

Finding Aid to the Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau North Dakota Fire Insurance Maps

Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau

North Dakota Fire Insurance Maps, 1908, 1921-1965

475 maps

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HISTORY

The Minnesota and Dakota Fire Underwriters was organized in 1894. In 1903, the name changed to Minnesota and North Dakota Fire Underwriters and in 1909 to General Inspection Company. In 1923 the name became General Inspection Bureau and in 1933 it became the Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It reorganized as Insurance Services Office of Minnesota in 1972. The insurance maps they prepared were used by fire insurance companies and underwriters in writing policies

on commercial and public structures located in smaller towns in North Dakota and Minnesota. What other states the company covered is not known.

The Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau was small in comparison to the Sanborn Map Company of Pelham, New York, which produced maps for larger cities, including Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks, Minot, and Williston in North Dakota. Meanwhile, the Fire Underwriters Inspection Bureau's policy was to map every town not already mapped by Sanborn, which usually was limited to small towns.

Early edition fire insurance maps are particularly rare, because the bureau disposed of outdated editions when new editions were released. It is possible that early editions have been retained by local insurance companies.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The North Dakota fire insurance maps cover from 1921 to 1965, but the bulk of maps is from 1954 to 1965. There are a total of 475 maps covering 409 towns in North Dakota. The maps are arranged alphabetically by town and date. They are similar in appearance to Sanborn maps except they usually include only commercial structures and not houses. There is an introductory paragraph giving population, type of waterworks system, fire department and equipment, any alarm system, and whether there is building and fire prevention ordinances. The structures are color coded and addition names, streets, and lots are given. The maps were done in two sizes, circa 26 x 22 inches and circa 13.5 x 10 inches.

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