

# PRESERVATION MIRAGE

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## RESEARCHING HISTORIC PROPERTIES – Resources

- **Title companies** for original grant deeds (via a friendly Realtor)
- **Accessing the Past** / Palm Springs library <http://www.accessingthepast.org/>
  - o Old telephone directories 1930s – 1960s; use ‘reverse’ directory for address/owner
  - o Portal to CDNC
- **Desert Sun** – digitized archives via CDNC (through to the 1980s): <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/>  
(CDNC features many other local California newspapers)
- **Newspapers.com** ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) – subscription based digitized archival newspapers
- **Los Angeles Public Library:** [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)
  - o Los Angeles Times archives: ‘Research and Homework’ / Newspapers / Los Angeles Times Proquest Archives
  - o Newspaper Archive portal (NewspaperArchive.com)
  - o New York Times Archives

*Note: you need an LAPL membership to access – or borrow a friend’s!*
- **Palm Springs Life** magazines: vintage copies at PS Library or College of the Desert
- **Palm Springs Villager** (1947 – 1959) online archive: <https://www.palmspringslife.com/villager-magazine-digital-archive/>
- **Palm Springs Historical Society:** <https://pshistoricalsociety.org/>
  - o copies of the Villager magazine are digitized and tagged for searching
  - o old phone directories
  - o photos and other documents: <https://palmspringshs.pastperfectonline.com/>
- **Architectural Digest: AD PRO** (professional subscription: \$240 per year or \$25 per month)
- **ArchiveGrid:** search archives nationwide: <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>
- **Online Archive of California:** <https://oac.cdlib.org/> (portal to many archival collections in California, including e.g. William F. Cody at CalPoly SLO)
- **Architecture & Design Center:** various architectural archives (via OAC)

- **USModernist:** [www.usmodernist.org](http://www.usmodernist.org) online directory to MCM houses nationwide, access to vintage architecture magazines and library, including 'Arts & Architecture,' and many others, searchable by date (read the index to find what you're looking for).
- **Ancestry.com or Archives.com**
- **Google**
- **White Pages**
- **Social Media:**
  - o **MidCenturyModern** Facebook group (100,000 members)
- **Local historians and preservation organizations e.g.:**
  - o Preservation Mirage [www.preservationmirage.org](http://www.preservationmirage.org),
  - o PS Modcom [www.psmodcom.org](http://www.psmodcom.org),
  - o Palm Springs Preservation Foundation <http://www.pspreservationfoundation.org/>