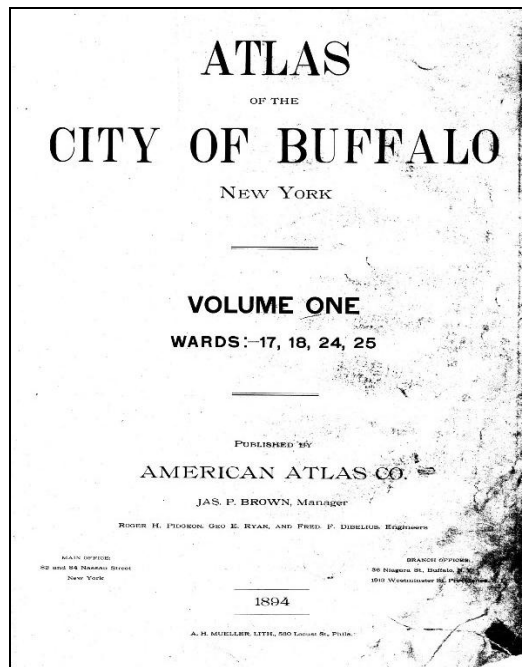


# BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY ATLASES: BEST BETS FOR GENEALOGISTS AND HOUSE RESEARCHERS



## KEY

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- Buffalo = In Buffalo Collection in Grosvenor Room
- Folio = Very oversized book
- GRO = In Grosvenor Room

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide lists atlases that are likely to show your old house or land that your ancestor once owned, or both.

### About this collection:

- Atlases cover the city of Buffalo, or the towns and villages of Erie County, or both.
- Coverage is best for the City of Buffalo.
- Usually, only one atlas per decade was published showing details such as buildings or names of landowners.












For architectural researchers, **Sanborn maps**, also called fire insurance atlases, give the most detail. Our Sanborn collection is incomplete. In the volumes we do have, some pages are missing or mutilated.


















- We own many local maps and atlases in addition to the ones listed here but they show only roads and streets, not buildings or land owners.

Please be aware of these policies:

- Unless otherwise noted, **atlases may not be photocopied.**
- **Before using cameras or scanners** of any kind, please ask for the **permission form** at the Reference Desk.

These atlases must be used in the Grosvenor Room and may not be borrowed.

GENERAL ATLASES		 = Atlas is online  = Shows individual buildings  = Shows names of land owners	Buffalo	Erie County
Year	Call Number, Location, Title	Notes		
<b>1866</b> 	GRO Folio F127 .E6 S7 <b>New Topographical Atlas of Erie Co., New York, from Actual Surveys Especially for This Atlas</b> Philadelphia, PA: Stone & Stewart, 1866	Shows some individual buildings as tiny squares. May be photocopied if handled with care. Online at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/atlas1866">http://tinyurl.com/atlas1866</a>		 
<b>1872</b> 	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 1872 Hopkins, Griffith Morgan <b>Atlas of the City of Buffalo, Erie Co., New York: From Actual Surveys &amp; Official Records</b> Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, ©1872	In very frail condition, handle with extreme care. No photocopying. Online at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/atlas1872">http://tinyurl.com/atlas1872</a>	 	
<b>1880</b> 	GRO Folio F127.E6 B5; Buffalo *G1253 .E6 B4 1985 Beers, F. W. (Frederick W.) <b>Illustrated Historical Atlas of Erie Co., New York, from Actual Surveys and Records</b> Evansville, IN: Whippoorwill Publications, [1985]	Reprinted in 1985. Some circulating copies are available. The reprint may be freely photocopied. Online at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/atlas1880">http://tinyurl.com/atlas1880</a>		

