

# Historical Reconstruction

*A fresh start for your books — built right from the ground up.*

## WHAT IS HISTORICAL RECONSTRUCTION?

Historical reconstruction is the process of **rebuilding your business's financial records from scratch** using primary source documents — specifically, your bank statements and credit card statements.

Unlike a cleanup, which attempts to repair what already exists inside a broken or unreliable file, reconstruction takes a fundamentally different approach. We start with a **clean online account file** and rebuild every single transaction from verified source documents — one month at a time, one account at a time, until your books are complete.

## WHY RECONSTRUCTION, NOT CLEANUP?

Many bookkeepers offer "cleanup" services — and on the surface, that sounds like exactly what you need. But here's the reality: cleanup means working *inside* a file that may already be riddled with errors, duplicates, miscategorized transactions, unreconciled accounts, and inherited bad habits from whoever touched it before.

**Think of it this way:** Cleanup is like repainting a wall with water damage. It looks better for a while — but the foundation is still compromised. Eventually, the same problems bleed through again.

Reconstruction tears down to the studs and rebuilds with verified data. The result is a file that is **structurally sound, fully reconciled, and compliant from day one.**

Cleanup	Reconstruction
Works within the existing mess	Fresh file, clean start
Patches errors one by one	Every transaction verified against bank and credit card statements
Risk of inherited mistakes carrying forward	Fully reconciled from the ground up
Often more expensive in the long run due to recurring issues	Produces audit-ready books you and your CPA can trust
Temporary fix — problems tend to resurface	Lower long-term cost because nothing is carried over from the old file

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

Historical reconstruction is the right path for business owners who need more than a quick fix. If any of the following sound familiar, this service was designed with you in mind:

- You've **fallen behind on your books** — by months or even years — and you're not sure where to start
- Your **previous bookkeeper left a mess**, and you've lost confidence in your financial data
- You've **never had proper books set up** and need to build a reliable foundation from the beginning
- You run a **nonprofit** that needs clean financials for board reporting, grant compliance, or audit preparation
- You're **preparing for a tax filing** and your current books are unreliable or incomplete
- You're **transitioning** from another system — or from no system at all
- You've been told you need a "cleanup" before, but **the same problems keep coming back**

*Floating Magnolia Bookkeeping Services LLC works with small businesses, nonprofits, and all entity types — sole proprietors, LLCs, S-Corps, partnerships, and more. Whether you have one bank account or several, one year of history or five, we meet you where you are.*

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Every historical reconstruction engagement is thorough, methodical, and tailored to your business. Here's what you can expect:

- **Initial Books Review** — A comprehensive assessment of your current financial situation to determine the full scope of work
- **Clean Online File Setup** — A new file built from scratch, or a careful rebuild within your existing account if appropriate

- **Tailored Chart of Accounts** — Designed specifically for your business type, entity structure, and reporting needs
- **Transaction Entry** — Every transaction entered from your bank and credit card statements for the entire reconstruction period
- **Full Reconciliation** — All accounts reconciled for every month of the reconstruction period
- **Classification & Categorization** — Every transaction properly categorized so your reports are meaningful and accurate
- **Summary of Findings & Recommendations** — A clear overview of what was found during the reconstruction process, along with any recommendations for moving forward
- **Handoff-Ready Books** — A completed file your CPA can use directly at tax time — no additional cleanup required
- **Optional: Ongoing Monthly Bookkeeping Support** — Keep your books clean and current after reconstruction with ongoing monthly bookkeeping from Floating Magnolia Bookkeeping Services LLC.

Floating Magnolia Bookkeeping Services LLC follows a compliance-forward approach, ensuring your books are accurate and built on verified documentation.

## PRICING

Every business is different, and pricing depends on the number of accounts, volume of transactions, and the time period being reconstructed. Below are general ranges to help you plan. A detailed proposal with exact pricing is always provided after the initial books review.

### **Books Review (required first step)**

*\$350 flat fee*

A detailed assessment of your current financial records, systems, and documentation. This review identifies the true scope of work, uncovers any structural issues, and provides the foundation for an accurate proposal. No reconstruction or monthly work begins until this step is complete.

### **Historical Reconstruction**

*Flat-rate pricing per month reconstructed: typically \$100–\$350*

Pricing varies based on transaction volume, number of accounts, software, documentation quality, and the condition of available bank and credit card statements. Complete, well-organized statements fall at the lower end; missing, inconsistent, or non-standard documentation may increase the fee. Your proposal will outline the exact fee for each month requiring reconstruction and the total project cost. Hourly billing is reserved only for highly specialized or atypical situations.

### **Monthly Bookkeeping Support (optional, after reconstruction)**

*Starting at \$150–\$550 per month*

Pricing depends on software, transaction volume, number of accounts, documentation habits, and overall complexity. Receipt and documentation compliance directly influence monthly workload and placement within the pricing range. This service includes reconciliations, categorization, monthly financial statements, monthly client meetings, and year-end readiness.

## PAYMENT TERMS

**Books Review** — 100% upfront This is a one-time diagnostic and must be paid in full before work begins.

**Historical Reconstruction** — upfront or milestone-based You may choose one of the following payment structures:

Option A — 100% upfront Best for small projects, 1–3 months of reconstruction, or clients with complete documentation. No services begin until payment is received.

Option B — Pay-as-you-go (per month reconstructed) Best for multi-month or multi-year projects, clients who prefer smaller payments, or situations where the scope may shift. Each month's fee is due upfront before that month's reconstruction work begins. This is the most flexible and client-friendly approach.

**Monthly Bookkeeping Support** — paid monthly in advance. Monthly services are billed at the start of each month. No services begin until payment is received.

*No surprises. A detailed proposal with exact pricing is provided after the initial books review — before any reconstruction work begins. You'll know exactly what to expect.*

## Ready for a Fresh Start?

*Let's talk about where your books are today — and where they need to be.  
I'd love to learn about your business and see if historical reconstruction is the right fit.*

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