# Searching the Center for Railroad Photography & Art's new Digital Museum

Homepage: <a href="https://railphoto.historyit.com/public-sites/home/digital-museum">https://railphoto.historyit.com/public-sites/home/digital-museum</a>



## **Basic Search**

To start, we will take a closer look at how to use the main search bar, or what is referred to as the Basic Search.



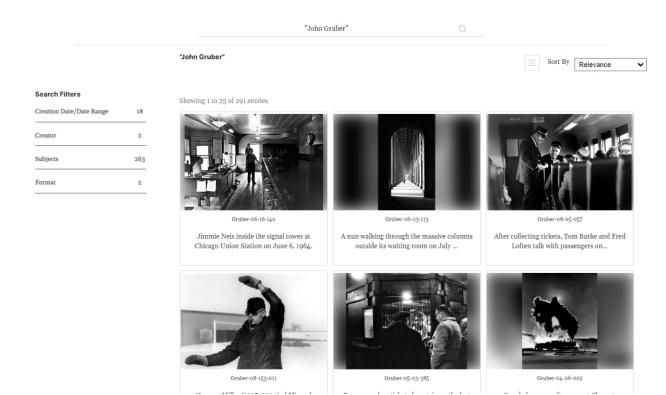
The Basic Search bar will search the entire site – it is a fairly simple search and doesn't allow the opportunity to narrow a search right away, whereas an Advanced Search (page 4) does.

To search for something specific from the main search bar, put your search terms in double quotation marks:

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	"John Gruber"	Q	-
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# As you can see, all results are from John Gruber's works.

# SITE SEARCH



To see the image at full-size, or to see more information about it, click on the thumbnail image, and you will be able to see the full record.



To view the next image, click on the blue arrow toward the top, and you'll be able to navigate through your search results.



# A quick note:

If you don't put your search in double quotation marks, then it will search the site for any instance of *John* and any instance of *Gruber* individually – meaning you would get not only any item on the site with *Gruber* in it, but you would get any *John*, including things from the *John C. Illman Collection*, any other instance of *John*, and so on.

### **Advanced Search**

The Advanced Search allows users to be more specific about results they want to receive by including multiple terms to pull from specific areas of information. Current fields to search by are:

- *Identifier*, which is the filename or ID of the image.
- Date/Range, which will allow you to select date(s) or a range to filter results.
- Description, which will search the written description of the records.
- Keyword/Subject, which will search particular subject, or keyword, tags that have been applied to any records for instance, if there is a railroad worker visible in an image, the image has been tagged with Railroad employees, and it will help locate all images with workers.
- *Person*, which will search any creator's name and filter by them; for instance, if you wanted works specifically created by Stan Kistler, you could type in *Kistler* and get all his records.
- Railroad, which will filter by a particular railroad. Please note, we have used particular names for railroads for example, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific is most commonly referred to as The Milwaukee Road. You will still be able to search by Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific, it's just that The Milwaukee Road is what will display in the search. This enables multiple people to get the correct results when searching different names that railroads have used over the years.



# ADVANCED SEARCH

Home | Advanced Search

Identifier			
Enter any text to search.		☐ Require all terms	
Exact matches only			
Date/Range			
[Select an option]		~	
	mm/dd/yyyy		
Person			
Enter any text to search.		☐ Require all terms	
Exact matches only			
Description			
Enter any text to search.		☐ Require all terms	
☐ Exact matches only			
Keyword/Subject			
Enter any text to search.		☐ Require all terms	
Exact matches only			
Railroad			
Enter any text to search.		☐ Require all terms	
Exact matches only			
With respect to the search criteria above			
Return results that match ALL the criteria ("AND")			
Return results that match A	NY criterion ("OR")		
	SEARCH		

After each search term box is a checkbox that says, "Require all terms." This enables the user to enter a term that has multiple words, such as "Railroad stations," and will search both terms together, not just "Railroad" and "Stations," which would get a larger selection not specific to Railroad stations. This works in the same way as the double quotations search mentioned above.

