Selected Online Image Resources

Be aware of copyright law relating to use of images, and check the rights policies at various sites. Read “Using Online Images Without Violating Copyright” or similar articles.

Library of Congress and other government sites
Most Library of Congress images are in the public domain.

- National Archives, https://www.archives.gov/
- Smithsonian Institution, http://collections.si.edu/search/gallery.htm

Maps
- David Rumsey Map Collection, www.davidrumsey.com/
- Norman B. Leventhal Map Center, Boston Public Library, https://www.leventhalmap.org/

Generalized image searches https://artsandculture.google.com/
- Google Arts & Culture, www.google.com/culturalinstitute/home
- Bing Images, www.bing.com/images
- Flickr Commons, www.flickr.com/commons (“The key goal of The Commons is to share hidden treasures from the world’s public photography archives.”)
- Wikimedia Commons, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Local or regional repositories
- Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin, www.cah.utexas.edu/research/digital_collections.php
- Maine Memory Network, www.mainememory.net/
- Minnesota Historical Society visual resources database, www.mnhs.org/collections/
- New York Public Library digital collections, http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/ (“A living database with new materials added every day, featuring prints, photographs, maps, manuscripts, streaming video, and more”—not only from New York.)
- University of Missouri Digital Library, http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/

Look for local or regional libraries or historical societies in your geographical area of interest.

Non-U.S. repositories and image portals
- ArchivesCanada, www.archivescanada.ca/
National Archives UK, https://images.nationalarchives.gov.uk/assetbank-nationalarchives/action/viewHome

Gravestones
Find a Grave, www.findagrave.com/
BillionGraves, https://billiongraves.com/

Vintage postcards (paid sites)
OldPostcards.com, www.oldpostcards.com/
Also check eBay for historic postcards and images.

Historical images (free sites)
Sepiatown, http://sepiatown.com (“Explore the map and view historical images from around the globe”)
WhatWasThere, www.whatwasthere.com (“ties historical photos to Google Maps”)

Historical images (paid sites)
The Granger Collection, www.granger.com/
Mary Evans Picture Library, www.maryevans.com/ (“The widest range of historical pictures for editorial and creative use”)
North Wind Picture Archives, www.northwindpictures.com/Index.asp (stock images and hand-colored illustrations)
Shorpy vintage photo blog, www.shorpy.com
Getty Imageshttps://www.gettyimages.com/creative-images/royaltyfree, royalty free,
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iStock, www.istockphoto.com
Dreamstime, www.dreamstime.com

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