

Resources for Researching Your Ossining House

Westchester County Clerk's Office

On-line: <https://www.westchesterclerk.com/land-records/search-land-records> (fee)

In Person:

You can use free public viewing terminals to access land documents. The County Clerk Office is located at 110 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Room 345, White Plains, NY 10601.

To access the office, enter through the Richard J. Daronco Courthouse at 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Office hours are Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you cannot visit us in person, feel free to call (914) 995-3094 or send an e-mail CC-Land@WestchesterGov.com with questions.

For appointments and other information: <https://www.westchesterclerk.com/>

Westchester County Archives and Westchester County Historical Society

In person: Reading Room (by appointment)
Westchester County Records Center
2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, NY
For appointments:
<https://login.nowaitinside.com/booking/UpJcSP9Zi8W3lpj14QLeTxxr>

Westchester County Archives:

Website and on-line collections: <https://archives.westchestergov.com>

Phone: (914) 231-1500

Westchester County Historical Society

Website and on-line collections: www.westchesterhistory.com

Phone: (914) 231-1401

Resources while using the **Reading Room:** You can use free public viewing terminals to access land documents, plus research materials housed in **County Archives:** Deeds, naturalization records, some vital records, maps, more (see website) and research materials in **WCHS Library:** photographs, maps, non-circulating books, manuscripts, genealogical information, some directories, more (see website).

Town of Ossining

On-line Property Records: <https://www.axisgis.com/OssiningNY/>

Assessor's Office: Michael Fouassier, MFouassier@townofossining.com

Clerk's Office: Sue Donnelly, sdonnelly@townofossining.com

To submit a foil request:

https://foil.egov.basgov.com/ossining?utm_source=website&utm_medium=sitelink&utm_campaign=FOIL&utm_id=013

Building Department: bldgdept@townofossining.com (only has jurisdiction in unincorporated part of Ossining – not Village of Ossining)

Ossining Historical Society Museum (by appointment)

196 Croton Avenue

Ossining, NY 10562

<https://www.ohsm.org/>

<https://www.ohsm.org/request-info> (request information, \$20 fee)

Email: OHSM@optimum.net

(914) 941-0001

Resources: photographs, postcards, some directories, yearbooks, books, manuscripts, microfilmed newspapers (no microfilm reader, but available to check-out for use at OPL), extensive map collection.

Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society (best by appointment)

Briarcliff Manor Library

One Library Road

Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

<https://www.briarcliffhistory.org/>

Email: mail@briarcliffhistory.org

(914) 941-4393

Resources: Folders with information on some residences, including photographs.

Ossining Public Library

53 Croton Avenue

Ossining, NY 10562

<https://ossininglibrary.org/>

Resources: Books on local history, some yearbooks, a few maps, microfilm reader.

Digitized and Searchable Newspapers

New York Public Library:

<https://www.nypl.org/research/collections/articles-databases/featured/newspapers-and-magazines>

(NYPL library card needed for some, in-library access for others)

New York Historic Newspapers:

nyhistoricnewspapers.org (free access)

Fulton History:

<https://fultonsearch.org/papers/> (free access)

Historical Newspapers-Newspapers.com:

Newspapers.com (by subscription)

Digitized Directories

<https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/>

Heritage Quest (free to New Rochelle Public Library card holders)

Digitized Maps

Westchester County Archives:

The pages from an [1867 atlas](#), [1881 atlas](#), [1901 atlas](#), [1911 atlas](#), and [1930 atlas](#) are all available online. See Westchester County Atlases Collection ([Series 315](#)) and Sanborn Maps and Atlases Collection ([Series 316](#)) for more information about atlases that are available at the Archives.

Library of Congress:

[Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Ossining, Westchester County, New York, 1903](#) Library of Congress

[Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Ossining, Westchester County, New York, 1911](#) Library of Congress

[Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Ossining, Westchester County, New York, 1924](#) Library of Congress

[Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Sing Sing, Westchester County, New York, January 1891](#) Library of Congress

[Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Sing Sing, Westchester County, New York, July 1886](#) Library of Congress

[Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Sing Sing, Westchester County, New York, November 1897](#) Library of Congress

Old Maps online:

https://www.oldmapsonline.org/en/Westchester_County%2C_New_York

Books: General Westchester History and Architecture

Westchester County: A History, by Field Horne, 2018

Picturing Our Past: National Register Sites in Westchester County, by Gray Williams, 2003

American Architecture, Westchester County, New York: Colonial to Contemporary, by Frank E Sanchis , North River Press, 1977

Books: Identifying Building Design Types

A Field Guide to American Houses, by Virginia & Lee McAlester, Knopf; Expanded, Revised edition (November 10, 2015)

American House Styles: A Concise Guide, by John Milnes Baker, Countryman Press; Second edition (July 3, 2018)

American Homes: the Landmark Illustrated Encyclopedia of Domestic Architecture, Lester Walker, Black Dog & Leventhal; Illustrated edition (March 10, 2015)

Village of Ossining Historic Preservation Commission

<https://www.villageofossining.org/historic-preservation-commission>

Village of Ossining Properties with Historical Significance:

https://www.villageofossining.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4821/f/uploads/village_of_ossining_significant_sites_structures_guide2.pdf