An On-Line Public Domain Repository Containing Ahnapee and Western Railroad Valuation Maps Covering Algoma and Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Under the Valuation Act of 1913[1], the Interstate Commerce Commission[2] (ICC) authorized the production of railroad valuation maps which were used to help evaluate railroad corporate property[3]. The National Archives maintains a collection of railroad valuation maps for the period 1915-1920[4], including maps for the Ahnapee and Western Railroad[5]. While many of the railroad valuation maps in the Archives collection have been scanned and are available on-line, the A&H line maps are not currently available on-line. This dataverse provides an on-line public domain repository containing Ahnapee and Western railroad valuation maps.

While not covering every portion of the line, the repository included maps for the cities of Algoma and Sturgeon Bay. The repository contains scans of the original maps in the Archives collection covering these regions, georeferenced .tiff format versions of the originals that can be opened with applications such as ArcGIS and QGIS, and .kmz format versions of the georeferenced maps that can be overlayed on modern maps using applications such as GoogleEarth. The table below provides links to dataverse download pages for each of these maps.

Also included in the dataverse is a visual map index that can be used to aid in locating specific regions covered by the maps. A .pdf file description of this dataverse and a video describing how to use this dataverse are contained in the "RMV AW Support" section of this dataverse. The video is also available on-line at: https://youtu.be/3vYyIebHX5c .

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	LOC	Georef	KMZ
Algoma	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/UOFFY6	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/AQT5XF	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/5LEDXF
Sawyer	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/81CMPL	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/N6CCU8	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/SUPHMC
Sturgeon Bay 1	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/10CBT8	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/QNIEUC	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/JK6GHN
Sturgeon Bay 2	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/WH3PPO	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/PTG0MQ	https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/R2DSV9

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valuation_Act
[2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate_Commerce_Commission
[3] For more on railroad valuation maps, see: https://railsandtrails.com/diagrams.htm
[4] https://catalog.archives.gov/id/562366
[5] https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1170339
[6] https://creativecommons.org/public-domain/cc0/