

**8126-007-GSM-gau (USMARC)**  
**City of Savannah Municipal Archives, Savannah, Georgia [GSG (OCLC/LYRASIS)]**

**Record Series #:** 8126-007  
**Name:** Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Savannah, Georgia  
**Dates:** 1916 – 1973  
**Extent/Size:** 9 oversized boxes (5 cubic feet)  
**Language:** English

**Name of Creator(s):**  
The Sanborn Map and Publishing Co. (Limited)

***Administrative History:***

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps were created by the Sanborn Map and Publishing Co. (Limited). These maps were produced for approximately 12,000 U.S. cities and towns starting in 1866. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Savannah exist from 1884-1973. The maps were designed to assist fire insurance agents in determining the hazards associated with a particular property and therefore show the size, shape, and construction of dwellings, commercial buildings, and factories, as well as fire walls, locations of windows and doors, sprinkler systems, sewer systems, and types of roofs. The maps also indicate widths and names of streets, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers. Base maps of the city were produced periodically. In editions after 1916, alterations to properties that occurred between versions were recorded with pasted-on revision slips.

This collection was donated to the Municipal Archives by the Metropolitan Planning Commission Historic Preservation Division in September 2021.

***Scope & Content:***

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Savannah, Georgia collection contains five volumes and supplemental documentation about the purchase of the volumes. The earliest two volumes are produced with a 1916 base map with paste-in revisions through 1953. The final three volumes are produced with a 1955 base map with paste-in revisions through 1973. The collection covers the City of Savannah corporate limits at the time produced, as well as parts of Thunderbolt, Georgia, and Tybee Island, Georgia. Two copies of each volume were donated to the Municipal Archives.

Each unique Sanborn Map is digitized. Digital reproductions can be accessed here:  
<https://www.savannahga.gov/3291/Sanborn-Fire-Insurance-Maps-for-Savannah>

***System of Arrangement & Ordering:***

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Savannah, Georgia collection is arranged in chronological order. Supplemental items have been minimally processed and are arranged in the original order as received.

***Conditions Governing Access:***  
None

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***Processed by:***

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**Inventory:**

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| Box 8126-007-1 | Sanborn Map 1916 Base map with paste-ins through 1953, Volume 1 (96 sheets)   |
| Box 8126-007-2 | Sanborn Map 1916 Base map with paste-ins through 1953, Volume 1 (96 sheets)<br><i>Duplicate copy</i>  |
| Box 8126-007-3 | Sanborn Map, 1916 base map with paste-ins through 1953, Volume 2 (83 sheets), includes Tybee Island   |
| Box 8126-007-4 | Sanborn Map, 1916 base map with paste-ins through 1953, Volume 2 (83 sheets), includes Tybee Island<br><i>Duplicate copy</i>  |
| Box 8126-007-5 | Folder 1: Guide to using Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps<br><br>Folder 2: Documentation related to the purchase of each Sanborn volume, including advertising announcements and receipts.<br><br>Folder 3: Correspondence between the Housing Authority of Savannah and the Metropolitan Planning Commission related to gift of the Sanborn volumes |

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| Item# 8126-007-10 | Folder 4: Sanborn Map, 1955 base map with paste-ins through 1973, Volume 1 (81 sheets)<br><i>Duplicate copy</i>                        |
| Box 8126-007-6    | Folder 1: Sanborn Map, 1955 base map with paste-ins through 1966, Volume 2 (82 sheets)   |
| Item# 8126-007-11 | <i>Duplicate copy</i>  |
| Item# 8126-007-12 | Folder 2: Sanborn Map, 1955 base map with paste-ins through 1966, Volume 3 (64 sheets), includes Tybee Island<br><i>Duplicate copy</i> |
| Box 8126-007-7    | Original binder and sleeves for 1955 Sanborn Volume 1<br><i>*no maps are included in this item</i>                                     |
| Box 8126-007-8    | Original binder and sleeves for 1955 Sanborn Volume 2<br><i>*no maps are included in this item</i>                                     |
| Box 8126-007-9    | Original binder and sleeves for 1955 Sanborn Volume 3<br><i>*no maps are included in this item</i>                                     |
| Item# 8126-007-13 | Index to Sanborn Maps with paste-ins through 1953  |