

# Sierra Vista Genealogy Club

## Helpful Hints, Tips, and Tricks



### Maps

My great-grandfather grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. What did his neighborhood look like in 1900? There is no true record of the oldest map as several maps have been found throughout ancient Babylon, Greece, Rome, China, and India. Maps have been found on cave paintings, etchings on tusks, and stone. Maps were of small areas and not sizeable regions.

Here are a few links that may help you picture the neighborhood your great-grandfather lived in.

Knowledge of historical maps is a great starting point. [Family Tree](#) has a great webpage explaining the different ways to use historical maps as a genealogist. [Sanborn Maps](#) are large scale street maps that came about in 1866. They were created by Sanborn Fire Insurance Company for fire insurance purposes. Due to that purpose they are very helpful to genealogists with great details on some explaining the construction. [Google Maps](#) is a great tool for more modern maps as you can view historical street view and aerial views. There are several [free maps](#) to use as well.