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Welcome to History Nebraska's website!

I hope you find a treasure trove of primary sources relating to your History Day project at History Nebraska. My name is Jessica Stoner and I'm happy to help you with your research as well, jessica.stoner@nebraska.gov or 402-471-4757. And if at first you don't succeed, I hope you'll try, try again. That is the nature of searching for useful primary sources whether you are a new or an experienced history researcher. Best wishes in your project!

This google doc contains short-cuts to 4 types of sources held by History Nebraska:

Manuscripts

Newspapers - National

Library

Photos & Artifacts

and a few FAQ's:

What are the Library/Archives' Reference Room Hours?

Fridays 9:00am-4:00pm and during the week by appointment

Where is the Library/Archives Reference Room?

On the first floor of the History Nebraska building, 1500 R Street (south edge of UNL's city campus)

What to expect when you visit the Library/Archives Reference Room

Sign in and use agreement form (just to promise to take good care of the primary sources you'll be handling)

Lockers for possessions

Only phone, pencils and notepads in the workspace with the primary sources

You'll be asked to wear gloves if looking at primary sources

Staff will provide additional how-to's for handling materials

What you can do before you visit

Call the Reference Room staff at 402-471-4751 or by email hn.reference@nebraska.gov to request specific materials be retrieved and brought to the Reference Room before you visit and those items will be ready for you to look at. The staff can also retrieve materials during the time of your visit, but how quickly that happens depends on how busy the staff is.

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What if I find a photo I like?

To see it in the Reference Room

In Person - Some photos are in folders and can be handled, when wearing gloves, other photo collections are on microfilm, which the staff will show you how to use

Can I get a copy?

In Person - the staff can make a photocopy for you for 25 cents/copy

Online - you can place an order using this link

<https://history.nebraska.gov/photograph-and-audiovisual-request-form>

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'Photograph and Audiovisual Request Form' on the History Nebraska website. The form includes sections for 'Contact Information' with fields for Name, Phone, Email, Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code. It also has a 'Do you know the photograph ID number?' dropdown and a 'Security Authentication Required' checkbox. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom right.

What if I find something in a manuscript collection I like?

To see it in the Reference Room

In Person - Some photos are in folders and can be handled, when wearing gloves, other photo collections are on microfilm, which the staff will show you how to use

Can I get a copy?

In Person - the staff can make a photocopy for you for 25 cents/copy

OR you can take a photo with your cell phone

What if I find a book I want to look at?

To see it in the Reference Room

In Person - you can fill out a short form to request that the book be brought to the Reference Room

Can I make copies?

The staff can make a photocopy for you for 25 cents/copy

OR you can take a photo with your cell phone

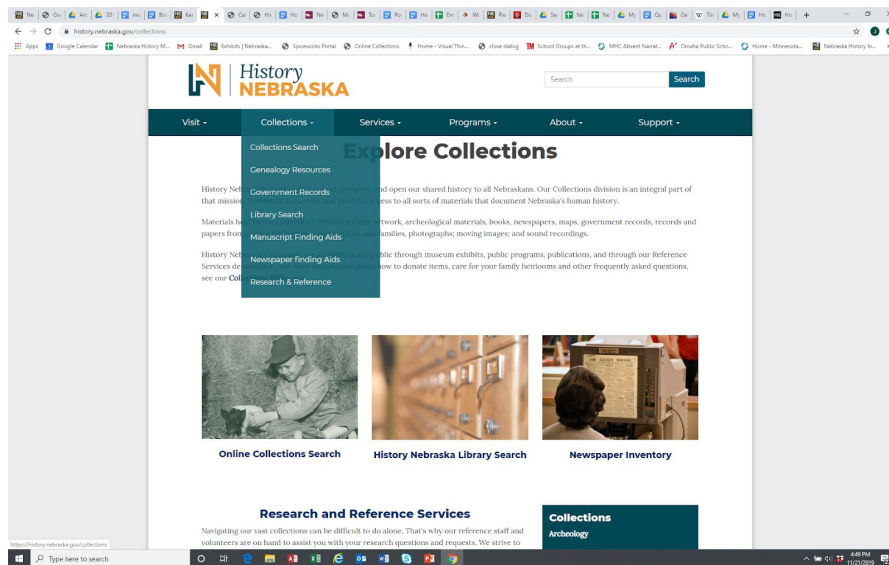
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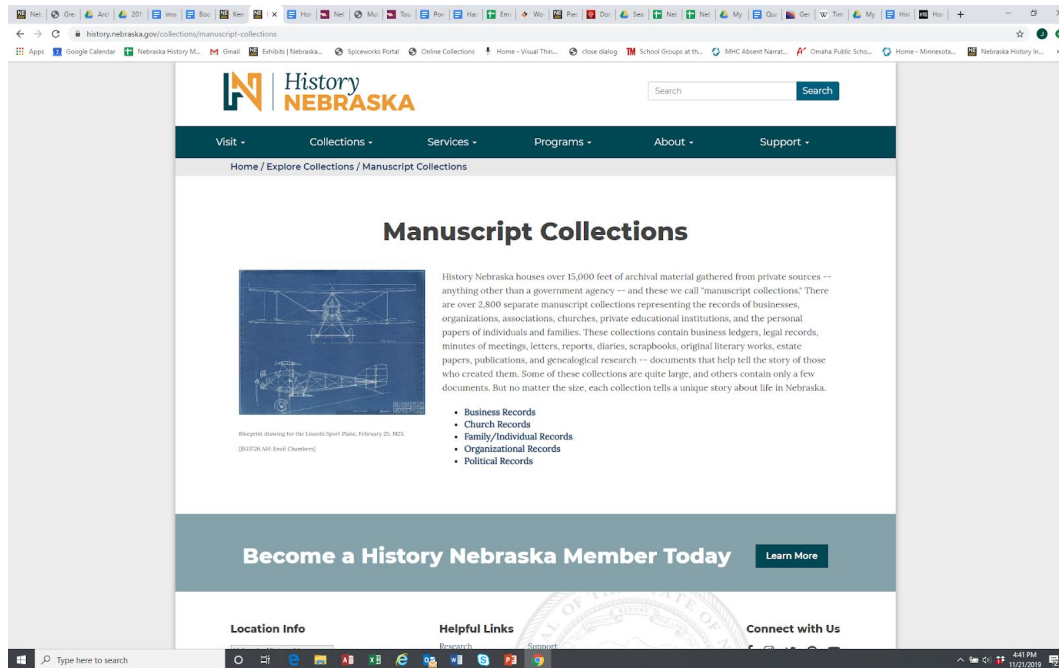
Manuscript Short-Cut

