

Every House

has a story.

Altamont Free Library

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Start with what you know

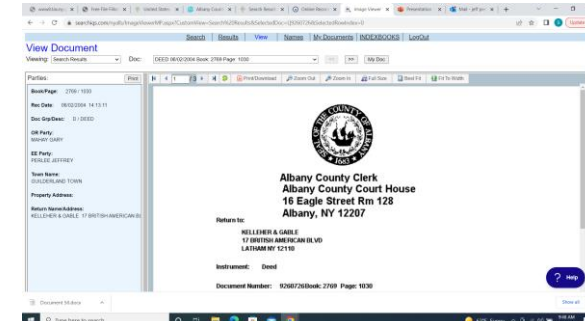
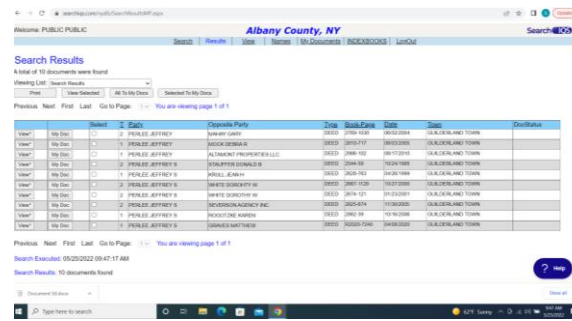
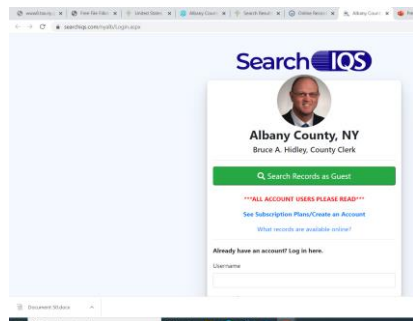
- Write down what you've heard; from the sellers, from neighbors etc.
- Your home's architectural style is a clue to when it was built:
 - Fieldstone: 1750-1800
 - 1 ½ story vernacular: 1750-1820
 - Center hall: 1800-1870
 - Greek Revival: 1820-1840
 - Italianate/Romanesque: 1870-1880
 - Victorian Cottage: 1870-1900
 - Queen Anne: 1885-1900
 - Colonial Revival: 1910-1940
 - Bungalow: 1920-1940
 - Cape Cod: 1945-1960
 - Ranch: 1950-today

Review your house's paperwork

- Deed, Title Search, Abstract
- Looking for names, dates, descriptions
- "Grantor"- person who sold....."Grantee" person who bought
- Legal Description
 - Old style...new style
 - Often found as "Schedule "A"
- *Conveyed by ___ on ___ and recorded at Liber (Book) ___ at page ___.*
- The Jackpot: an old style legal description:
 - "Being the same premises conveyed by John Severson to Montford Sand on May 25, 1887 and recorded"; or
 - "the property bounded on the north by the lands of Montford Sand, on the south by...."

Go On line

- Go online if no paper deed or to find the next link in the chain
- Google Albany County Deeds or type:
 - <https://www.albanycounty.com/government/county-clerk/services/online-records-search>

