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The development of urban history as a field of study is a phenomenon of the 1970s, a decade that witnessed tremendous growth in all areas of urban studies. A selective annotated bibliography of published studies, this volume describes 1,911 publications that treat urbanization from a historical perspective. Contributions from a wide range of disciplines are listed, including sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, architecture and geography. Chronologically and geographically, *Urban History* covers virtually every area of the United States and every era of American history.

The bibliography follows a topical rather than chronological arrangement. Eleven chapters cover separate areas of interest: general studies (texts, readers and the teaching of urban history); the urbanization process; the city in American thought; since city studies; regional studies; colonial towns and cities; urban institutions; planning, architecture and urban renewal; class, ethnicity and race; urban politics and government; and bosses, machines and urban reform. An addendum includes recent material that could not be incorporated in the main bibliography.

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This volume is a convenient handbook to a wide range of published materials, from subject catalogues and legal bibliographies to journal articles and court documents. Although most of the material cited in this guide is legal in content and orientation, a number of sub-disciplines present material essential for an understanding of urban law.

Following a lengthy introduction in which Thomas P. Murphy provides an overview of the practice and study of urban law, the main bibliography is arranged in eleven chapters covering the following areas: urban government powers; formation, boundaries and organization of urban

governments; housing; urban land use and planning; environmental protection and regulation; urban finance; public labour-management relations; consumer protection, health and social welfare; the city, the citizen and the judicial system; urban education; public works, transportation and water resources.

At the beginning of each chapter is a list of major cases relevant to its subject matter. Additional information regarding major cases affecting the field or urban law is contained in the first of seven appendices. The remaining appendices provide details on bibliographies; abstracts, indexes and research guides; reference works; selected urban law textbooks; periodicals with contents relevant to urban law; and urban public interest and professional associations. Completing *Urban Law* are author, title and subject indexes.

The Urban Studies Information Guide Series includes many other volumes of interest to urban historians, such as *Suburbia*, *Urban Community*, *Urban Decision Making: The Basis for Analysis*, *Urban Education*, *Urban Finance and Administration*, *Urban Housing: Public and Private*, *Urban Management*, *Urban Planning*, *Urban Politics* and *Woman and Urban Society*.

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This timely volume will appeal to historians, builders, urban planners, architects, decorators, designers and many others. The compiler, A.L. Markowitz, is a noted art bibliographer and reference librarian who is active in the preservation movement and in preservation work. The 777 entries are divided into fourteen chapters: general reference works; historical and current overviews; financial, legal and planning aspects; description and documentation; guidebooks; districts, neighbourhoods and towns; the physical fabric: materials and technology; renovation, restoration and re-use of existing buildings; interpretation of history through buildings, objects and sites; related disciplines and specialized preservation areas, natural landscape; losses; periodicals; and a checklist of historic American buildings survey publications. An appendix provides advice on developing a historic preservation library.

Within each chapter, citations are grouped under more specialized topics. For example, in the chapter "Interpretation of History through Buildings, Objects and Sites," ten subject headings are employed, including cultural and social history, historic houses, historic kitchens, museum villages, period architecture and museum administration.

The guide contains several Canadian references.

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The transdisciplinary nature of this guide will make it useful to practitioners, teachers and students in a wide variety of disciplines. In addition to those interested in public policy at a general level, specific interests dealt with in the volume's eight chapters include transportation, housing, welfare and other substantive policy areas.

The urban area is dealt with in a separate chapter on "urban policy" that contains 166 references. The volume does not, however, include government documents that deal with policy-related issues but confines itself to periodical literature and monographs.

The volume contains well-prepared subject and author indexes.

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This volume contains 4,157 article abstracts on the American and Canadian west from 310 historical and social science journals published worldwide between 1964 and 1973. It has an excellent subject index with topic, biographic, geographic and chronological items. The index allows users to find urban items quickly; cities, towns, and counties, for example, are listed following their respective provinces or states. In addition, the table of contents includes the topic "urbanization and urban life" and there are over 200 entries in this category.

*The American and Canadian West* is concerned with western history within certain chronological and spatial

bounds. Items of prehistory and post-1945 developments are generally excluded. Geographically it includes the trans-Mississippi west and the trans-Shield Canadian west. For Canada, the division is made at the Ontario-Manitoba boundary. For Alaska and the Canadian north, only items that are "more Western than Arctic have been included."

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Padolsky, Enoch, and Pringle, Ian. *Historical Source Book for the Ottawa Valley*. Ottawa: Carleton University, 1981. Pp. 506. Annotated bibliography, maps, index of place names.

Materials in this study were collected to provide an historical context for the Linguistic Survey of the Ottawa Valley, a project examining the varieties of English spoken in eastern Ontario and western Quebec. It makes available a large amount of demographic information on population, ethnic groups and religions for the entire Ottawa Valley, both in Quebec and Ontario. Ottawa is excluded, but not Hull.

Census data is the chief source of information. The period covered ranges from 1851 to 1971 and sometimes 1976. Some 123 "Integral Units" represent the operating subdivisions of the study. They conform roughly to townships, but adjustments have been made to provide consistent boundaries from 1851. Urban places have been made part of the "Integral Units."

This study could prove a valuable resource for the beginnings of any study on the Ottawa Valley by social historians or those urban historians particularly interested in the smaller urban centres and their context.

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