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Refine Your Search by Record Group or Collection

If you've ever searched in the Catalog, you're probably familiar with the refinements available with your search results in the left margin, e.g. Refine by Level of Description, Refine by Type of Materials, or Refine by Date. Well, now you can refine by record group or collection too. Previously, users were only able to limit their search by record group or collection in the advanced search, and the number or identifier had to be known and entered manually.

What is a Record Group?

A Record Group comprises the records of a major government entity, usually a bureau or an independent agency that created or maintained these records. For example, National Archives Record Group 4 is Records of the U.S. Food Administration.

What is a Collection?

A Collection is an artificial accumulation of documents brought together on the basis of some characteristic (such as means of acquisition, creator, subject, language, media, form, name of collector) without regard to the source of the documents.

For example, the collection "Franklin D. Roosevelt Political Papers" (Collection Identifier FDR-FDRPOL) is a collection donated by Roosevelt of his papers that relate to his pre-presidency political activities in the Democratic Party from December 1920 to January 1928.

Under this new refinement option, you will see a list of the records group numbers and/or collection identifiers that have results responsive to their search terms. These record

groups and collections are sorted in descending order based on which have the most relevant results - you will see the number of relevant results next to each record group or collection listed.

▼ **Refine By: Record Group/Collection**

- [Record Group 79 \(14287\)](#)
- [Record Group 22 \(4171\)](#)
- [Record Group 59 \(1544\)](#)
- [Collection WJC-TFNHC \(1306\)](#)
- [Collection WJC-OS \(1071\)](#)
- [Collection WJC-DPC \(927\)](#)
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An example of Refine by Record Group/Collection in a search result

For users who don't know what a particular record group number or collection identifier means, they can hover over the number/identifier and see the full title of the record group or collection.

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- [Record Group 79 \(14287\)](#)
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An example of the hover over option to see the full Record Group or Collection title.

This new refinement feature will help users narrow their results to the record groups or collections that are of interest to them. If you try the feature out, let us know how it works! We'd love to hear your feedback.

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Manned Spaceflight Center - Curriculum for Space Flight Astros Physical Fitness in Ellington Gym, 5/28/1964, National Archives Identifier: [70175124](#)

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Get started tagging!

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"Rightfully Hers" Exhibit Tour at the National Archives

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