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Call Number, Location, Title</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Erie County</b>
<b>1884</b>	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 1884 <b>Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, From Official Records, Private Plans and Actual Surveys</b> Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins & Co. 1884	No photocopying.		
<b>1891</b>	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 <b>Atlas of the City of Buffalo, NY: From Official Records, Private Plans and Actual Surveys</b> Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1891	Includes a small number of land owner names. No photocopying.		
<b>1893</b>	GRO Folio F127 .E6 H7 <b>Atlas of the Vicinities of the Cities of Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda and Buffalo, New York</b> Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1893	No photocopying.		
<b>1894</b> 	F129 .B8 A54 1894 <b>Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York</b> New York: American Atlas, 1894	3 volume set. In very frail condition. Online at: <a href="http://www2.erie.gov/atlasses/">http://www2.erie.gov/atlasses/</a>		
<b>1902</b>	GRO Folio G1254 .B8 P47 2002 <b>Perspective Map of Buffalo, New York</b> [Buffalo, NY:] Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, ©2002	Reprinted in 2002. Artist's conception of Buffalo as seen from the air. Includes simple renderings of buildings. May be freely photocopied.		
<b>1909</b>	GRO Folio F127 .E6 C4 <b>New Century Atlas of Erie County, New York: From Government Surveys, Official Records...</b> Philadelphia, PA : Century Map Company, 1909	No photocopying.		
<b>1915</b> 	GRO Folio F129 .B8 N25 <b>The New Century Atlas of Greater Buffalo</b> Philadelphia, PA: Century Atlas Co., 1915	3 volume set. No photocopying. Vol.1 & 2 are online; see links on: <a href="http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html">http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html</a>		
<b>1939</b>	GRO Folio F127 .E6 N6 1939* Niagara Frontier Planning Board <b>Atlas, Erie County</b> Buffalo, NY: The Board, [1939]	No photocopying.  *Located on Census Ward table		
<b>1948</b>	GRO Folio F127.E6 E6 <b>[Erie County Atlas]</b> [Buffalo, NY]: Erie County Planning Board, 1948	No photocopying.		
<b>1953</b>	Buffalo F129 .B8 B4515 <b>Buffalo Zoning Ordinance Maps: Chapter LXX of the Ordinances of the City of Buffalo</b> [Buffalo, NY]: City of Buffalo, 1953	Maps are very tiny in scale. Ask at the desk for a magnifying glass. May be freely photocopied.		
<b>1953</b>	Folio F129 .C42 T62 Reinstein, Julia Boyer, comp. <b>Town of Cheektowaga Historical Atlas</b> Cheektowaga, NY: [Town Board], 1955?	Includes early maps of entire county. Maps from 1849-1909 show names of Cheektowaga land owners. No photocopying.		

## SANBORN MAPS IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM

A copy of the index to each Sanborn atlas is located in a binder on wooden table near the atlases. See a librarian for assistance.

\***Date range** indicates that sections of the map have been updated to represent what was present by the last year in the range. **1881-1888 means that map represents 1888.** Some of the maps in the Sanborn database are uncorrected -- the map represents the year it was first published. See list below, and the Sanborn section in this guide for the link to the database.

### Buffalo Sanborn maps

Year	Red Dot/ Call Number	Area Covered	Notes
1881-1888*	1	Downtown core	In large black case
1881-1888*	2	Near East side	In large black case
1889	database	Downtown, lower West Side, Waterfront	Sanborn database, 1889-1893 set, vol 1, <b>1889</b>
1889	database	Near East Side, DT south of Oak	Sanborn database, 1889-1893 set, vol 2, <b>1889</b>
1889	database	East Side & Black Rock	Sanborn database, 1889-1893 set, vol 3, <b>1889</b>
1893	database	West Side	Sanborn database, 1889-1893 set, vol 4, <b>1889</b>
1899-1913*	3	Downtown and West side	In large black case, 1899 in call number label. For <b>1899</b> , see Sanborn database, 1899-1900 set, vol 1
1899-1914*	4	Downtown and East side	In large black case, 1899 in call number label. For <b>1899</b> , see Sanborn database, 1899-1900 set, vol 2
1899-1914*	5	Downtown and Far East side	In large black case, 1899 in call number label. For <b>1899</b> , see Sanborn database, 1899-1900 set, vol 3.
1900-1914*	6	Riverside, Black Rock, North Buffalo	In large black case, 1899 in call number label. For <b>1900</b> , see Sanborn database, 1899-1900 set, vol 4.
1916	database	Delaware, North Buffalo	Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 5, <b>1916</b>
1900-1923*	7	East side, Buffalo River	In large black case, 1917 in call number label. For <b>1900</b> , see Sanborn database, 1899-1900 set, vol 5
1917-1923*	8	East side	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1917</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 6
1917-1921*	9	South Buffalo	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1917</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 7
1925-1961*	10	Downtown core	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1925</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 1
1925-1961*	11	Lower West side	In large black case, 1953 in call number label. For <b>1925</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, v.1A
1926-1961*	12	East side – Broadway and south to Buf river	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1925</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 3


