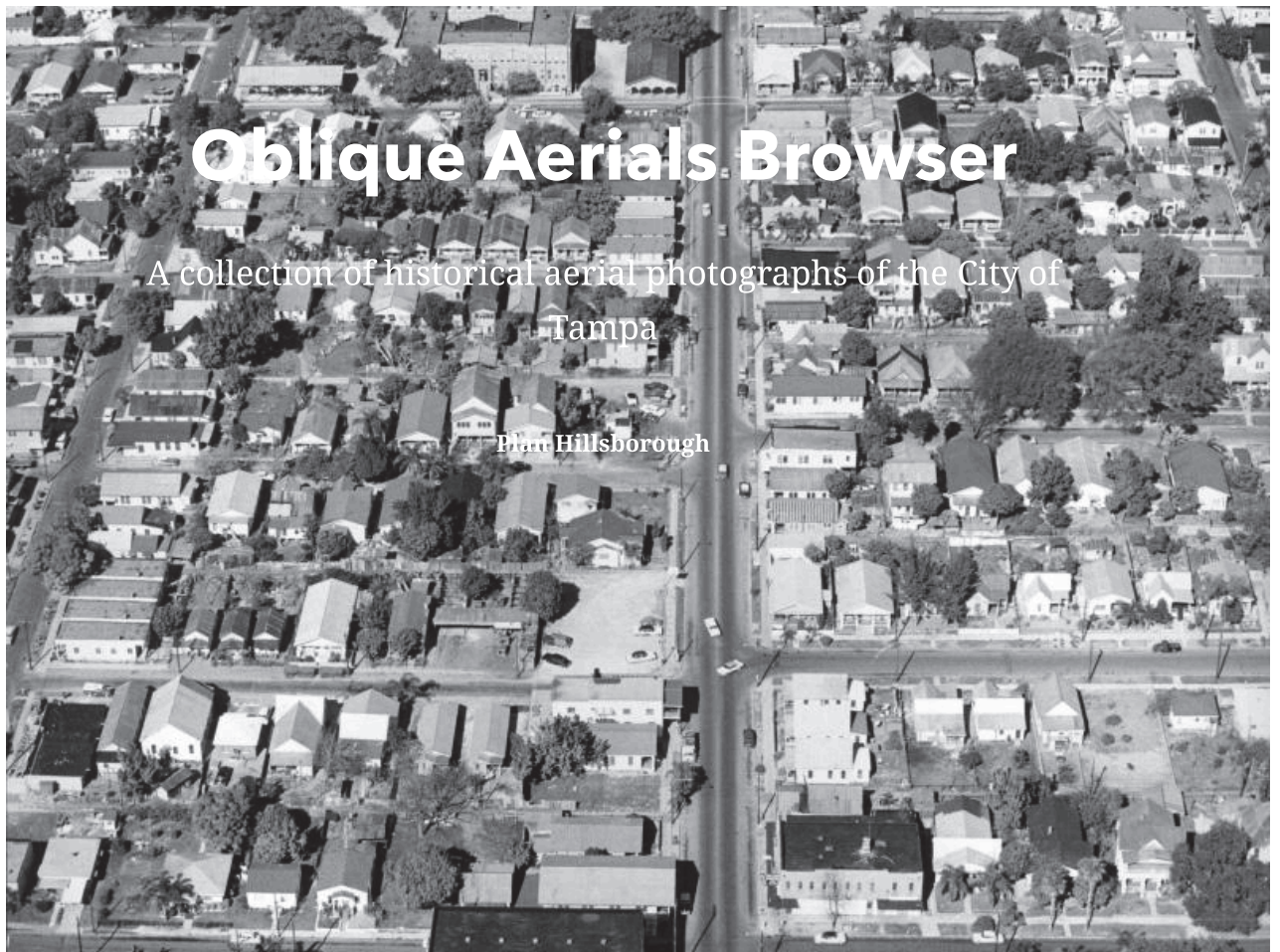
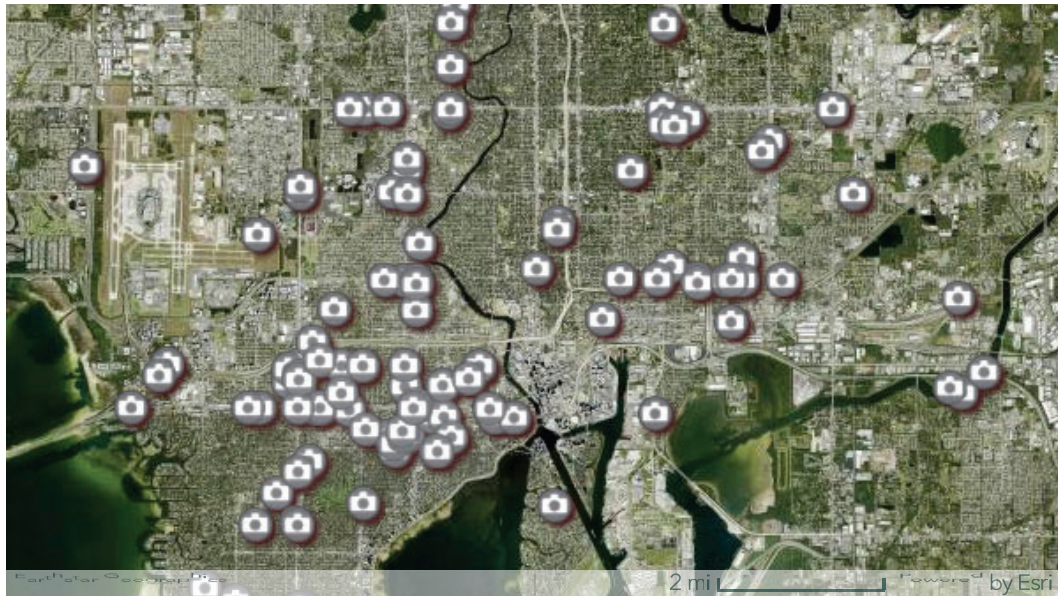




