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How to Search the Database
Visit http://library.weill.cornell.edu/archives/image-collections and click on the desired database (either internal users or external users.) When the site opens, check the box next to the search box that says “Search within results,” and type your search term in the box.

Advanced Search
For more options click on the Advanced Search box, where you can search multiple terms and dates. Type your search terms in the query boxes and select the field from the drop down menu. Type your date range below. Select Cornell Collections in the Collection Type box, which will narrow the search to both the Medical Center Archives and Cornell University photographic collections.
Item Details
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