Navigating the NCTR Website:

General Keyword Searches:

If you are looking for a specific term to search- Example: Hair

1) Go to nctr.ca and on the top right corner click “search”
2) In the “Keyword Search” type “Hair*” and all the documents we have involving hair will appear
3) If you are looking for records involving hair, click on the “Textual Records” filter on the side, then click “Submit” and you are able to view all the records involving hair
4) If you are looking for photographs involving hair, click on the “Photographs” filter on the side, then click “Submit” and you are able to view all the photographs involving hair

Viewing documents by School:

If you are looking for a specific school- Example: Birtle IRS

1) Go to nctr.ca
2) On the home page click on Manitoba, and a list will drop down
3) Click on Birtle
4) You will then be able to see photographs, documents, a map and a school narrative that tells the history of Birtle

School Narratives:

School narratives were researched and produced by the Government of Canada as part of its response to litigation and the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA). These narratives provide a reference for some basic history of specific schools. However, it does not include any statements given by Survivors or additional research done by the TRC, or any other researchers. At this time, many of the documents listed in the school narrative are not publically available on our website.

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5) Go to nctr.ca
6) On the home page click on Manitoba, and a list will drop down
7) Click on Birtle
8) Underneath the description of Birtle, it says “Click here to view school narrative”
9) Click on the narrative and a PDF will pop up
Statements:

To search all available audio/video files including all publically available video footage (sharing circles, sharing panels and TRC mini-docs):

1) Go to nctr.ca
2) Click on the “Search” tab located at the upper right corner
3) Using the “Keyword Search” field, check the “Audio/Video” checkbox, narrowing down the search to only audio/video files
4) Before clicking the “Search” button, ensure that nothing has been typed in the “Enter keyword search term here” field
5) Click the “Search” button to bring up a list of all the available audio/video files

Geographically specific searches of audio/video:

Example- Alberta National Event

1) Go to nctr.ca
2) On the main “Home” page, underneath the large shifting images box, is listed: “Residential Schools/Events & Hearings”
3) If you click on “Events & Hearings” you can search the videos by their Event and Hearing
4) For example, click on “Alberta National Event”
5) You will then be able to see a description of the event, a map, and all videos from the event

Photographs:

To view all photographs on the website:

1) Go to nctr.ca
2) Click on the “Search” tab located at the upper right corner
3) Using the “Keyword Search” field, check the “Photographs” checkbox, narrowing down the search to only photographs
4) Before clicking the “Search” button, ensure that nothing has been typed in the “Enter keyword search term here” field, allowing the website to search through all the available records
5) Finally, click the “Search” button to bring up a list of all the available photographs

To view photographs by school:

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1) Go to nctr.ca
2) On the home page, for example, click on “Manitoba”, and a list will drop down
3) Click on Birtle
4) Click on the “Photographs” filter on the side, and you are able to view all the photographs relating to Birtle, then click “Submit”