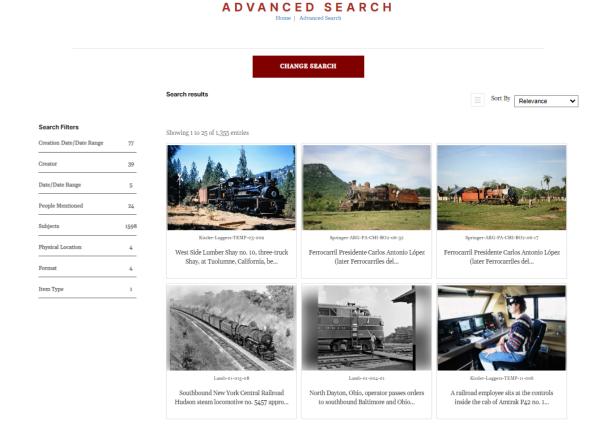
Keyword/Subject			
Railroad employees	Require all terms		
Exact matches only			

\*NOTE: Currently, this feature is misbehaving – to specify that you want all terms searched at this time, put your search in double quotes and don't check the *Require all terms* box, like this:

Keyword/Subject

"Railroad employees"	☐ Require all terms
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As you can see, there are 1,355 results with the term *Railroad employees* attached to them. *Note: this number will change as we add records, this is just an example.* 



### Search Filters

Creation Date/Date Range	77
Creator	39
Date/Date Range	5
Subjects	1598
Format	4

To further narrow your search, you can interact with the "Search Filters" to the left of your results. These filters reflect any of the additional subjects, locations, etc. that are found in the results you originally searched for. If you click on one, you can see additional options to narrow down your search.

#### Search Filters

Creation Date/Date Range	77
Creator	39
Date/Date Range	5
Subjects	-
Terms begin with	
Railroad Employees	1353
North And Central America	984
United States	864
Steam Locomotives	562
Diesel Locomotives	480
More: 1 2 3 4 5	>>
Format	4

You can either look through the list by clicking on the numbers after "More," or you can type in any additional terms you would like to add in the "Terms begin with" option.

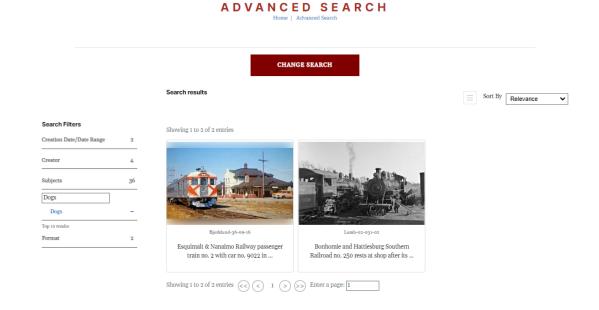
Let's say I want to see all photographs with Railroad employees and Dogs – I type *Dogs* into the "Terms begin with..." box, hit enter, and if there are photos with *Railroad employees* and *Dogs*, the option will show up to search them.

Search Filters	
Creation Date/Date Range	77
Creator	39
Date/Date Range	5
Subjects	1598
Dogs	
Railroad Employees	1353
North And Central America	984
United States	864
Steam Locomotives	562
Diesel Locomotives	480
More: 1 2 3 4 5	>>
Format	4

Search Filters	
Creation Date/Date Range	77
Creator	39
Date/Date Range	5
Subjects	1598
Dogs	
Dogs	2
Top 10 results	
Format	4

In this case, these results do exist, so I click on the resulting line with Dogs 2 (The 2" means that there will be 2 results)

We can see the two images that have both Railroad employees and Dogs – you can click on them to see a larger image, and sure enough, there is both a Railroad Employee with a dog nearby.



Again, to see an image and its data in full size, click on the image thumbnail.



To see the other images from your search, you can click on the blue arrow at the top of the page, in line with the file name. In this case, it's to the right of the filename, but it may be on the left, right, or both sides, depending on what image you chose to look at first in your search.





