

How to Search for Maps using FIMo

Choose a Search Method - Interactive Map or Place Name Search

Interactive Map Search

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). Enter an address, Lat/Lon, or navigate to the location of interest. 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.

The screenshot shows the FIMo (Fire Insurance Maps Online) web application. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Historical Information Gatherers', 'Learning Portal', and the 'FIMo' logo. Below the navigation bar is a search input field with the placeholder text 'Enter an Address or Latitude, Longitude'. To the right of the input field are buttons for 'Go To Marker' and 'Clear The Marker'. The main area displays a satellite map of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a red marker placed on the map. Below the map is a table listing map publications that cover the selected location.

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	Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume Two 1892; Revised to 1906	Rascher Insurance Map Publishing Co.	Fire Insurance	
Minneapolis	1912	6	Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume Six 1912	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	117
Minneapolis	1930	6	Insurance Maps of Minneapolis, Minnesota Volume Six 1912; Revised to 1930	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	
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	1952	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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Clicking on a different location on the map will result in a refreshed list of map publications that may provide coverage at the new location. If there are no map publications for your location, you will see a message at the bottom of the map and no publications will be listed.

The screenshot shows the FIMo web application with the same map of Minneapolis. A red marker has been moved to a different location on the map. Below the map, a message states: 'Sorry, we have no publications that cover that location'.

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.

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:

Place Name:

Market	Year	Volume	Publication	Publisher	Map Type	# Sheets
Almelund	1959		May 1959	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1
Center City	1966		Center City, Minnesota April 1966	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1
Chisago City	1960		Chisago City, Minnesota July 1960	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1
Harris	1950		Harris, Minnesota August 1950	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1
North Branch	1894		North Branch, Minnesota July 1894	Sanborn-Perris Map Co.	Fire Insurance	1
North Branch	1899		North Branch, Minnesota October 1899	Sanborn-Perris Map Co.	Fire Insurance	2
North Branch	1904		North Branch, Minnesota April 1904	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	3
North Branch	1914		North Branch, Minnesota February 1914	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	3
North Branch	1922		North Branch, Minnesota July 1922	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	3
North Branch	1960		North Branch, Minnesota March 1960	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	2
Rush City	1894		Rush City, Minnesota July 1894	Sanborn-Perris Map Co.	Fire Insurance	2
Rush City	1899		Rush City, Minnesota October 1899	Sanborn-Perris Map Co.	Fire Insurance	2
Rush City	1904		Rush City, Minnesota May 1904	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	3
Rush City	1912		Rush City, Minnesota October 1912	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	4
Rush City	1923		Rush City, Minnesota October 1923	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	4
Rush City	1931		Rush City, Minnesota June 1931	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	5
Rush City	1955		May 1955	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	3
Shafer	1958		Shafer, Minnesota October 1958	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1
Stacy	1949		Stacy, Minnesota November 1949	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1
Sunrise	1959		Sunrise, Minnesota June 1959	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1
Taylors Falls	1885		Taylors Falls, Minnesota September 1885	Sanborn Map & Publishing Co.	Fire Insurance	1
Taylors Falls	1892		Taylors Falls, Minnesota November 1892	Sanborn-Perris Map Co.	Fire Insurance	1
Taylors Falls	1899		Taylors Falls, Minnesota October 1899	Sanborn-Perris Map Co.	Fire Insurance	1
Taylors Falls	1904		Taylors Falls, Minnesota April 1904	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	2
Taylors Falls	1914		Taylors Falls, Minnesota February 1914	Sanborn Map Co.	Fire Insurance	2
Taylors Falls	1962		Taylors Falls, Minnesota June 1962	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1
Wyoming	1966		Wyoming, Minnesota May 1966	Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau	Fire Insurance	1

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No Coverage?

