

Digital Archive Referral Guide

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DIGITAL ARCHIVES

MAPS

- Bird's Eye View of Cottage City, Map from 1890

<https://www.loc.gov/item/75694597/>

Fire Insurance Maps from 1880s and 1890s – Useful for current zoning and remodeling requests. Maps show property boundaries from the 19th century.

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, shows downtown Oak Bluffs & campground

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3764om.g038171884/>

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 5 images from different sections of Cottage City 1887

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3764cm.g037121887/?st=gallery>

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 7 images from different sections of Cottage City 1892

https://www.loc.gov/item/sanborn03712_002/

PHOTOGRAPHS

Stereographs of Oak Bluffs Sites of Interest (most seem to be latter half of 1800s)—Also see the library's personal collection of stereograph original images and copies, viewed via stereoscope.

- Campground Cottages, between 1860 and 1930

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649916/>

- Tivoli Dance Hall? and Pier, between 1860 and 1930

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649921/>

- Dr. Tucker's Cottage, Oak Bluffs [1875]

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Stereographs continued

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649914/>

- Regatta Day, Oak Bluffs [1875]

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649915/>

- Sea View Ave, Oak Bluffs between 1860 and 1930

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649917/>

- Sea View House, Oak Bluffs, between 1860 and 1930

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649918/>

- Sea View House from ship in harbor, Oak Bluffs, between 1860 and 1930

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649920/>

- Bathers on Beach, Oak Bluffs between 1860 and 1930

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649244/>

- General Grant and his wife and others on the front porch of Gilbert Haven's Clinton Ave. Cottage, Oak Bluffs 1874

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2017660516/>

- Curtis Cottage, Circuit Ave. Oak Bluffs, between 1860 and 1930

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649913/>

- Cottages in Trinity Park, Oak Bluffs, between 1860 and 1930

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2018649919/>

Stereographs of Massachusetts from the Marian S. Carson Collection

- Six interior views of gingerbread houses in Oak Bluffs, 1865-1900

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2004680022/>

BOOK- Digital access

- A booklet detailing famous resorts along the New England coast, 1891. A detailed history of the development of Oak Bluffs can be found on pages 70-75 and slide images 78-83 pertain to Oak Bluffs.

<https://www.loc.gov/item/01007612/>