Additionally, you can search multiple fields at a time in the Advanced Search. For instance, if you wanted photos of Railroad employees specifically from the John Gruber Collection, you would enter his name under "Person" and "Railroad employees" in the "Keyword/Subject" field.

Of note, toward the bottom of the Advanced Search section is text that says "With respect to the search criteria above..." followed by two buttons to select, "Return results that match ALL the criteria ("AND")" or "Return results that match ANY criterion ("OR")". This refers to the multiple fields above – so, if you want specifically "Railroad employees" taken by John Gruber, you will fill it out as follows, with **Require all terms** checked behind *John Gruber* and *Railroad employees* and the **Return results that match ALL the criteria ("AND")** option selected.

With respect to the search criteria above...

- Return results that match ALL the criteria ("AND")
- Return results that match ANY criterion ("OR")

SEARCH

# ADVANCED SEARCH

Home | Advanced Search

Identifier				
Enter any text to search.		☐ Require all terms		
Exact matches only				
Date/Range				
[Select an option]		~		
	mm/dd/yyyy			
Person				
John Gruber		Require all terms		
Exact matches only				
Description				
Enter any text to search.		□ Require all terms		
Exact matches only	Exact matches only			
Keyword/Subject				
Railroad employees		□ Require all terms		
Exact matches only				
Railroad				
Enter any text to search.		Require all terms		
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Return results that match ALL the criteria ("AND")  Return results that match ANY criterion ("OR")				
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	SEARCH			

### Search Filters

Creation Date/Date Range	15
Creator	2
Subjects	162
Format	2

Showing 1 to 25 of 95 entries



Jimmie Neis inside the signal tower at Chicago Union Station on June 6, 1964.



After collecting tickets, Tom Burke and Fred Loften talk with passengers on...



Herman Miller (1925-2004) of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, gives hand signals w...



Passengers buy tickets for a trip on the last night of the Chicago North Sh...



Gruber-01-001-01
Milwaukee Road locomotive no. 1119 in
Prarie du Sac, Wisconsin in 1948.



A worker crossing the tracks towards a Reading Railroad steam locomotive in...







If, instead, you wanted to search multiple terms but not together in a single photograph, you would instead choose the **Return results that match ANY criterion ("OR")** option. For instance, if you wanted to find images of *Railroad employees* and images of *Stations*, and you don't necessarily care if there are some photos of only Railroad employees or Stations, then you would choose this selection.

Description			
Station	☐ Require all terms		
☐ Exact matches only			
Keyword/Subject			
Railroad employees	Require all terms		
☐ Exact matches only			
Person			
Enter any text to search.	☐ Require all terms		
☐ Exact matches only			
Railroad			
Enter any text to search.	☐ Require all terms		
☐ Exact matches only			
With respect to the search criteria above			
Return results that match ALL the criteria ("AND")  Return results that match ANY criterion ("OR")			
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SEARCH.			

As you can see, we both have results that show Railroad employees, and results that show Stations, even when both terms aren't reflected in the images.

### Search Filters

Creation Date/Date Range	80
Creator	39
Date/Date Range	5
Subjects	2033
Format	5

Showing 1 to 25 of 1,944 entries



West Side Lumber Shay no. 10, three-truck Shay, at Tuolumne, California, be...



Springer-ARG-PA-CHI-BO2-06-32 Ferrocarril Presidente Carlos Antonio López (later Ferrocarriles del...



Kistler-Loggers-TEMP-06-003 Santa Fe Railway passengers at Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal (LAUPT)...



 ${\it Springer-ARG-PA-CHI-BO2-06-17}$  Ferrocarril Presidente Carlos Antonio López (later Ferrocarriles del...



Southbound New York Central Railroad Hudson steam locomotive no. 5457 appro...



Kistler-Loggers-TEMP-06-005

Santa Fe Railway "El Capitan" hi-level, featuring the lit drumhead on the r...





