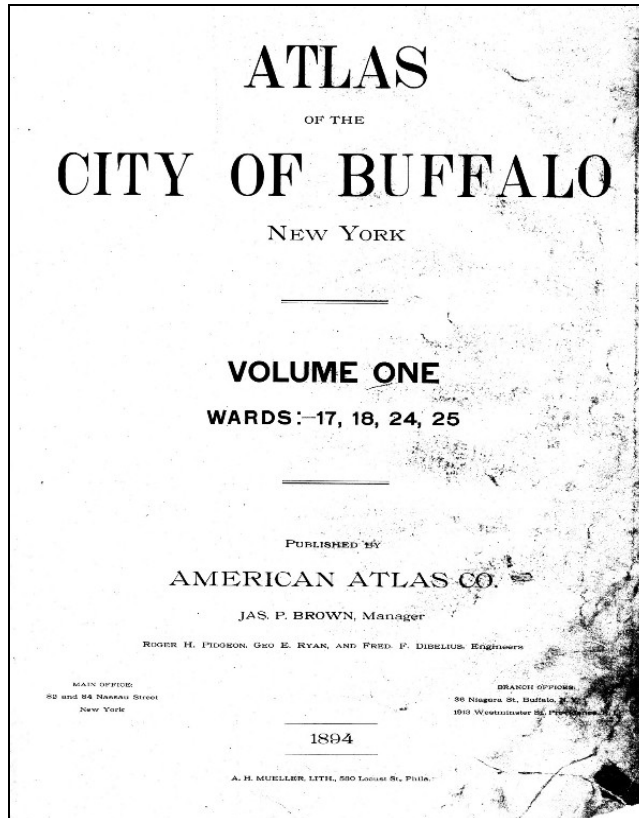


BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY ATLASES: BEST BETS FOR GENEALOGISTS AND HOUSE RESEARCHERS



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 which are likely to show your old house or land that your ancestor once owned, or both. They cover either the city of Buffalo or the towns and villages of Erie County or both. Coverage is best for the City of Buffalo. 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. Usually, only one atlas per decade was published showing buildings or names of land owners.








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.

Please be aware of these policies:

- Unless otherwise noted, **atlases may not be photocopied** except by staff on a special overhead copy machine.
- Please get permission at the Information Desk **before using cameras** or scanners of any kind.
- Researchers are welcome to make tracings from atlases.

Atlases must be used in the Grosvenor Room. Unless otherwise noted, atlases may not be borrowed.


GENERAL ATLASES		 = Atlas is online  = Shows individual buildings  = Shows names of land owners		
Year	Call Number, Location, Title	Notes	Buffalo	Erie County
1866 	GRO Folio F127 .E6 S7 New Topographical Atlas of Erie Co., New York, from Actual Surveys Especially for This Atlas Philadelphia, PA: Stone & Stewart, 1866	Shows some individual buildings as tiny squares. May be photocopied if handled with care. Online at: http://tinyurl.com/2yv6e8		 
1872 	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 1872 Hopkins, Griffith Morgan Atlas of the City of Buffalo, Erie Co., New York: From Actual Surveys & Official Records Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, ©1872	In very frail condition, handle with extreme care. No photocopying. Online at: http://tinyurl.com/2cj82j	 	
1880 	GRO Buffalo *G1253 .E6 B4 1985 Beers, F. W. (Frederick W.) Illustrated Historical Atlas of Erie Co., New York, from Actual Surveys and Records Evansville, IN: Whipporwill Publications, [1985]	Reprinted in 1985. Some circulating copies are available in HSS. The reprint may be freely photocopied. Online at: http://tinyurl.com/224j2y		
1884	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 1884 Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, From Official Records, Private Plans and Actual Surveys Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins & Co. 1884	No photocopying.	 	
1891	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 Atlas of the City of Buffalo, NY: From Official Records, Private Plans and Actual Surveys Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1891	Has a small number of land owner names. No photocopying.	 	
1893	GRO Folio F127 .E6 H7 Atlas of the Vicinities of the Cities of Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda and Buffalo, New York Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1893	No photocopying.		
1894 	GRO Folio F129 .B8 A54 1894 Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York New York: American Atlas, 1894	3 volume set. In very frail condition. Online at: http://www.erie.gov/atlas/buff_94/city_atlas.html		
1902	GRO Folio G1254 .B8 P47 2002 Perspective Map of Buffalo, New York [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.		
1909	GRO Folio F127 .E6 C4 New Century Atlas of Erie County, New York: From Government Surveys, Official Records... Philadelphia, PA : Century Map Company, 1909	No photocopying.		 
1915 	GRO Folio F129 .B8 N25 The New Century Atlas of Greater Buffalo Philadelphia, PA: Century Atlas Co., 1915	3 volume set. No photocopying. Vol.3, <i>Suburban Buffalo</i> , is online at: http://tinyurl.com/3d46aq		

