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A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE...

[Experience 1968 Downtown Cincinnati](#) through newly rediscovered Auditor Reappraisal Photos.
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Sometimes the retirement of an Auditor's office employee yields unusual results. In this case, carefully stashed in a cardboard box next to a filing cabinet were 554 long-forgotten black and white photos of downtown parcels, each with a handwritten parcel number identifying each building. The images were taken in 1968 as part of the 1969 Auditor Reappraisal of downtown Cincinnati properties.

"We thought area residents would enjoy them as much as we have, so they are now posted to our website (www.hcauditor.org). You can access them from the homepage icon entitled 'Downtown Cincinnati 1968 Vintage Photographs' located on the right hand side of the page", said Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes. "They are catalogued in folders by the Auditor book and page which is the first seven digits of an Auditor parcel number; and we have included a 'cheat sheet of major streets' with each folder so viewers can get their bearings", he added.

Some of these parcels still exist today. Others have been consolidated into new parcels when development razed old buildings and built new ones. Where the parcel still exists, the 1968 photo is now included on the image tab for that parcel. Do a property search for a specific parcel and click on the dropdown menu above the current photo to access the older images, including the 1968 image.

There were some nostalgic tugs on the heartstrings when we came across old icons long ago razed like the Schubert, Cox, Albee, Times, and Capitol theatres. And we had many a chuckle over the automobiles captured in the photos and the frozen-in-time billboards like "Humphrey for President" and "The US needs fixin' Let's use Nixon" that decorated storefronts. Longtime Cincinnatians will recognize many of the businesses we regularly enjoyed: Wiggins, Birdies, Herschede, Ray Lammers Music, The Rib Pit, Hirschmans, The Wheel, and Trivet Antiques to name just a few of those you'll recognize in these photos.

Enjoy your step back in time.

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