



# Searching The Digital Collections: Image Searching

## Definition

The image collections integrate library images, licensed images, and images from faculty projects. Using the image search forms allows you to search the detailed *metadata* describing what the images depict.

## URLs

The Basic Image Search can be accessed from <http://lib.virginia.edu/digital/collections/image/>

The Advanced Image Search can be accessed from  
<http://lib.virginia.edu/digital/collections/image/advanced-search.html>

## Search Rules

Search on a SINGLE WORD –or– an EXACT PHRASE

Search is not case sensitive (capitalization does not matter) and quotation marks are not needed for phrases

Default search is RIGHT TRUNCATED

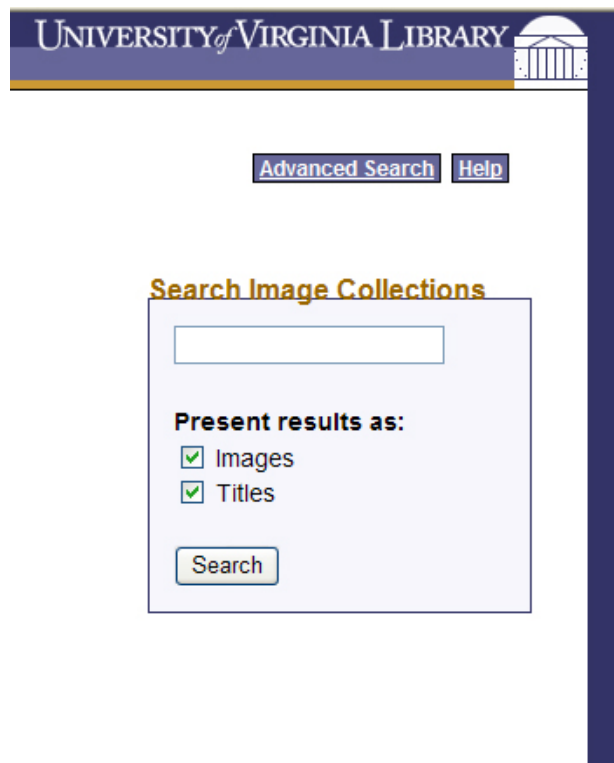
Searching on **hen** returns results including *hen, hens, Henry, Henrietta, etc.*

Turn off right truncation by typing a period at the end of your search term

Searching on **hen.** returns only results for *hen*

## Basic Search

Basic search allows you to enter a *single word* (aka *keyword*) or an *exact phrase* to quickly search the digital collections. This is a search with no limits.



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**Search Image Collections**

**Present results as:**

- Images
- Titles

## Advanced Search

Advanced search allows you to enter *multiple single words* or *exact phrases*, as well as offering the ability to limit a search by scope, date, or collection.

Use the default *anywhere* to search across all categories of data. This is always the best place to start because not all categories exist for all items -- i.e., some may not have a known creator or location, be associated with a specific culture or style, or have descriptive text or comments. Or you may use the drop-down box to select a specific data category to search.

You may limit your search by any of the following categories:

<b>Title:</b>	The title of the image, including alternate titles
<b>Creator:</b>	The name(s) of individuals or organizations that bear some important relationship to the item or site depicted in the image, i.e. painter, architect
<b>Date created or changed:</b>	Dates associated with the creation of the item or site, i.e. the creation date of a sculpture or dedication date of a building. -You may enter four digit dates or a date string, i.e. 8 <sup>th</sup> century
<b>Location:</b>	A physical location associated with the item or site, i.e. the location of a building, the museum housing a painting
<b>Subject:</b>	Topic associated with the item or site, or significant associations with people, events, or other contextual information
<b>Subject (Date):</b>	Dates represented by the item, i.e. a painting depicting an 19 <sup>th</sup> century event. -You may enter four digit dates or a date string, i.e. 8th century

<b>Subject (Place):</b>	A physical location represented by the item or site, i.e. the representation of Athens in a painting
<b>Culture:</b>	A culture of origin or context, i.e., French, Sioux
<b>Style:</b>	A style or period associated with the item or site, i.e. Baroque, Art Deco
<b>Description:</b>	Descriptive text, notes, remarks, or comments
<b>Materials:</b>	The physical dimensions of the item or site, or the medium, i.e. bronze, oil, watercolor

You may also combine up to three searches by selecting the options *and* (must include) or *or* (either/or) to further broaden or narrow your search.

You may limit the scope of your search to a specific sub-collection, e.g. the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History or Jefferson Country Architecture. Use the default *all collections* to search all image collections.

You can select the format for you search results – with or without thumbnails and with or without captions. The default is both images and captions.

It is not necessary use to all the boxes.

The screenshot shows the 'Digital Collections' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'UVa Library Home', 'Digital Collections', 'Texts', and 'Images'. Below this is the 'Image Collections' section, which includes an 'Advanced Search' form. The form consists of three search input fields, each followed by a dropdown menu set to 'anywhere' and a 'in' label. Between the first two fields is an 'and' dropdown menu. Below the search fields is a 'Limit By Collection' dropdown menu, currently set to 'All Collections', with a list of options: 'All Collections', 'Architecture of Jefferson Country', 'Archivision Photo Library', 'Smithsonian Catlin Indian Paintings', and 'UCLA Fowler Museum'. A 'SEARCH' button is located at the bottom of the form.