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Year	Call Number, Location, Title	Notes	Buffalo	Erie County
1939	GRO Folio F127 .E6 N6 1939 Niagara Frontier Planning Board Atlas, Erie County Buffalo, NY: The Board, [1939]	No photocopying.		
1948	GRO Folio F127.E6 E6 [Erie County Atlas] [Buffalo, NY]: Erie County Planning Board, 1948	No photocopying.		
1953	Buffalo F129 .B8 B4515 Buffalo Zoning Ordinance Maps: Chapter LXX of the Ordinances of the City of Buffalo [Buffalo, NY]: City of Buffalo, 1953	Maps are very tiny in scale. Ask at the desk for a magnifying glass. May be freely photocopied.		
1953	Folio F129 .C42 T62 Reinstein, Julia Boyer, comp. Town of Cheektowaga Historical Atlas 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			
Year	Red Dot or Call Number	AREA COVERED	NOTES
1881-1888	1	Downtown core	In large black case
1881-1888	2	Near East side	In large black case
1899-1913	3	Downtown and West side	In large black case 1899 in call number label
1899-1914	4	Downtown and East side	In large black case 1899 in call number label
1899-1914	5	Downtown and East side	In large black case 1899 in call number label
1900-1914	6	Riverside, Black Rock, North Buffalo	In large black case 1899 in call number label
1900-1923	7	East side, Buffalo River	In large black case 1917 in call number label
1917-1923	8	East side	In large black case 1917 in call number label
1917-1921	9	South Buffalo	In large black case 1917 in call number label
1925-1961	10	Downtown core	In large black case 1953 in call number label

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Year	Red Dot or Call Number	AREA COVERED	NOTES
1925-1961	11	Lower West side	In large black case 1953 in call number label
1926-1961	12	East side	In large black case 1953 in call number label
1926-1961	13	East side	In large black case 1953 in call number label
1916-1961	14	West side, Riverside, Black Rock	In large black case 1953 in call number label
1935-1961	15	North Buffalo, Main Street, Delaware district	In large black case 1953 in call number label
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 District, Kensington	In large black case 1953 in call number label
1940-1962	19	South Buffalo	In large black case 1953 in call number label
1959	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Cheektowaga	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied.
1963	*F129 .B8 S18 1963	Entire city of Buffalo in 10 volumes + Index	In black 3 ring binders, some pages missing. May be freely photocopied.
1964	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Kenmore, Tonawanda	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied.
1981-1986	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Buffalo	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied.

SANBORN MAPS DATABASE	NOTES
 <p>http://multisearch.buffalolib.org/buffalo.asp</p>	<p>Black & white, printable Sanborn maps of cities and towns in New York State. Includes Buffalo & parts of Erie County.</p> <p>Available for users at the Central Library only; no at-home use.</p>

WHERE ELSE CAN I FIND MAPS?	NOTES
Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Research Library 25 Nottingham Court Buffalo, NY 14216 (716) 873-9644 ext. 306 http://www.bechs.org	Open to the public Wednesdays – Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Has a more complete Sanborn map collection plus some atlases not listed here.
University Libraries Map Collection Science & Engineering Library Room 316 Capen Hall, North Campus University at Buffalo Buffalo, NY 14260-1672 (716) 645-2945 askASL@buffalo.edu http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/wny-maps.html	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
http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html Vintage Maps of Buffalo, Erie County, and Western NY	A selection of old and new maps, plus links to the online atlases listed here
http://www.erie.gov/depts/community/atlasses.phtml 1894 City of Buffalo Atlas	All three volumes scanned online. Shows individual buildings.

WEB2: THE ONLINE CATALOG OF THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
http://web2.buffalolib.org/
<p>WEB2 is a database showing the books, magazines, CDs, videos, maps, and manuscripts owned by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. It includes the Grosvenor Room, all departments in the Central Library, and every town and branch library. Anyone may access it for free on the internet at the address above.</p> <p>To find additional map-related items in our collection beyond those listed in this guide, try these Subject searches.</p>
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