Manuscripts = business ledgers, legal records, minutes of meetings, letters, reports, diaries, scrapbooks, original literary works, estate papers, publications, and genealogical research

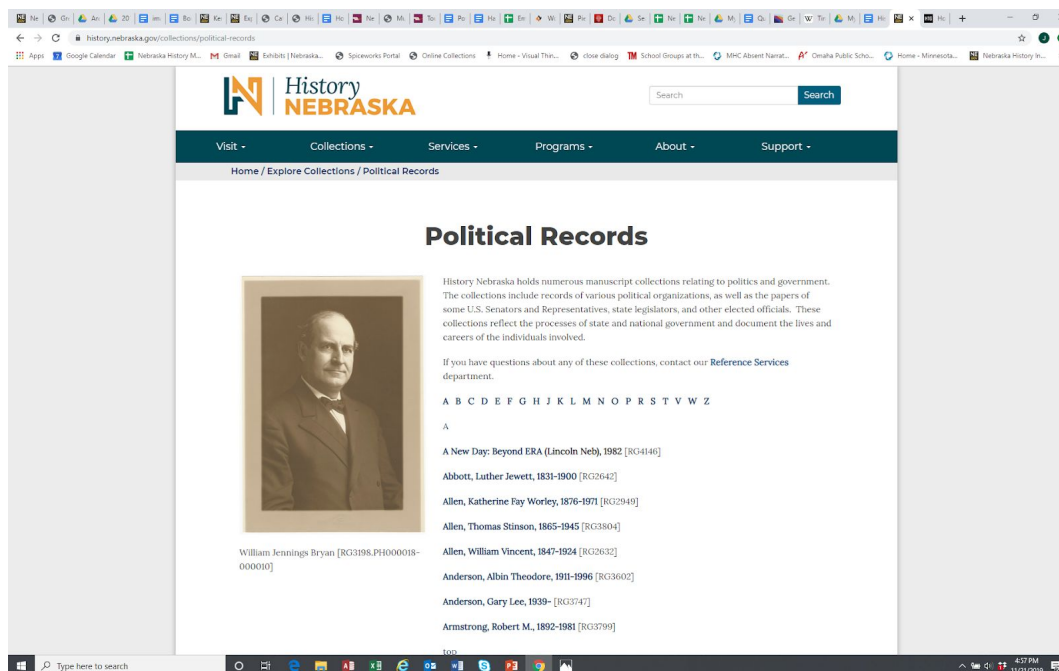
Hover over “Collections” and click on “Manuscript Finding Aids” or click here <https://history.nebraska.gov/collections/manuscript-collections>



