

House photos

Between 1937 and 1972, the King County Assessor took photographs of improvements for the purposes of tax assessment. These photographs are part of the Property Record Cards, which detail the structure of the house, and scans or copies of all of these are available from the [Puget Sound Regional Archives](#) in Bellevue. You can order these over the phone or by email for a small fee; let them know if you want a photographic reproduction of the photo and/or if you also want copies of the card that describes the house.

Additionally, if your house is in Seattle, the [Seattle Municipal Archives Photograph Collection](#) is searchable by era and by neighborhood, as well as keyword (like street name). These photographs primarily document city activities, so they tend to be more relevant for neighborhood and contextual history surrounding the house. The Municipal Archives may also have other photographs that they haven't digitized yet, so it's worth it to contact them directly.

If your house is located in another jurisdiction, the city, library, or local historical societies may have photographs as well.