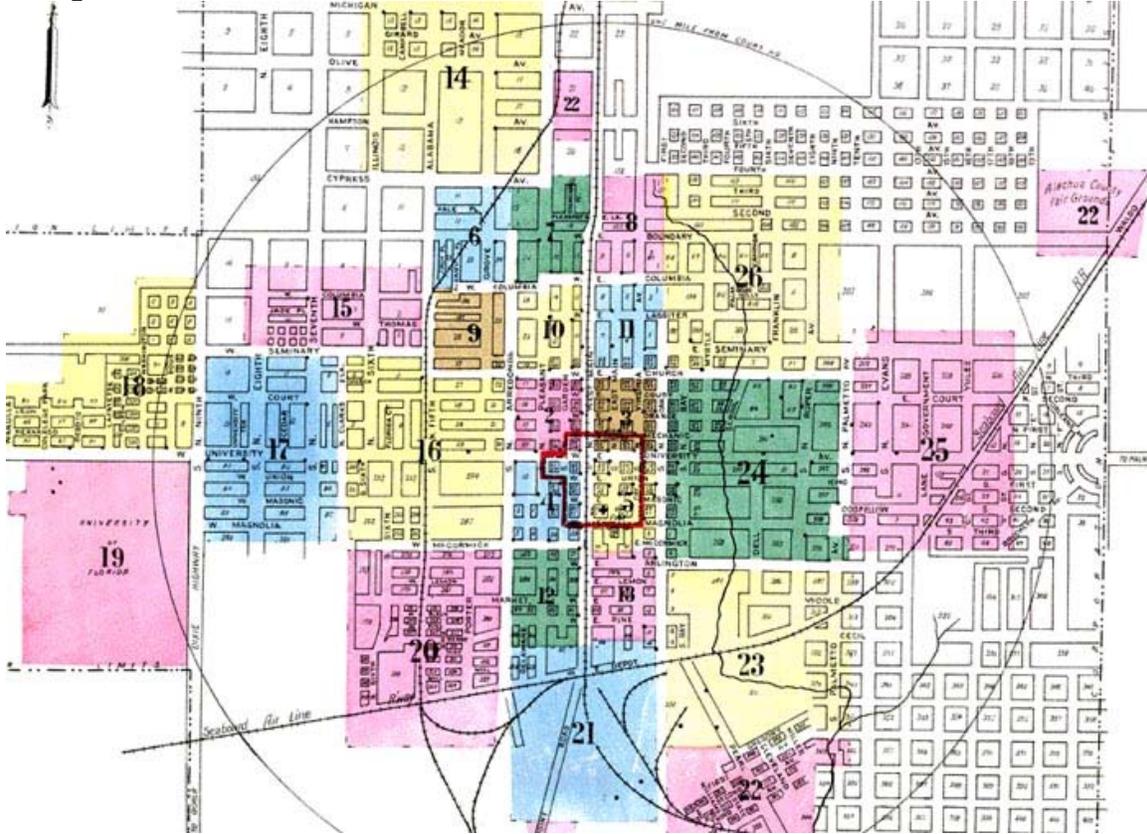


Strolling through a College Town: Gainesville and the University of Florida

Background



The Ephemeral Cities Project brings together various resources like maps and city directories from particular years so that the resources can be browsed spatially and temporally. This time and space-based navigation allows users to easily gain a sense of the cities covered in specific years as well as allowing users to see how the city has changed over time.

For instance, Gainesville developed through its relationship with the University of Florida. Notice the amount of space that the University of Florida occupies on the 1913 map. Then, notice that this space has grown on the 1922 map. Both of these maps are recentered to include both the University of Florida and the city of Gainesville.

Activity

Alachua County

Established: 1824
Etymology: Alachua is either a Muskogee or Timucua word for "sinkhole".
Major Cities: Alachua, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, Waldo

There are 11 map sets for this area. Sort by:

Alachua
Insurance maps of Alachua, Florida [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]

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Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, 1884 [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, 1887 [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, 1892 [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, 1897 [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, 1903 [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, 1909 [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, 1913 [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, 1922 [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]

High Springs
Insurance maps of High Springs, Florida [[visual index](#) | [full citation](#)]

Newberry
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Using the list of maps for Alachua County, examine the maps for Gainesville in 1913 and 1922.

- What components of the city and the University are still in the same place today?
- Find the following University of Florida buildings and answer whether or not these buildings are in the same locations:
 - College of Law
 - Teachers College
 - Administration Building
 - Gymnasium
- Use the zoomable image to find the “motion picture projector” on campus on the 1922 map. The image notes that the projector is “iron enclosed.” Why would that be important to the Sanborn Insurance company that created these maps?

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Using the Features and Streets (from the left side), find a familiar street or feature and trace its development from the 1884 to 1922 maps, and then find the same features and streets using a current map tool like Google Maps and compare.

- How have the features and streets changed over time?
- Have they been renamed, repurposed, redesigned, replaced, demolished?
- Do, or how do, their changes reflect the larger changes in Gainesville and the University of Florida?