FIMo
Fire Insurance Maps *online*

Discover how an area changed over time

Comparing maps from different time periods will show the growth and redevelopment of entire neighborhoods and how properties and buildings have changed over time.

Learn about a building's structure and design

Original color fire insurance maps provide details about building design including construction materials used, the location of doors and windows and how the building footprint may have changed over time. The rich detail shown in these maps is what sets them apart as an essential historic resource.
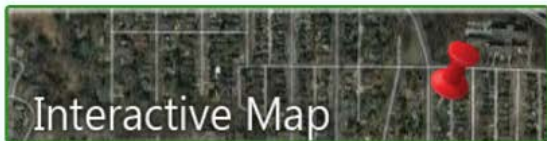
Explore the neighborhood

Fire insurance maps and atlases show entire communities as they were in the past, including businesses, private homes, public places, apartment buildings and government offices.

Imagine what life was like

By evaluating the location, size and construction of buildings where individuals lived and worked, you can imagine their day-to-day activities and begin to envision what life was like for them.

CHOOSE A SEARCH METHOD

Begin by navigating your browser to fims.historicalinfo.com

SCREEN CAPTURE

INTERACTIVE MAP SEARCH

Use the Interactive Map search function to identify potential map coverage at a precise location.

Search by entering an address, lat/long, or name of the location of interest. Or simply click on the map to set a marker at the property of interest.

PLACE NAME SEARCH

Use Place Name search to find map publications for a city, county, or other place in the drop down list for a selected state.

Place names include current and historical names for cities and towns, neighborhoods, unincorporated villages or other populated areas.

INTERACTIVE MAP SEARCH

STEP 1: GENERATE PUBLICATION LIST

Use the Interactive Map search function to identify potential map coverage at a precise location.

1A Enter an address or a lat/long coordinate, then click Go.

or

1B Navigate and zoom to the property of interest and click on the map to set a marker.

SCREEN CAPTURE

When searching with interactive maps, you can "Show" the index map as an overlay, directly on top of the Google Maps search interface.

2B Map Page Number

SCREEN CAPTURE

STEP 2: CHOOSE A MAP SHEET

2A Click on the "Show" button to turn on the Index Map for a specific publication.

2B Locate the Map Sheet number for the specific publication for your property of interest

2C Click on the name of the Publication

Continue to Read & Work with Maps - See Page 4

PLACE NAME MAP SEARCH

STEP 1: GENERATE PUBLICATION LIST

Use Place Name search to find map publications for a city, county, or other place in the selected state.

1A Choose the State from the drop-down menu.

1B Choose the Place Name from the second drop-down menu.

Research Tip: Place Names and Publication Titles do not always match! Select a Publication Title from the list below, then use the Research Tools or Map Sheets to see if your area of interest has map coverage.

State Minnesota — **1A**

Place Name Hopkins — **1B**

Market	Year	Volume	Publication	Publisher	Map Type	# Sheets
Minneapolis	1892	2	Atlas of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Suburbs Volume Two, South Minneapolis 1892	Rascher Insurance Map Publishing Co.	Fire Insurance	103
Minneapolis	1906	2	Atlas of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Suburbs Volume Two, South Minneapolis 1892; Revised to 1906	Rascher Insurance Map Publishing Co.	Fire Insurance	101
Minneapolis	1912	6	Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume Six 1912	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	117
Minneapolis	1914		Atlas of Minneapolis, Minnesota 1914	Minneapolis Real Estate Board	Real Estate Atlas	92
Minneapolis	1930	6	Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume Six 1912; Revised to 1930	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	127
Minneapolis	1950	6A	Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume Six – A 1912; Revised to November 1950	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	72
Minneapolis	1952	6A	Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume Six – A 1912; Revised to 1952; Reprinted 1952	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	74
Minneapolis	1963	6A	Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume Six – A 1912; Revised to June 1963; Reprinted 1952	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	86

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SCREEN CAPTURE

STEP 2: CHOOSE A MAP SHEET

2A Click on the Publication of interest to open the publication.

2B Click on the Text Index or Index Map to identify which map sheets depict an area of interest.

