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The Congressional Serial Set is Part of the ProQuest Congressional database http://purl.lib.purdue.edu/db/pqcp

It contains historic U.S. Government publications such as exploring expedition reports, government agency annual reports, agency reports to Congress, and congressional committee legislative reports. It is a rich source for cartographic information involving U.S. Government civilian and military policymaking.
Nineteenth Century Collections Online (NCCO) [http://purl.lib.purdue.edu/db/ncco](http://purl.lib.purdue.edu/db/ncco) provides access to a multinational variety of collections, including maps, produced during the 19th century.
U.S. Government Exploring Expedition Maps—During the 19th century and beyond the U.S. Government and Military sponsored a number of exploring expeditions to gather information about newly acquired territory or targets of geopolitical opportunity. The Pacific Railroad Surveys of the 1850s are one example as these next few slides demonstrate.
Survey Map near Stockton, California by Army Topographic Corps of Engineers
Survey Map of Southern New Mexico
Survey Map of Northern U.S. and British Canada
Perry Expedition to Japan 1853-1854 - Established U.S. Relations With Japan and other Asian Countries - Map of Taiwan Coal Mines
Western Pacific Cyclone Chart

Macao. The wind was from N.E., veering through E. to S.E., S., and S.S.W. Barometer at lowest, 29.26 inches, on the 3d. These phases of the wind show the ship to have been under the two right-hand quadrants of the cyclone.

I have placed on the chart the track of a cyclone encountered by the American ship Panama in the China seas in October, 1831, which storm had previously passed over the Philippine Islands, and was very destructive at Macao. Also, the track of the cyclone of her Majesty's ship Raleigh, encountered near the Bashi Islands in August, 1835, and which afterwards visited Macao and Canton with great violence. A sketch showing its path of progression on the 5th and 6th of August is here subjoined.
World War I War Dept. Map of German Defensive Systems on Western Front
World War I Map Showing Sectors Held and Advanced Over by U.S. Divisions
NCCO Cartographic Collections-Contents include British Library 19th Century European Sheet Maps, India Office Records Atlas & Gazetteers, British Ministry of Defence Maps, multinational travel narratives, and the Crace Collection of Maps of London. Examples are included in the following slides.
Munich, Germany Map
1881 British Defence Ministry Map-Cape Coast, South Africa
1886 Statistical Atlas of India Geology Map
1886 India Rainfall Map
1856 Royal United Service Institute Map of British Military Operation in Persia (Iran)
1887 Map of South Australia Divided into Counties
Architectural Drawing of London Building
1878 Aerial Map of Paris
1862 Paris Map including Notre Dame Cathedral
Historic maps can be used to document all kinds of history: political, military, economic, business, scientific, religious, cultural, genealogy, diplomatic etc. Databases such as ProQuest Congressional and NCCO offer many ways users can study the past through maps. Questions?