

individual structures abounds in these records, including use, location, construction material, and number of stories. Data about personal property such as horses, wagons, furniture, and store stock also appear regularly. Generally speaking, these materials contain the most information of all the tax records.

The second variety of records, the Assessor's Tax Records (series 2), date from 1800 to 1866. These materials appear to be an intermediate record of property taxation and contain the same kinds of information as the Field Assessor's Work Books, but not in as much scope or detail.

The third type of record is the General Property Tax Books (series 1), which date from 1798 to 1915 and from 1966 to the present. These records represent the final form of tax information for a given year and appear to be based on information supplied by the Field Assessor's Work Books and the Assessor's Tax Records. The primary difference is that the data appearing in the tax books represents the final assessment levied against property after any appeals. Details provided about individual properties are similar to those found in the Assessor's Tax Records with the addition of notations about date of tax payment.

The fourth variety of materials are the Assessment Records (series 4), which date from 1914 to 1976. These records contain comparatively little information. Usually only the name and address of the property owner, along with the assessed value of their property, are included.

Most of the tax records are arranged by property location such as wards, precincts, and streets. These entities changed constantly in nineteenth century Baltimore, a fact that necessitates the use of special maps of the city to locate specific properties or individuals in many of the records. Some tax records are, however, accessible by the name of individual taxpayers. These are the materials covered by A Name Index to the Baltimore City Tax Records, 1798-1808 (Baltimore: Baltimore City Archives and Records Management Office, 1981) and the General Property Tax Records (series 1) dating from 1856 to 1907.

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1. Property Tax Records. 1798-1915; 1966-present.  
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