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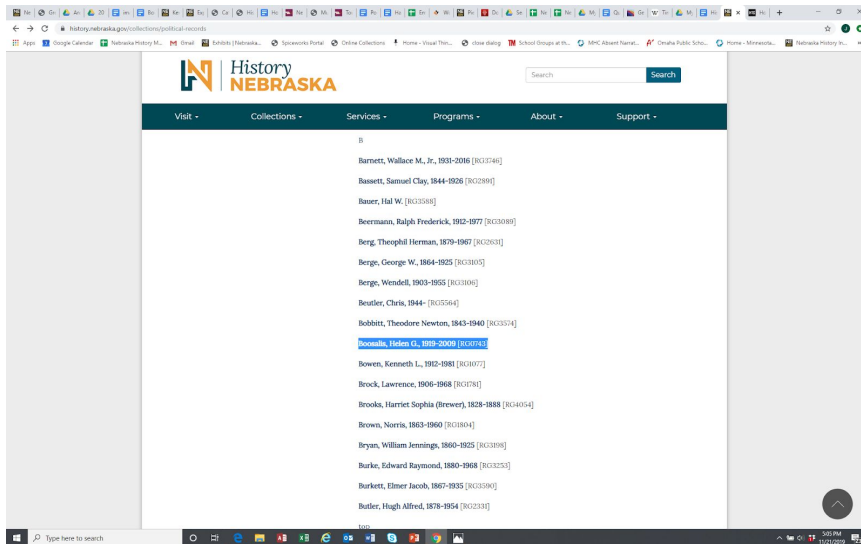
Any of these categories bulleted and listed above in blue (Business Records, Church Records, etc.) are links to alpha-ordered collection listings such as this one for Political Records.



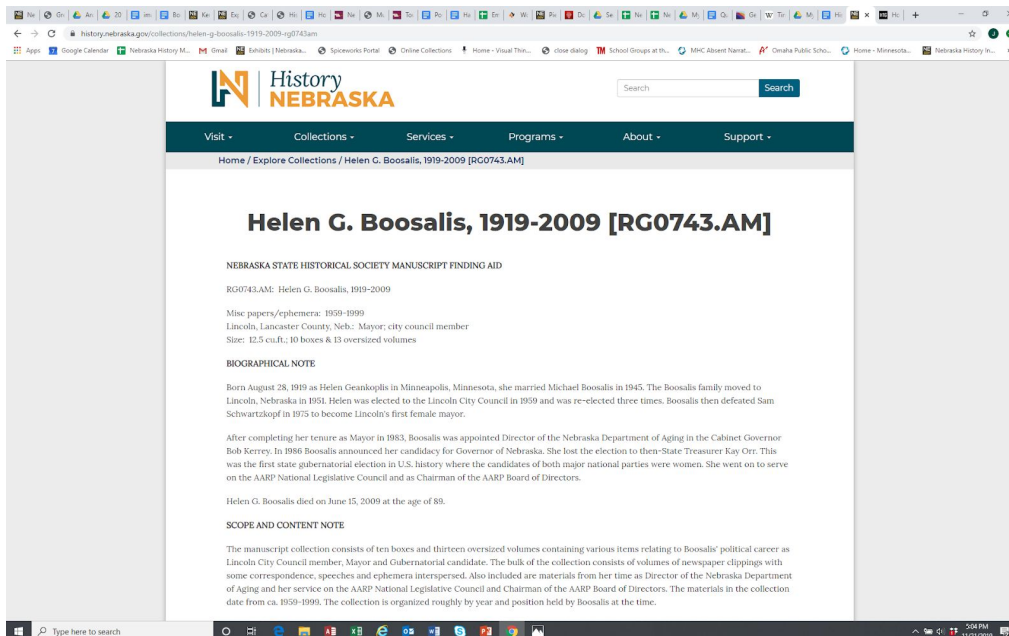
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Then each entry in blue, is a link to a collection, such as this one. It was in the list as Boosalis, Helen G.



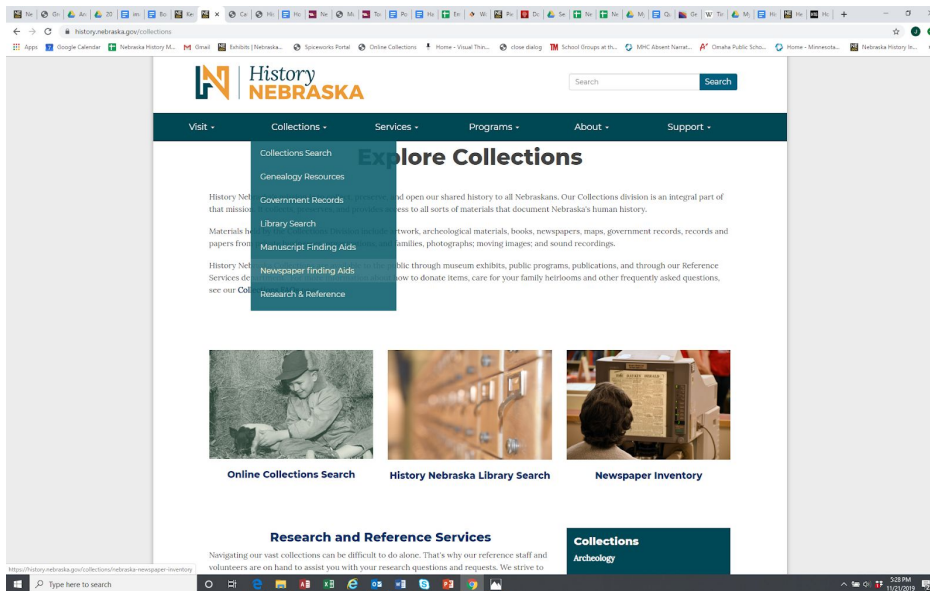
And here's what the page with the collection description looks like. The collection description contains background on the individual and then a listing of the primary source materials which will be found inside. Helen Boosalis' collection has 10 boxes of primary source materials.



