

# WPA Home Survey, Allegheny Co., Pennsylvania

## Background & Sample Images

The WPA Home Survey project was compiled in 1936 & 1937 by the Works Progress Administration using architects, surveyors, draftsmen and others with skills for this type of work. The WPA inspected every home in Allegheny County, apparently for the County Assessment Board, and collected construction and location information.

The front side of each record page (example below, for a home in Sewickley, Pa.) has labeled fields in which to record the building number, street, stories, type [of] building, construction material, number of rooms, baths, floors, heat, age, roof, plumbing, plaster, interior trim, condition, workmanship, basement size, laundry, sewer, rent value, special features, size, cubic construction, u. value, garage cars, const[ru]ction material, size, condition, value, paved street, transportation factor, school factor, district trend, transition, lot size, solid ground, topography, acreage, a[cre] tillable, owner, address and remarks.

Bldg. No.	438		Street	Beaver Street		Story	2		Type Bldg.	Stores & Apartment		
Const. Mat.	Cement Stucco over Frame		No. Rooms	10		Floors	2nd-White Pine		2 Store			
	1-Frame		Baths	1-Plain			1st-Yellow Pine		Plaster-Coal-Bal-Coal			
60	60	Roof	Gable-Comp. Shin		Plumbing	Galvanized		Plaster	Plain			
Cond.	Fair		Workmshp.	Good		Heat. Size	See Sketch		Laundry	None		
Rent Val.	\$220.00		Sp. Feat.	None		Size	20'4" x 80' x 78'		Cu. Cont.	53224		
Gar. Cars	None		Const. Mat.			Cond.			U. Val.			
Paved St.	Yes		Trans. Fac.	Good		Schl. Fac.	Good		Det. Trend	Transition		
Lot Size			Solid Grd.	Yes		Topgr.	Level		Acreage	A. Tillable		
Owner	Sewickley Valley Trust Co.		Address	Sewickley, Pa.		<i>Reasonable</i>						
WPA	Remarks: Contains-1 Apartment-2 Reading Rooms-Scientist Church on 2nd. Floor											
	3 Store Entrances #437-439-441 Broad Street Side & 1 Store on Beaver Street-#438											
	This is on Leased Ground of H.S. Heber. (BROAD STREET INTERSECTS)											
Land Val	Bldg. Val.	Gar. Val.	Mach. Val.	Coal B. Rent. Val.								
ASB	Remarks:											
	N-F											

The back side of the page (below) includes a sketch of the home - with a top view and a side view - made by a draftsman, with dimensions.

