

---

## Websites for Property History

---

The following websites are intended as a brief guide to just some of the vast number of sites which are currently available on the Internet.

### **GENERAL SITES PROVIDING INFORMATION ON HOW TO CONDUCT RESEARCH OR WHERE TO LOCATE RELEVANT SOURCES:**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/househistory/guide/>

The National Archives guide to resources for house history

<http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/vip8/ecc/ECCWebsite/dis/gui.jsp?channelOid=13813&guideOid=14783>

Sources in the Essex Record Office for tracing property history

<http://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/leaflets/nroil009.htm>

Sources in the Norfolk Record Office for tracing property history

[http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/sro/history\\_of\\_property.htm](http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/sro/history_of_property.htm)

Sources in the Suffolk Record Office for tracing property history

<http://www.house-detectives.co.uk/>

This is the website based on the BBC TV series of the same name

<http://www.cyndislist.com/houses.htm>

A global resource providing links to other sites re property histories

<http://www.catalogue.nationalarchives.gov.uk/researchguidesindex.asp>

Leaflets produced by the National Archive explaining sources such as:

Hearth Tax Assessments

Manorial Court Records

National Farm Survey of England and Wales, 1940-1943

Ordnance Survey records

### **SITES PROVIDING SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELEVANT TO TRACING THE HISTORY OF AN INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY:**

#### **Architects**

**Royal Institute of British Architects - <http://www.riba.org/go/RIBA/Home.html>**

This site has an online library catalogue, which includes an index to over 300 architectural periodicals, books, photographs and manuscripts held in the RIBA Library along with a biographical database of architects.

## Census Returns

The introduction of the census on the Internet has revolutionised family history research and is now the preferred method of search. Suffolk Libraries and Suffolk Record Office have subscribed to the Library Edition of the website **Ancestry.co.uk**, which has a wealth of resources including transcribed census records from 1841 to 1901. This website can be accessed at a computer terminal in any Suffolk library or record office with a valid Suffolk library card. There is a small charge for printouts.

### **1901 Census** – <http://www.census.pro.gov.uk/>

This contains the census returns for England and Wales. It is free to search the Index, which has a facility to search by address as well as by person if you do not know who was living in your property at the time. However to obtain the full details re. the occupants of your property (including a digital image of the original census) a charge is incurred. This can be paid for via census vouchers or by using a credit card.

### **1881 Census** – <http://www.familysearch.org>

The 1881 census is available online via the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints website. Full access is free. You can search by country, county and town/village, although it is not searchable by exact address. Starting with the first match for the village go into the household and work through the village one household at a time

## Directories

### <http://www.historicaldirectories.org/>

This includes numerous county directories for the UK and is a searchable database by either location or year. Within your chosen search it is then possible to specify a surname, street name etc and find all the given matches.

## Land Registry

### <http://www.landreg.gov.uk/>

About two thirds of property titles in England and Wales are registered with the Land Registry which now offers an online service whereby it is possible to search for relevant documents for individual addresses. Once identified it is possible, for a set fee per item, to download copies of the register entry and the title plan.

The information on the register includes a note of the location and extent of the property, the owner's name and address, the price if sold since 1 April 2000 and details of any mortgages or rights of way.

The title plan, prepared by the Ordnance Survey, shows the land owned.

## Listed Buildings

### <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/default.asp>

The National Monuments Records Centre holds descriptions of listed buildings in England, along with photographs of buildings 1860s-present; aerial photographs 1930s-present, and survey reports on specific buildings.

### <http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk/>

This is maintained by the National Monuments Records Centre and contains photographs of England's 370,000 Listed Buildings.

## Manorial Records

<http://www.mdr.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr/>

The Manorial Documents Register, maintained by the Historical Manuscripts Commission, contains information on the whereabouts of many manor court rolls and books.

## Maps

<http://www.old-maps.co.uk/>

This contains an extensive UK map archive. It is best searched via the Gazetteer option, which provides access to both historical First Edition Ordnance Survey sheets from the 1880s and modern maps along with aerial photographs for the section highlighted on your map.

<http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>

Ordnance Survey provides an historical mapping service; it is possible to purchase copies of maps from 1800-1995.

**Bury Record Office**, 77 Raingate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2AR

Telephone: 01284 741212

Email: [bury.ro@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:bury.ro@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Ipswich Record Office**, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, IP1 2LQ

Telephone: 01473 584541

Fax: 01473 584533

Email: [ipswich.ro@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:ipswich.ro@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Lowestoft Record Office**, Clapham Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1DR

Telephone: 01502 405357

Fax: 01502 405350

Email: [lowestoft.ro@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:lowestoft.ro@suffolk.gov.uk)

Suffolk Record Office web site: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/sro>

Suffolk Heritage Direct website: <http://www.suffolkheritagedirect.org.uk>