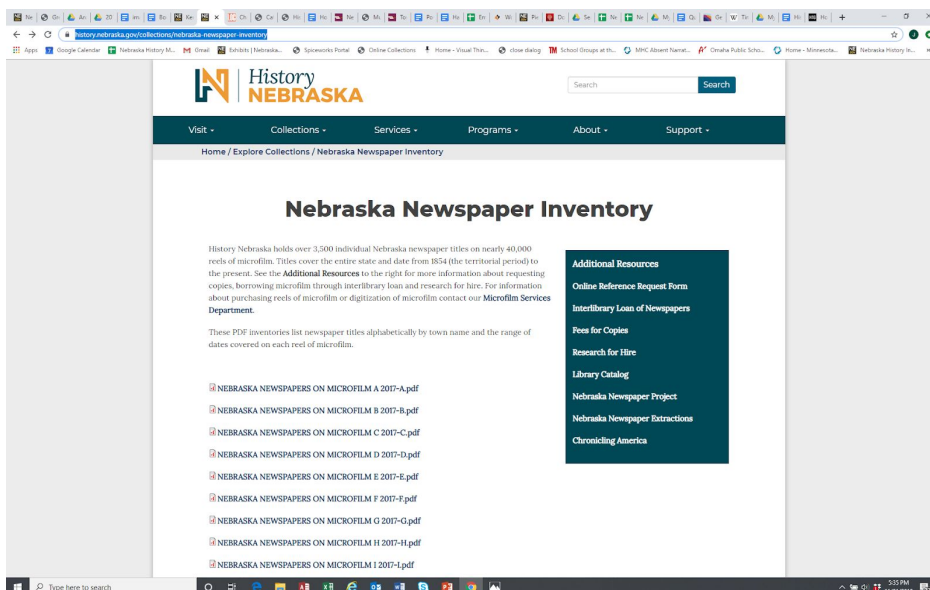
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Newspaper Short-Cut - National



Hover over “Collections” and click on “Newspaper Finding Aids” or click here <https://history.nebraska.gov/collections/nebraska-newspaper-inventory>

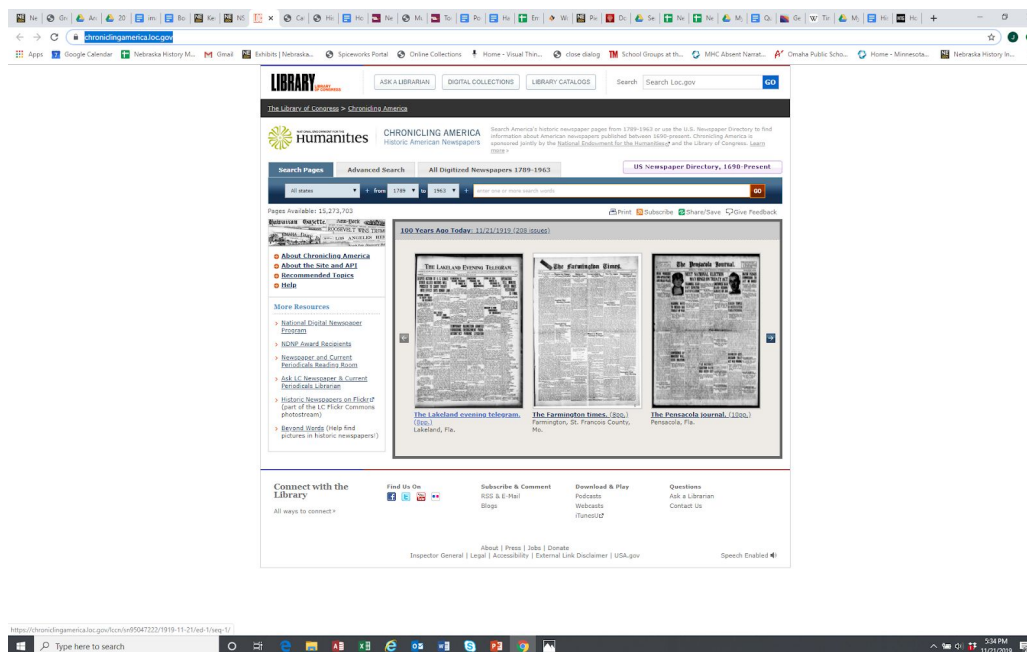


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Then Hover over “Chronicling America” or click here to link to “Chronicling America”
NATIONWIDE newspaper search engine of the Library of Congress
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

