

ANYWHERE-ADVENTURES

Anybody can be a researcher! Get started with the Library of Congress's online digital collection.

Read about the stories that happened around town, and then visit them to capture photos for your travel log.

Anywhere Adventures is mobile website of local history stories through comics and archival items.

This is a part of my Residence at the Library of Congress!

ALL THE MAPS!

Wanna just see what maps the Library of Congress has of an area?

1. Navigate to library's website @

LOC.GOV

2. In the search bar, type in the location you want to research:

Everything

3. Use the filters on the left to narrow down to just maps.

(under the "Original Format" category)

(you can also filter to narrow down your location, the year of the map...etc)

Original Format	
Newspaper	746,661
Periodical	15,006
Book/Printed Material	13,338
Manuscript/Unpublished Material	3,460
Photo, Print, Drawing	2,821
Web Page	1,765
Film, Video	1,118
Personal Narrative	1,093
Audio Recording	361
Legislation	232
Software, E-Resource	88
Notated Music	55
Map	50
Web Archive	41

MAPS

Maps are easy and fun to look at, and you can also find stories hidden in their details!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN RESEARCH ADVENTURE

2. in the search bar, look up "Sanborn [your location]"

3. Depending on where you search for, there might even be multiple editions through different years.

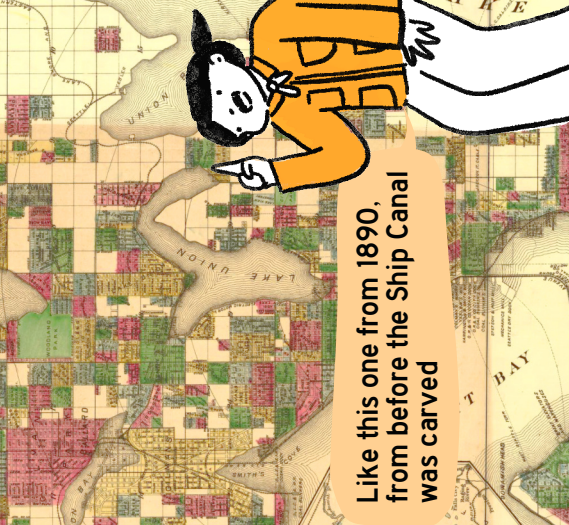
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Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Seattle, King County, Washington.
Vol. 6, 1919 - Sep 1920, 128 sheets, 010. Key map to edition.
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Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Seattle, King County, Washington.
Vol. 1, 1916 - Apr 1920, 107 sheets, 005. Key map to edition. Map of congested district.
Date: 1920
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MAP
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Seattle, King County, Washington.
1904-1905 Vol. 3, 1905, 115 sheets, Key map to edition. Bound.
Date: 1905
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Can you find: some utility facility? an old business? a mystery?

Like this one from 1890, from before the Ship Canal was carved



One thing I didn't expect to be so interesting (as a modern day map user) is seeing how a place has changed over time
Maps are like...journals of locations at a specific time.

Now it's your turn to go on a adventure!

DO YOU WANT TO EITHER...

OR
do some SPECIFIC map sleuthing?

Go on some general map exploration?

you have a specific place you want to investigate

you just wanna see some cool maps NOW

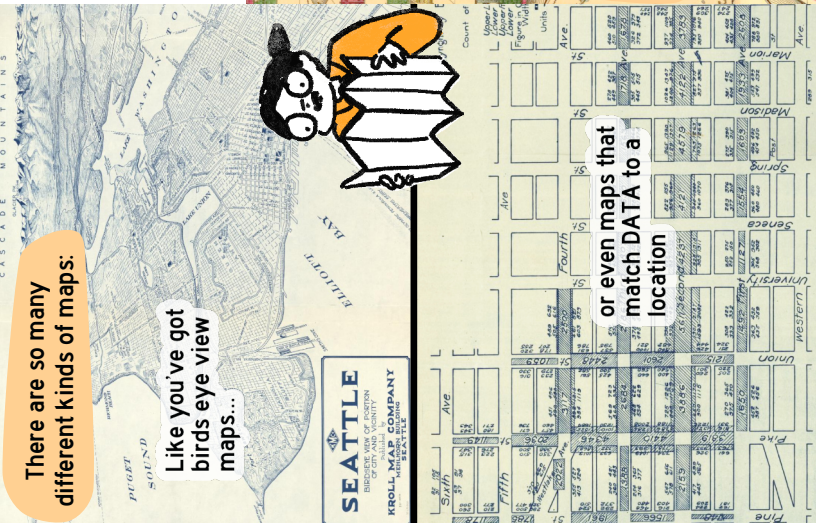


SEARCHING THROUGH SANBORN

The Sanborn maps were created for towns across the country for fire insurance purposes – but they're FILLED with interesting details.

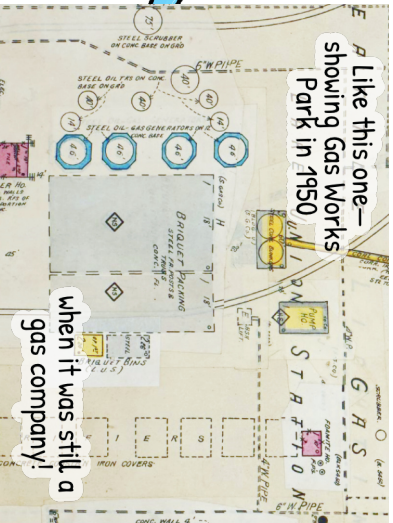
There are so many different kinds of maps:

Like you've got birds eye view maps...



or even maps that match DATA to a location

when it was still a gas company!



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