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How to Link & Bookmark
in American Memory

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A search in the American Memory collections yields web pages which are assembled "on the fly" in response to your particular request. Frequently, "/temp/" appears as part of the URL shown in the Address/Location window of the page.

This is frustrating for users who carefully bookmark their "finds" because a temporary page cannot be called up at a later date. With just a bit more work, however, you CAN get a permanent URL through the process outlined below.

Find the URL:

1. Search for the item within the collections. See search for more information about why you will have better results if you search within a specific collection rather than across all collections.

2. At the bibliographic (item) record screen, go to the **View** menu on the web browser menubar, then select **Page Source** (or Document Source or Source, depending on your browser).

3. A new browser window will open showing the HTML formatting tags for the page you received from your search. Scroll to the bottom of this new window.

4. You will see:

   < ! - - The following URL will result in display of this document - ->

   and on the next line a long URL enclosed in **<! - -** and **- ->**.

   Example:
   <!-- http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/vv:@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3c16995)) -->

[+]
FEEDBACK

Copy the URL:

1. Highlight and copy the complete URL, including final parentheses (but not **<! - - or - - >**).

   Example:
   http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/vv:@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3c16995))

2. Close the window displaying the HTML formatting tags.

Check the URL:

1. Paste the URL in your browser's Address/Location window, as you would any other URL.

2. To test the URL, press the **Enter** or **Return** key on your keyboard. If the browser brings up the correct item, you now have the permanent URL!

Bookmark the page:

1. With the tested URL in the Address/Location window of the browser, you can now bookmark the web page.

2. Simply go to the **Bookmarks/Favorites** menu on the web browser menubar, then select **Add Bookmark/Add to Favorites**.

Link the URL:

1. Paste the permanent URL into your web page/HTML as the permanent link.

Need more help?

1. Please follow along with this informative demonstration! First, print out a copy of the process described above so that you have it handy.

2. Then, click on this movie link to view a practical demonstration (requires FLASH player) and follow along with your printed instructions.

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