

## USER'S GUIDE TO THE CITY'S HISTORIC DATABASE

Welcome to the City of Fresno's Surveyed Properties Database. In the PDF below, you will find listings for all the properties from historic surveys that date back to 1978.

An inclusion in this database does not necessarily indicate historical status, or eligibility for historical status; it is simply a record of property designations based on past surveys or planning projects. All care has been taken to verify the information in this spreadsheet, but discretion and caution are always advised; databases serve as a baseline for further research and inquiry.

While we strive to maintain a current database (this version updated February, 2016), if you do not find your property listed, please do not assume that it is automatically ineligible for some sort of historical designation. Some properties may have become eligible since they were last surveyed, and many properties have not yet been included in surveys. If you have questions or you are interested in having your property considered for Fresno's Local Register of Historic Resources please contact **Karana Hattersley-Drayton, Historic Preservation Project Manager for the City of Fresno**, at (559) 621-8520 or [karana.hattersley-drayton@fresno.gov](mailto:karana.hattersley-drayton@fresno.gov).

### How to use the database:

The properties are listed alphabetically by **STREET**, which appears as the fifth column from the left, and then ascending numerically, by address number under the **NO.** column, third from the left. Street direction, found in the fourth column (**DIR**), is also crucial to making sure you are viewing the correct property. If your property is part of an apartment complex, the apartment number may be found in the **APT** column.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	LMLCID	APN	NO.	DIR	STREET	APT	OTHER ADD
2	000023606	46720108	609		A Street		
3	000024954	46720104	631		A Street		
4	000025198	46720103	635		A Street		
5			635		A Street		backhaus
6	000026304	46720101	655		A Street		942 Mono Street
7	000315744	46716610	712		A Street		
8	000051086	46715415T	1260		A Street		
9	000002446	45933216	118	N	Abby Street		
10	000003352	45933217	134	N	Abby Street		
11	000003754	45933231	140	N	Abby Street		
12	000003822	45933125	141	N	Abby Street		
13	000004296	45933139	149	N	Abby Street		
14	000005186	45933223	178	N	Abby Street		
15	000005258	45933139	181	N	Abby Street		
16	000006486	45925128	217	N	Abby Street		2017

The **LMLCID** and **APN** (Assessor's Parcel Number) in the first and second columns are zoning indicators, and do not contribute to whether or not a property is eligible for historical status.

Some properties have two addresses attached to them, which can be found in the **OTHER ADD** column.

When a resource is a designated historic property, the information in the **NAME** column is that of the first business or owner. Properties that are not historic at the time of the survey usually are identified by the name of the current business or are left blank. The **OTHER\_NAME** column will include any other names that buildings, particularly commercial buildings, have acquired over the years.

Once you have found an address, to check its status, scroll to the right on the PDF until you get to the columns **HIST#**, **NRHP STATUS**, and **LOC#**.

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1	HIST#	NRHP STATUS	LOC#
2		6Z	
3		6Z	
4		6Z	
5		5S3	
6		6Z	
7		6Z	
8			

If the property is included on the Fresno Local Register, its number will be found in the **HIST#** column.

The number/letter combination shown in the **NRHP STATUS** column is the California Historical Resource Status Code assigned during a historic survey by consultants or staff. These codes from the Office of Historic Preservation are often temporary as future research may change the status of the property. The most common codes are:

- 6Z (Found ineligible for listing on the National, California or Local Register)
- 5S1 (Individual property that is listed or designated locally)
- 5S3 (Appears to be individually eligible locally through survey)
- 5D3 (Appears to be a contributor to a district that appears eligible for local listing)
- 3S (Appears eligible individually for the National Register)
- 3CS (Appears individually eligible for the California Register through survey work)
- 1S (Individual property listed in the National Register)

The column **LOC#** refers to temporary codes that were assigned during the 1991 Ratkovich Plan survey of 2500 downtown properties. The only code of real value to City staff is "2A" which means that the consultants thought the resource **may** be eligible for the Local Register of Historic Resources.

M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	
CONST	STYLE	ARCH	BLDR	DEMO YR	SURVEY	Date surveyed	
1962					HPS West Fresno Middle School	April 2004	
1929	Craftsman bungalow				HPS West Fresno Middle School	April 2004	
1913	Craftsman bungalow		George Christian		HPS West Fresno Middle School	April 2004	
1911	German backhaus				HPS West Fresno Middle School	April 2004	
1923	vernacular		Fred Look		HPS West Fresno Middle School	April 2004	
2003					HPS West Fresno Middle School	April 2004	
c1918				2005?	HPS West Fresno Middle School	April 2004	

Properties that have been evaluated in a historic survey include additional information: date of construction (**CONST**), architectural style (**STYLE**), architect (**ARCH**), builder (**BLDR**), and if a property has been demolished (**DEMO YR**), relocated (**RELOC YR**), and if so, where the building has been relocated to (**RELOC INFO**). Finally, the database includes the name of the particular survey (**SURVEY**), the date the survey was completed (**Date Surveyed**). In the **COMMENTS** column, there is often additional information or notes from the survey or from our staff, such as building type, e.g. “apartment court.”

The entries of the chart are often coded by color. The key for the color coding and the abbreviations appear at the bottom of the database; most of these codes pertain to whether a building has been demolished, burned, or when it was entered into the database. For example, **red** designates a building, usually a historic property, which has been demolished. Other color bars are somewhat idiosyncratic and were added as placeholders by individuals entering data.

### **The history of the database, and some further notes:**

The genesis of this database was the Supplementary Historic Building Survey, prepared by John Edward Powell and Michael McGuire in 1994 for the Ratkovich Plan. This was a reconnaissance survey of 2500 resources of which 50 were chosen for detailed survey forms. The present-day database contains over 4,000 properties.

Construction dates may be obtained for many Fresno buildings from the building permit or, for an estimated construction date, from the assessor. Building permits were not required in the City of Fresno until 1906. Properties built outside of the city limits at the time of their construction will NOT have a building permit for the initial construction, but may indeed have a record of additions, roof permits, and the like.

We rarely know the actual architect unless original blueprints or other primary evidence survives. Builders and contractors, on the other hand, are listed on the building permit when issued. For more on Fresno’s architects, see [Historic Fresno](#).

When architectural style is noted, it is generally taken from the survey forms prepared by a professional meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Standards. However, even among professionals there are differences particularly with something like “style,” which can really be a mishmash of ideas and influences. For more on style, please see [Fresno's Got Style](#).

Thank you for your interest in historic properties! We hope this database has been helpful. If you have any further questions, or comments, or would like to learn more about Fresno's Historic Preservation Program, please see [City of Fresno Historic Preservation](#), or contact Karana Hattersley-Drayton (559) 621-8520.