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“Ancient Egyptian houses and Households: Architecture, Artifacts, Conceptualization, and Interpretation.” Kate Spence. p 83
“Property Title, Domestic Architecture, and Household Lifecycles in Egypt.” Brian Muhs. p 321

For a detailed study of households at Nippur, see E. C. Stone. Nippur Neighborhoods

For a detailed study of houses in the Diyala region of Iraq from the sites of Khafajeh, Tell Asmar, and Tell Agrab see Private Houses and Graves in the Diyala Region

For houses in the Oriental Institute Collection:

In the exhibition catalog, The Visible Language, Oriental Institute director Christopher Woods draws our attention to a Seleucid period (223 BC) sale of a house plot. See p. 98.

For households in Egypt, read “Meresamun’s Life outside the Temple.” In The Life of Meresamun: A Temple Singer in Ancient Egypt, pp. 55-60.

To study the division of houses in Ptolemaic Egypt see Oriental Institute Hawara Papyri: Demotic and Greek Texts from an Egyptian Family Archive In the Fayum (Fourth to Third Century BC)

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