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All entries have been checked and are up-to-date.

- **Library of Congress, historic Vermont maps on-line:**
LOC has 100 + Vermont historic maps in digital format – you just have to get used to the navigational tool....
<http://rs6.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query>
 - The Library of Congress has scanned in numerous bird's eye and panoramic views (presumably mostly 19th century). You can search by state and name of town:
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>
or go straight to Vermont Index:
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/citymapPlaces12.html#bottom>
 - Library of Congress (LOC) panoramic maps on the web:
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pmhtml/panhome.html>
 - Library of Congress web site includes early French maps for Lake Champlain that show what is known about New France and also the territories of the various "Indian" tribes.
Under *Discovery and Exploration* section:
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/dsxphome.html>
 - LOC has scanned historic railroad maps of the Northeastern US.
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/rrhtml/rrmap.html>

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- **Novacell Technologies: Historic USGS Topographic Maps.**

This is a commercial site.

http://www.novacell.com/?gclid=COa_pe_RhIMCFTSJLAod-jk-hw

- **The Vermont Secretary of State's home page.**

The Archives site includes information on statewide elections from the 18th century to present; campaign finance information; copies of Vermont's three state constitutions; lists of state officers, as well as information on archival management, records grants, etc. One recent addition is "continuing issues of government" which provides records-based information on, and context for, various current issues:

<http://vermont-archives.org/research/>

- **The USGS's Geographic Names Information System (GNIS).**

Supplies an incredible resource of easily searchable and accessible cultural resources data relevant to our interests.

See <http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/> for information and

to query the data base. See also cemetery information. Apparently all cemeteries named on USGS quad maps are included in the data base.

- **University of Vermont Historic Preservation Program.**

Information about historic Burlington, Vermont, ca. 1830, courtesy of the UVM Historic Preservation Program:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~histpres/HPJ/burl1830/index.html>

- **Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc.**

Maintains a list of historic map Links, see "**Historic Maps**" (and other very useful

information) at their HAA internet resources page: <http://www.hartgen.com/bookmarks.htm>

- **University of New Hampshire Dimond Library Government Documents Department & Data Center. Historic USGS Maps of New England & New York.**

Complete set of historic 15 minute series of USGS maps for Vermont and the rest of New England that date to about the turn of the century:

<http://docs.unh.edu/nhtopos/nhtopos.htm>

- **Vermont Map Collection, a companion site to Vermont Genealogy Resources.**

Not sure how useful but someone went to a lot of trouble to hand draw these historic maps. No building level detail (that I found), rather, broader brush geographic detail.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~vermontgenealogyresources/Maps/Index.htm>

- **Early Vermont maps, by Robert Raymond.**
A neat assortment of digitized historic maps for Lincoln and Bristol, Vermont, and a few Vermont maps.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~raymondfamily/Vermont/VermontMaps.html>
- **David Rumsey Map Collection.**
A fascinating site with remarkable maps. I don't think there is Vermont map data but let me know if you find any.
<http://www.davidrumsey.com/directory/where/North+America/>
- **MAPTECH, the map server for GSA/USGS.**
Seem to have a wealth of modern and historic maps but I have not studied the site's contents.
<http://historical.maptech.com/historic.cfm>
- **Vermont Topo Maps - Vermont Aerial Photos.**
This is a commercial site. Good maps but don't pay for what you can download for free...
<http://www.digital-topo-maps.com/vermont.shtml>
- **United States Digital Map Library.**
Neat site but no digital maps for Vermont yet (they do have a few for Maine....).
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/maps/table2.html>
- **VT Agency of Natural Resources. Digital Surficial and Bedrock Geologic Maps.**
Digital bedrock and surficial geology maps are available for parts of Vermont.
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/geo/digitofr.htm>
see also:
<http://geology.er.usgs.gov/eespteam/vtp/vermont.html>
- **Vermont Geological Survey.**
Centennial Geologic Map of Vermont, Charles G. Doll, Ed., 1961 is now available on-line.
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/geo/centmap.htm>
 - **A variety of other Vermont geological maps on-line.**
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/geo/mapsonlineinx.htm>
- **ProQuest. Digital Sanborn® Maps, 1867-1970.**
A commercial site but very interesting info re the Sanborn fire insurance maps. Have all of Vermont available.
http://www.umi.com/products_pq/descriptions/sanborn.shtml
also: <http://sanborn.umi.com/>
See their map demo:
http://www.umi.com/products_pq/interactive/demos/SanbornCustomerWebDemo2003.ppt
For a related, detailed and very interesting article re the digital Sanborns, read:

<http://www.dlib.org/dlib/july02/arlitsch/07arlitsch.html>

- **Middlebury College Historic Map Resources.**

The College has digitized many historic Vermont maps, especially for Addison County

<http://maozi.middlebury.edu/SharingVTHistory/MapsAtlases/index.htm>

- **All the VT 1850's County Maps:**

<http://www.old-maps.com/vermont.htm>

Select county and click download maps link at top right.

Downloadables are lower quality JPEGs, higher quality PDFs are available on CD for \$30 a county.

MORE INFO:

Old Maps PO Box 54 West Chesterfield, NH 03466. For Immediate Release October 26, 2005.

1850s Vermont Road Maps issued on CDROM Vermont's history in the mid-1800's come alive with a new computerized series of old maps. David Allen of West Chesterfield, NH has transferred all of the 1850s Vermont county maps from wall-sized maps to CDs which can be read by home computer. These are some of the oldest comprehensive road maps in Vermont. They show the locations of all the houses that existed at the time, with the homeowners' names - an invaluable resource for those doing old house research or family genealogy. Hikers and hunters find the old maps useful - many of the old roads can still be found as trails in the woods today. The mid-1800's was a period of extraordinary map-making in America. Urban publishers, such as H.F. Walling of New York City, would employ surveyors to measure the roads and take names of property owners as each home was noted. Prominent citizens often paid a sponsorship to have their homes or businesses featured in a sketch in the margins. The location and configuration of each factory, business, church and school was also mapped. The original maps, often seen hanging in town halls or stored in attics, are county-wide wall maps measuring about 5 feet square. They were printed using multiple printing plates, assembled and transferred onto a cloth backing. They were then colored, varnished, and mounted on wooden rollers. Although many copies of the original maps were made and sold, few good quality copies exist today. Mr. Allen researched each county map, obtained copies where available, and reviewed copies archived at the Library of Congress. The maps were scanned at high resolution and are presented as individual town and village maps. There are more than 500 maps of Vermont's villages and towns as they existed 150 years ago contained on the eleven county CDs.

The CDROM editions are available for purchase on a county basis, corresponding to the original wall maps. In addition to PDF files of the old maps, some modern road maps are included for comparison.

Additional information about these maps, as well as similar maps of New Hampshire and Massachusetts can be found at the web site www.old-maps.com <<http://www.old-maps.com/>> or by calling the publisher, David Allen, at 413-772-2801 (days).

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List of Vermont 1850s County Maps:

County(s)/ Year/ Surveyor/ Publisher:

Rutland 1854 Chace, J., Jr. Chace & Scott

Windsor 1855/6 Doton, Hosea n.a

Bennington 1856 Rice, E. & Harwood, C.E. Peckham, C.B. / H.F. Walling

Windham 1856 Chace, J., Jr. McClellan, C., & Co.

Addison 1857 Walling, H.F. Baker, Wm. & Co.

Franklin & Grand Isle 1857 Walling, H.F. Baker, Tilden &

Chittenden 1857 Walling, H.F. Baker, Tilden &

Washington 1858 Walling, H.F. Baker & Tilden

Caledonia 1858 Walling, H.F. Baker & Tilden

Orange 1858 Walling, H.F. Baker & Tilden

Orleans, Lamoille & Essex 1859 Walling, H.F. Loomis & May

• **Other digital map data:**

The above list does not include the incredible treasure-trove of digital maps and imagery available from the Vermont Center for Geographic Information <http://www.vcgi.org/>

Or soil maps available from USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (using the most current Vermont Digital Ortho-photograph imagery as a background)

http://www.vt.nrcs.usda.gov/Soils/so_cdprods.html