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1926-1961*	13	East side – Broadway and north to Ferry	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1926</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 2
1916-1961*	14	West side, Riverside, Black Rock	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1916</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 4
1935-1961*	15	North Buffalo, Main Street, Delaware district	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1935</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 5
1939-1961*	16	Far East side	In large black case 1953 in call number label
1939-1961*	17	Far East side, Lovejoy	In large black case 1953 in call number label
1935-1962*	18	North Buffalo, University Dist, Kensington	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1935</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 9
1940-1962*	19	South Buffalo	In large black case 1953 in call number label. For <b>1940</b> see Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 10
1939	database	Kensington (to Walden, from Eggert to Fillmore)	Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 6, 1939
1939	database	East Side (Walden to the river, from Fillmore to Cheektowaga)	Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 7, 1939
1950/1951	database	Entire city of Buffalo, with beginning dates from 1925 through 1940. All end in 1950 or 51.	
1963	*F129 .B8 S18 1963	Entire city of Buffalo in 10 volumes + Index	In black 3 ring binders under large Sanborns. Some pages missing. May be freely photocopied.
1981-1986	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Buffalo	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied. Grv.1, Dr.4 "Misc."

### Erie county towns

1928	Database	Kenmore	Sanborn database, 1916-1940 set, vol 8, 1928
1959	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Cheektowaga	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied. Grv.1, Dr.4 "Misc."
1964	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Kenmore, Tonawanda	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied. Grv.1, Dr.4 "Misc."

Many Erie County towns and cities beyond Buffalo are also in the Sanborn database. Check the index in the database, linked below, or see these Sanborn guides: <http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/genealogy/genealogy-databases>

SANBORN MAPS DATABASE	NOTES
 <a href="http://www.buffalolib.org/content/research">http://www.buffalolib.org/content/research</a>	<p>Black &amp; white printable Sanborn maps of cities and towns in New York State. Includes Buffalo &amp; parts of Erie County.</p> <p>See above chart for years covered.</p> <p>Use at our libraries or from home with a valid BECPL Library card number.</p>

WHERE ELSE CAN I FIND MAPS?	NOTES
<b>Buffalo History Museum's Research Library</b> 1 Museum Court Buffalo, NY 14216-3199 <a href="mailto:library@buffalohistory.org">library@buffalohistory.org</a> 716.873.9644 x 306 <a href="http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library.aspx">http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library.aspx</a>	Open to the public Wednesdays – Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Has a more complete Sanborn map collection plus some atlases not listed here.
<b>University Libraries Map Collection</b> Science & Engineering Library Room 316, Capen Hall, North Campus University at Buffalo Buffalo, NY 14260-1672 (716) 645-2945 <a href="http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/wny-maps.html">http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/wny-maps.html</a>	The University at Buffalo Map Collection has the 1991 Sanborn maps for the city of Buffalo on microfilm. UB also subscribes to Digital Sanborns for all of New York State. The Digital Sanborns database must be used on-site. Please contact the University Libraries for access policies. Their website has some free digitized aerial photographs of Buffalo and Erie County.

SELECTED MAP WEBSITES	NOTES
<a href="http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html">http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html</a> <b>Vintage Maps of Buffalo, Erie County, and Western NY</b>	A selection of old and new maps, plus links to the online atlases listed here
<a href="http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/maps">http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/maps</a> <b>Grosvenor Room Map Collection</b>	Information on the Grosvenor Room map collection; includes links to other online map resources.
<a href="http://www.fredonia.edu/library/special_collections/hlc/">http://www.fredonia.edu/library/special_collections/hlc/</a> <b>SUNY Fredonia Holland Land Company Maps</b>	1,363 color maps from the Archives of the Holland Land Company, featuring maps of NY State, WNY, and other Holland Land Company holdings in the eastern U.S.

THE ONLINE CATALOG OF THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
To find additional map-related items in our collection beyond those listed in this guide, try these Subject searches: <a href="http://www.buffalolib.org/vufind/">http://www.buffalolib.org/vufind/</a>
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