

Photograph Database Guide

Introduction

The Victoria University Archives maintains over 6000 photographs and albums in our collections. Individual items are described in our [Photograph Database](#). Select images are digitized for access, but many of our photographs are only available to view at an in-person appointment.

Using the Photograph Database

There are a few simple strategies for searching the database.

- **Keyword:** Enter a keyword. This could be a word identifying an event, sport, club, theatre production, etc.
- **Year:** Enter a single year. There is no ability to search for date ranges or "fuzzy" dates.
- **Name:** Most of the individuals in our photographs remain unidentified. If you are searching for someone specific, start with the last name then switch to other strategies to locate more images.
- **Accession number:** Accession numbers are useful for bringing up all the images that were received in one accession. These numbers are located in our [finding aids](#) along with additional details on what can be found in that accession.

Your search results will appear in a list. You can sort the list in ascending or descending order by clicking on the *Date* or *Title* headings. By default the items are sorted by *Title*. Click on *All* if you want to see all the search results on one page. The camera icon indicates that digitized versions are available.

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The screenshot shows the 'Photograph Database' page. At the top is a navigation menu with 'ARCHIVES' selected. Below it is a breadcrumb trail: 'HOME » Archives » Our Holdings » Photograph Database'. The main heading is 'PHOTOGRAPH DATABASE'. A search bar contains the text 'Glee'. To the right of the search bar are filter options, including 'Rectangular Snip' and a 'Show all results' button with a red arrow pointing down. Below the search bar, it says '26 items' and shows pagination options '1 2 All'. A table lists search results with columns for 'TITLE' and 'DATE'. A red arrow points to the 'TITLE' column header with the label 'Sort'. Another red arrow points to the title 'Victoria College Choral and Glee Club Executives, 1921 - 1922' with the label 'Click for full record'. Small camera icons are visible next to some rows.

| TITLE ▲ | DATE |
|---|-------------|
| Alma Mater Executive, 1904-1905 | 1904 or1905 |
| Glee Club 1914 Trip to England | 1914 |
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| Glee Club 1914 Trip to England | 1914 |
| Glee Club 1914 Trip to England | 1914 |
| The Victoria College Glee Club, Hart House Theatre, 1947 | 1944 |
| Victoria College Choral and Glee Club Executives, 1921 - 1922 | 1921 or1922 |
| Victoria College Choral and Glee Clubs | 1922 or1923 |

Click on the *Title* of the image to open and view the complete descriptive record, including any links to digitized images.

| Photograph Details | |
|--|---|
| VICTORIA COLLEGE GLEE CLUB, 1921-1922 | |
| Title | Victoria College Glee Club, 1921-1922 |
| Date | [1921 or 1922] |
| Fonds | Victoria University Photograph Collection |
| Reference Code | 1991.161 P297 |
| Format | 1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 25 cm. |
| Note(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some students identified on verso.• Front row: 4th is Beth Haltz '25• Second row: 6th is Mildred Wright '24• Third row: left end is Rhea McRoberts '24, 13th from left is Laura Mundy '24, 14th is Jessie Martland '24• Fourth row: 2nd is Sh(?)er, 3rd is Cook, 4th is Riddolls (Theology '24)• Fifth row: 6th from left is Secord Hardwick '24, 9th is Erie Beecroft '24 |
| Subject(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student activities• Victoria University (Toronto, Ont.) - Societies, etc.• Victoria College (Toronto, Ont.). Glee Club |
| Location | Standard |
| Digitization | Scanned (Click to View) |
| Copyright Info | Public domain. |

- If you *Click to View* a digitized image you will be taken to our [Digital Collections](#) website. This is where scanned images are stored for access.
- You can search Digital Collections directly, but when you do you are limited to searching only digitized images. Searching the Photograph Database allows you to search the entire photograph collection - both digitized and analogue images.

Requesting an Appointment to View Photographs

To request images to view in person, please record the *Reference Code* and *Title* of the images you want to see. Then contact the Archivist by completing the [Appointment Request form](#). A minimum of five weekdays advance notice is required. For more information on conducting research in person, please review our [Conducting Research](#) page.

Permissions for Reuse

There are two routes for requesting permission to reuse an image.

1. If you are viewing a digitized image on our [Digital Collections](#) website, look for the blue "Request Item" link below the image. This link will take you to a form where you can provide details about your request and view the terms and conditions of reuse. For images where there's an unrestricted option to download, note that the image will be watermarked and the quality may not be suitable for your needs.

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The screenshot shows the Victoria University Library & Archives Digital Collections interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Browse all items', 'Browse collections', and 'Help'. The main content area features a large photograph of a construction site. Below the photo, there are 'Resource tools' and 'Resource details' sections. A red arrow points to a 'Request item link' button.

| Resource tools | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------|--------------------------|
| Original TIF File | 6112 × 4323 pixels (26.42 MP) 51.7 cm × 36.6 cm @ 300 PPI | 158.6 MB | Restricted |
| Original Size JPG | 6112 × 4323 pixels (26.42 MP) 51.7 cm × 36.6 cm @ 300 PPI | 4.6 MB | Download |

Note: For private use only (not for publication). For other purposes, file a request in Request Item page.

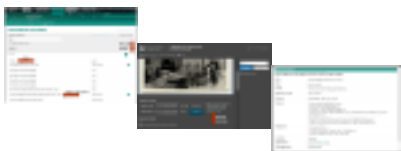
Request item link

2. If you are requesting permissions for an image not available on the Digital Collections site, please archives [at] vicu [dot] utoronto [dot] ca (subject: Requesting%20Permission%20to%20Publish) (contact the Archivist) first.

We can only grant reuse permission to images where Victoria University holds the copyright. For all other images the researcher is responsible for obtaining the permission of the copyright holder in writing. In some cases, the Archivist has contact information for the copyright holder on file that can be provided on request.

Digitization Requests

It is possible to digitize some images on request. Please note that this can take time and fees may be required. Researchers are required to view the images in person first to make their selection as we do not have the capacity to digitize broad requests - only specific images. archives [at] vicu [dot] utoronto [dot] ca (subject: Digitization%20Request) (Contact the Archivist) for more information on requesting digitization.



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