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Doing History with Online Mapping Tools: Handout

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Doing History with Online Mapping Tools: Links and Resources

1. **Family History Research Wiki (FamilySearch.org):** search by city, town, county, region, country for detailed rundown of resources including maps, associated names, border changes and area history. Also provides specific and important tips about how to use listed resources.
familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/
2. **Introduction to Map Scales:** excellent explanation of scales, map projections, grid systems, degrees, minutes, quadrangles... geology.isu.edu/geostac/Field_Exercise/topomaps/map_scale.htm
3. **Archaic Community, District, Neighborhood Section and Village, Names in Massachusetts**
www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cisuno/unoidx.htm
4. **Thesaurus of Geographic Names (TGN):** 2 million placenames including historic and alternate names www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/tgn/
5. **USGS Nameserver** – can be slow – give it a few minutes! You can download full database if you like.
geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/index.html
6. **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps**
introduction, descriptions, notes on symbols, keys, colors www.loc.gov/collection/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection/
7. **Real Estate Atlases of Massachusetts** at the Massachusetts State Library: free! PDF files may be downloaded, but can be hard to navigate. www.mass.gov/anf/research-and-tech/oversight-agencies/lib/massachusetts-real-estate-atlases.html
8. **Topographical Maps of the United States**, searchable, filterable by year: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS): ngmdb.usgs.gov/maps/TopoView/
9. **Interactive topographical maps from USGS:** excellent interface, searching, filtering by date, transparent overlays. historicalmaps.arcgis.com/usgs/index.html
10. **BatchGeo:** Custom location mapping – paste spreadsheet data and create map pins and popup information boxes batchgeo.com/
11. **Map Collections Online:**
 - a. **Historic Map Works** – HistoricMapWorks.com
 - b. **David Rumsey Historical Map Collection** – DavidRumsey.com
 - c. **Leventhal Map Collection, Boston Public Library** - - maps.bpl.org/view_collection
 - d. **Library of Congress American Memory Map Collections** - memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/
 - e. **Old Maps Online** – searchable portal with links to most of the above and more.
<http://www.oldmapsonline.org/>