From 1957 to 1960, a series of approximately 200 aerial photographs were made of the City of Tampa and some portions of unincorporated Hillsborough County. Of these photographs, 140 were digitized and made available below in the browser. The browser contains snapshots of the aerial photographs and links to the original photographs.



Historic Aerial Photograph Locations

Physical Format

Each aerial photograph is approximately 13.5 x 11 inches in size. The photographs themselves are in black and white and were scanned by the University of South Florida's Special Collections department into 50MB tiff files. Although only in black and white, some of the aerials were colored by hand and assigned land use categories for planning purposes. The image below is an example of a colorized image.



Image 054_I10

Vantage Point

The aerals were taken from a variety of vantage points. The photographs themselves were taken almost entirely at angles between 30 and 45 degrees. While most of the aerial photographs were taken only a few hundred feet above the rooftop by airplane, some were taken quite high in the air. The examples below show the variety of angles and vantage points.



Image 52_F11 (Example of a low vantage point)



Image 55_G11 (Example of a high vantage point)

Metadata

These aerial photographs were "working" images. Of the approximate 200 known to exist, nearly 140 have some

annotation either directly on the image or on the back of the photograph. Common elements to these photographs are road names, north arrows, hand drawn maps indicating the roads or other features, date the photograph was taken and reference to a zoning book which indicates Section-Township-Range.

