

Fort Kent, Maine Sanborn Map, 1926-1941

Finding Aid

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General Information

Collection Title: Fort Kent, Maine Sanborn Map, 1926-1941

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Physical Characteristics/Condition: Three heavy cardstock sheets measuring 21 1/4" wide by 25" long in a linen binding. Some pages have glued-on additions. This map has seen heavy use and is in fragile condition. Its page edges are deteriorated and the exposed edges of glued-on additions are fragile and brittle.

Provenance, Chain of Custody.

This map of Fort Kent was created by the Sanborn Map Company of New York in September 1926 and apparently updated in 1932, 1937, and 1941, using overlaid attachments. A pencilled marking on the first page suggests that James W. Argall (unsure of spelling of last name) may have made manuscript annotations on the map in 1967. The map was purchased by the donor from a private dealer in southern Maine and donated to the Acadian Archives in 2005.

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Scope and Content Note. The "Fort Kent, Maine Sanborn Map, 1926-1941" presents detailed data on properties in the Fort Kent. This data includes the outline of each building, the size, the shape and construction materials, heights, and function of structure, and location of windows and doors. The map also lists street names, street and sidewalk widths, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers. There are also detailed descriptions of water facilities and the fire department, as well as underground piping and names of rivers and streets. Textual information on construction details (for example, steel beams and reinforced walls) is listed for some buildings. Extensive information on building use is given, ranging from symbols for generic terms such as stable, garage, and warehouse to names of owners of factories and details on what was manufactured in them.

This map is a valuable historical tool for social historians, architects, geographers, genealogists, local historians, planners, environmentalists, and anyone who wants to learn about the history, growth, and development of Fort Kent.

Sanborn Map Company Note: Founded in 1867 by D.A. Sanborn, the Sanborn Map Company is the oldest mapping company in the United States and was for more than 100 years the primary American publisher of fire insurance maps. These large-scale plans contain data that can be used to estimate the potential risk for urban structures. The company is now owned by Environmental Data Resources, Inc.

Related Collections and Resources. Related collections include "Upper Saint John River American Treaty Lots 1843-44" (MCC-00220); atlas of Aroostook County, Maine (Philadelphia: Roe & Colby, 1877); and "Theodore Roosevelt Brown map Collection" (MCC-00035).

Page-Level Description.

Page 1: Describes town's water facilities and fire department. Also includes a 1932 index and a correction record label with entries for 1932 and 1941. Details sections of Pleasant St., Maine St., and Aroostook Avenue.

Page 2: Details sections of Island Road, Maine St. Audibert Avenue, Elm St., and Hall St.

Page 3: Details sections of Maine St., Elm St., and Williams St. As well as a steel bridge.

Page 4: Details sections of Maine St., Church S., River St., Alfred Street, Ouellet St. (Road to ferry), and St. John (Ferry St.)

Page 5: Details sections of Main St. And Market St.

Page 6: Details sections of Daigle Road, Market St., and Highland Avenue.