

Navigating the WRC OPAC: A Guide for Educators and Students

The OPAC (online public access catalog) at the Williams Research Center is the gateway to THNOC's archival collections. It's similar to a library catalog, but it includes more than just books and can provide more detailed information about items. This guide is meant to help researchers navigate the new version of our catalog and point out things that will be most useful to educators and students.

Whether you plan to visit the WRC in person or conduct your research online, the OPAC is the best place to begin. Navigate to <http://hnoc.minisisinc.com/THNOC/index.htm>, where you can **search** or **browse**.

Searching is best if you already know something specific about what you want to find - a date range, author/maker, or any other detail.

To **search**, you can...

- type a name, place, event, or any other term into the search bar.
- click on Advanced Search to see more options:
 - search by creator or author
 - search by ID number
 - search by subject

Browsing is best if you aren't sure what you're looking for or only have a general topic in mind.

To **browse**, you can...

- look through the Collection Themes on the left toolbar.
 - These categories expand, so you can keep your results broad or narrow them down to something more specific.
- select one of the Collection Types represented by images in the center of the page.
 - You can also enter a keyword in the search bar, then click on a collection type to do a combination search.

After you search or browse the catalog, you'll get a list of results, which could be a few items or a few thousand items. If you want to narrow your results, you can do any one or combination of the following:

- Check the box "only show objects with images".
 - This will eliminate results that don't have digital images attached to them.
- Use the menus on the left toolbar to pick more specific collection types and/or themes, object names, etc.
- Select a date range from the menu on the left toolbar.

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When you click on an item, you'll see its catalog page. Below, you can see an example of a catalog page and information about some of the useful things you can find there.

Rex 1896 pin

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Tap to enlarge

ID Number: 1979.254.83

Title: Rex 1896 pin

Title Type: assigned

Item Status: Permanent Collection **Legal Status:** Permanent Collection

Object Name: pins (jewelry)
favors

Collection Type: Personal Accessories
Carnival Materials

Artist/Maker: [Scooler, Maurice, 1827-1900 \(silversmith\) -- More information](#)

Date: Created for 1896

Process/Technique: engraved silver

Materials: silver (metal)

Dimensions: 1 7/8 x 1 5/8 x 3/16 inches

Object Description: Pin given as a favor by the Krewe of Rex in 1896. The pin features a crown atop of a globe surrounded by clouds. The theme that year was "Heavenly Bodies".

Label Text: **Goods of Every Description: Shopping in New Orleans, 1825-1925 2016-09-23**
1896 Rex pin
silver
manufactured or retailed by M. Scooler (New Orleans)
The Historic New Orleans Collection, 1979.254.83

Extent: 1 item

Source: Holbrook, Rolfe R., Col.

Acq. Credit Line: The Historic New Orleans Collection

Inscription(s): Engraved positioned obverse
"1896 / Rex"
maker's mark Impressed positioned reverse
"M. Scooler N.O."

Collection Theme(s): Carnival Organizations
Metalwork
Carnival-Mardi Gras
Local Life and Customs

Subjects: Carnival souvenirs.
Jewelry -- United States
[Scooler, Maurice, 1827-1900 -- More information](#)
[School of Design -- More information](#)
Balls (parties)

Condition: Good

Permalink: <http://hnoc.minisisinc.com/thnoc/catalog/1/18423>

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Title: This will be located at the top of the catalog page and under the title section. It's a useful way to refer to an item when citing it or talking to WRC staff.

ID Number: Each THNOC item has a unique ID number that helps staff and researchers easily find it again.

Label Text: If the item has been in an exhibition, its label will be shown in this section. You'll also see information about the exhibition.

Subjects: These clickable categories allow you to browse through related items.

Permalink: This is a stable link to get back to the item's catalog page.