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Record Series Information Leaflet

Tax Appraisal Cards and Photographs

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Tax Appraisal Cards and Photographs were created by the Salt Lake County Assessor to document the assessed values of residential and commercial properties from 1934 to the 1970s. These cards record the history of houses, outbuildings, and commercial buildings. A current address of the building (or former location of building) is required to access these records. NOTE: The last two pages of this leaflet show the front and back of a Tax Appraisal Card, with pointers on how to obtain the most information from this record.

Tax Appraisal Cards, 1934-1970s

These cards document tax assessed values on commercial and residential properties in Salt Lake County. Traditionally, the collection represents appraisal dates for 1936, 1957, 1964, and sometimes into the 1970s.

The cards can contain information regarding:

- Name of owner(s)
- Address
- Additions and sq. feet
- Year built
- Garages and other outbuildings
- Footprint drawings

The later cards detail supplementary appraisals usually noted in colored pencil. Also included are yellow and blue cards noting frontage area and additional appraisal evaluations, and an index card with the names of some of the previous owners.

Commercial Appraisal Cards, 1970s-1991

These cards document assessed values on commercial property located in Salt Lake County, from the 1970s to 1991. They include the information listed above, and can also include information on the size and value of structures on the property.

Tax Appraisal Card Photographs, 1934-1991

When the tax assessor visited a property, they not only created Tax Appraisal Cards, but also took photographs of the buildings. Usually, the approximate date of a photograph can be determined by the date of appraisal on the corresponding Tax Appraisal Cards, and also using other clues within the photograph itself.

Owner's Name Karl & Theresia Weiss Des 1

Owner's Address 553 So. 3rd East City

Location Lot 3, Block 22, Plat B.SLC Survey

Kind of Building Res Street No. 551-553 S. 3rd East

Class 3 1/2 Base Factor 100 X 103 X 171

Name of owner at time of appraisal and address of owner (not always the address of the property if the owner lives elsewhere).

The address of the property being assessed is recorded here.

"Serial" number is recorded at the top of the card. This is an old tax number that was used through 1983, when the current, longer tax number was introduced. All cards are filed by this old number.

Dimensions Cu. Ft. Sq. Ft. 822 1880

Description of Building Add D Foundation—Stone Conc. None Ext. Walls Frame St. Roof—Type Flat Mat. Pat Shm Dormers—Small Med. Lg. Bays—Small Porches—Front Rear Basement Attic—Rooms

Additions or changes to the building may be recorded in this margin or at the bottom of the card, under "Remarks." These changes will date from later assessments and usually have the year indicated.

Plumbing—{ Class Basin Sink Toilet Urinals Fountains 490 Heat—Stove H.A. Steam S. Finish—{ Hd. Wd. Floors—{ Hd. Wd. Fir 60 Cabinets Mantels 30 Tile—{ Walls Floors Lighting—Lamp Drops Fix 75

An "X" or lines drawn through the card indicate that the tax assessor created a new card, making this card obsolete.

Total Additions Net Addition or Deductions 3191 - 60 \$ + 758

Age 50 Yrs. by { Est. Owner Tenant Neighbors Records REPRODUCTION VALUE \$ 3949 Depreciation 13/37 % \$ 1461 Reproduction Val. Minus Dep. \$ 1461

Remodeled Est. Cost Remodeling Inc. Garage 20 Value Depreciated Value Garage \$ 1461

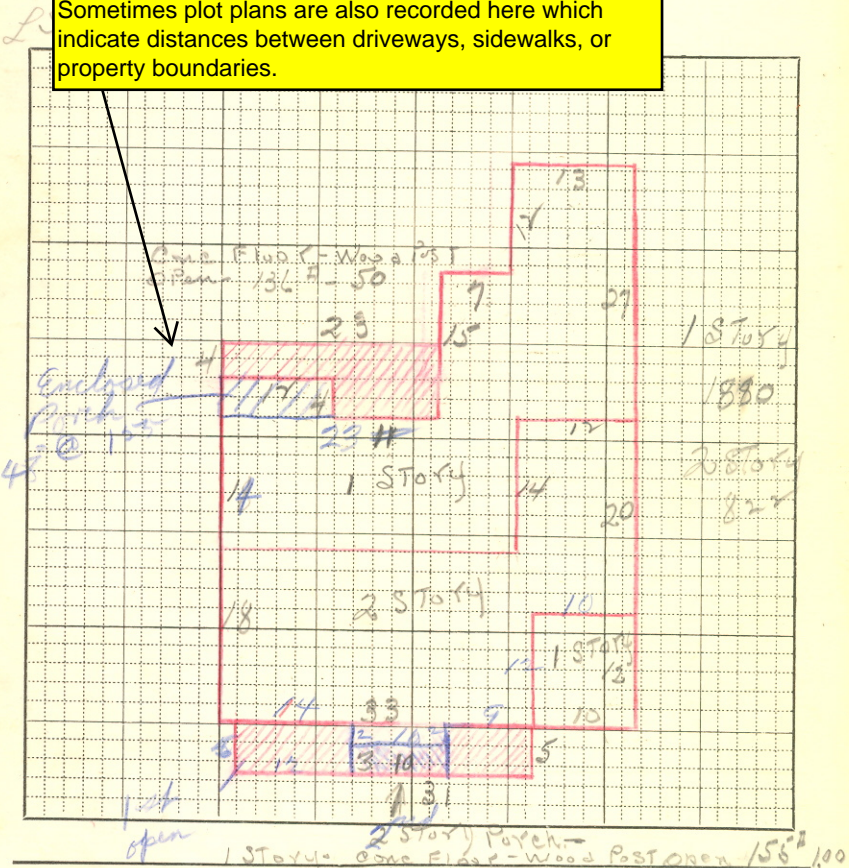
"Age" or "Year Built" for the building. It is also noted who provided the information for the age of the building.

The date of the appraisal is indicated here.

Original Record 890 Appraised 6-30-36 193 Card No. Year By

The back of an Appraisal Card includes a footprint drawing of the building. Additions in blue pencil usually indicate remodels, tear downs, or other changes made throughout the years.

Dimensions are given for each wall of the building. Diagonal lines drawn across a section of building indicate the location of a covered or enclosed porch. Sometimes plot plans are also recorded here which indicate distances between driveways, sidewalks, or property boundaries.



OUT BUILDINGS	Age	Size	Area	Factor	Cost	Depr. Value
		x				
		x				
		x				
		x				
		x				
		x				
		x				
		x				

This section can list any "outbuildings" such as barns, garages, chicken coops, or sheds located on the property. Age, size and costs can be provided for each outbuilding. Lists of buildings recorded here can be compared to later/earlier cards to determine how long an outbuilding existed on a property.