

RESEARCHING THE OLD HOUSE

- I. Why research?
 - * Curiosity or interest.
 - * Helps in restoration or repair work.
 - * To participate in historical programs.
 - * Tax incentives - (income producing building).
- II. When - The Order of Things.
 - * Architectural features of your house.
 - * Title (deed) search - (Present back to original builder.)
- III. Architecture of your house.
 - * Study the exterior.
 - Shape, materials used, additions, roof, neighborhood houses, location on lot, location in town, outbuildings, etc.
 - * Study the interior.
 - Basement, attics, nails, screws, moldings, latches and hinges, beams, framing, additions, fireplaces, chimneys, floor plans, windows, etc.
- IV. The Registry of Deeds. (**+ Use pencil **+)
 - * Records Office in Painesville
 - Look for indexes, deed books, plan books, and maps.

Beginning the Title Search

- * Start with your own deed.
 - Property description: size, shape, and location.
 - "Reference" - record: name of person who conveyed the property to the grantor, when, in what book, and what page it is filed.
 - Continue this process until the chain is completed - no dwelling appears on the land in question.
 - Things to note:
 - *Size of property
 - *Price
 - *Spouses and relatives that witnessed the document.
 - *Property numbers: lot, range, etc.
 - *Townships