

## Researching Historic Properties

## Steps

### At home:

- Assessor's Records
- Denver Directories

### At Western History and Genealogy Department , Denver Public Library

- Denver Building Permits
- Newspaper Clipping Files
- Maps
- Real Estate and Fire Insurance Atlases
- Obituaries
- Denver Neighborhood History

## Assessor Records

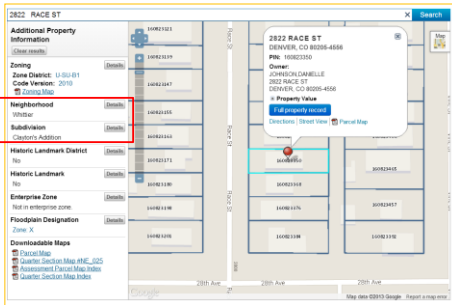
### Steps to Access Real Property Records:

- 1) Go to [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org)
- 2) Click on the "Help Me Find" pull down list
- 3) Click on "Assessor"
- 4) On the right side of the page, click "Related Links"
- 5) Select "Alternative Search," click GO
- 6) Search by Address

## Let's Research 2822 Race Street

PROPERTY INFORMATION				
Property Type: RESIDENTIAL		Parcel: 0226614006000		
Name and Address Information		Legal Description		
JOHNSON,DANIELLE		CLAYTONS ADD B17 L10 & S/2 OF L9		
2822 RACE ST				
DENVER, CO 80205-4556				
Property Address: 2822 RACE ST		Tax District	DENV	
Assessment Information				
	Actual	Assessed	Exempt	Taxable
Current Year				
Land	103600	8250		
Improvements	248300	19770		
Total	351900	28020	0	28020
Prior Year				
Land	46900	3730		
Improvements	341700	27200		
Total	388600	30930	0	30930
Style: Two Story				
Reception No.: 2012102410				
Year Built: 1906				
Recording Date: 08/02/12				
Building Sqr. Foot: 1,934				
Document Type: Warranty				

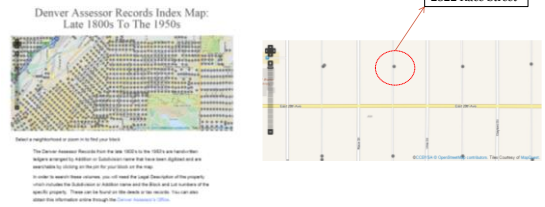
At the top of the page select  
“Link to map/historic district listing for this Property”



Can find landmark status, plat maps, parcel map...

To find Assessor Records for property:

- 1) Go to [history.denverlibrary.org](http://history.denverlibrary.org)
- 2) Select “Research” at the top
- 3) Select “Building Histories”
- 4) A good resources is “Denver Building History Tutorial”
- 5) Select “Denver Assessor Records”
- 6) Select “Denver Assessors Records Index Map – Late 1800s to 1950s”
- 7) Zoom into the map to find your address



- The records will start with a map of the block.
- Start on the last page of the records, it has the oldest records.



13. S 1/2 of 12	7. M. A. Hanscom	1647	6	1	1831
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15. S 1/2 of 12	9. George Jackson	2519	11	13	1831
16. S 1/2 of 12	10. Benjamin F. Russell	1756	2	2	1831
17. S 1/2 of 12	11. J. J. J.	1757	1	2	1831
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22. S 1/2 of 12	16. J. J. J.	1759	1	2	1831
23. S 1/2 of 12	17. J. J. J.	1760	1	2	1831
24. S 1/2 of 12	18. J. J. J.	2518	1	2	1831
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29. S 1/2 of 12	23. J. J. J.	1647	1	2	1831
30. S 1/2 of 12	24. J. J. J.	1759	1	2	1831
31. S 1/2 of 12	25. J. J. J.	1760	1	2	1831
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33. S 1/2 of 12	27. J. J. J.	1647	1	2	1831
34. S 1/2 of 12	28. J. J. J.	1759	1	2	1831
35. S 1/2 of 12	29. J. J. J.	1760	1	2	1831