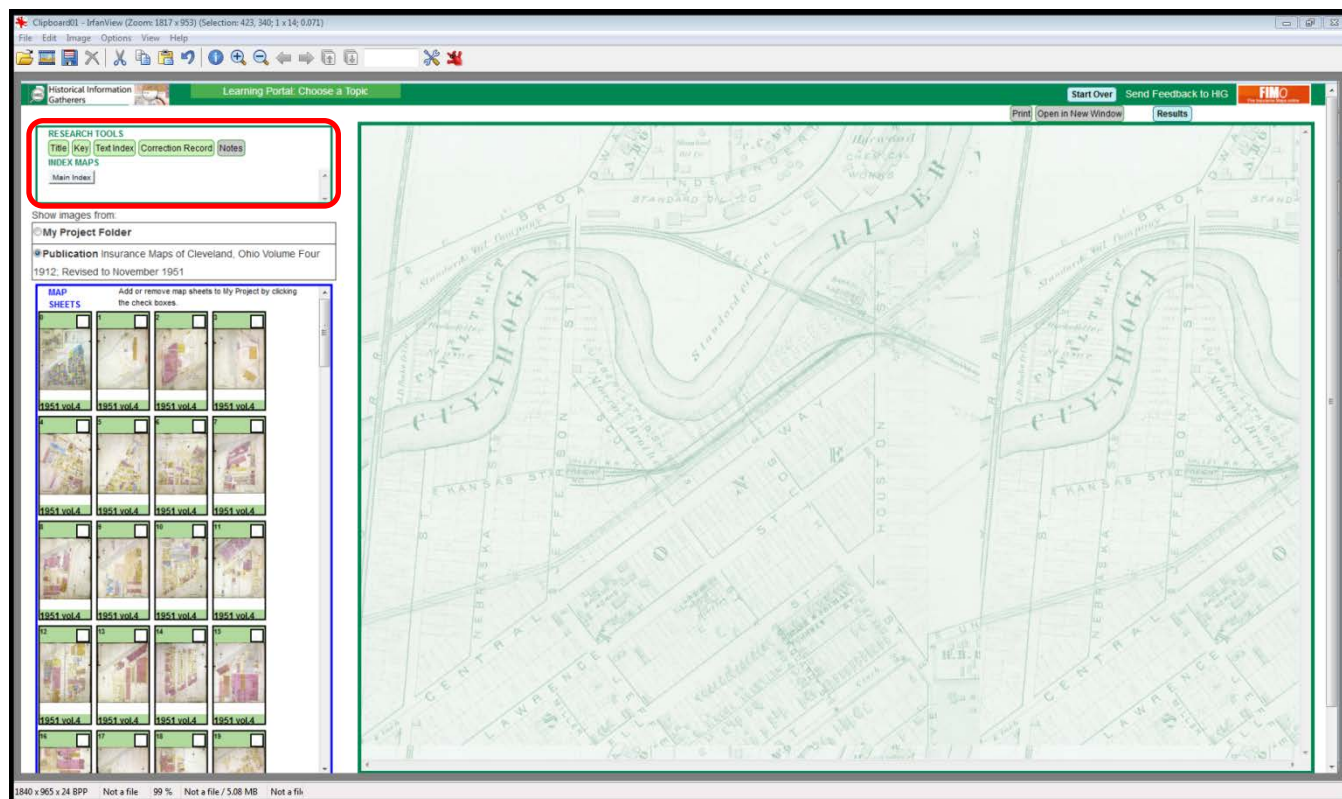
Oftentimes a map publication will contain sheets or “insets” (sometimes called “Specials”) that are not depicted on index maps. This is typically because they are located far enough away that it isn’t practical to show, or were added after initial publication. Isolated areas depicted in these insets may be located 10 miles or more away from the main coverage area. FIMO may not identify this coverage, especially using the Interactive Map search.

When is it appropriate to do extra detective work to try and identify coverage? When it is known or suspected that a facility or a developed area existed at the time the map was made. Out of town factories, resorts, hotels, gas stations, railroad depots, and more may have been mapped. Undeveloped areas and outlying residential neighborhoods are unlikely to have been mapped.

Identifying Sheets

Once a publication of interest has been identified, click the link to view it. Most publications in this collection have multiple sheets. Use the Text Index or Index Map to identify which map sheets depict an area of interest. Some publications do not have these features and you may have to browse the sheets for coverage. Fortunately, this usually occurs when there are only a small number of sheets.

The **Research Tools** section of the Sheets Page may contain edited images showing the Title, Key, Text Index, Correction Record, Notes, and Index Maps for the publication.



If you are visually oriented, checking the Index Map may be the preferred way to find which sheets depict the area of interest. Simply find the site's location on an Index Map, then identify the sheet numbers. Original index maps can be found on the Map Sheets, but Index Maps in the Research Tools area have been enhanced with modern street overlays.

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NEW INDEX, June, 1940

ADDITIONAL INDEX, APRIL, 1941

Additional Index, 1941, to Additional Index of April, 1941

Mapped areas not shown on Index Maps can usually be identified by using the Text Index. The Street Section allows for an address lookup. Keep in mind that street names and address ranges may have changed over time. The Specials section lists facilities of special interest by name. The type of facility is usually noted as well. Scanning the list of Specials for a type a facility is a good way to check if the name is not known.

Click on the desired Map Sheet to display in the browser.

