

**House History Resources**  
**at**  
**Milwaukee Public Library:**  
A Selected Bibliography

**Books, Maps, Files**

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Compiled and Published from Official Records, Private Plans and  
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Central Area of the City of Milwaukee, 1870 [map]

Humanities Department

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Humanities Department

Drafting a House History / compiled by Barbara Bezat and Alan K. Lathrop, Northwest  
Architectural Archives, 1979

Humanities Department

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Fire Insurance Atlases for Milwaukee

Rascher 1885 and 1888

Sanborn 1909, 1926, and 1962

Humanities Department

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Greenwood Encyclopedia of Homes through American History / Thomas W. Paradis,  
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Art, Music, and Recreation Department

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Guide to Archival and Manuscript Collections in the Milwaukee

Urban Archives / Mark A.Vargas. 1994.

Humanities Department

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Art, Music, and Recreation Department

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1835-1870 / Richard W.E. Perrin. 2nd ed., rev., 1981.  
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Art, Music, and Recreation Department

Milwaukee City Directories 1847-  
Humanities and Periodicals Departments  
For details, see: [http://www.mpl.org/local\\_history/local\\_history.php#city\\_directories](http://www.mpl.org/local_history/local_history.php#city_directories)

Milwaukee Historic Photo Collection  
Humanities Department

Milwaukee Journal Newspaper Index, 1915 – 1917  
Humanities Department  
[071.7595 M6675](#)

Milwaukee Sentinel Index 1837-1890  
Periodicals Department

Milwaukee Street Name File  
Humanities Department

Newspapers in the State Historical Society of Wisconsin: a bibliography with  
holdings / James P. Danky, Maureen E. Hady, editors. 1994.  
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[011.35 N558 V1&2](#)

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[670.2 S43](#)

Subject Catalog of the Library of the State Historical Society  
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Humanities Department  
[016.973 W811](#)

*Wisconsin Necrology*

Periodicals Department (microfilm)

[929.3 W811](#)

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Wright's Street Guide Supplement Milwaukee City Directory. 1930.

Humanities Department

910.1 M662 1930 Supplement (shows address changes)

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## **Other Books and Reading**

A.J. Bicknell & Company

Victorian architectural details: designs for over 700 stairs, mantels, doors, windows, cornices, porches and other decorative elements. [729.09 V645 2005](#)

Burness, Tad

The vintage house book: classic American homes 1880-1980. [728.370973 B963](#)

Connolly, M. Caren and Louis Wasserman

Bungalows: design ideas for renovating, remodeling, and building new.

[728.373 C752 2006](#)

Ranches: design ideas for renovating, remodeling and building new.

[728.6 C752 2006](#)

Cragoe, Carol Davidson

How to read buildings: a crash course in architectural styles.

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Get your house right: architectural elements to use & avoid. [728 C984](#)

Duchscherer, Paul

Along bungalow lines: creating an arts & crafts home.

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Beyond the bungalow: grand homes in the arts & crafts tradition.

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The bungalow: America's arts and crafts home. [728.373 D832](#) 1995

[Bungalow Basics](#) series (many books in the series—check library catalog).

Gitlin, Jane

Capes: design ideas for renovating, remodeling, and building new. [728.370973 G536 2006](#)

Green, Betsy

Discovering the history of your house and your neighborhood. [907.2 G795](#)

Guild, Robin

The Victorian house book; a practical guide to home repair and decoration.

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Hershman, Susan

House colors: exterior color by style of architecture. [698.12 H572](#)

Hess, Alan

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Howard, Hugh

How old is this house? [728.028 H849](#)

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As good as new: a guide to rehabilitating the exterior of your old Milwaukee home. [728.0977595 J25](#) 1993

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House Histories: a guide to tracing the genealogy of your home. [728 L723](#)

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Rogers & Manson (firm).

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Poppeliers, John C.

What style is it? : A guide to American Architecture. [720.973 P831](#) 2003

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Schoenherr, Matthew

Colonials: design ideas for renovating, remodeling, and building new.

[728.37 S365](#) 2006

Simonsen, Judith A.

Your house history: a guide for research. (Milwaukee County  
Historical Society) [728.37 S611](#) 1995

Winter, Robert and Alexander Vertikoff

At home in the heartland: Midwestern domestic architecture. [728.0977 W786](#)

## **Magazines/Periodicals**

[American Bungalow](#)

[The Craftsman](#), 1901-1916 (Rarities)

[The Daily Reporter](#) (Milwaukee)

[Victorian Homes](#)

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