

## Use of Maps in Historical Research

David Rumsey Historic Maps: <http://www.davidrumsey.com/>

-has maps for sale as well as free views

Historic Aerials (and topographic maps): <http://www.historicaerials.com/>

-offers aerial photographs going back to 1949 & topographic maps going back to 1915

- images include watermarks; includes slider bar for side-by-side comparison of different dates

Fairfax Aerial Imagery: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/photo.htm>

-goes back to 1937; includes many different tools & options on viewer

Historic Map Archive (more than just Alabama): <http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/historicalmaps/>

Library of Congress Map Site: <https://www.loc.gov/maps/collections/>

National Archives:

<https://catalog.archives.gov/search?q=map&highlight=true&f.materialsType=mapsandcharts>

USGS Historical Topographic Map Explorer: <http://historicalmaps.arcgis.com/usgs/>

Virginia Tech Imagebase: [https://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php?folio\\_ID=/maps/hm](https://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php?folio_ID=/maps/hm)

Web Soil Survey: <http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>

Other tips:

-fire insurance maps give title of bldg., type of construction, date of construction, etc.; search “Sanborn fire insurance maps” at LoC website

-ArcExplorer is a free GIS viewer

-eBay is a good resource for buying historic map prints

-Virginia Room (City of Fairfax library) has local topo & other maps

-Bureau of Land Management has land deeds in western states

-recommended books in Fairfax County Public Library (reference section):

*The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War*

*The Cartography of Northern Virginia*