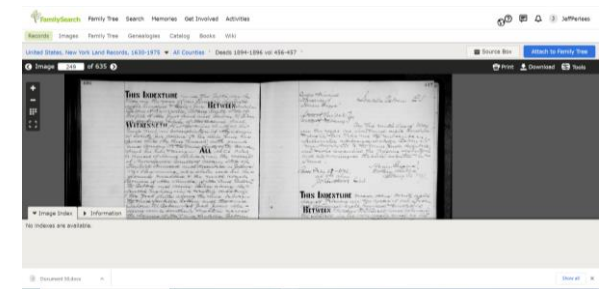
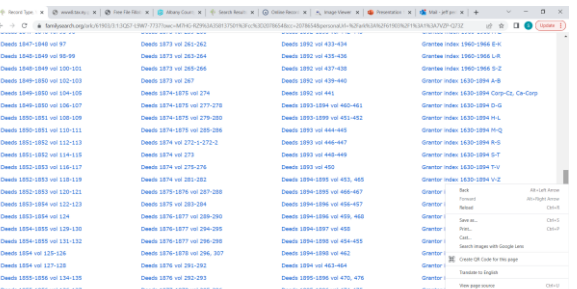
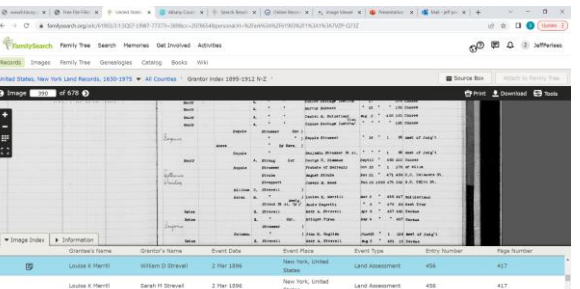
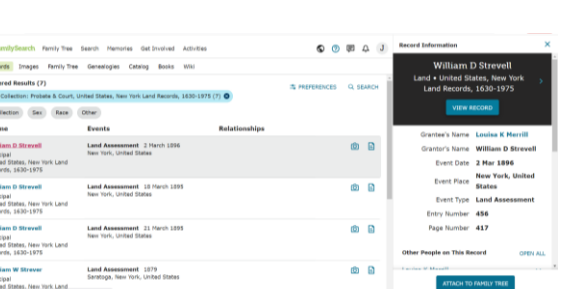
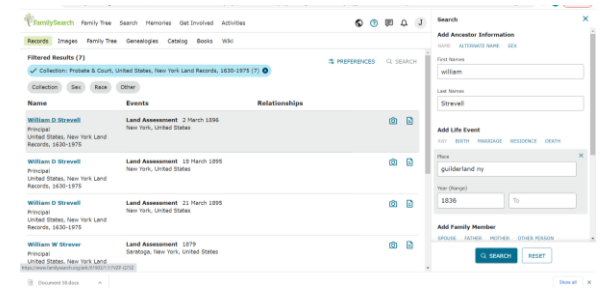
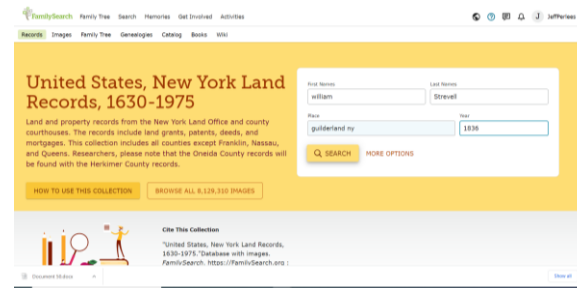
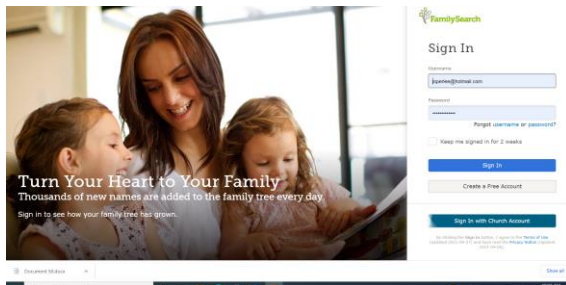


Follow the on-line resource trail

- Get Grantee names from on line deed(s) and enter as new search(s)
- Go back as far as 1980
- At this point either:
 - 1. Contact us (via Facebook Page) with the address, last known name and Book and Page Number:
 - Someone in community may know names of owners pre-1980
 - We will conduct physical search, pre-1980, at County Clerks Office
 - 2. If you have unearthed a name/date pre-1905:
 - Visit LDS Family Search on line and/or
 - Visit Altamont Enterprise Archives on line

