Finding maps on Enterprise 3

Searching for a historic map

When searching for old maps, there are a few extra things to bear in mind. One problem is that searching on a date or date range searches the publication date, which will find original maps, but may miss later reproductions (or facsimiles).

Please note: your search results may differ from the ones shown

To find maps of London published between 1850-1900:

1. Type ‘London’ into the search box and click Search. This will retrieve more than 80 000 results, so
2. Use the ‘Limit these results’ function to refine by Format - ‘maps’ and ’atlas’ (you may need to click on ‘more’ to see all the available options). This will reduce the results to a more manageable 289.
3. Now refine by Date – ‘1850-1898’ and ‘1899-1936’ will cover the right range. This will give you 31 results
You can sort these by date by clicking on the arrow next to Relevance (Default) in the top right.

Note that the date range goes up to 2010 rather than 1936, so some reproductions are included as well as original maps. However more will be found if you do a second search, including the word ‘facsimiles’. [Note: This will exclude any originals you found in the first search, so note them down first] You will need to refine by format as in stage 2 above.

This produces 27 titles. The original publication date may be mentioned in the title.

For more information on how to obtain the maps, see Finding maps on Enterprise 1.