

Directions for access Sanborn maps on the Louisville Free Public Library Website,

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1. You first must have a library card and a password. If you do not have a library card, you'll have to go to your nearest branch library to get one. You can also self-register at: <https://pac.lfpl.org/polaris/patronaccount/selfregister.aspx>. If you do not have a password, at the top of any page of the LFPL website, click on "My Account". Then in the 'User Name or Bar Code' enter the thirteen (13) number that is on the back of your library card, directly under the bar code, and then click on 'Forgot Password'. A generic password will be emailed to you. You can then change it to one that you create yourself.
2. Note: the library at one time had classes on how to use the Sanborn maps. To find classes offered, visit <https://www.lfpl.org/events>
3. You can navigate directly to the Sanborn Map page here: <https://www.lfpl.org/sanborn-maps-1867-1970> or follow the directions below to access through the main LFPL site.

On the LFPL.org homepage, click on "Research" and then select "Research Databases"

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Louisville Free Public Library. At the top left is the library's logo. To the right are navigation links: Catalog, My Account, Branches, Get Involved, and Get a Library Card. A search bar is located below these links with the placeholder text "Find books, articles, videos, and more...". Below the search bar is a blue navigation bar with dropdown menus for Borrow, Explore, Services, Research, Lifelong Learning, Events, and How Do I?. The Research dropdown menu is open, showing options: Research Databases, Genealogy, Kentucky History Room, and African American Archives. Below the navigation bar is a large promotional banner for a book signing event. The banner features a portrait of Jeff Speck, author of "Walkable City". Text on the banner includes "PRESENTED BY UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE CHRISTINA LEE BROWN DANBORNE INSTITUTE", "RENOUNDED URBAN PLANNER AND AUTHOR OF WALKABLE CITY", "JEFF SPECK", "TUESDAY, MAY 21, 6 PM • MAIN LIBRARY", and "REGISTER NOW". A "WALKABLE LOUISVILLE" logo is also present. Below the banner is a link that says "Check out LFPL programs, events, activities and more..." followed by a row of small images of people.

On the next page, type "Sanborn" in the search box and then click "access now".

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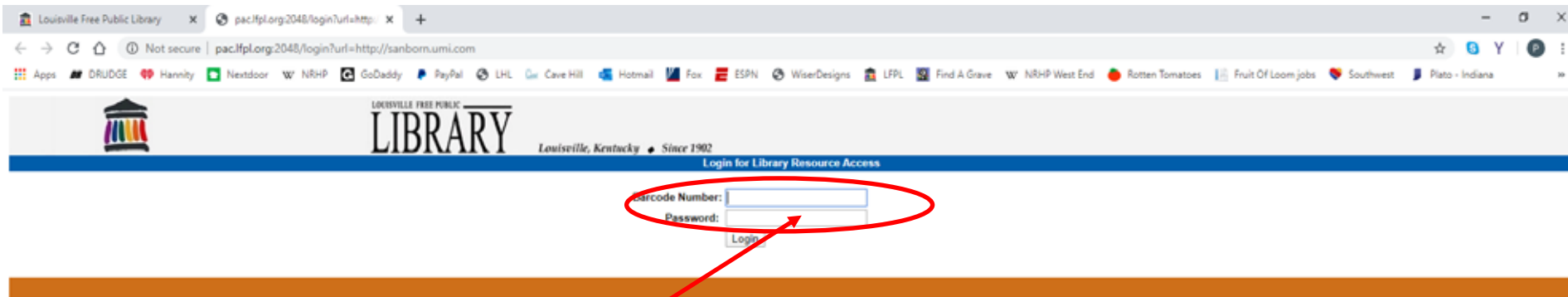
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Sanborn Maps 1867-1970

Description:

A valuable historical resource featuring detailed fire insurance maps that document the urban development and infrastructure of cities and towns in the United States during the late 19th and 20th centuries.

[Access Now](#)



On the next page, enter your thirteen digit Barcode Number that is on the back of your library card, just under the barcode. Then enter your password, and click 'Login'

If you do not have a password, follow the directions on the first page of these directions.

You are now on the Sanborn Maps homepage.

