



Historical Research Guide

Please Note: In order to better assist with local history research, all requests are by appointment only. Please contact the library at 626-256-8274 to make an appointment with a Reference Librarian.

Local Home Research

Resources include:

- **The "About My House" page on the Community Development website** – has an index to permits from 1911–1947 and a link to a searchable database for newer permits (1948 to present). If you are unsure the year your home was built, call Community Development at 626-932-5565.
- **City Directories** – the library has directories (with some gaps) from 1908–1971. There are also some available online by visiting cityofmonrovia.pastperfectonline.com (Tip: search "business directory" or "telephone")
- **Online Historical Indexes** – these compile names, addresses, and other subjects across several local history books and files. The indexes can be found on the library's "Local History" page by visiting monrovalibrary.org
- **Monrovia Historic Preservation Group (MOHPG)** – their website offers guidance on the landmarking process as well as information on applying for benefits under the Mills Act. Visit www.mojpg.org to learn more.

Monrovia Legacy Project Online Collection

This searchable, online resource has a variety of local history items, including: city directories, house histories, biographies, booklets, and images. Visit cityofmonrovia.pastperfectonline.com to learn more.

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