

Engine House and Car House Locations: Sources

Generally, listings of streetcar infrastructure give the location as a particular intersection – the following listing provides details of sources used to determine which side of intersections symbols for engine and car houses have been placed.

Sources used:











The White Front Cars of San Francisco, Charles Smallwood, 1978.

Hoffman’s map of the SF street railway system as at 1932. P.V. Hoffman & R.A. Smith, 2001 (uses Smallwood & Perles as sources)

When Steam Ran on the Streets of San Francisco, Rice & Echeverria, 2002

San Francisco’s Transportation Octopus, Rice & Echeverria, 2016

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. (Library of Congress).

10 th & Howard		Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1889 Vol. 3, Image 3 (Library of Congress).
14 th & Mission		Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1889 Vol. 3, Image 22 (Library of Congress).
16 th & Valencia		Rice & Echeverria, Steam, p.10. This site was originally the MSR’s workshops and yard during its steam era.
23 rd /24 th & Potrero		Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1889 Vol. 3, Image 65 (Library of Congress). Shows a facility for the “Long Bridge, Potrero and South San Francisco RR Co.” – presumably heavy rail.
24 th and Folsom		Rice & Echeverria, Octopus, p.65, confirmed by Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1889 Vol. 3, Image 52 (Library of Congress).
24 th and Utah		Rice & Echeverria, Octopus, p.65.
Geneva Ave & San Jose Ave (southeast)		Google Earth
Geneva Ave & San Jose Ave (northwest)		Google Earth
Cesar Chavez & Michigan		Google Earth
28 th & Valencia		Hoffman’s Map, confirmed by Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 5, Image 34 (Library of Congress).
29 th & Mission		Hoffman’s Map

Monterey Bvd & Arcadia St	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1900, Vol.6, Image 96 (Library of Congress).
3 rd & Howard	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1887 Vol. 1, Image 49 (Library of Congress)
4 th & Folsom	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1887 Vol. 1, Image 60 (Library of Congress)
4 th & Louisa	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1887 Vol. 1, Image 60 (Library of Congress). Note: this was a separate car house to the one located immediately to the north on the other side of Louisa (now Shipley) St.
4 th & Townsend	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1887 Vol. 1, Image 53 (Library of Congress). Note: this is labelled "Fifth St Car House" – a reference to the line it served.
7 th – 8 th & Brannan	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1887 Vol. 1, Image 67 (Library of Congress). Note: the map shows the car house as being mid-block.
Arguello & Geary	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1899 Vol. 4, Image 71 (Library of Congress). Note: Rice & Echeverria, Steam, p.58 outlines the use of the site.
Geary Bvd & 24 th Ave	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1899, Vol.4, Images 95 & 96 (Library of Congress). Note: Rice & Echeverria, Octopus, p.390 lists the disused car house of the Ocean Beach Railway at Geary & 24 th as being among the properties acquired by the Market Street Railway at its creation in 1893. The maps do not show any structures on the other three corners of this intersection, and show a vacant structure on the north east corner.
Broderick & Oak	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1889 Vol. 3 Image 61 (Library of Congress)
Bush & Larkin	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 2, Image 42 (Library of Congress).
California & Hyde	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1899 Vol.1 Image 83 (Library of Congress)
California & Larkin	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 2, Image 32 (Library of Congress)
California & Presidio	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1893 Vol. 4 Image 77 (Library of Congress).
California & Presidio/ Walnut	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1893 Vol. 4 Image 77 (Library of Congress). Note: this facility was mid-block. Vol. 4 Image 79 shows the roundhouse on California between Walnut and Laurel – the cars and locomotives were stabled separately. Note that horsecars operated on

		California between Presidio and Arguello Bvds between 1884 and 1888, and it is assumed that this facility was used during this period.
Carl St & Willard/Arguello	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, Sanborn Map Company, 1900 Vol. 6 Image 118 (Library of Congress). Note that the map shows the car house (now used to store old cars) as about one quarter of the distance from Willard to Arguello along Carl, on the south side of Carl.
Clement & 32 nd Ave	○	Hoffman's Map.
Castro & Jersey	○	Hoffman's Map
Clay & Leavenworth	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 2, Image 29 (Library of Congress)
Frederick St & Willard/Arguello	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, Sanborn Map Company, 1900 Vol. 6 Image 118 (Library of Congress). Note that the map shows the car house about two thirds of the distance from Willard to Arguello along Frederick, on the north side of Frederick. The steam roundhouse is indicated at the corner of Willard and Frederick – the cars and locomotives were stabled separately.
Funston Yard	○	Smallwood, p.446. Note that while some runs were operated from this yard, its final use was to store surplus cars.
Geary & Buchanan	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1893 Vol. 4 Image 15 (Library of Congress)
Haight & Stanyan/Shrader	○	Hoffman's Map, confirmed by Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1889 Vol. 3, Image 66 (Library of Congress). Note: the map shows the facility as mid-block.
Jefferson & Lyon	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1893 Vol. 4 Image 73 (Library of Congress). Note: this facility was on the line of Lyon St just east of the Presidio boundary.
Market & Valencia	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1889 Vol. 3, Image 9 (Library of Congress). Note that the car house shown on the map was for the Market St Extension steam line (see Rice & Echeverria, Steam, p.35), which had been converted to cable traction one year earlier.
Masonic/Central Aves & Hayes	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1889 Vol. 3, Image 63 (Library of Congress). Note: the map shows both the car and engine houses mid-block.
McAllister/Fulton & Masonic/Central	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1893 Vol. 4 Image 61 (Library of Congress)
Polk & Broadway	●	Precise location not determined, however Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 2, Image 45 (Library of Congress) shows a vacant site in the southeast corner of the intersection. Rice & Echeverria, Sutter state

		that the original car house buildings were removed to Bush & Larkin Sts in 1870. The buildings and tenements shown on the other three corners of the intersection appear to be too small for use as a car house. Additionally, Graphic chart of the city and county of San Francisco S[an] F[rancisco] Britton, Rey & Co., c1875 (Library of Congress) shows structures immediately west of the Spring Valley School depicted on Broadway between Polk & Larkin.
California & Fillmore	●	Rice & Echeverria, Steam, p.19.
Sacramento & Presidio	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1893 Vol. 4 Image 77 (Library of Congress).
Sacramento & Presidio/ Walnut	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1893 Vol. 4 Image 77 (Library of Congress). Note: this facility was mid-block
Sutter & Polk	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 2, Image 41 (Library of Congress)
Sutter & Presidio Ave	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1893 Vol. 4 Image 75 (Library of Congress). Note: it is unclear whether this location was a powerhouse and carhouse at the same time however the site was used for both purposes.
Turk & Fillmore	●	Hoffman's Map, Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 2, Image 65
Turk & Webster	●	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 2, Image 65. Note: Hoffman's Map shows part of this site being used as a powerhouse in 1932.
Union & Sharp Pl	○	Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Sanborn Map Company, 1886 Vol. 2, Image 28 (Library of Congress)