Next, click on 'Browse and Explore'



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About Browse Maps Legend

About Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970

Welcome. Founded in 1867 by D. A. Sanborn, the Sanborn Map Company was the primary American publisher of fire insurance maps for nearly 100 years. The maps provide a wealth of information, such as building outline, size and shape. Come explore America's rich and diverse building history.

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A Visual Expression of History

Produced for over a century, more than 660,000 Sanborn maps chart the growth and development of more than 12,000 American towns and cities. Sanborn maps are large-scale plans of a city or town, drawn at a scale of 50 feet to an inch. They were created to assist fire insurance companies as they assessed the risk associated with insuring a particular property. The maps list street blocks and building numbers including numbers in use at the time the map was made and previous numbers.

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On next page, click on 'Select a State'.

Then, click on 'Kentucky'

Browse Maps

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1 Select a state

State:

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On next page, click on 'Select a City'.

Note: Sanborn maps for most Kentucky cities are available.

For 'Louisville', scroll down the list and click on
'Louisville—Jefferson County'



Your institution subscribes only to maps from the states listed in Step 1 below.

1 Select a state
State: Kentucky

2 Select a city
City: Select a city

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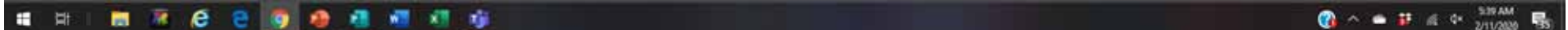
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On next page, click on 'Select a Date'.

Note: There are several Sanborn maps to choose from

The screenshot shows the ProQuest Digital Sanborn Maps interface. The page title is "ProQuest Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970". The main heading is "Browse Maps". A central form contains three steps:

1. Select a state
State:
2. Select a city
City:
3. Select a date
Date:

A red circle highlights the "3. Select a date" step, and a red arrow points to it from the text above. The footer contains the ProQuest logo, a "NON-COMMERCIAL USE ONLY" notice, and various links like "Contact Us", "Terms and Conditions", "Privacy Policy", "Cookie Policy", "Cookie Preferences", and "Accessibility". The system tray at the bottom shows the time as 5:43 AM on 2/11/2020.

Now, things get a bit more complicated and you'll need to 'click' around to learn more about which Sanborn maps you wish to use. For instance, if you click on '1928—1941', this page appears. Then, if you click on 'Volume', a list of maps appears and you can select which map you want to access.

The screenshot displays the ProQuest Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970 interface. The header includes the ProQuest logo and the site title. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'About' and 'Browse', and a 'Maps Legend' link on the right. The main content area is titled 'Results' and includes a 'Back to Browse Maps' link. The search filters are set to State: Kentucky, City: Louisville [Jefferson Co.], Date: 1928-1941, and Volume: vol. 1, 1930. The 'Volume' dropdown menu is circled in red, and a red arrow points from the text above to it. Below the search filters, there is an 'Editor's Notes' section and a grid of 32 map sheets, labeled from 'Cover, Sheet 1a' to 'Sheet 31'. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing the time as 9:45 AM on 2/11/2020.

As an example, if you click on “Vol 2 West, 1941”, this page appears.

Then, if you click on the ‘Index Sheet 0”, this page will direct you to which sheet contains the area which you are seeking.

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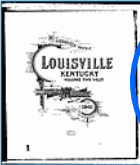















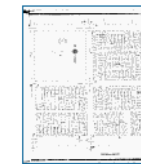













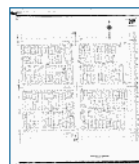





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 Sheet 16w	 Sheet 17w	 Sheet 18w	 Sheet 19w	 Sheet 20w	 Sheet 21w	 Sheet 22w	 Sheet 23w	 Sheet 24w
 Sheet 25w	 Sheet 26w	 Sheet 27w	 Sheet 28w	 Sheet 29w	 Sheet 30w	 Sheet 31w	 Sheet 32w	 Sheet 33w

One more thing: these Sanborn maps are in black & white—not color! To interpret the graphics on the maps, click on 'Maps Legend'

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Maps Legend

This 'Sanborn Map Legend' will then appear. It is a PDF. You can download it in order to zoom in / out of it in order to read the text, or use your computers zoom in / out feature to enlarge it to read.