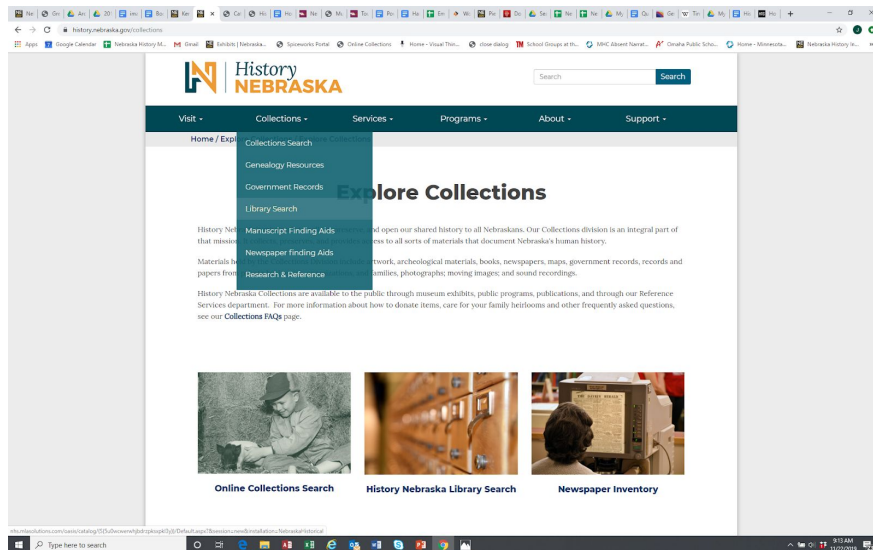
The Chronicling America finding aid can be filtered by state and year - very powerful!! It brings up the exact newspaper section and the matching terms within the newspaper article are highlighted for easy use.



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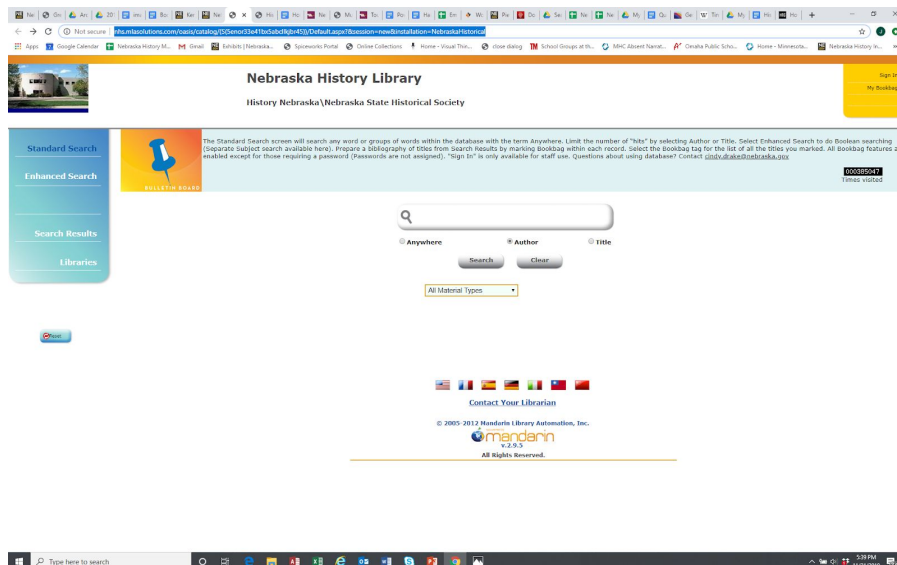


Library Short-cut



Hover over Collections and click on Library Search, or click here to get to the Library Search Engine.

[http://nhs.mlasolutions.com/oasis/catalog/\(S\(5enor33e41bx5abcllkjbr45\)\)/Default.aspx?&session=new&installation=NebraskaHistorical](http://nhs.mlasolutions.com/oasis/catalog/(S(5enor33e41bx5abcllkjbr45))/Default.aspx?&session=new&installation=NebraskaHistorical)



