

SOURCES FOR HISTORIC PROPERTY RESEARCH IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

LINK (THESE MAY CHANGE OVER TIME!)

COMMENTS

http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/	Oregon SHPO database. You can look for specific properties or do some limited filtering to search. Also try looking under the survey (“group”) pulldown menu. Once you open up a form for a specific property, it may have links on the upper left to the survey form and a full nomination form if the property is individually listed.
https://westlinnoregon.gov/maps/historic-sanborn-maps	Sanborn Fire maps in Oregon: Sanborn maps are a very useful tool for survey/nomination work, and this link will have various dates of maps. The Oregon Historical Society also has Sanborn maps (they have original colored versions, which can provide more information!)
https://www.westlinnhistory.org/research/historic-maps	West Linn Historical Society has many old digitized survey and plat maps .
https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu	UO’s historic newspapers of Oregon database has many older newspapers such as the Banner-Courier (Oregon City, but covered neighboring communities), searchable and it is easy to define parameters. Though you will find less available after the early 1920s, more issues are digitized all the time.
https://multcolib.org/resource/historical-oregonian-1861-1987 https://multcolib.org/resource/oregon-journal-1902-1982	(need library card to MultCo Library, which you can get for free as a resident of Clackamas County!!). Searchable complete Oregonian to 1987 . Second link is for the other major historic Oregon newspaper; Oregon Journal .
	West Linn Tidings newspaper is not digitized, but is available on <i>microfilm</i> at the Wilsonville Library (1984-2004), at the University of Oregon Library (1985-2008), and in bound volumes at the West Linn Public Library (1984-2022) in the periodicals section.
https://multcolib.org/resource/heritagequest-online	See above (need MultCo library card). There are two important resources available through this link; one the census data (you can look at the actual census pages) and the other is the city directories . For census data it is set up to search by name, but it sometimes works to search by address by using the street name in the “keyword” box. Remember old addresses might have changed.
https://ormswd.synergydcs.com/HPRMWebDrawer/Search?jurisdiction=007	This site has old city council meeting notes , and many other official records for West Linn.
https://www.ohs.org/education/digital-history-projects.cfm	Oregon Historical Society digital resources (photos, etc) available here. Also there is so much there that is not digital; you can look through their catalog online, save your list, and request the info ahead of your visit.
https://www.clackamas.us/recording	In Clackamas county there is nothing online that can help track ownership/ deeds . The records are on microfiche and there is a small research area there.

https://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/	USGS aerial map series can be searched by address and date. Many of them are from very high up, but sometimes you can find relatively clear photos of development and historical landscapes. Particularly useful if you are working in unincorporated or rural areas.
https://library.uoregon.edu/map/map_resources/topo_lists	UO library USGS topographic map series (recent and historic). Digitally at TopoView site or at other links provided on UO site. Most nominations will require a USGS map OR a Google Earth screenshot.
https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Search	City of Portland archives may have some resources on West Linn. There's a fair amount of information that is digitized (you can also make an appointment to visit there at PSU campus and they have TONS that is not digitized)- try a search using just a street name.
http://www.native-languages.org/oregon.htm	Reminder to acknowledge that most "settler history" stands on stolen land. Find out the ancestral tribal presence in the area you are surveying. Start with the resources at left (Oregon based)- research the original people and what happened to them as settlers came. This could also help you recommend an archaeological survey, if development or digging will follow your survey work!
https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/bia/photos/tribal-nations	For broader searches around North American tribal areas and then reservations, national archives is one place to start. Link to photo search at left.
https://photos.salemhistory.net/	Salem Public Library photo collection - historic photos from primarily mid-Willamette Valley
http://clackamashistory.org/collection	Clackamas County Historical Society photo collection

Available digitally?/ content?

Published books, reports, etc:

Yes/Local history	Fitzgerald, Kimberli, and Amy McFeeters-Krone, "City of West Linn Historic Context Statement, Willamette and Holly Grove Neighborhoods." 2006, available on the Oregon Historic Sites Database.
No/ Local architects	Ritz, Richard E. <i>Architects of Oregon: A Biographical Dictionary of Architects Deceased—19th and 20th Centuries</i> . Portland, Oregon: Lair Hill Publishing, 2002.
No/Local history	Seigneur, Cornelia Becker. <i>West Linn</i> . United States (various locations): Arcadia Publishing, 2008.
Yes/Local history	West Linn Bicentennial Committee (Geldaker, Carol and Marionbeth Wolfenden, co-chairs), "Just Yesterday: A Brief Story of West Linn, Oregon." City of West Linn, Oregon, 1976.
No/ Local transportation history	Labbe, John T. Fares, Please. Caldwell, Idaho: Caxton Press, 1982.
No/Style guide	Clark, Rosalind. <i>Oregon Style: Architecture from 1840 to the 1950s</i> . Portland: Professional Book Center, Inc., 1983.
No/Style guide	Hawkins, William J. III and William F. Willingham. <i>Classic Houses of Portland, Oregon: 1850-1950</i> . Portland: Timber Press, 1999.
No/Style guide (MOST highly recommended!!)	McAlester, Virginia. <i>A Field Guide to American Houses: The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding America's Domestic Architecture</i> . New York: Random House, 2013.

No/Style guide	Poppeliers, John C. and S. Allen Chambers Jr. <i>What Style Is It: A Guide to American Architecture</i> , revised ed. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2003.
No/ architectural terminology	Ching, Francis D. K. <i>A Visual Dictionary of Architecture</i> . John Wiley & Sons, 2012.