

History of a House –Vermilion County, IL

In researching the history of a home in Vermilion County, Illinois, begins in the Adult Non-Fiction and Archives collections of the Danville Public Library. The Adult Non-fiction collection has circulating materials, while the Archives collection has non-circulating materials. These resources at Danville Public Library in print, microfilm, and online that will assist you in your search.

Resources in the Archives

A. Architecture: ANF/728.09/mca Field guide to American houses (1984); ANF/728.0973/mca A field guide to American houses: the definitive guide to identifying and understanding America's domestic architecture; ANF/A728.37/lig House histories; ANF/728.028/how How old is this house? A929.1/hon Land & property research in the United States; ANF/728.37/mas House styles in America; A/728.370722/hou If these walls could talk; A333.3/seg Owner unknown; A907.2/gre Discovering the history of your house and your neighborhood; ANF/728.0973/bur The Vintage house book A/526.9/wil Interpreting land records; A/977.365/boy Family maps of Vermilion County, Illinois; A/973.072/kyv Nearby history

B. Directories-Phone directories:1923; 1930; 1950-56; 1958;1960-61;1963-69;197-79;1981-2007;2009-present; Cole Directories: 1979-1992, 1994-2007;

C. City Directories: 1874, 1876-79;1881;1883;1886-87;1891-1901;1903-1940;1941-45;;47;49;51;53;55;1957-58;1960-present

D. Maps: Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 1884; 1890; 1895;1900;1909;1914;1940;1952; ARCH/977.365/Boy *Family Maps of Vermilion County, Illinois* Vermilion County Atlases: 1867; 1875; 1907; 1915

Bird's Eye View for Danville: 1869 and 1884

Plat Books: mid 1940-present

E. Deeds: Vermilion County Grantee (Buyer) and Grantor (Seller) Indexes: 1826-1928; Vermilion County Deeds: Vol. B-Z (1832-1862; Vol. 1-88 (1863-1886) (microfilm)

F. City of Danville: Ordinances, 1867-1992; Ordinances Dept. Minutes 1867-1992 (microfilm)

G. Wills: Vermilion County Wills Index: 1826-1978; Wills: 1826-1919 (microfilm)

H. Danville Public Land Office (Federal Land Records): Feb. 19, 1831-Dec. 16, 1856; Purchaser and Public Land Sales Tract Records; www.cyperdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/data_lan.html

I. County Histories: 1879; 1889; 1903; 1911; 1930 Township Histories: Arch 977.365

J. Archives files: IL-Danville-Biography; Annexations and Subdivisions, Architects; City Maps; Historic Buildings; Historic Homes; Homes1945-49; IL-VC-Authors; Biography; Maps.

K. News clipping files: Danville-Biography; Clubs & Organizations; Homes; VC-Biography; Cities-ask the staff for assistance

L. Architects: See newspapers and city directories; Archives file- IL-Danville-Architects

Other Research Sources

City of Danville Building Permits, 17 W. Main St., City Clerk, 431-2304; FOIA in writing, 1990-95;

Vermilion County Recorder of Deeds, 6 N. Vermilion St., 554-6040; Vermilion County Supervisor of Assessments, 6 N. Vermilion St. 554-1940

Danville Township Supervisor of Assessments, 101 W. North St. 442-1583

Vermilion County Museum Society, 116 N. Gilbert St., 442-2922; Photographs

Illiana Genealogical and Historical Society 215 W. North St. 431-8733:

Probate Records: 1861-76; 1879-82; 1900-30; 1941-1950-

Title Abstracts: 1826-present

Wills & Letters of Administration: 1861-76; 1879-82; 1900-30; 1941-1950