

St. Louis History through Maps

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Longer citations for the maps on this list will be found on the Missouri Historical Society online collections search if you click the link. (Some of the images I used in my talk are not online due to copyright or technical issues.) Date depicted sometimes varies from date created.

Maps prior to the city-county split in 1876

North American 1779: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N02404>

StL 1780: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N22821>

StL and surrounding towns, 1796: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N02407>

US, 1803: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N22865>

StL, 1822: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N35956>

Bank Note with early view of St. Louis, 1817: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/A3049-00001>

St. Louis in 1832: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N28880>

StL, 1837: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N21237>

StL fire, 1849: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N21823>

St. Louis and vicinity, 1856: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N22809>

StL County Roads, 1860: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N21803>

StL levee from Palmatary map, 1858. Entire map: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N21349>

Details of above: <https://mohistory.org/collections?text=palmatary&images=0>

1866: Ribbon map, Mississippi River: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N21868>

StL fortifications, 1861: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N20862>

Forest Park, 1875: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N23881>

StL city-county split, 1876: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N22811>

Compton + Dry Pictorial St. Louis, 1875 (Library of Congress copy):
<https://www.loc.gov/item/rc01001392/>

Maps after the city-county split in 1876

StL city and county, 1878: (MHS copy not online, image I used was detail of this:

<https://cdm16795.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/mocoplats/id/2536/rec/2>

StL 1903: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N23875>

StL County roads, 1923: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N21802>

40+ St. Louis City Plan Commission demographic maps based on 1930 census data

Scroll through results set (a few unrelated results may appear in this search):

<https://mohistory.org/collections?text=%22city%20plan%20commission%22&decade=1930-1939&type=Map&images=0>

Also recommended: Visit Reflections gallery (Missouri History Museum, 2nd floor) for an interactive video showing riverfront demolition and construction in the 20th century – updated to 2020 with the City/Arch/River project

Graphic Facts: (map booklet on StL city / county demographics and housing, 1947):

<https://mohistory.org/collections/item/Lib86>

Progress or Decay article series, St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* (not online – Library catalog record is

<https://explore.searchmobius.org/record=b1134429~S2>

Aerial photo of riverfront showing land clearance, 1941:

<https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N33760>

1978 City planning map showing historic districts (not online yet. From booklet at LRC:

<https://explore.searchmobius.org/record=b1136077~S2>

2021 historic districts map: [https://www.stlouis-](https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/planning/planning/adopted-plans/strategic-land-use/histmap.cfm)

[mo.gov/government/departments/planning/planning/adopted-plans/strategic-land-use/histmap.cfm](https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/planning/planning/adopted-plans/strategic-land-use/histmap.cfm)

BONUS LINKS

St. Louis region, 1818: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/Lib-OCLC-859270206>

MO and IL, 1822: <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/N27808>

Guide to digitized plat books of St. Louis city and county:

<https://mohistory.libguides.com/c.php?g=1287461>