Have you ever wondered who lived in your house before you? Who was the architect? Clues to Shaker's rich history are hidden in our houses, and researching them is a way to understand the past. Let us help you unlock the secrets of your home.

In celebration of National Preservation Month, learn about the resources available—both real and virtual—that can help you discover the story of your Shaker home. The new, online Shaker Building Card database and the Cleveland Historical mobile app featuring Shaker Heights' landmarks will be discussed.

Learn how to use these new, helpful online resources from a panel of experts including:

- Ann Klavora, Shaker Heights Senior Planner, moderator
- Judy Cetina, Cuyahoga County Archivist
- Jim Dubelko, Graduate Assistant, Center for Public History and Digital Humanities
- Meghan Hays, Shaker Library Local History Librarian

Bring your questions and be prepared to unlock some of the secrets in your Shaker home. There is no fee for the program; however, reservations are requested online at www.shakerlibrary.org or by calling: 216-991-2030.

7-8:30 PM Tuesday, May 22
Researching Your Shaker Home's History
Shaker Library
16500 Van Aken Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120
216-991-2030
www.shakerlibrary.org

If These Walls Could Talk: Society of Ohio Archivists spring meeting May 18, 2012
Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Regrants Program panel
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2701 Park Drive

**Building Permit**

**Date:** 8/10/27

**Permit - Lot - Plan File:** 3361

**Owner:** L. F. Hall

**Builder:** W. H. McCullough Co.

**Architect:** H. M. H. Mack

**Construction:** Stone

**Excavation:** Curb

**Driveway:** O.K.

**Sewer:** 

**Plumbing:** E. J. Berens

**Incinerator:** Steam

**Heating:** Fixtures

**Roof:** Slate

**Sidewalk:**

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**Supplemental Work and Changes**

- 6/15/27 #7252 E. Devo sewer clean
- 2/14/27 60 E. B. B. drain-sewer sewer
- 7/28/69 #8506 S.E. 1st drain and Asphalt Private drive
- 7/13/73 #5975 S. E. Rieman 10 outlet, 10 fixtures
- 7/13/73 #1372 - 12 high-tension lamp
- 1/30/99 #5585 The Brewer-Doree Bailey
- 10/24/97 #5288 A. L. Corp. replace main service line
- 10/24/97 #5204 A. E. Corp. replace main service line
- 9/9/99 #6107 Mitchell Electric...391 fixtures, 150 light
- 130 outlets, 130 circuit breakers, 5 motors
- 10/10/99 #2744 Brewer-Desert Co. 4/10 40 Tons
- 10/10/99 #5760 1/4 33 heat pumps
- 12/13/99 #6934 The Brewer-Desert Co. 1 sink
Edit Listing

Listing

Date: 10/31/2011
Title: p73309009
Friendly URL: p73309009
Description:
Address Line 1: 2701 Park Drive
Location Text 1: Shaker Heights
Location Text 2: Ohio
Zip Code: 44118
Latitude: 41.4830145000
Longitude: -81.5542044000

Select Coordinates
Building Permit Date: 08/10/1927

Plan File Number: 

Parcel ID:* 73309009

Owner: Halle, S.P.

Last, First MI.

Builder: W.B. McCallister Company

Last, First MI.

Architect: Corbusier, Lenski & Foster

Last, First MI.

Date Completed: 

Date Format: MM/DD/YYYY

Estimated Cost: 125000

Numeric amount only, no dollar sign, commas or periods.

Kind: Single, Single Residence or Dwelling

Material: Stone

Heating: Steam

Roof: Slate

Garage: 

Street Name: ParkDrive

Street Number: 2701

Comments: mh 3/14
2701 Park Drive
Shaker Heights, OH 44118

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Download Complete Building Card (PDF)
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Shaker Heights Building Card Database

How Do I Get Started?
To see details about a property, enter the street name and number into the “Find” box at right. Click on the Parcel ID in the results to see property details. From the details page, download a pdf of the complete set of building cards. To view all addresses on a street, enter only the street name in the “Find” box. This database provides online access to historic records. At present, the database can be searched by street name, architect, original owner, builder, or other keyword. Check back frequently for increased search and display capabilities, as we continue to improve this database.

What Can I Learn About My Home?
The Building Cards contain the date the home was built; the names of the home’s architect, builder, and original owner; and the estimated cost to build the home, among other details. If the home’s blueprints were captured on microfilm before the original plans were destroyed, the cards also contain a locator number (“Plan File Number”). The information in this database was entered from over 10,000 cards—one for each building in Shaker Heights. The original cards are stored at Shaker Heights City Hall in the Building Department. Additional details about your house may be located elsewhere—see the Shaker Heights Public Library’s guide Research Your Shaker Home for more information.

A Project of Shaker Heights Centennial 2012
Shaker Heights celebrates 100 years of history in 2012 with public programming, a city-wide mobile history project, and a rich database of historic building cards, allowing citizen historians to learn more about their homes, neighborhoods, and heritage. View the Shaker Heights content on Cleveland Historical or visit HistoricShaker.com to learn more.
About the Project

This database is a collaborative project of the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission and the Shaker Heights Public Library, supported in part by an award from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, through funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), National Archives and Records Administration; and by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund, administered by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio Historical Society.