SANBORN MAP LEGEND

CODING OF NON-RESIDENTIAL FIRE-RESISTIVE STRUCTURAL UNITS FOR FIREPROOF AND NON-COMBUSTIBLE BUILDINGS

FRAMING	FLOORS	ROOF
CODE STRUCTURAL UNIT	CODE STRUCTURAL UNIT	CODE STRUCTURAL UNIT
A. Reinforced Concrete Frame.	1. Reinforced Concrete, Reinforced Concrete with Masonry Units, Pre-cast Concrete or Opposit Slabs or Slabs.	a. Reinforced Concrete, Reinforced Concrete with Masonry Units, Reinforced Gypsum Concrete, Pre-cast Concrete or Gypsum Slabs or Slabs.
B. Reinforced Concrete Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches, Masonry Piers.	2. Concrete on Metal Lath, Incombustible Floor Boards, Paper-laced Wire Fabric, Steel Deck, or Cellular, Ribbed or Corrugated Steel Deck.	b. Concrete or Gypsum on Metal Lath, Incombustible Floor Boards, Paper-laced Wire Fabric, Steel Deck, or Cellular, Ribbed or Corrugated Steel Deck.
C. Protected Steel Frame.	3. Open Steel Deck or Grating.	c. Incombustible Composition Boards with or without Insulation, Masonry or Metal Tiles.
D. Individually Protected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.	4. Open Steel Deck in Framing.	4. Steel Deck, Corrugated Metal or Asbestos Protected Metal with or without Insulation.
E. Indirectly Protected Steel Frame.	F. Unprotected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.	
F. Unprotected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.	G. Unprotected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.	
G. Unprotected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.	H. Unprotected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.	
H. Unprotected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.	I. Masonry Bearing Walls only.	

The coding to left, for framing, floor and roof structural units is used in describing the construction of fire-retardive buildings. In addition, reports for fire-retardive buildings will show the steel, wall construction other than brick, and ceilings.

FP-1902
(C. A.)
A-1-c

FPX-1902
(C. A.)
A-2-b

NC-1902
(C. A.)
H-2-d

A fireproof building built in 1902 with concrete walls and reinforced concrete frame, floors and roof.

A fireproof building built in 1902 with metal joist walls, reinforced concrete columns and beams, concrete floors on metal lath and open steel roof, non-combustible ceilings.

A non-combustible building built in 1902 with concrete block walls, unprotected steel joist walls, beams and joists, concrete floors on metal lath and steel deck roof.

GLOSSARY

A-B LINE An arbitrary boundary between adjoining sheets.

AL Alarm.

AL Alarm. Assigned with fire detecting devices which automatically signal alarm to fire department.

AL Alarm. At building entrance containing fire alarm pull station.

AL Alarm. A masonry wall extending to roof.

AL Alarm. A masonry wall extending to basement.

AL Alarm. A story having floor below ground & its ceiling at least 4' above ground.

AL Alarm. A floor of building was above the first floor. Shows the ground & following story height. See basements or sub-basement, (terrace below 1st basement), are shown by the ground line following basement systems.

AL Alarm. (applicable to maps in Rocky Mountain & Pacific Coast States).

AL Alarm. Same, concrete brick & concrete chimney.

AL Alarm. Non-standard concrete chimney.

AL Alarm. Fire escape.

AL Alarm. Iron chimney.

AL Alarm. Stone pipe.

AL Alarm. Stone pipe with patent ventilator.

MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

Important interior and all exterior masonry walls of all non-residential buildings are shown with weighted (—) lines.

Masonry walls of residential buildings are shown with a standard line and the construction is noted on all buildings diagrammed after July, 1905.

