We’re stuck inside!

That doesn’t mean we can’t explore the history of our city and its many important sites.
Today we will...

★ Explore some online resources
★ Try out an example
★ Q & A
Where to Start?

It’s helpful to go in with a question or goal!

Ask yourself:
What am I hoping to learn?
What am I really looking for?
Places to Visit

- HistoryQuest
- DC Public Library
- Historical Society of Washington, DC
- Library of Congress
- National Archives & Records Administration
What they offer Online

★ Newspapers (local, national)
★ Maps (insurance, real estate)
★ Historical photographs
★ Permits
★ And more!
DC Public Library

★★ www.dclibrary.org

★★ Need library card to access certain online materials, resources, databases, etc.

★★ **Important:** Official library cards are distributed at DCPL locations, which are currently closed; HOWEVER, [when you fill out the online application, you get a temporary digital card for 90 days](#)
Check out their historic house research guide


DigDC: Photos, newspapers, oral histories, reports, posters, and more (no card needed)
Historical Society of DC

★ www.dchistory.org

★ House History Research Guide & Resources

★ Online Catalog: photos, maps, other written documents
Library of Congress

★ www.loc.gov
★ Research guide
★ Prints & Photographs Online Catalog
★ Maps: Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps -Key; Baist Real Estate Atlas
★ Chronicling America (newspaper database)
★ Historic American Buildings Survey (National Park Service)
National Archives

★ www.archives.gov
★ “What’s Online?”
★ Online Catalogue
★ Photographs, documents, and many other records
Some Other Places

★ DC Historic Sites App/Website (DCPL)
★ DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA): Permits and Technical Drawings Database
  ○ Request online
★ Recorder of Deeds Online Database
★ Smithsonian Open Access (photographs)
Ask for Help

★ DC Public Library: Wash.dcpl@dc.gov (Washingtoniana)
OR Archives.dcpl@dc.gov

★ Library of Congress: Ask a Librarian

★ Historical Society of Washington DC: library@dchistory.org

★ National Archives
1. 4820 Howard Street NW (Tenleytown)
2. HistoryQuest
3. Maps: Baist, Sanborn
4. Photos: HSW, DigDC, LOC
6. App Entry with Nomination Form
Address: 4820 HOWARD STREET NW

Building: Jesse Lee Reno School

Title: Reno School on Howard Street in Ft. Reno

Collection: Public School photograph collection

Description: 1895-1905

Call Number/Catalog Number: 

Date: 1902

Superintendent of School favors Bill providing for site for colored school building.

Prof. A. T. Stuart, Superintendent of Schools, has submitted to the District Commissioners a report on Senate Bill No. 3880, providing for the purchase of land in Fort Reno subdivision as a site for a colored school building.

Prof. Stuart says that there are 112 pupils enrolled in the Grant Road School, of whom eighty-three live at or near Fort Reno and twenty-nine east of the present school house. While a school at Fort Reno would no doubt be more convenient to the majority of pupils now attending the Grant Road School, Mr. Stuart thinks that it would add materially to the distance to be traveled by the twenty-nine living to the eastward, for whom some provision would have to be made.

In view of the fact that a large majority of the pupils live at or near Fort Reno, Prof. Stuart sees no serious objection to the purchase of the ground proposed in this bill, and the erection of the school house, provided the present valuable site be retained by the District for public school purposes in the future. Commissioner Macfarland has approved the report and has forwarded the papers to his colleagues.