Many dedicated volunteers scanned over 10,000 original Building Cards and spent hundreds of hours entering data into this database. Our thanks go to:

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The project was administered by Meghan Hays, Local History Librarian, Shaker Heights Public Library and Ann Klavora, Senior Planner, City of Shaker Heights, with assistance from Kelly Beck, Planning Specialist, City of Shaker Heights.
How to Read a Building Card

As each property was built in Shaker Heights, a Building Card was created. Information about the home, likely gathered from the original building permit application, was usually handwritten on the pre-printed cards. Below is an explanation of terms on the front of the original Building Cards. Note that not all cards were completely filled out, and that no information will be in the database if the original Building Card is missing for that address. The back of the first building card and additional cards if necessary (images visible in the downloaded complete pdf of each file) will list additional permit numbers, dates, and brief descriptions of repairs and renovations.

Building Card, Top (above the top line):

**NUMBER-STREET**: The address of the property; any street name or number changes will be marked here.

**SUB-LOT**: The original sub-lot number from when the area was first subdivided by the Van Sweringen Company.

**PLAN FILE**: A locator number indicating whether the home’s blueprints were microfilmed before being destroyed. If there is a number other than ‘0,’ contact the Local History Librarian for an appointment to view and make copies of the plans.

**Permanent Parcel Number**: An eight-digit number, generally written in the top right corner of the card, that corresponds to the property’s location on county maps and to tax records at the Fiscal Officer’s office. Search the Fiscal Officer’s website using the Permanent Parcel Number or other means.

The word **LANDMARK** will be stamped on the card in red if the property is a local landmark.

Building Card, Left Side:

**BUILDING PERMIT**: The number assigned to the original building permit.

**BUILDING PERMIT DATE**: The date the building permit was issued, shortly before the house was built. If there is no COMPLETION DATE, this date is used to best approximate the age of the

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**OWNER:** The owner of the property when the house was built.

**BUILDER:** The builder of the home.

**ARCHITECT:** The architect of the home.

**DATE COMPLETED:** If recorded, the date construction was completed.

**ESTIMATED COST:** The estimated cost of construction.

**KIND:** The type of home--one-family, two-family, etc.

**DIMENSIONS:** The dimensions of the building's footprint.

**MATERIAL:** The type of construction--frame, brick, etc.

**HEATING:** The type of heating installed at the time of construction.

**INCINERATOR:** Indicates if there was an incinerator.

**ROOF:** The original roofing material.

**GARAGE:** Sometimes indicates whether an attached or detached garage was built, and how many bays.

Building Card, Right Side:

List of permit numbers and contractor names for several sub-categories of construction, including sewer, electrical, etc.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are plans or blueprints available for my house?
A: If there is a Plan File number on the building card, it likely indicates the location of the blueprints on microfilm. Microfilmed blueprints are available by appointment at the Shaker Heights Public Library. If there is no Plan File number, the blueprints are not available. Plans of homes built before 1945 were not microfilmed, and the originals were not retained.

Q: How do I obtain paper copies of microfilmed blueprints?
A: Contact the Local History Librarian at mhays@shakerlibrary.org or at 216-367-3016 to make an appointment or for additional information. You can make plain paper copies (8-1/2 x 11”) of the blueprints using the microfilm reader-printer at the Shaker Heights Main Library. These copies cost 10 cents per page. The Local History Librarian can also have a set of your blueprints printed on 18x24” plain paper for $20 for a set of plans that contains under 20 images, and $1/image for a set of over 20 images.

Q: Where can I find more information about the architect of my home?
A: Some information about prominent Shaker Heights architects is located at the Local History Collection at the Shaker Heights Public Library (216-367-3016) and the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission (216-491-1430). The Cleveland Landmarks Commission maintains an online Architects Database. Some Ohio architects are also listed in the American Institute of Architects Historical Directory of American Architects.

Q: How do I see the back of the building index card? What information is contained there?
A: The website only displays images of the front of the building index card. The webpage for each property also includes a link to a downloadable PDF of the entire set of card images for that property, front and back (and additional cards if they exist). The back of the building index card contains a list of building permits issued for the property before the mid-1990s. Permits issued after the mid-1990s are catalogued electronically in the Shaker Heights Building Department.
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Q: What if my address is not in the database, or my address' page does not display a card image?
A: This database contains information that was written or typed on a Building Card for each property at the time that property was built in Shaker Heights. For any address, the original Building Card may have gone missing and was not available to digitize; thus there will be no information about that address in this database.

Q: I think the information for my home is incorrect. What should I do?
A: There may be discrepancies between this source and other published sources of property information. The City of Shaker Heights and the Shaker Heights Public Library assume no liability for damages as a result of errors, omissions or discrepancies contained in this database. If you see a transcription error or have any comment about the database, please get in touch with us through the 'Contact Us' link at left.
Database URLs

• [Shakerbuildings.com](https://www.shakerbuildings.com)
  Front End – for users, simple searches

• [Shakerbuildings.com/cp](https://www.shakerbuildings.com/cp)
  Back End – for volunteers’ data entry, image upload

Back-back end – for data export, batch edits
Successes

• **Collaboration:** City of Shaker Heights and Shaker Heights Public Library: Companion Projects, Companion Grants

• **Community Building:** Volunteer efforts, public involvement, and new friends

• **Next Steps:** Pilot project for larger digitization project: microfilmed blueprints, permit files, Plat Map books—more information about Shaker Heights homes