heavy concentrations of Hungarian residents included Bismarck, Rawlings and Holton. The neighborhood near several major factories on the Southeast side of Cleveland.”
Sense of Place
TYPES OF RESOURCES

- MAPS
- PHOTOGRAPHS
- CITY DIRECTORIES
- BUILDING PERMITS
- PROPERTY RECORDS
- DEEDS
- TAX DUPLICATES
- GENEEOLOGY
- CENSUS RECORDS
SOURCES

- CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
- WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- CUYAHOGA COUNTY ARCHIVES
- CLEVELAND CITY HALL
- CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
- THE PLAIN DEALER HISTORICAL
- ANCESTRY.COM
- ARCHIVE.ORG
MAPS

- HOPKINS PLAT MAPS
  - Cleveland Public Library (Digital)
  - Cleveland Historic Maps (ArcGIS)

- SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAPS
  - Cleveland Public Library (Digital)
  - Ohio Web Library

- CUYAHOGA COUNTY ARCHIVES

- CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL ARCHIVES
STREET NAMES

1868 – A number of street names changed by ordinance

1886 – Streets in Cleveland are renumbered.

In some cases odd and even numbers flip sides of the street

1905-6 – City was divided into four sections (NE, SE, NW and SW), streets were renamed and numbering was standardized.
STREET NAMES

1881

1930
Importance of Photos
PHOTO SOURCES

- Cleveland Public Library
  - Plain Dealer Archives
- Western Reserve Historical Society
- Library of Congress
- Cleveland Memory Project (CSU)
- Digital Public Library of America
- Ohiopix.org
- Ohio Memory Collection
- National Archives
- New York Public Library Public Domain
Geographical Information System (GIS)

PROPERTY RESEARCH

My Place (Cuyahoga County) (Post 1975)

Cuyahoga County Recorder’s Office (Pre-1975)

Cuyahoga County Archives Tax Duplicates
Other Sources

Archive.org

Hathitrust Digital Library

Images of America book series

Genealogy

Ancestry.com

Familysearch.org
Where Do You Begin?

- What in your neighborhood is important to the community?
- What structures and spaces are vital to maintain?
- Neighborhood & Community Engagement to decide those items.
- Learn the history of those items to discover the larger story
Thank You

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