

# Boddie Recording Company (12202 Union Ave) Cleveland Landmark Nomination



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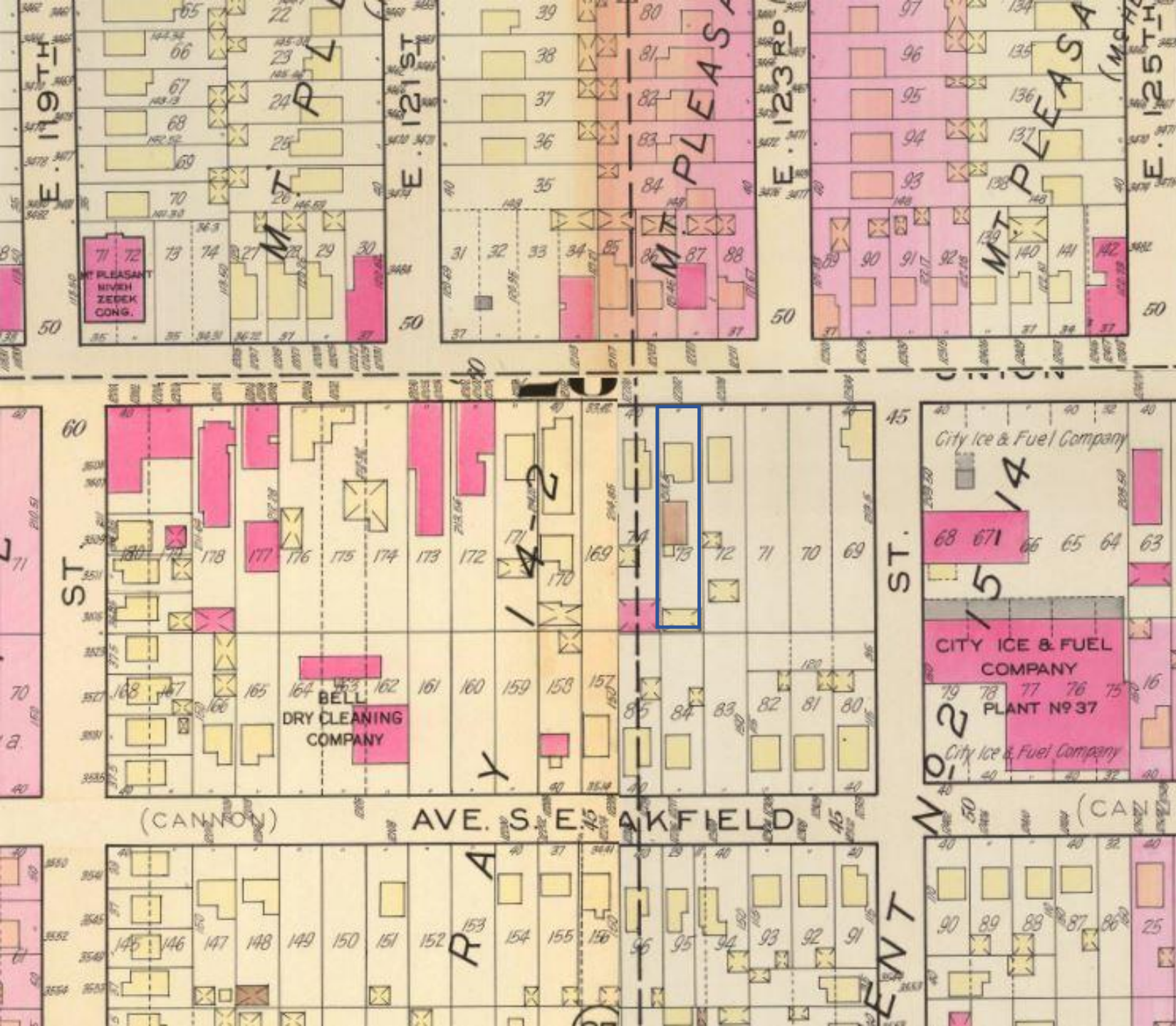
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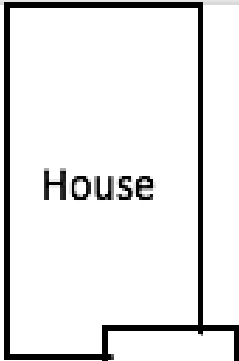
Museum of Art

12202 Union Avenue



Front of House looking up driveway  
 North and east side of the studio  
 (PC: Julia LaPlaca, July 2020)

Hopkins Map 1927-37



(Left) Position of buildings on the lot (the record-press was in the garage)

