



Methods for Researching your old House

Research Method	Contact	Website	Location	Hours	Notes
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps	N/A	Snohomish Sanborn Maps	Online	N/A	Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Snohomish County show the footprints of commercial buildings and houses and indicate building materials.
City of Snohomish Public Records Request	Brandi Whitson, City Clerk 360-282-3181 whitson@snohomishwa.gov	Public Records Request	116 Union Avenue Snohomish, WA 98290	Public viewing of records available by apt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanborn Maps • 1895 property valuation ledger • Permits • Utility Maps
Everett Library Northwest Room	425-257-8005	Northwest Room Appointment Request	2702 Hoyt Avenue Everett, WA 98201	Northwest Room available by apt.	The Polk's City Directories were issued from 1893 to 1999. They contain an alphabetical index of residential and business properties.
Ancestry.com	N/A	Ancestry	Online	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census data • Birth, death, marriage records
Snohomish County Public Records	425-388-3483 recording@snoco.org	County Records	Robert J. Drewel Building 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201	Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Documents (deeds) recorded before 1976 are available on microfilm.
Snohomish Historical Society Archive Room	360-568-5235 SnohomishHistoricalSociety@gmail.com	Archive Room	118 Avenue B Snohomish, WA 98290	Archive Room available by apt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House files • People Files • Land Valuation Ledgers • Photos
Snohomish Library	Jennifer Forman, Librarian 360-568-2898 Ext. 4034 jforman@snoisle.org	Library Question Request	311 Maple Ave Snohomish, Washington 98290	Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 8 :00 p.m. Fri-Sat 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sun 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Eye newspaper (Late 1800s) • The Northern Star newspaper (Late 1800s) • Snohomish Tribune newspaper • Yearbooks • Can conduct genealogy of a house/building

Helpful Tips and Notes

- The 1890s is a difficult decade to locate records on. The 1890s Federal Census was destroyed in 1921 fire at U.S. Department of Commerce. There are no Washington, U.S., State and Territorial Censuses Ancestry for Snohomish for that decade.
- The Snohomish 1888 Sanborn is mislabeled for Avenue A; Avenue A does not appear in the 1888 Sanborn map.
- The 1900 Census does not list address numbers.
- Cedar Avenue and Maple Avenue in Snohomish (only the parts between 2nd Street and 5th Street) were called Spring Street and Lake Street in the 1888-1908 Sanborn Maps. Keep that in mind as you are looking at Census data on Ancestry or viewing the Sanborn Maps.
- It is helpful to know what lot and block your house is on (especially for older homes that existed before addresses were listed in the Census/Polk Directories).
- Snohomish County Online Property Information ([SCOPI](#)) is an interactive web map provides a visual method of locating and viewing property information like parcel IDs, tax assessments, sales history, and other property information.
- Polk Directories: The householders index—a listing of properties by address—is included in volumes from 1932 onward. Before 1932, searching must be done using the alphabetical name index. City directories often include occupations, family members, home ownership, and phone numbers. Entries in the Polk Directories are listed in a particular format using abbreviations for roads, avenues, etc. Examples:
 - Bettzig Eva (wid Andrew), res Cedar cor Commercial.
(1893 Polk Directory)
 - Berglund Wm S, draughtsman, rms Ave D s e cor 3d.
(1893 Polk Directory)
 - Hensel Louis W, res w s Av B bet 4th and 5th.
(1894 Polk Directory)
 - Hinkley Elwin B (Knapp & Hinkley), res e s Lake nr 2d.
(1894 Polk Directory)
 - Maughlin Wm (Maughlin Bros), res av A nr 3rd.
(1903 Polk Directory)
 - Eagle Everett A, clk, r 218 av A.
(1913 Polk Directory)