

Checklist



Describe your House and its Surrounds

Complete as much of this form as you can and then keep for reference and update it as you discover more facts about your house

Name or number of property	Street, Road, Avenue, Terrace, Close etc
Village or Hamlet	Town, Borough
County	How many rooms How many bedrooms
Do you have any title deeds or documents that might provide you with information about the age or previous owners or occupiers of your house? If you do use the information contained in that to help complete this form.	
The approximate age of the house (e.g. post war, pre war, Edwardian, Victorian, Georgian or earlier)	What is the approx age of all the other properties in the street. Are they all the same?
What is your house made of? - Brick, wooden fascia, part tile hung? Describe it	What is the roof material?
Architectural features - are there any distinctive features? e.g. external decoration, timber framing, type of windows, porch.	
TIP Go to howoldismyhouse.com and compare the styles of house on to your house and see if you can date it approximately	
Looking at your street are there any non residential buildings in it? Sometimes a shop, pub, church, park or school etc may help you locate your house on old maps census and directories.	
Have there been any additions to the house	Can you see any obvious alterations? Windows blocked, doors bricked in, chimneys removed etc?

<p>Does it show signs of being used as another building i.e shop conversion, hotel, pub, church, parsonage etc?</p>	<p>Is it or could it have been linked to trade or service i.e railway house, station, turnpike, canal, church, business?</p>
<p>Is the property listed? Check out these sites</p> <p>Listed England http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/ Listed Wales http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/wales Listed Scotland http://data.historic-scotland.gov.uk/pls/htmldb/f?p=2200:10:0 Listed Ireland http://bit.ly/19PJKVK</p>	
<p>Is there a date on the building?</p> <p>If so you are in luck but beware sometimes house builders took a date stone from an older property and used it in the one they were building</p>	

Research Check List

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| — Title Deeds | — Post office & Directories |
| — Leases | — Trade directories |
| — Census | — Electoral registers |
| — 1910 Valuation Survey | — Newspapers |
| — Enclosure awards | — Drawings |
| — Tithe maps & Apportionments | — Printed Maps |
| — Land tax records | — Estate Agents |
| — Local taxation records i.e Hearth, window | — Manorial Records |
| — Wills | — Sale Notices & Catalogues |
| — Quarter session for specialised buildings | — Photos or illustrations |
| — County, Town and Village Histories in local libraries | — Diocesan and Parish Records for specialised buildings |