Resources for Photography in Modern Japanese History
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Context / Background Information

Oxford Reference Online  
http://www.oxfordreference.com/  
Entries in encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press; authoritative alternative to wikipedia

The Cambridge History of Japan (online)  
Main Library    DS835.C36 1988 (6 vols)  
Print:  obis.oberlin.edu/record=b1465230~S4

Volume 5: Nineteenth Century  
Volume 6: Twentieth Century

The Cambridge encyclopedia of Japan / Cambridge University Press, 1993  
Main Reference    DS805.C36 1993    LIB USE ONLY

Kodansha encyclopedia of Japan / Tokyo ; New York, N.Y. : Kodansha, 1983  
Main Reference    DS805.K633 1983 (9 vols)

Japan : an illustrated encyclopedia / Kodansha America, 1993  
Main Reference    DS805.J263 1993 (2 vols)

Japan at war : an encyclopedia / Louis G. Perez, editor  
Main Reference    DS838.J364 2013

OBIS and OhioLINK -- Subject Headings

Photography -- Japan -- History -- 19th century  
Japan -- History -- 19th century -- Pictorial works  
Photography -- Japan -- History  
Photography -- Social aspects -- Japan -- History

Databases for journal articles

Academic Search Complete -- large database with a broad range of articles on all areas of study. Useful for getting perspectives from many disciplines, and from popular media sources

Bibliography of Asian Studies Index to English language articles on all aspects of East Asian Studies

Historical Abstracts The major database of citations for articles in world history journals (not covering North America)
Other relevant databases: (see Databases A-Z to link to these)
Art Full Text
Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals
Environment Complete
JSTOR
SocIndex
Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

Source Material and Digital Collections

Collections containing photographs
(also use Prof. Parks’ extensive list of digital collections)

Camio: Catalog of Art Museum Images Online - digital scans of images in art museums, try japan* and photo* and add additional search terms
http://camio.oclc.org/cdm/

MIT “Visualizing Cultures” – image study of modern era Japan and early modern China

Meiji-Taisho Era in Photographs (National Diet Library)
http://www.ndl.go.jp/scenery/index.html

National Archives of Japan Digital Archive – photographs, posters, documents, scrolls, maps from all eras of Japanese history
http://www.digital.archives.go.jp/index_e.html

Nineteenth Century Collections Online – Photography: the world through the lens
http://tinyurl.galegroup.com/tinyurl/Bwyi1

Collections that contain art images or maps (may include photographs)

Ainsworth collection of Japanese Prints – Allen Memorial Art Museum
http://oberlin.edu/amam/exhibit_turmoil.html

Ainsworth Collection of Japanese Artists Books -- Oberlin College Library Special Collections
http://www.oberlin.edu/library/special/japanese-artists-books.html

ArtStor – over 1 million images of artwork of many forms covering broad time periods and geographies, includes art photography
http://www.artstor.org/index.shtml

Japanese Historical Maps – David Rumsey Collection
http://www.davidrumsey.com/japan/
Collections that are mainly text-based

*Japan Times* – leading English-language Japanese newspaper
Available in Mudd on microfilm: 1945-1970 (alt title Nippon Times from 1945-56)
[obis.oberlin.edu/record=b1751276~S4](obis.oberlin.edu/record=b1751276~S4)

*Japanese Historical Text Initiative* – important Japanese historical documents and English translations
[http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/jhti/](http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/jhti/)

*Meiji Japan* – digital collection of Edward S. Morse Collection (Oberlin subscribes to access)
[http://www.aap.amdigital.co.uk/default.aspx](http://www.aap.amdigital.co.uk/default.aspx)

*Research Guide for Modern Japanese History* (Harvard Univ. Library) – gateway to collections at Harvard, as well as many resources available on the open web
[http://guides.library.harvard.edu/content.php?pid=253676&gid=4877](http://guides.library.harvard.edu/content.php?pid=253676&gid=4877)

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