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Digital Resources at Virginia Memory



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Virginia Memory

FROM THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

Virginia Memory is a digital extension of the Library of Virginia, Virginia's state library. Included within the digitized collection are items that highlight Virginia's unique culture and past. Searchers will find photographs, postcards, audio, video, and other print documents.

This wide range of collections means that there is something for everyone who is interested in looking through the digitized materials. Whether you are a genealogist looking for leads on your family's past, or if you are a student who hopes to put together a paper or other multimedia project on Virginia history for your class, Virginia Memory can be a significant aid.

Sample Digitized Collections

- Board of Public Works
- Broadside Collection
- Chancery Records Index
- Cohabitation Records
- Confederate Disability Applications and Receipts
- Confederate Pension Rolls, Veterans and Widows
- Dunmore's War (Virginia Payrolls/Public Service Claims, 1775)
- Virginia Electoral College Digital Collection
- Governor's Letters Received, June 1776 - November 1784
- James I Robertson Jr Civil War Sesquicentennial Legacy Collection
- Jefferson Executive Papers Digital Collection, 1779-1881
- Legislative Petitions Digital Collection
- Lost Records Localities Digital Collection
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission Digital Collection
- Mutual Assurance Society (Richmond/Henrico County, Virginia, Policies)
- Rare Book Digital Collection
- Revolutionary War Bounty Warrants
- Revolutionary War Rejected Claims
- Revolutionary War Virginia State Pensions
- Robert E. Lee Camp Confederate Soldiers' Home Applications for Admission
- Virginia Chronicle
- Virginia Colonial Records Project
- Virginia Land Office Patents and Grants/ Northern Neck Grants and Surveys
- War of 1812 Bicentennial Collection
- World War I History Commission Questionnaires

Unique Feature: The Library of Virginia also offers visitors the opportunity to explore newly digitized resources that have not yet been transcribed. Visitors have the opportunity to volunteer and transcribe these documents.

Getting started

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Library Blogs

Fit to Print



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Making History



Transcribe

Transcribe is the Library of Virginia's collaborative online workspace where the public can participate in enhancing access to many of our amazing collections documenting over 400 years of Virginia history, people, and culture. This is the perfect opportunity for participants to dig deep into our collections and transcribe historic

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STEP 1: Access Virginia Memory at www.virginiamemory.com

This is a good starting point for any collection located at Virginia Memory. Selecting a specific collection on this page can lead the researcher to other collections that may be of use.

STEP 2: Orient yourself to the page:

- a.) The Digital Collections tab is the first choice among the provided tabs running across the top of the screen. You will begin your search here.
- c.) The drop-down tab provides several options; we will begin with "What's New?"
- b.) As a note, Virginia Memory also includes the Library of Virginia's blog and their volunteer transcription program, "Making History." You may be interested in exploring these features later.

Search across collections

WHAT'S NEW

Below is a selection of new digital collections recently added to Virginia Memory. Accessible through our digital asset management system, **DigiTool**, these collections are searchable by keywords, creator, and title. We also now have thumbnails, making these collections more browseable. We include born digital content, such as publications from state agencies, as well as photographic, art, manuscript, and print collections. We'd love to have your feedback on our new offerings and encourage you to come back often to see What's New!

Simple Search

Advanced Search

Select collection: General

A word or phrase:

☒ Contains ☐ Exact ☐ Starts With

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Collections



African American Narrative (15482)
[All African American Narrative Items](#) , [Gabriel's Rebellion Documents](#) , [Nat Turner's Insurrection Documents](#) ...



County & City Records (2935)
[Lost Records](#) , [Cohabitation Registers](#) , [Public Buildings and Grounds](#)



Early Printed Works (1279)
[Broadside Collection](#) , [Rare Books](#) , [Sheet Music](#)

STEP 1: You can choose to search through information located in all digital collections. On the "What's New Page, select the link to "DigiTool."

STEP 2: Once in DigiTool, you can choose to look in specific collections or to search broadly across collections in a Simple Search. Select a few key words to begin your search. The page is also helpfully organized by theme across collections; for example, if you are a genealogist, you may find it helpful to search across "County and City Records."

