



## RESEARCH RESOURCES AVAILABLE BEYOND THE CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There are endless archives and online collections to visit after CCHS. Below is a brief list of institutions and resources most useful for researching Chevy Chase homes on both the MD and DC sides of the border:

- Ask your **neighbors** and **former residents** for photographs and information! A longtime neighbor might have lots of interesting stories and even pictures with your house in the background.
- **Washington Post Historical Newspapers through Proquest:** Use this comprehensive online searchable archive for *Washington Post Historical* from 1877 to 1995. With a variety of queries you might be able to find real estate transfers, architect information, real estate sale listings, articles and obituaries about former residents as well as news events that occurred at your property. If you have a library card, you can access Proquest online through the Montgomery County Library website [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library).
- **Other Historical Newspapers at Chronicling America:** For other historical newspapers published between 1836 and 1922, search this online archive developed by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress. For the DC metropolitan area, you'll find *The Evening Star*, *The Washington Times*, and many others. <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>
- **Heritage Quest Online:** Search census records, books, and other important federal record sets. This is also available through the library's homepage.
- **Montgomery County Land Record Office**, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Judiciary Center, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville: This is the archive for Montgomery County deeds and mortgages. Other county offices are also the repository for other property records such as building/repair permits and tax assessments. For District of Columbia properties, use the **DC Recorder of Deeds**, 515 D St., NW, for property owner and sales records.

*See our handout **PERFORMING A DEED HISTORY** for more info about using the Land Records Office.*
- **Local Libraries and Public Universities:** Resources include city directories, historic insurance maps, and atlases.
- **Washingtoniana Room** at Martin Luther King Jr. Library: Archives building permits for DC properties, cemetery records, census data, church records, city directories, club and organization records, maps, oral histories, newspapers, personal papers, photographs, and vital statistics.
- **National Archives** [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov): A resource for census data, photographs, veteran records.
- **Montgomery County Historical Society** [www.montgomeryhistory.org](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org): Archives maps, photographs, city directories, wills, census records.
- Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** Use this resource if you need to consult maps, including Sanborn Fire Insurance atlases. <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/>
- **Historical Society of Washington, DC** <http://www.historydc.org>: This is an online searchable collection of artifacts, manuscripts, and photographs.
- **Library of Congress** [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov): The LOC's online historical collections contains over 11 million digital files, some of which are blueprints of home in Chevy Chase, manuscripts, maps, photographs, etc.
- **Maryland State Archives** <http://www.msa.md.gov>: Use this repository for some blueprints, court and municipality records, land records, photographs, vital records and much more.
- **EBAY:** If you query your present and, if applicable, previous addresses, as well as the names of former residents, you never know what might appear!