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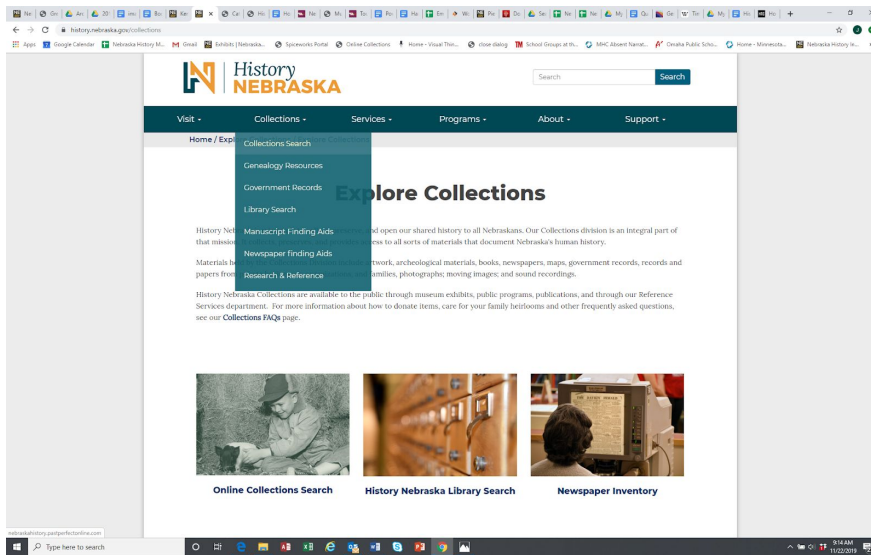
This search for books written by Grace Abbott retrieved 2 sources - one book has essays and written by Grace Abbott and her sister, Edith Abbott between 1909 and 1939.

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Nebraska History Library search results. The browser's address bar shows a URL from mhwolitions.com. The page has a header with the library's name and a sidebar on the left with navigation links like 'Standard Search', 'Enhanced Search', and 'Search Results'. The main content area shows search results for 'Author: Grace Abbott'. Two results are listed. The first result is 'A century of progress' edited by Charles A. Beard, published in 1933. The second result is 'The Grace Abbott reader' edited by John Sorensen and Judith Sealander, published in 2008. Both results include detailed metadata such as title, publisher, pages, and subjects. A 'My Bookbag' section is visible at the bottom of the results list.

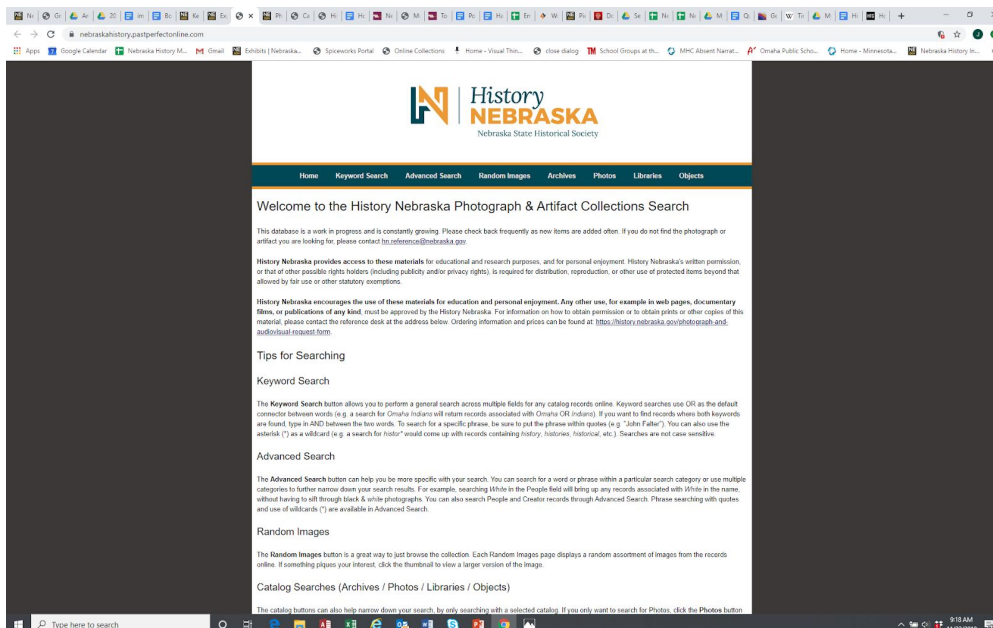
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Photos & Artifacts Short-cut



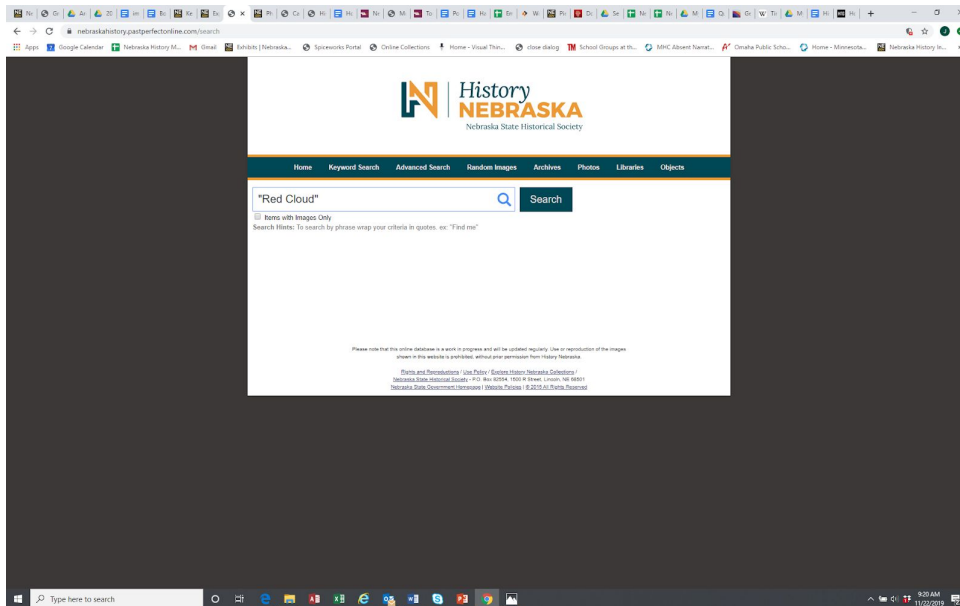
Hover over Collections and click on Collections Search, or click here to search Photos and Artifacts <https://nebraskahistory.pastperfectonline.com/>