(Mid) North and east side of the studio from porch. PC: Julia LaPlaca, July 2020

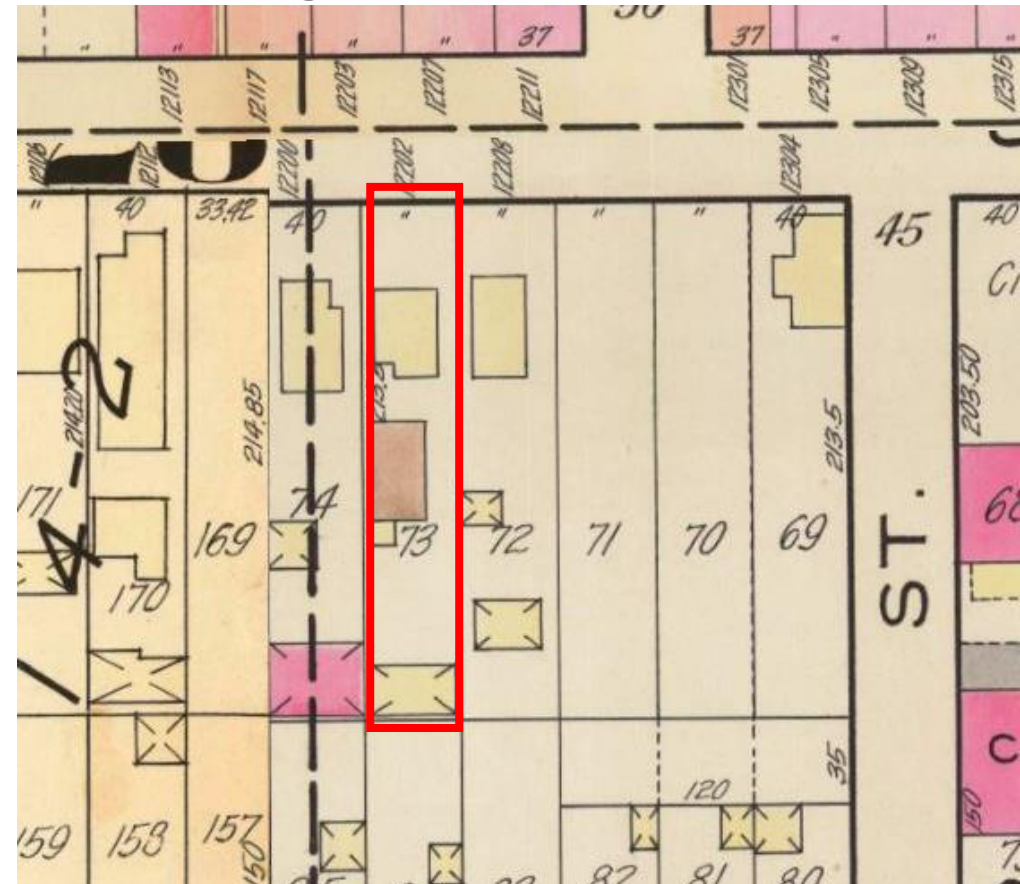
(Right) Detail 1927-37 Hopkins map

## Construction dates

**1912-16** House

**1927** Studio Building (formerly a dairy building and car repair shop)

**1917** Garage





12202 Union Ave. front  
(north) with sign

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Back of the house, east façade, corner of studio, view down the driveway (PC: Julia LaPlaca, July 2020)



East side of the studio and garage



Rear part of studio, east side



East side of the studio and back of the house



Left: Interior of Studio. (Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet, The Numero Group, 2011, pg 005).



Right: Interior of Studio from recording Booth. (Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet, The Numero Group, 2011, pg 007).





Gallery of photographs showing the Boddies renovating the outbuildings in their backyard into the recording studio. (Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet, The Numero Group, 2011, pg 018).



Thomas working on studio equipment  
Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet, The Numero Group, 2011, pg 008)



Thomas in the studio  
Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet,  
The Numero Group, 2011,  
pg 010-11

Louise at the record press in the garage  
(Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet, The Numero  
Group, 2011, pg 020-21



12202 Union Ave Garage.  
PC: Julia LaPlaca, July 2020



Louise and (musicians?) in the studio  
Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet, The  
Numero Group, 2011, pg 014)

Boddie Recording Co. business card  
Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet,  
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Thomas and Louise selling cassette.  
Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet, The  
Numero Group, 2011, pg 022-23

Cassette tape produced by Boddie Recording Co.  
Boddie Boxset Biographical Booklet, The Numero Group, 2011,  
back cover





Mobile Equipment from Boddie Recording Co. used in Louis Stokes congressional campaign. Western Reserve Historic Society.  
<https://www.wrhs.org/blog/making-music-and-making-history-a-salute-to-clevelands-own-during-african-american-music-appreciation-month/>