

Here's the link to the historical aerial images: <http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/>.

It's clunky but worth working through.

First, write in your location. Putting in village/state usually will work; you then need to select from the drop down locations then offered to you. This will put a red teardrop on the map. Zoom in on that; you can then outline the area you are interested in by left clicking to outline a polygon with those red teardrops.

Once you're happy with the area you've outlined, scroll down. You can leave the date range as it is unless you only want a particular period. Click on the "Data Sets" button.

Expand the first menu item ("Aerial Imagery" by clicking on the "+"); then check the box next to "Aerial Photo Single Frame".

Go back to the bottom and click on the button marked "Results", voila, you should get a list of the available images sorted from most recent to oldest. You'll probably need to page through the results by clicking on the 'next' button that appears at top and bottom of the results.

For any image, clicking on the footprint shows you roughly where it falls on the aerial photos. The little download symbol lets you get to the download options. Login is often required but it's free and easy to get a login (see the Register option in the upper right).

The images are not, so far as I can tell, georeferenced, nor do they usually download with north upwards. So some image adjustment will be needed to get them into GIS.