Ohio Memory Search Tips

About Ohio Memory

Ohio Memory is the collaborative digital library project of the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio, with collections from over 360 cultural heritage institutions representing all of Ohio's 88 counties. The site provides access to the historical treasures of Ohio and brings together primary sources in a free online resource available to the public.

The digital library contains over 500,000 items from a variety of formats, including:
- Manuscripts (letters, diaries, etc.)
- Photographs, maps, drawings and paintings
- Archaeological, natural history and historical objects
- Newspapers, books and e-publications
- And much more!

Using Ohio Memory

- **Basic searching**: A basic search can be performed from the Ohio Memory homepage (www.ohiomemory.org). If you aren't getting the results you're looking for, try a more general/broader search and refine results from there.
  - Use an asterisk as a wildcard with your search term(s)—i.e. "flood*" will return results with the terms "flood," "floods," "flooded," "flooding," etc.
  - Limit by format by using the "Restrict to" dropdown menu, the "Exclude full text sources" button, or the "Narrow your search" option on the results page.

- **Advanced searching**: View the advanced search options either using the link on the homepage, or the link adjacent to the search bar on your results page.
  - Narrow down search results using "All of the words," "Any of the words," "Exact phrase" and "None of the words" with your search terms.
  - Search for query terms within specific fields or across all fields.

- **Browsing**: Browse digital content by relevant **subjects**, **places** and **contributors.**

- **Viewing/saving item records**: Zoom, pan, position, rotate and clip images using the tool bar at the top of the image viewer.
  - Use the "Reference URL" to create a persistent link to an item on Ohio Memory.
  - "Save to favorites" to create a list of results accessible in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
  - Print or save a full version of the item using the "Print" button in the upper right corner. In new window, click "Print this item" or right click and save/copy the image to your desired location.