



# Sanborn Map Abbreviations

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## Abbreviation

## Meaning

A	Automobile (usually designates the location of a garage)
A in B	Automobile located in basement
A S	Automatic sprinkler
Abv	Above
ACS	Automatic chemical sprinkler
AFA	Automatic fire alarm
Agr	Agricultural
Appts	Apparatus
Apts	Apartments
Asb Cl	Asbestos clad
Att'd	Attended
Aud'it'm	Auditorium
Auto Ho	Automobile house, or garage
B	Basement, boiler or occasionally brick
B&S	Boots and shoes
BPOE	Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
B Sm	Blacksmith
B'ld'g	Building
B'lr.	Boiler
B'st	Basement
Bak'y	Bakery
Balc	Balcony
Bap	Baptist
Bbl	Barrel
Bbls	Barrels
BE	Brick enclosed elevator
Bill'ds	Billiards
Bl Sm	Blacksmith
Blk Sm	Blacksmith
Bst	Basement
C B	Cement brick or concrete block construction
C Br	Concrete brick or cement block construction
Cap'cy	Capacity
Carp'tr	Carpenter
CBET	Concrete enclosed elevator with traps
Chem	Chemical
Chinaw	Chinaware or porcelain
Chine	Chinese
Cl	Clad
Clo	Clothing
Co	Company
Comp	Composition construction (i.e. stucco) or compressor
Conc	Concrete
Conf'y	Confectionary (candy store)
Confec'y	Confectionary (candy store)
Constr'n	Construction
Corp'n	Corporation
D	Dwelling
DH	Double (fire) hydrant
DG	Dry goods
Drs	Doctor's office
Dwg	Dwelling
E	Open elevator
E Fl	Each Floor
El	Electric
Elec	Electrician
Eng	Engine
Ent	Entertainment
Episc'l	Episcopal
ESC	Elevator with self-closing traps
ET	Elevator with traps
Exch	Telephone exchange
Expr	Express (as used to designate a delivery service)
F	Flat (as used to designate a delivery service)
FA	Fire alarm
FE	Fire escape
F Pump	Fire pump
Fill'g Sta	Filling station, or gas station
Fl	Floor
Fr Attic	Frame constructed attic
Frat	Fraternity
Fur	Furnishings
Furn'g	Furnishings
Furne	Furniture
GAR	Grand Army of the Republic
GT	Gasoline tank
Gal	Gallery
Gall	Gallery
Gall'y	Gallery
Gen'l	General (as used to designate a general store)
Gents	Gentlemen's
Greas'g	Greasing
Gro	Grocery or groceries

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HPFS	High pressure fire service
H'dw	Hardware
Hack	Hackney or delivery service
Hardw	Hardware
Ho	Hotel or house (as used to designate a warehouse)
Htr	Heater
Hyd	Hydrant
ICRR	Illinois Central Railroad
Imp	Implements
Ins	Insurance
Insts	Instruments
Ir Cl	Iron clad
K of C	Knights of Columbus
Lab	Laboratory
Lodg'g	Lodging
Luth	Lutheran
Luth'n	Lutheran
ME	Methodist Episcopal
Mach'y	Machinery
Mak'r	Maker
Manf'y	Manufacture or factory
Mdse	Merchandise
Mfy	Manufacture or factory
Mill'y	Millinery
Mkg	Making
Mo	Motor
NS	Not sprinklered
OU	Open under
Off	Office
PO	Post office
Paint'g	Painting
Pat Med	Patent medicines
Plumb'g	Plumbing
Print'g	Printing
QH	Quadruple (fire) hydrant
RC	Roman Catholic
R'f	Roof
R'm	Room
Rep	Repair
Rep'g	Repairing
Repos'ry	Repository
Restr't	Restaurant
RF	Roof
Rm	Room
S	Store
SA	Spark arrestor
S Vac	Store portion of building is vacant
Sal	Saloon
Sky'ts	Skylights
Sm	Smith, as in gunsmith or blacksmith
Sm Ho	Smokehouse
Sp'k'rs	Sprinklers
St'ge	Storage
St'y	Story
Sta	Station
Stat'y	Stationery
TH	Triple (fire) hydrant
Tel	Telephone
Tenem'ts	Tenements
TESC	Tile enclosed elevator with self-closing traps
Tinw	Tinware
Trimm'g	Trimming
U	Upright
Up	Upright
VP	Vertical pipe
Vac	Vacant
Ven'd	Veneered
Ven'r'd	Veneered
W	Ware, as in warehouse or wareroom
WC	Water closet or toilet
WG	Wire glass skylights
W Ho	Warehouse
WPA	Works Progress Administration
W'ks	Works
Whol	Wholesale
Wkg	Working
Woodwkg	Woodworking

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