Historical Information Gatherers — Learning Portal: Choose a Topic

Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume One 188...

RESEARCH TOOLS
Title | Key | Text Index | Correction Record | Notes
INDEX MAPS
Index | Index R | — **2B**

Show images from:
○ My Project Folder
◉ Publication Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume One 1885 (Source: Library of Congress)

SCREEN CAPTURE

TEXT INDEX

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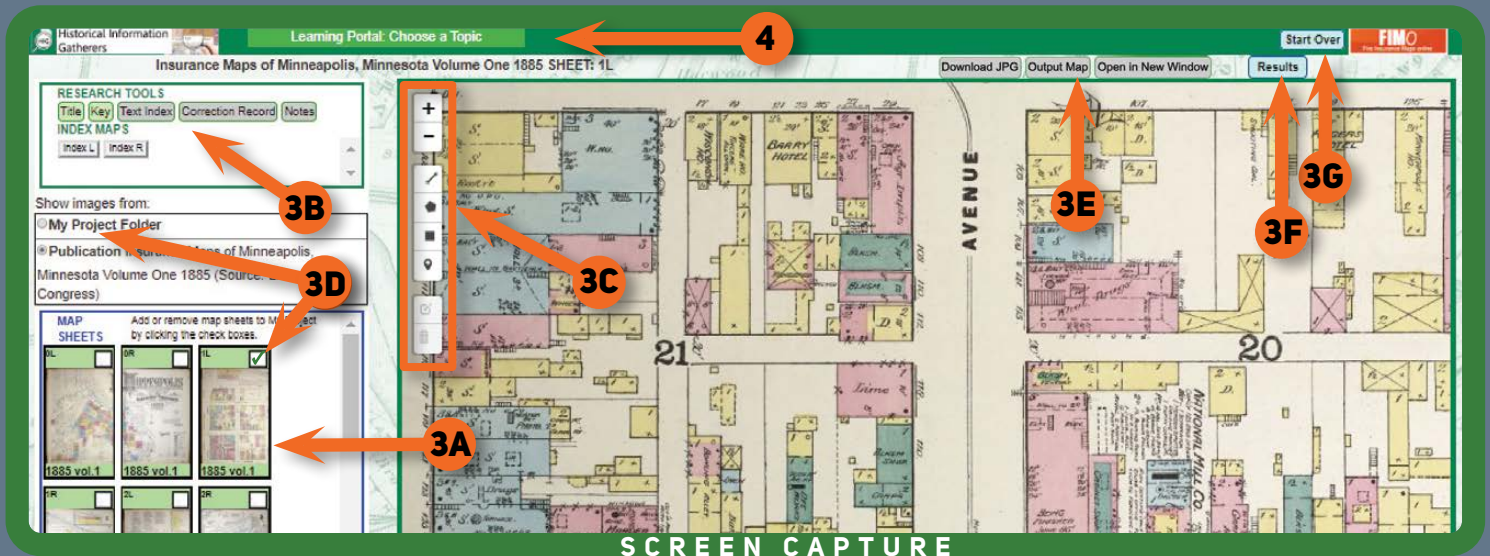
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INDEX MAP

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READ & WORK WITH MAPS

INTERACTIVE AND PLACE NAME SEARCH

SCREEN CAPTURE

STEP 3: READ AND WORK WITH MAPS

3A   Click on map sheet found in STEP 2.

3B   Read the Map with the aid of Research Tools

3C   Mark up the map using the Drawing Tools.

3D   Temporarily save the map by clicking on its check-box and refer back to it in "My Project Folder" for quick reference (folder will be cleared upon logout).

3E   Create PDF (to save or print) and download full resolution Jpegs (if available).

3F   Go back to Search Results to view other map publications.

3G   Start Over to complete a new search.

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4   **LEARNING PORTAL**

For additional information: The Learning Portal uses a drop down list with the following links:
- How to Search - http://www.historicalinfo.com/fimo-how-to-search/
- FIMo Tool Descriptions - http://www.historicalinfo.com/fimo-tool-descriptions/
- How to Interpret Sanborn Maps - http://www.historicalinfo.com/fimo-interpret-sanborn-maps/