STEP 3: Broad searches can produce numerous results. An Advanced Search limits returns. "Advanced Search" is located next to "Simple Search" in the Search Bar. There, you can limit the search by collection, multiple fields, media type, or file format.

Tips for search terms

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Search 'W-All Words= merrimack' in 'Admin Unit LVA01' Collection [Sorted by: Title/Creator]

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1




[Colby family papers, 1862-1892](#)
Colby family
2011.06.18
  






2




[James A. Gowdy letters, 1861-1865](#)
Gowdy, James A.
1861-1865
  






3



[John H. Diltz papers, 1862- ca. 1910](#)
Diltz, John H., 1837-1917
2011-01-07
  


4



[John Torrance letters, 1862](#)
Torrance, John, b. ca. 1841
1862
  


Tip 1: Today's spelling is not always similar to the spelling of the past.

For help with 19th century spelling, visit the Oxford English Dictionary's notes on 19th century spelling variations at

<http://public.oed.com/aspects-of-english/english-in-time/nineteenth-century-english-an-overview/>

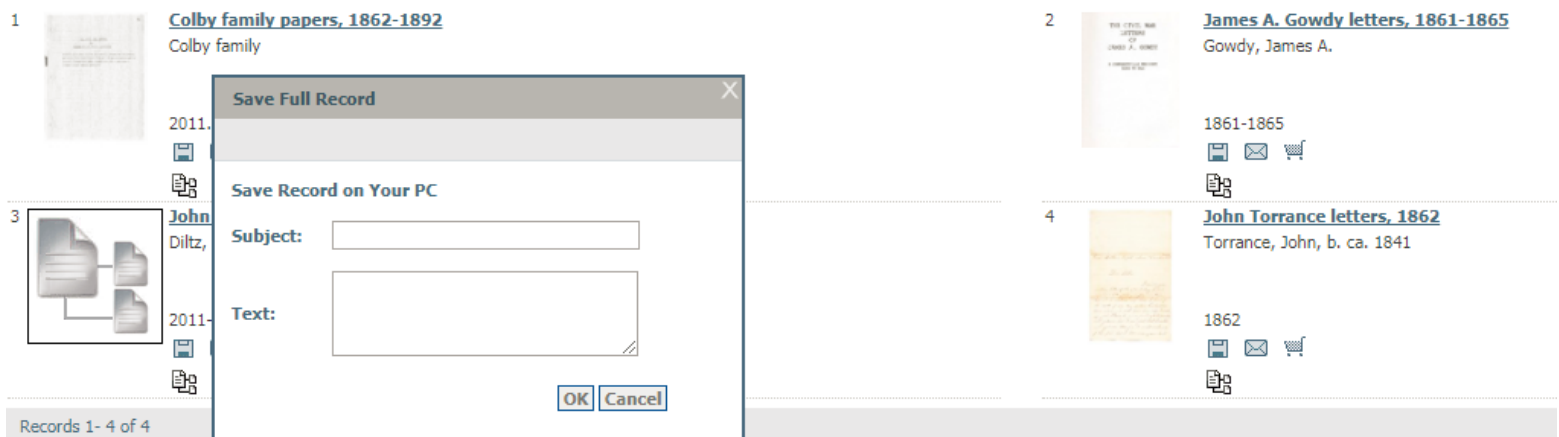
Tip 2: Remember, the present names given to past events were not always the given names in the given period. The Civil War took on a number of names, ranging from "the war" to "the rebellion."

Likewise, the White House was often referred to as the "Executive Mansion."

Tip 3: To maximize the best results, use quotation marks to isolate words or phrases that might appear together.

For example, "the Republican Court" was a common phrase used for the presidential administrations of the 19th century. Writing these words separately can complicate the search results.

How to save and share results



Tip 1: All digital sources at TeVA have a "Save," "Send," and "Add to E-shelf" button below the source when it is pulled up in a search.

Tip 2: Saving a record will save it on your PC
Sending a record will be accomplished via email.

Tip 3: The E-shelf feature will keep all of the resources that you are interested in further exploring in a navigation tab that runs at the top of the Virginia Memory search page.

Notes

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