# **Researching the History of Your House**

**Suffolk County Clerk Online Search**

<https://kiosk.suffolkcountyny.gov/kioskweb/Notifications.aspx>

Deeds and Mortgages for Suffolk County are recorded with the Suffolk County Clerk. Not everything is available online, mostly 1987 forward.

**Brookhaven Town Links**

[Brookhaven Town Assessor](https://www.brookhavenny.gov/239/Assessor)

<https://www.brookhavenny.gov/239/Assessor> Overview and contact information.

[Brookhaven Town Tax Interactive Map](https://tob-ny.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=e54f06f645bf4c15937465e5c7c56c50)

<https://tob-ny.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=e54f06f645bf4c15937465e5c7c56c50> Enter your place/address in search box in upper righthand corner.

**Map Resources** *More than you need but we love maps!*

[1858 Map of Suffolk Co](https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3803s.la000565/) [1873 Beers](https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47e2-6331-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99) [1886 Kings (Brooklyn) & Queens Co.](https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3804n.la000512/?r=0.619,0.393,0.063,0.039,0) [LI Ocean Shore 1902](https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/atlases-of-the-united-states#/?tab=navigation&roots=5:a3ec1a00-c5ed-012f-88ee-58d385a7bc34/37:ac9eee80-c5f8-012f-b8d9-58d385a7bc34/1:b938f930-c5f8-012f-82d2-58d385a7bc34)[LI Sound Shore 1909](https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/atlases-of-the-united-states#/?tab=navigation&roots=5:a3ec1a00-c5ed-012f-88ee-58d385a7bc34/37:ac9eee80-c5f8-012f-b8d9-58d385a7bc34/ad148740-c5f8-012f-6561-58d385a7bc34)

[Sanborn Digital Maps](https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps) [Library of Congress](https://ldsgenealogy.com/NY/Suffolk-County-Map-Records.htm)

[LDS Maps of Suffolk](https://ldsgenealogy.com/NY/Suffolk-County-Map-Records.htm)

[Library of Congress Land Ownership Maps](https://www.loc.gov/item/85694778/)

[Map Collection](http://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/Maps) at Stony Brook University

[Suffolk County Historical Aerials, 1928-1930](https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Economic-Development-and-Planning/Planning-and-Environment/Cartography-and-GIS/Historical-Aerials) (Suffolk County Cartography & GIS Section)

[David Rumsey Historical Map Collection](http://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/view/search?sort=Pub_List_No_InitialSort%2CPub_Date%2CPub_List_No%2CSeries_No&q=&search=Go): a searchable collection of more than 50,000

[Old Maps Online](http://www.oldmapsonline.org/#bbox=-73.583014,40.67019,-72.581885,41.070001&q=&datefrom=1000&dateto=2010): a gateway to historical maps from all over the world.

[New York Public Library](http://www.nypl.org/node/72698): New York state, county and city atlases.

[Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at Boston Public Library](https://www.leventhalmap.org/collections/)

[Queens Public Library](http://www.queenslibrary.org/research/archives/map-atlas-tables)

**Suffolk County Historical Society**

[Ackerly Collection](https://www.germangenealogygroup.com/records-search/ackerly.php) The German Genealogy site has a surname index to our [Ackerly Collection](https://www.germangenealogygroup.com/records-search/ackerly.php), a set of notebooks in our library that mention many 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century Suffolk residents. Majority of the deeds listed here were ***never recorded with the Suffolk County Clerk.*** We also have a small deed collection in the SCHS archives, with a finding aid.

**Databases/Other**

[Historic American Buildings Survey](https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/item/ny2055/)

[National Register of Historic Places](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm)

The Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities Survey is in the archives at Suffolk County Historical Society. Not digitized, paper copy. Call SCHS to check if your property is included.

**Historic Newspapers**

[New York Historic Newspapers](https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/)

[Suffolk Historic Newspapers](https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/titles/places/new_york/suffolk/) (subset of above)

[Fulton History](https://fultonsearch.org/)

[Chronicling America, Library of Congress](https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/)

[Newspapers.com](http://newspapers.com)

[LDS Newspaper/Obituary Directory](https://ldsgenealogy.com/newspapers-obituaries/)

**Books**

[WorldCat Search](https://www.worldcat.org/search?q=su%3ADwellings+United+States+History+Handbooks%2C+manuals%2C+etc.&qt=results_page)

[Suffolk County Public Library--Union Catalog](https://discover.livebrary.com/iii/encore/search/C__SDwellings%20%20%20%20United%20States%20%20%20%20History.__Orightresult?lang=eng&suite=cobalt)

[New York Public Library](https://browse.nypl.org/iii/encore/search/C__SDwellings%20%20%20%20United%20States%20%20%20%20History.__Orightresult?lang=eng&suite=def)

[Historic American Buildings Survey](https://digital-research-books-beta.nypl.org/read/597022?source=catalog) Ebook

**Articles**

[Reading an Old House](https://architecturalobserver.com/reading-an-old-house/)

[“This Old House” on PBS](https://www.thisoldhouse.com/21015083/how-to-research-the-history-of-your-house)

[How to Research Your Old House](https://www.oldhouses.com/how-to-research-your-old-house)

[Everyday Old House](https://everydayoldhouse.com/guide-research-home-history/)

[Old House Online](https://www.oldhouseonline.com/web-exclusives/how-to-research-your-homes-past/)

[Tracing the History of Your House](https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/7-online-resources-trace-history-house/)

**Suffolk Town Assessors**

The Suffolk County Clerk provides links to each Town Assessor’s Office <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Elected-Officials/County-Clerk/Town-Assessors>

Each Town’s portal/homepage is a bit different. Do not hesitate to contact them directly for assistance.

**Suffolk County Town Historians**

Babylon 631-587-3750

Brookhaven 631-451-8038

East Hampton 631-324-4141

Huntington 631-351-3244

Islip 631-567-4939

Riverhead 631-369-9717

Smithtown 631-360-7512

Shelter Island 631-749-0291

Southold 631-765-1981

Southampton 631-283-6000