

# Say HELLO to

**FIMO**  
Fire Insurance Maps online

## Premium Historical Property Map Research Tool

### 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.

### Discover how an area changed over time

Comparing maps from different time periods will show building additions, new buildings on formerly vacant land, and the growth and redevelopment of entire neighborhoods.

### Learn about a building's structure and design

Full color fire insurance maps provide information about building materials, how many floors and windows there were, if it was a single or multi-family dwelling, a factory or a church.

### Imagine what life was like

Judging by the location, size and construction of buildings where individuals lived and worked, you can imagine their economic status and begin to envision what life was like for them.

Market	Map	Year	Volume	Publication	Publisher	Map Type	# Sheets
Chicago		1886	2	Robinson's Atlas of the City of Chicago Illinois Volume One 1886	E. Robinson	Real Estate Atlas	50
Chicago	Show	1891	3	Atlas of Chicago Volume 1 1891	Rancher Insurance Map Publishing Co.	Fire Insurance	16
Chicago	Show	1892	02	Greeley-Carlson Company's Second Atlas of the City of Chicago, Volume Two 1892	R. R. & R. H. Donnelley	Real Estate Atlas	30
Chicago	Show	1894	SPL	Insurance Map of the Chicago Grain Elevators 1894	Western Insurance Survey Co.	Fire Insurance	116
Chicago		1894	SPL	Chicago Lower Districts June 1894	Western Insurance Survey Co.	Fire Insurance	8
Chicago	Show	1901	SPL	Insurance Maps of Chicago Grain Elevators 1901	Sanborn-Peris Map Co.	Fire Insurance	56
Chicago		1903	SPL	Chicago Grain and Milk Elevators, Warehouses, Docks, and Freight Depots September 1903	Yerkes Insurance Survey Co.	Fire Insurance	104
Chicago	Show	1911	3	Insurance Maps of Chicago, Illinois Volume Three 1911	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	142
Chicago		1933	SPL	A Century of Progress International Exposition - Burnham Park - Chicago, IL April 1933	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	1
Chicago	Show	1950	3	Insurance Maps of Chicago, Illinois Volume Three 1911; Revised to June 1950	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	144

**Research Tools**

INDEX MAPS

Show images from

- My Project Folder
- Publication Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume One 1885 (Source: Library of Congress)

MAP SHEETS

Add or remove map sheets to My Project Folder by clicking the map icons.

1885 vol 1 1885 vol 1 1885 vol 1

**SCREEN B WORKING ON MAP PAGES**

Mark-Up & Drawing Tools

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## TWO WAYS TO SEARCH

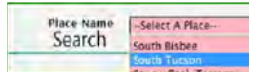


### 1 INTERACTIVE MAP SEARCH **SCREEN A**

Use the Interactive Map Search function to identify potential map coverage at a precise location (this method may not identify "insets" that are not shown on index maps).

1. Enter an address, Lat/Lon, or navigate to the location of interest.
2. Click on the map to place a marker and generate the list of map publications that may provide coverage at that precise location or nearby areas.

### 2 PLACE NAME SEARCH



Use the Place Name Search to find map publications for a city, county, or other place in the selected state. This method is best for identifying "insets" that are not shown on index maps. Place names include historical names for cities and towns, neighborhoods, unincorporated villages or other populated areas. This search method produces a list of all publications that may provide coverage for the Place Name you have entered.

1. Choose the State from the drop-down menu.
2. Choose the Place Name (City, County, or Site) from the second drop-down menu.

## CHOOSE A MAP SHEET

1. Click on a publication overlay to find the page where the property is displayed. **A1**
2. Click on the name of the publication. **A2**
3. Click on the map sheet number found in step A1. **B1**

## READ & WORK WITH MAPS **SCREEN B**

1. Read the map with the aid of Research Tools. **B2**
2. Mark up the map using the Drawing Tools. **B3**
3. Save the map by clicking on its checkbox and refer back to it in "My Project Folder" for quick reference (folder will be cleared upon logout). **B4**
7. Print or Download maps (if available). **B5**
8. Go back to the Search Results. **B6**
9. Start over. **A3**

For more instructional information about FIMO, including how to interpret Sanborn maps, see the Learning Portal drop down menu. **A4**