WALLS	PARTITIONS	OPENINGS
<p>1" Brick</p> <p>1 1/2" Concrete</p> <p>1 1/2" & 2 1/2" Mason</p> <p>1 1/2" & 4" Hollow Tile Wall Thicknesses Placed Relative to Respective Floors</p> <p>Clad, Concrete or Cement Brick</p> <p>Hollow Clad or Concrete Block Interior Wall Basement to Roof</p> <p>Hollow Clad or Concrete Block, Pulverized</p> <p>Cement Brick End Wall</p>	<p>Frame</p> <p>Tile from Foundation to Top Ceiling only</p> <p>Concrete 1st Floor only</p> <p>Hollow Clad or Concrete Block 1st Floor only</p> <p>Brick 2nd Floor only</p> <p>Tile 1st & 2nd Floors only</p> <p>Cement Brick End Wall</p>	<p>Wall with No Openings</p> <p>Wall with Double Standard Fire Doors 1st Floor</p> <p>Wall with Standard Fire Door Basement</p> <p>Wall with Substandard Fire Doors 1st & 2nd Floors</p> <p>Wall with Metal & Wired Glass Fire Doors all Floors</p> <p>Wall with Substandard Fire Doors 1st, 2nd & 3rd Floors & Unprotected Opening 4th Floor</p> <p>Wall with Small Unprotected Openings only</p> <p>Wall with Unprotected Openings all Floors</p>

NON-MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

Non-masonry walls are shown with line (—) lines. (Wall construction other than wood and stone on wood frame is noted)

Wood & Stone & Cement Plaster, Etc. on Wood Frame	Wood Sash & Glass	Iron Building with Wood Roof, Location of Extensive Wood Areas Specifically noted	Apron Walls With Wood Sash and Glass	Asphalt and/or Asbestos Protected Metal on Steel Frame
Brick Veneered on Wood Frame (Other Types of Veneered on Wood Frame Specifically Noted)	Metal Sash & Glass	Asbestos Clad on Wood Frame, Noted in Non-Residential Structures only.	Recess, Cement Plaster, Etc. on Steel Frame	Asphalt and/or Asbestos Protected Metal on Wood Frame
Mixed Masonry & Non-Masonry (Type of Masonry Specifically Noted)	Metal Clad on Wood Frame	Mixed Wall - 1/2" of CB With Metal Sash Above	Gable on Steel Frame	Glass Panels
Wood, Brick Lined, Br-Filled or Brick Nipped	Iron Building	Metal Panels		

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire Department Connection	Single Hydrant	Frame Enclosed Elevator with Self Closing Traps	2 Stories & Basement
Automatic Sprinklers throughout contiguous sections of single riser	Double Hydrant	Concrete Block Enclosed Elevator with Traps	1st Floor Occupied by Store
Automatic Sprinklers all floors of building	Triple Hydrant	Tile Enclosed Elevator with Self Closing Traps	2 Residential Units above 1st
Automatic Sprinklers in part of building only (Note under Symbol indicates protected portion of building)	Quadruple Hydrant of the High Pressure Service	Brick Enclosed Elevator with Wired Glass Door	Auto in Basement
Not Sprinklered	Water Pipes of the High Pressure Service	Open Hotel	Drive or Passageway
Automatic Sprinklers in part of building only (Note under Symbol indicates protected portion of building)	Water Pipes of the High Pressure Service as Shown on Key Map	Hotel with Traps	Wood String Roof
Chemical Sprinklers in part of building only (Note under Symbol indicates protected portion of building)	Public Water Service	Open Hotel Basement to 1st	Iron Chimney
Vertical Pipe or Stand Pipe	Private Water Service	Batrs	Vertical Steam Boiler
Automatic Fire Alarm	VERTICAL OPENINGS	Number of Stories	Horizontal Steam Boiler
Water Tank	Skylight lighting top story only	Height in Feet	Width of Street between Block Lines, not Cut Lines
Outside Vertical Pipe in fire escape	Skylight lighting 2 stories	Composition Roof Covering	Ground Elevation
Fire Alarm Box	Skylight with Wired Glass in Metal Sash	Parapet 4" above Roof	House numbers nearest to Buildings are Official or Actually up on Buildings, Old House Numbers are Farthest from Buildings
Fire Service	Open Elevator	Parapet 12" above Roof	House numbers nearest to Buildings are Official or Actually up on Buildings, Old House Numbers are Farthest from Buildings
	Frame Enclosed Elevator	Parapet 14" above Roof	
	Frame Enclosed Elevator with Traps	Parapet 48" above Roof	

Map legend for understanding black-and-white editions of fire insurance maps issued in recent years by the Sanborn Map Company.

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+ Fire Department as shown on Key Map