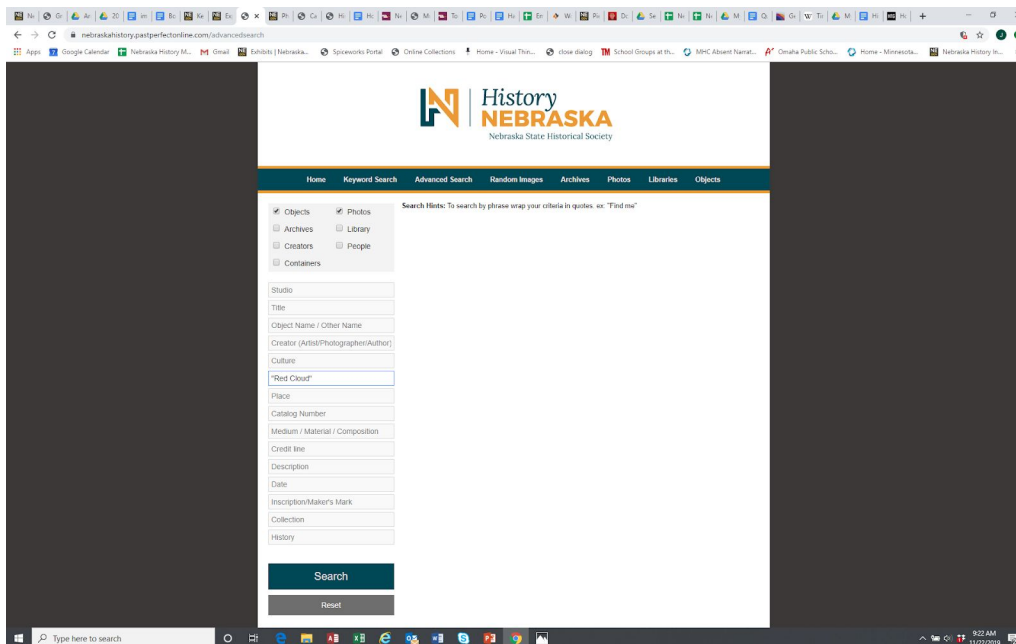
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Click on “Keyword Search” or “Advanced Search” to get started.



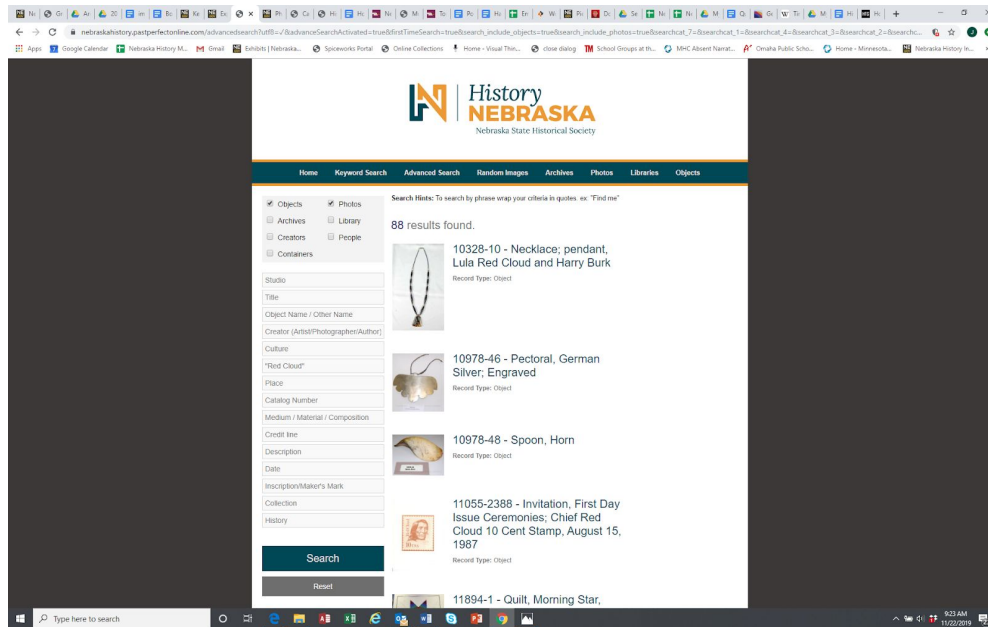
This “Keyword Search” using the term “Red Cloud” yielded over 200 finding the town of Red Cloud, the former Indian Agency of Red Cloud and the Chief Red Cloud.