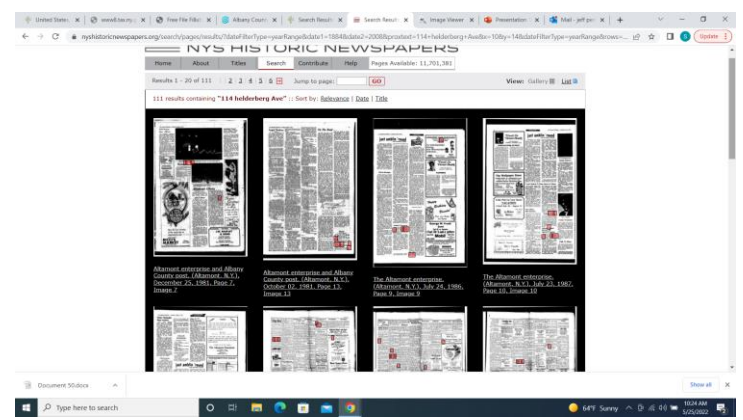
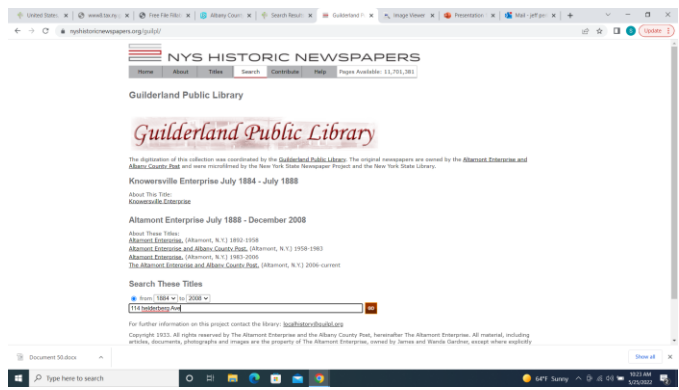
On line resource- LDS Family Search

- Google LDS Family Search New York State Land Records or type:
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2078654>



On line resource- Altamont Enterprise Archives

- Use for ownership chain **and** to fill in details of owner's lives etc.
- Google *Altamont Enterprise Archives*, then click on *Guilderland Public Library- NYS Historic Newspapers*
- Enter your address or past owners name in search bar; refine years of search if desired



On line resource- Census records

- Most recent census available is 1950
- Visit: <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950>
- Scroll and click on Albany County; then enter Enumeration District:
 - Altamont Village: 1-86; outskirts: 1-91 or 1-92
- Ignore name, then search

The image displays four sequential screenshots of the 1950 Census website interface, illustrating the search process:

- Homepage:** The first screenshot shows the "1950 Census Official 1950 Census Website" with a search bar and a "Begin Search" button.
- Search Results:** The second screenshot shows the search results for "Albany, New York". It lists several Enumeration Districts (ED) with their descriptions and page counts. For example, ED 1-1 has 49 pages, ED 1-2 has 24 pages, and ED 1-86 has 44 pages.
- Search Results (Detailed):** The third screenshot shows a detailed view of the search results for ED 1-86, highlighting the "Altamont Village" area.
- Census Record:** The fourth screenshot shows the actual census record for ED 1-86, displaying a grid of names and other information.

Helpful Hints

- Original Grantors:

- South of Main & Helderberg: John Severson (lower village); George Severson (upper village)
- North of Main (upper village): Benjamin Crouse, Conradt Crouse
- Euclid: Osborne
- Lincoln (east): Wheeler Wright
- Western Ave/ Schoharie Plank West: Weaver
- Leesome Lane neighborhood: Julia Hilton, Adam Hilton, Azor Livingston

- Different Street Names:

- Lark: First St; Lincoln: School St; Maple: Church St; Altamont Blvd: lower Prospect St; Main: Schoharie Rd.; Helderberg and Rte 156: Schoharie Road; Western: Brookside Lane; Bozenkill: Pangburn Rd.