SEARCHING COLLECTIONS IN LVA’S NEW DISCOVERY LAYER

In the Library’s former catalog, searching for certain collections (Land Office, Confederate Pensions, etc.) could be initiated separately from the rest of the catalog. While that specific functionality is no longer available, you are still able to limit your search results based on database.

If you already know how to do this, jump on in to the new search page.

If you would like a little tutorial, read on....

Say you want to find all records for Chaffins in the Revolutionary War digital collections (Bounty Land, Land Office Military Certificates, etc.)

Step 1: Do a general search for “Chaffin”

Step 2: Use “Facets” to refine your results

After completing a general search, you will see results for the formerly separate databases on the left side bar under "Collections."

If you “show more” you’ll see all collections with results related to your search.
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For more information about the new catalog, see our Getting Started user guide.

Now you’re ready to Search the Main Catalog!