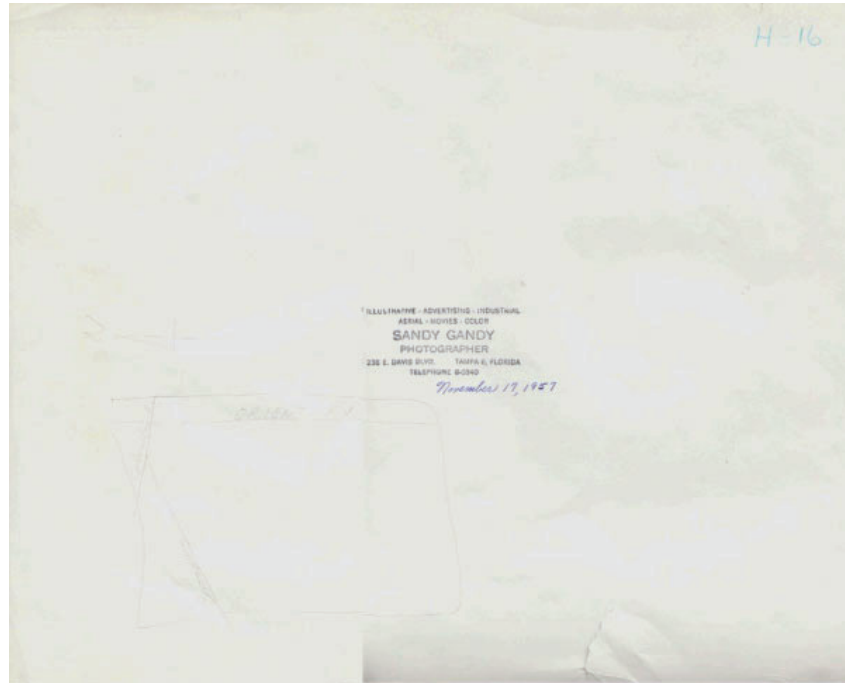


Image 183_H16 (Reverse) with Examples of Metadata

Intended Uses

The purpose of the Planning Commission in making these historical aerials available is to provide resources for researchers in a variety of disciplines. First, urban historians and planners may find aerial photographs to document changes in land uses and development patterns for the City of Tampa. Second, genealogists may find these images useful for researching images of neighborhoods or homes. This is especially relevant since the Census Bureau and National Archives are scheduled to release the 1950 Census records in two more years, in 2022. Finally, transportation researchers may find photographs of interest as Dale Mabry Highway, Grand Central (now Kennedy Boulevard) and Temple Terrace Highway (now Busch Boulevard) are all well documented.

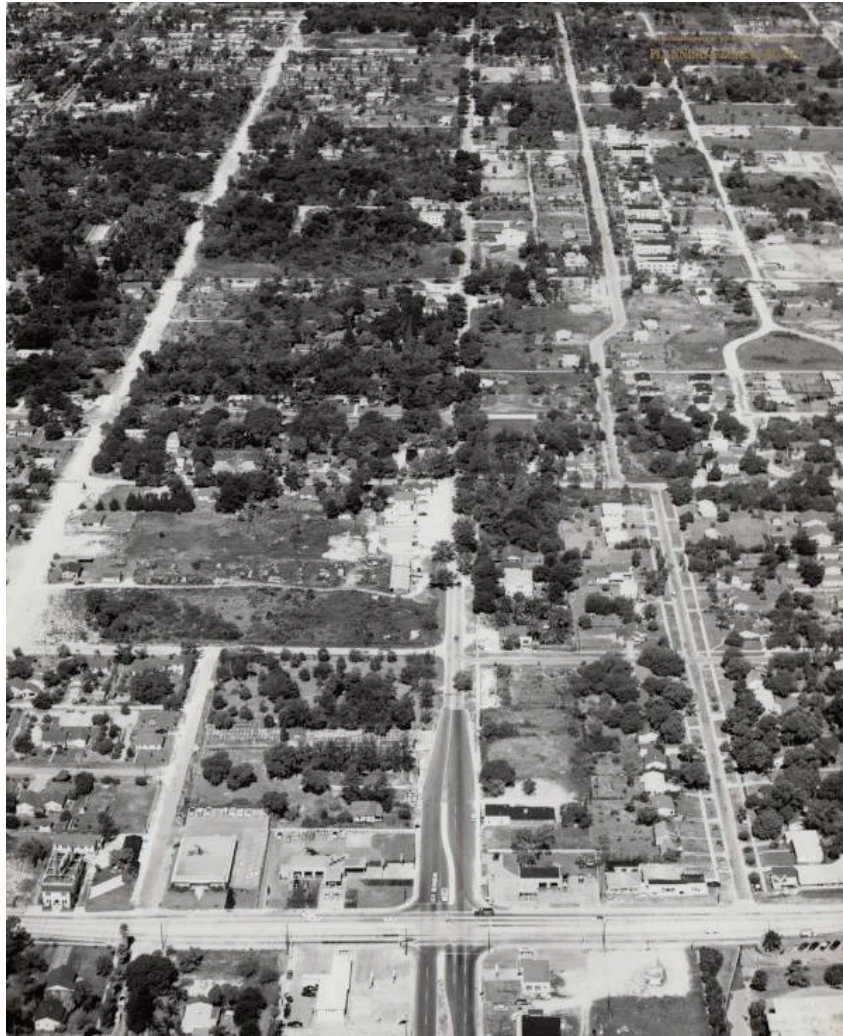


Image 184_I9 (Intersection of Dale Mabry and Grand Central - Facing East)



Image 119_C14 (Intersection of 30th Street and Temple Terrace Highway -
Busch Gardens to the East)

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