## Research Tools

Go to: <http://history.denverlibrary.org/index.html>



*Denver Building History Tutorial*

## Building Plans and Drawings

*Denver Assessor Records*

## Denver Building Permits

## Denver History

### Denver Street Name and Number Changes

## Directories

### Real Estate and Fire Insurance Atlases

## Denver City Directories:



1905 Corbett & Ballenger's 32nd Annual Denver City Directory	City directory of all residents and businesses in the Denver area in the year 1905.	Denver (Colo.)-- Directories.	1905
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1907 Ballenger & Richards 35th Annual Denver City Directory	City directory of all residents and businesses in the Denver area in the year 1907.	Denver (Colo.)-- Directories.	1907
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1911 Corbett & Ballenger's 39th Annual Denver City Directory	City directory of all residents and businesses in the Denver area in the year 1911.	Denver (Colo.)-- Directories.	1911
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The first owner of 2822 Race Street was a foreman with the Union Pacific Railroad!

## Visit the Library!

Reference Desk Phone: 720-865-1821

The Department is open to the public during the following hours:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

## Denver Building Permits

- The Library has Denver building permits from 1889 through 1892, and 1900 through 1955.
- Many permits will give names of original owners, costs, and may indicate names of builders or architects. Later permits may show additions or changes to the building.
- Microfilm copies of the original handwritten ledgers are available in the Western History/Genealogy Department of the Central Library. Many permits are missing or were never filed.
- Permits for the years 1915 to 1955 are on microfilm in the Western History/Genealogy Department. More recent permits may be obtained from the Denver Building Permit Records office.

## Resources at the Library

### ▪ **Denver Municipal Facts**

Published by the City and County of Denver from 1909 until 1931 the Denver Municipal Facts contains a wealth of general information about the City of Denver, from politics and elections to sewer lines and public health.

### ▪ **History of Denver by Jerome C. Smiley**

Published in 1901, Smiley's History of Denver was originally compiled for the Denver Times. Smiley's book gives a very detailed early history of Denver and the region.

### ▪ **Creating Your Communities Collections**

Materials digitized include: maps, photographs, neighborhood plans/reports, letters, architectural plans, oral histories, objects and historic building applications/photos for state and national registries.

▪ **Style Guides** – "The Field Guide to American Houses," HD Guides, "American House Styles: A Concise Guide," "Identifying American Architecture: A Pictorial Guide to Styles and Terms," "Illustrated Dictionary of Historic Architecture..."

## Resources at the Library

▪ **Maps** – The Robinson Atlas of 1887 and the Baist Atlas of 1905 show the footprint and basic construction information of structures in the city. The Sanborn Fire Insurance maps will show the original layout of structures, additions, and building materials.

▪ By comparing maps from different years, you will be able to estimate the date of construction. These maps also show the legal description (addition name, lot, and block numbers) of your building, which is necessary for locating early building permits.

▪ **Newspapers** - Indexes of newspaper articles and clipping files, obituaries...

▪ **Building Plans and Drawings**

▪ **And much more!**



## History of 2822 Race Street



William S. Pattison was born in Paisley, Scotland on May 11, 1866. In 1896 Mr. Pattison moved to Denver, Colorado. William S. Pattison was a foreman in the machine shop for the Union Pacific Railroad. He lived in Horton, Kansas for a time where he met and married Bessie Price. The couple returned to Denver in 1899.

On January 6, 1906 William S. Pattison purchased lot 10 and the South half of lot 9 on Block 17 of Clayton's Addition. This is the land on which 2822 Race Street would be built.

The late Victorian style home was constructed between 1905 and 1906. The two-story house features a steep gable roof with broken eaves and a diamond oculus attic window. The house is constructed of brick and features clapboard siding over the masonry. The hipped roof over the porch features neoclassical columns.

Mr. Pattison passed away in January of 1946 and was survived by his wife, Bessie, a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Lewis of Santa Monica, California; a son, William S. Pattison Jr., and three grandchildren.