



Historic Home Guide

Welcome to the Municipal Archives & Records for the City of San Antonio, Office of the City Clerk. Below is list of materials available at the archives for research pertaining to historic homes in San Antonio.

Obtain the legal description of the property being researched by going to the [Bexar County Appraisal District Property Search \(Bexar CAD\)](#) website.

Directories

- San Antonio City Directories, 1906, 1915

Maps

Confirm the location on maps to confirm the legal description and for related information to the property.

Useful collections include:

- Red New City Block Plat Books, ca. 1920-1990, ranges from NCB A1- NCB 19999; excluding NCB 4000-5999 and 17000-17999.
 - Maps from NCB A-1 – NCB 1099 are available online
 - Maps not found online may be requested through email.
- Historic Preservation, Sanborn Maps, 1921-1955
- Edward G. Trueheart Maps, 1899-1901 [City Engineer Map Collection]
- Freisleben Subdivision and Resubdivision Maps, est. 1856-1877 [City Engineer Map Collection]
- City Record [Survey] Book 5, 1884-1916 – [City Engineer Map Collection]

Building Permits

These include brief descriptions of work being done, but no architectural drawings or plans.

- Property Appraisal Survey Records, 1955-1964 for NCB A-1 to NCB 2068
 - Cards may have brief sketches of work being done and a few have photographs
- Building permit applications on microfilm, dating from 1921-1980
 - Permits are organized by New City Block number
- Housing and Inspections on microfilm, dating from 1913-1964
- Finance Department, Property Appraisal Survey Records, 1955-1964 for NCB A-1 to NCB 2068

Deeds

The collection includes executed and unexecuted deeds of the city of San Antonio, predominately from the 1850s through the 1970s. Most of the deeds are lands either sold by or to the city of San Antonio for various municipal projects, including easements and properties for the construction of city parks, cemeteries, streets and highways, sewers, airports, and flood prevention programs.

- Office of the City Clerk, Deeds, 1844-2000

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- Historic and Design Review Commission Records, 1970-2005



Other local collections to research

Bexar County Clerk

- Property Info for deeds (gov.propertyinfo.com/TX-Bexar). *You will need to register to use the site.*
- Search for deeds, plats, and mechanic's liens using the owner's name or volume and page number.

Texana/Genealogy Department at the San Antonio Public Library

<http://mysapl.org/Services/Collections/Texana>

- Directories
 - City Directories, 1877-1970 on microfilm/1960-2009
 - Cole Directories, 1960-2009 (incomplete)
 - Historic Resource Data Cards- *San Antonio Historic Survey 1972 Community Renewal Program. Info relative to the physical condition and historical and cultural significance of 800 entries*
- Maps
 - Bracey's Block Maps
 - Sanborn Maps
 - Birdseye/Koch Maps, 1872, 1886
 - San Antonio Street Maps, start in 1865
- Permits/Deeds
 - Builder's Exchange Service Bulletins: 1920-2009 – state reports of issued buildings permits (must know the date of when the structure was built)
- Other collections
 - King William Association Archives
 - San Antonio Newspaper database – *for information pertaining to the property and its owner.*
 - Vertical files for photographs

University of Texas

- UT Austin Perry-Casteñeda Sanborn maps (<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/s.html>)
- UTSA/Institute of Texan Cultures Library – <http://www.texancultures.com/visit/library/>

San Antonio Conservation Society - <https://www.saconservation.org/>

Find our collections at:

- Website: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/MunicipalArchivesRecords>
- Search Online Collections at:
<http://www.sanantonio.gov/MunicipalArchivesRecords/SearchCollections.aspx>
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<http://www.sanantonio.gov/MunicipalArchivesRecords/SearchCollections/FindingAids.aspx>

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