

## Digital Sanborn Maps

### Money Saving Tips # 2 for Environmental Due Diligence

Many consultants are utilizing the Digital Sanborn Maps™ collection by ProQuest or scanned Sanborn Maps (1922 & older) that are in the public domain for their reports. Access to the entire Digital Sanborn Map collection from ProQuest may be obtained through the Mid-Continent Public Library ([www.mcpl.lib.mo.us](http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us)). Membership is easy, send a check for \$20 and supply the information listed below to gain access to the digital Sanborn Maps from you desk.

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### Sanborn Maps™ available for download

Many libraries around the country have scanned or are scanning Sanborn Maps™ that are in the public domain (1922 & older). Several thousands full-color digital reproduction Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps™ are publicly available for downloading. These public domain maps were digitized from the printed maps held in the collections of the libraries around the country (see links below). More scanning is anticipated since a large number of the Sanborn maps published from 1923-1963 copyright were not renewed.

University of Alabama

<http://www.ua.edu/libraries.html>

University of Colorado

<http://libluna.lib.ad.colorado.edu>

University of Florida

<http://ufdcweb1.uflib.ufl.edu/ufdc/?a=sanborn&m=hball>

Digital Library of Georgia

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/sanborn/?Welcome>

IUPUI University Library (Indianapolis)

<http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/sanbornJP2/>

University of Missouri

<http://mulibraries.missouri.edu>

University of South Carolina

<http://www.sc.edu/library>

University of Texas

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/texas.html>

University of Utah

<http://www.lib.utah.edu/portal/site/marriottlibrary/menuitem.350f2794f84fb3b29cf87354d1e916b9/?vgnextoid=9507da2ae25ea110VgnVCM1000001c9e619bRCRD&vgnnextfmt=nomenu>

University of Virginia

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu>

Library of Kentuckiana

<http://kdl.kyvl.org/>

Kansas City, MO Public Library

[http://www.kchistory.org/cdm4/sanborn\\_splash.php](http://www.kchistory.org/cdm4/sanborn_splash.php)

*Source: David Hodnefield with Historical Information Gathers provided some of the links and information.*

## Additional Links

The Library of Congress distributed duplicate Sanborn maps in their collection throughout the country. A [list](#) of institutions to receive these maps is provided as it was published by the Library of Congress in 1981.

<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/maps/Sanborn/MapNewSanbornLibraryCongressList.html>



Sanborn Resources Online

[Cornell University, Olin Library Map and Geospatial Information Collection, New York](#) - Lists their holdings. Digital access for Cornell community.

[Library of Congress, Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Collections](#) - Online checklist with links to digitized maps.

[San Jose Public Library, California](#) - List of their Sanborn Maps. Digital Sanborn Maps of San Jose available only to San Jose Public Library card holders.

[University of California at Berkeley Library, Sanborn and Other Fire Insurance Maps](#) - Brief introduction to fire insurance maps. Information on locating fire insurance maps. Also, provides a scanned copy of a Sanborn Map Legend.

[University of California at Berkeley's, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps](#) - This webpage recapitulates the Preface and Introduction of the book *Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress*.

[University of Ohio, OhioLINK Digital Media Center](#) - Information on links and how to read a Sanborn Map. Digital maps are available, but only from computers within an Ohio public library (or with an Ohio public library card).

[University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library Digital Technologies](#) - Digital Sanborn maps of Utah online.

[University of Virginia Library Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps](#) - Information on the history of Sanborn Maps, how to read Sanborn Maps, and a Bibliography/Links page.

No one entity has a complete collection of Sanborn Maps™; however, there is a comprehensive inventory of Sanborn's produced for each city ([www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/sanbul.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/sanbul.html)). The Union List of Sanborn & Other Fire Insurance Maps was compiled by a group of librarian and is maintained by University of California at Berkeley. At the website, click on the state then city to see what map years were created.

For many states, the Proquest collection is mostly complete. However, in areas where coverage is spotty, the gaps can be filled by using the microfilm collection, hardcopy maps or other historical applications such as; historical aerial photographs, historical topographic maps, or city directories. To find additional sources for Sanborn Maps™, type sanborn maps on any web browser and you will be rewarded thousands of links.

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