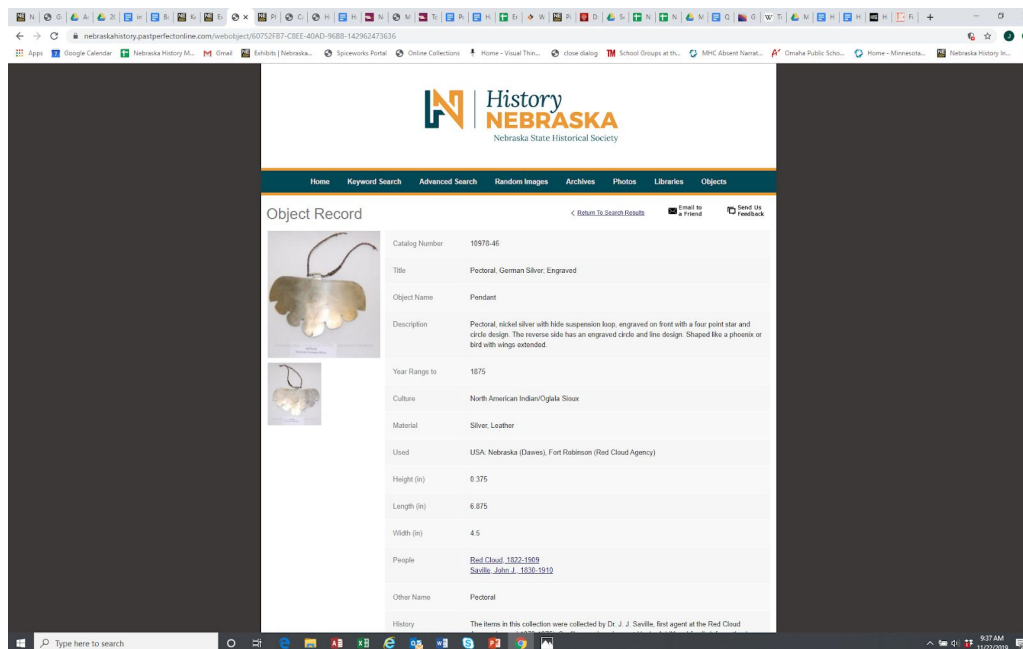
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In this “Advanced Search” I entered “Red Cloud” in the People field. And it yielded 88 entries with more direct association to the person, Chief Red Cloud.



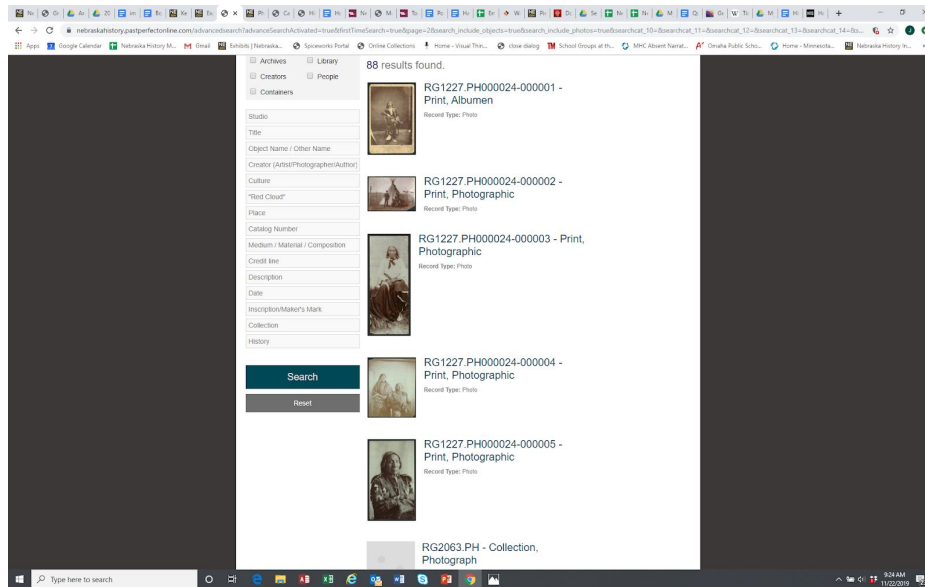
Click on an artifact to learn more.



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This pectoral happens to be on exhibit currently, so you could come to the museum and take a picture of it there too - (without a flash, please :).



Click on a photo to learn more.

