

Ancestry.com

If you have an ancestry.com account (which I highly recommend) login and type the name, county and date into the search engine. At this point you should be able to explore information on that person and their descendants from census records and any other information that has been uploaded to the site. When researching information on her ancestors at Furnessville, Alycia was able to learn about where they came from, how many children they had, local newspaper stories, clippings about them, as well as death and burial information.

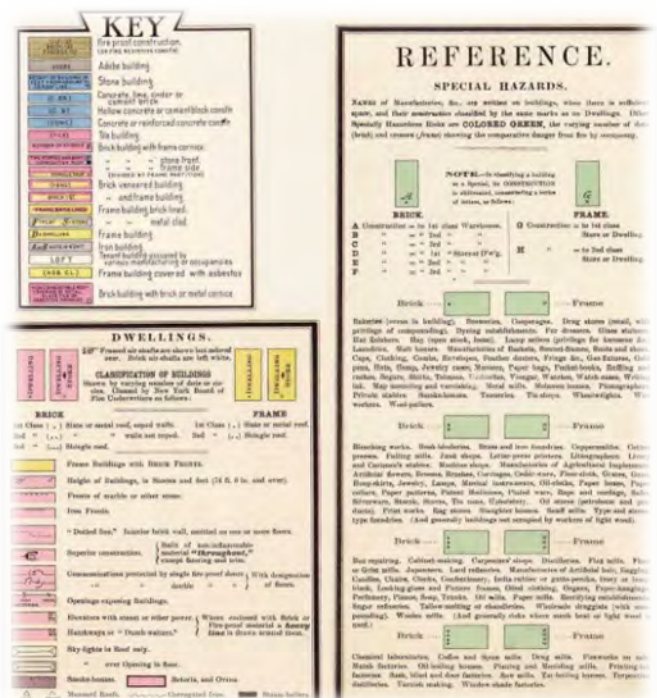


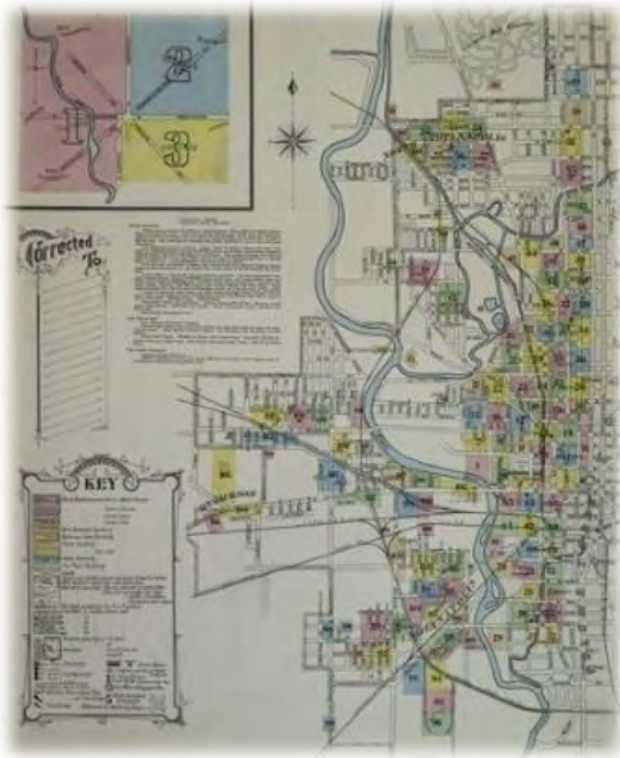
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Other maps that provide essential information on urban buildings from the 19th and 20th centuries are the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. These maps can be found on the Library of Congress website.

- <https://www.loc.gov/maps/>

These maps show specific buildings, locations of windows and doors, property boundaries, natural features, railroads, types of businesses, structure materials, and street names. The maps were used by insurance companies to determine the potential risks for



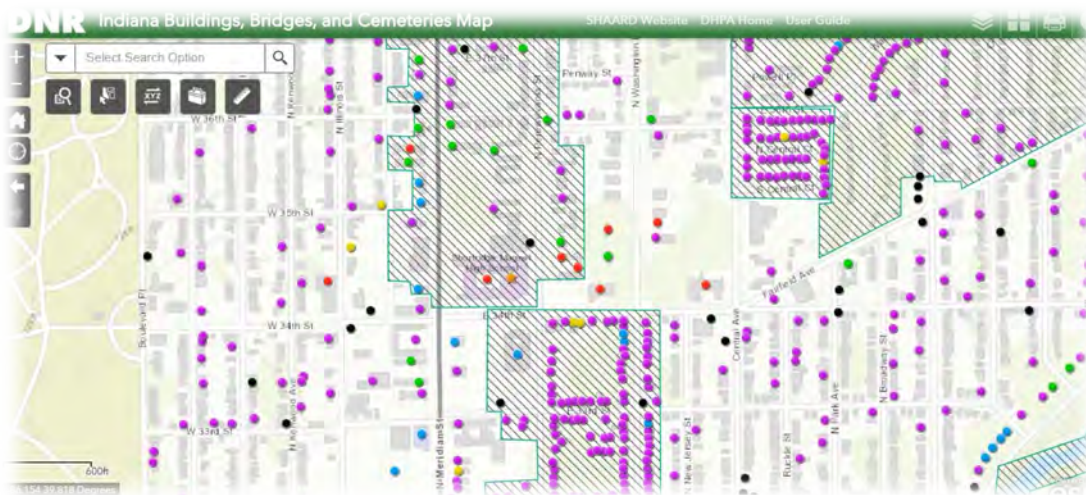


these urban areas. Because of the amount of detail used on the Sanborn maps, they are very useful when doing historic research. However, they are only useful in urban settings. They will not help you out if the area you are looking at is in a rural area.

State Databases

Another database that we use is the Indiana Historic Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map. This database is available to the public to search for information on historic structures and cemeteries throughout the state. Most states have databases like this so check out your local State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) webpage and see what they have to offer.

- <https://indnr.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=1593429c17c34942a0d1d3fac03c4a80>



And when all else fails, stop by your local library or historical society and ask them for any information they may have on the area you are researching. Chances are, they know a lot about it, know how to find out the information, or know how to put you in contact with someone who does.