

HISTORIC-DATE PLAQUES
for
North Wales Buildings

ORDER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

APPROXIMATE DATE WHEN BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED _____

FIRST OWNER IF KNOWN _____

OTHER KNOWN OWNERS/OCCUPATIONS _____

POSSIBLE SOURCES TO USE IN DATING YOUR BUILDING:

Federal Census Records; Tax Records; Montgomery County Hist. Society;
Deeds; Documents; Articles or Books; Old Photos; Architectural Clues;
Physical Evidence or Items Found; Family or Oral History; Other Research.

PLEASE EXPLAIN OR DESCRIBE HOW YOU ARRIVED AT THE DATE YOU
ARE REQUESTING. Use reverse side if needed or attach pertinent copies.

UPON APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF \$60 BY CASH OR CHECK, YOUR ORDER
WITH CUSTOMIZED DATE WILL BE PLACED.

Make payments to "North Wales Borough, Historic Commission" at North Wales
Borough Hall, 300 School Street, North Wales, PA 19454.

The North Wales Historic Commission meets at 7 P.M. the 3rd Wednesday of every
month at North Wales Borough Hall.



"Take Pride in the Past to Improve the Present"

Tracing the History of Your House A Guide to Local Resources

In tracing the history of your house there will most likely be no single place or document, which will tell you exactly when your house was built. In most cases, finding the date of construction involves research in a variety of local records. After locating and reviewing these records, you may be able to identify the year in which your house was built, but more likely you will be able to identify a short range of years in which the building was probably erected.

Below are some helpful hints in conducting your own research. The first place to look for clues to date your house is the Property Abstract Company. Some of the information included, would be references to deeds, mortgages, probate records, tax sales, and court actions. The listing can provide; ownership, length of ownership and price of purchase. Financial records through the abstract company can help identify its date.

Census on Microfilm is another avenue widely used to identify your homes history. United States censuses were taken every 10 years. You can find census entries grouped by street, and censuses for 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920 include the address. These entries include every person in the household, their ages, ancestry, marital status and occupation. For more information go to:

United States Census Bureau, US Department of Commerce

"All About All"~

Web Site: google.com/unitedstatescensusbureau

Follow the sites to any of the following;

US Census: 1790-1930 search [US Census records for your ancestor's homes
genealogy.com](http://genealogy.com)

U.S.Census Records [Connect with your ancestors and details of their lives
Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)

Recorder of Deeds, Montgomery County PA

One Montgomery Plaza, Third Floor, Suite 303

Norristown, PA 19401 (610) 278-3289

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:15pm

Web Site: www.montcopa.org/rod.

Information offered by Recorder of Deeds:

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They keep track of all:

- Land transactions and records, all land documents
- Deeds, mortgages and satisfaction of mortgages
- Land records date back to Sept. 10, 1784
- Available on site 12 terminals with intranet access to the Recorder of Deeds files
- Montgomery County Maps and Land Development plans

Montgomery County Historical Society

1654 Dekalb Street
Norristown, PA 19401
(610) 272-0297
Hours: Mon Wed Thur & Fri 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tue 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Web Site: US@HSMCPA.org

Information available:

- Maps
- Records
- Books

Lansdale Historical Society ~ Jenkins Homestead

137 Jenkins Avenue
Lansdale, PA 19446
(215) 855-1872
Hours: Wed 12 noon- 5:00 pm Thurs 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Web Site: INFO@LANSDALEHISTORY.ORG

Information available:

- North Wales Record and The Reporter Newspapers

The following "how-to" hand books on house research:

- Howard, Hugh. *How Old Is This House?* New York: Farrar Straus, Giroux 1989
- Light Sally, *House Histories: A Guide to Tracing the Genealogy of Your Home.* Spencertown, NY: Golden Hill Press, 1989
- *Houses of Homes: Exploring Their History.* Nashville, TN: American Association for State and Local History, 1987.