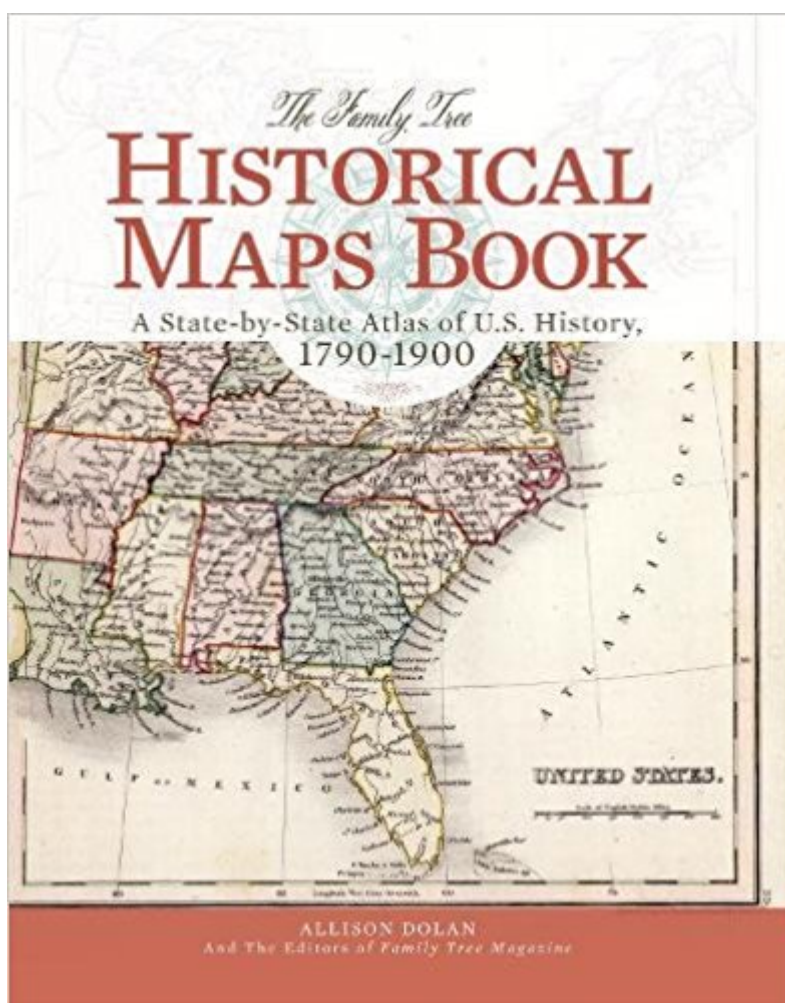


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The Family Tree Historical Maps Book: A State-by-State Atlas Of US History, 1790-1900



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Customer Reviews

Allison Dolan is the publisher of Family Tree Magazine, the leading genealogy magazine in North America, with a paid circulation of more than 50,000 and 59,000 unique monthly visitors to its website, www.familytreemagazine.com.

On the positive side -- this book is a jewel for the genealogist. It contains a variety of U.S. maps for the various states during the period of 1790 to 1900. If you are doing research on a family, it is a great tool to show how they could have lived in six counties and several states during a 150 year period without ever moving. The only issue I have is that the maps are so small that you need a strong magnifying glass in order to read the details, The quality of the image is excellent but the printing is quite tiny sometimes. The book also provides a list of key dates for each state thereby facilitating the process of placing your family within the social framework of the time.

I should waited for other reader reviews before buying this book. It has very little content that is not easily available in better formats other places - such as Thorndale and Dollarhide Census Maps Guide (much better though not nearly as colorful) or the internet (more targeted and usually enlargeable for more detail). I thought that it would be handy to have this on my desk but it is not legible. Some pages have only one map per page but these are too small to read and most pages have two, three or four maps per page. The content other than these maps is negligible. There are about 6-8 historical facts per state usually something like date the state or major cities were founded. In the back there are about 10 miscellaneous maps for population density, foreign population, Indian tribes, cause of death, earthquake zones, and other info that is curious but not particularly germane or, again, legible. If you live in Houston, you can have my book.

A little disappointed in this collection. Good intent but the maps are too small to see any particular detail. It is of no use in my genealogy research. Plus I waited several months to get it.

The maps are small - so get a magnifier. But they are really helpful in showing quickly how a state has changed over time and also how the US has changed over time. There are even some special interest maps in the back which help with specific populations - foreign, Native American tribes - and other special interests. I am working on genealogy and family history from the very beginnings of the Colonies in the 1600's up to the present. These maps help to get a better idea of where people where and how they were moving.

As I didn't read the reviews beforehand this item cost me \$5 to return. It is a very high quality publication HOWEVER. As others have noted. The maps are all but worthless beyond being a pretty picture in the book. Many are the size of about 2/3 a 3x5 index card, for the entire state. Summary: a pretty picture book of history maps for the states but not much legible on the maps themselves.

It is a very good collection of maps, but Many of the maps are into the binding. Reading of the maps is very difficult due to the reduced size from the original. I would have been best to buy a PDF version so the maps could be enlarged. Some maps are two pages wide and due to the tight binding, impossible to read at the seam. The cropping of some maps so they would fit, e.g., Alabama 1852, page 35, is a disappointment. Again, a PDF file would have been ideal.

I am a genealogist and maps are wonderful to bring to life where ancestors lived. Did not realize the maps inside were only as large as the page (the book is not that big) and some state maps have two maps on one page. Makes it difficult to see towns and roads, need magnifying glass. But a neat book to just have on hand.

Not too much here, maps are pretty useless, small and fuzzy. See other reviews for details.

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