Neighborhood History

Building District

Orient yourself (Legal definition) found on maps. dchist@hotmail.com Matthew Gilmore microfiche.

estate assessments and then trace ownership using the real estate assessments and transaction microfiche.

Plats will indicate structures--houses, schools, churches, public buildings. Memorize your square and lot. Then trace ownership using the real estate assessments and transaction microfiche.

Census 1800-1940
Print indexes, soundex, online (FamilySearch, Ancestry)

WHO

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Starting 1914 the city directory lists heads of household by street address--this will tell you who lived in the house. Census schedules through 1920 will tell you more about a particular person of family--these are indexed 1800-1870, 1920 (soundex). Succeeding census statistics are divided by census tract--these can be determined by consulting the tract maps.

City Directories Microfilm, microfiche 1822-1973

Title/Ownership

DC ROD Online Public Records 1921-present
http://otr.cfo.dc.gov/service/recorder-deeds-document-images (account needed)

Lusk FARES
Current assessment and ownership

Real Property Tax Database Search
http://otr.cfo.dc.gov/node/388872 current info

PIVS
http://pivs.dcra.dc.gov/

Deeds, 1900-1923 and 1937-present:
Recorder of Deeds card index, arranged by square and lot number

Deeds issued prior to 1900: Recorder of Deeds holds both general name indexes and grantor/grantee indexes 1792-on. Held by the DC Archives

DAR Library and Family History Centers can order microfilm of D.C. land records, 1792-1886, and deed indexes, 1792-1919.

Research Locations:
DC Public Library Washingtoniana Division
DC Archives
DC Office of Planning Historic Preservation Office
Historical Society of Washington DC
National Archives
Library of Congress

- http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html enter BAIST