

Anatomy of the ARC Basic Search Screen

The screenshot shows the NARA ARC Basic Search interface. At the top, the NARA logo and tagline "...ready access to essential evidence.." are visible. The main heading is "ARC Basic Search". Below this, there is a search input field with the prompt "Search for descriptions of Archival Materials containing the following keyword(s):". To the right of the input field are "Go" and "Clear" buttons, and a "Help" link. Below the input field, there are radio buttons to "Limit Results to" 100, 1000, or 2000. A "Filter Your Search:" section contains a checkbox for "Descriptions of Archival Materials linked to digital copies" and a date range filter "Archival materials dated between" with MM DD YYYY fields. Below the date filter are two dropdown menus: "Location of Archival Materials:" and "Type of Archival Materials:". The "Location" dropdown is open, showing options like "All Locations", "Cartographic and Architectural Records LICON, Special Media Archives S...", "Center for Legislative Archives", and "Civilian Records LICON, Textual Archives Services Division". The "Type" dropdown is also open, showing "All Types", "Architectural and Engineering Drawings", "Artifacts", and "Data Files". To the right of the search area are "Search Tips" and "Advanced Search" buttons. Several callout boxes provide instructions: a green box points to the search input field; a yellow box points to the "Search Tips" and "Help" links; another green box points to the "Filter Your Search:" section; a third green box points to the "Location of Archival Materials:" dropdown; a fourth green box points to the "Type of Archival Materials:" dropdown; and a fifth yellow box points to the "Advanced Search" button.

Enter any keyword or exact phrase and press Go.

Click Search Tips or Help to learn more about ARC.

Narrow a search by Digital Copy, Date, Location or Type.

Click on any hyperlinked text on the search screen for the glossary of archival terms.

Go to the Advanced Screen to search NARA's authority files for organization person, or topic.



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