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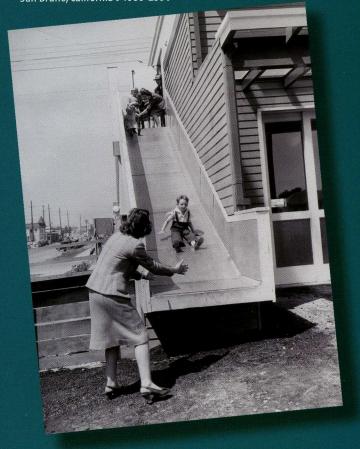
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Chun Duck Chin and his son, Chun Jan Yut, 1899. RG 85

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Children playing at new housing project, Richmond, CA, 1943. RG 178

The Regional Archives at NARA's Pacific Region (San Francisco) is:

- Part of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Federal agency that, by law, preserves and provides access to permanently valuable, noncurrent Federal records with historical, legal, or fiscal value.
- One of 15 NARA facilities where the public has access to Federal archival records.
- A depository and center for research in historical records from Federal agencies and courts in northern and central California, Hawaii, Nevada (except Clark County), the Pacific Trust Territory, and American Samoa.
- A center for genealogical research.
- A sponsor of programs that educate the public about archives, history, genealogy, and related subjects.
- A partner with colleges and universities, historical and genealogical societies, museums, and other archives.
- A host for student interns, school groups, and others who want to learn more about archives.
- A national resource in a local setting.

We have:

More than 55,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from the 1850s to the 1970s, among them photographs, maps, and architectural drawings, created or received by more than 100 Federal agencies, including Federal courts.

We serve:

Anyone who needs historical information created or received by the Federal Government—historians, genealogists, lawyers, scholars, Government officials, environmentalists, students, and others.

Our records are:

- Diverse in content, covering agriculture, migrant labor, Mexican and Spanish land grants, tribal history, fortifications, merchant seamen and vessels, naval facilities, civil engineering, mining, aviation, Chinese exclusion, immigration, labor, civil rights, ethnic history, African Americans in war industry, the home front during the World Wars, atomic energy, national forests and parks, natural resources, and public lands.
- Filled with the names of notable places and people, among them Alcatraz Penitentiary, Angel Island, Pearl Harbor, the San Francisco Mint, and Yosemite National Park; physicist Luis Alvarez, labor leader Harry Bridges, gangster Al Capone, Iva Togura D'Aquino ("Tokyo Rose"), aviator Amelia Earhart, Communist Party leader Charles Fujimoto, George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Mickey Mouse, engineer John Reber, Chinese leader Sun Yat Sen, clothing manufacturer Levi Strauss, and Robert "Birdman of Alcatraz" Stroud.

Unique evidence of the impact of Federal policies and programs in parts of California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Ocean area.

If you plan to do research in original records:

- Call before visiting to assure that records are available—650-238-3501.
- Bring identification such as a driver's license, passport, or student ID so that we can issue you a researcher's card.
- Plan on leaving your personal belongings in a locker. Laptop computers are permitted.

Our microfilm holdings are:

- Of genealogical interest Federal population censuses for all States, 1790–1930; censuses listing Native Americans in California and Nevada, and censuses taken in American Samoa; maritime records for San Francisco and other ports; military service and pension records; bounty land warrant applications.
- Brady Collection of Civil War photographs; the Mathew Brady Collection of Civil War photographs; German records captured at the end of World War II; records of U.S. diplomatic missions, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the Government's administration of Indian affairs, and the U.S. Supreme Court; the proceedings of the Nuremberg Trials; and documentation of the Axis Powers' looting of assets, 1933–45.

If you plan to do microfilm research:

- We offer free access to some fee-based genealogical websites at public access computers.
- Expect to use our self-service microfilm research room with the aid of volunteers and staff.
- Because research is time-consuming, you may need to visit more than once.

Prepare for your visit by reviewing our web site:

- Our home page ~ www.archives.gov/pacific/san-francisco
- NARA home page ~ www.archives.gov
- Basics for researchers ~ www.archives.gov/research/start
- Guide to our archival holdings ~ www.archives.gov/pacific/san-francisco/finding-aids/holdings.html
- NARA-wide guide to archival holdings ~ www.archives.gov/research/arc
- NARA-wide guide to microfilm holdings ~ www.archives.gov/research/order/orderonline.html

We welcome your inquiries:

■ Address: NARA's Pacific Region (San Francisco) 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California 94066-2350 E-mail: sanbruno.archives@nara.gov Phone: 650-238-3501 Fax: 650-238-3510

We welcome your visit:

- Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For any additional hours, call or check our web site.
- Closed weekends and Federal holidays.

We are located:

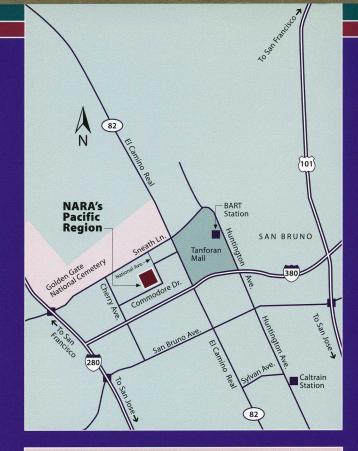
- 12 miles south of San Francisco in the Leo J. Ryan Memorial Federal Building.
- By Car from San Francisco South on Highway 101, exit at San Bruno Ave. West. Drive west for 2 miles, crossing El Camino Real to Cherry Ave. Turn right on Cherry and go north 3 blocks (just past the I-380 overpass), then turn right on Commodore Dr. for 200 yards. The entrance is on your left. OR South on I-280, exit at Sneath Ln. Go east on Sneath to the second traffic light. Turn right on Cherry Ave., then left on Commodore Dr. for 200 yards. The entrance is on your left.
- By Car from the South Exit Highway 101 at San Bruno Ave., drive west for 2 miles, crossing El Camino Real to Cherry Ave. Turn right on Cherry and go north 3 blocks (just past the I-380 overpass), then turn right on Commodore Dr. for 200 yards. The entrance is on your left. OR Exit I-280 at San Bruno Ave., drive east for 1 block. Turn left on Cherry Ave. and go north 3 blocks (just past the I-380 overpass), then turn right on Commodore Dr. for 200 yards. The entrance is on your left.
- **By Public Transportation** ■ **Caltrain** The archives is over a mile from the San Bruno station. For route and schedule information, call Caltrain at 800-660-4287 or visit www.caltrain.com. From the north end of the San Bruno station (481 Huntington), go west on Sylvan Ave. to El Camino Real. Go north on El Camino (1 mile) to the main entrance road for Tanforan Mall. Go west across El Camino to Commodore Dr. Continue west on Commodore around two curves about 1/8 mile. The entrance is on your right. **BART** — The archives is about a ½ mile from the San Bruno BART station. For fares and schedules visit www.bart.gov. From the station, follow Huntington Ave. north then west to Sneath Ln. Continue west on Sneath to El Camino Real. Turn left (south) onto El Camino (away from Golden Gate National Cemetery) a block to Commodore Dr. Turn right on Commodore, and follow it around two curves about 1/8 mile. The entrance is on your right.
 - SamTrans SamTrans buses run north and south on El Camino Real, stopping at the corner of Sneath Ln. and El Camino. Call 800-660-4287 or 510-817-1717, or visit www.samtrans.org.

If you need photocopies:

- Self-service copying of original records may be allowed, depending on the condition of the records.
- For a fee, our staff will make or arrange for copies of records and provide certified copies for legal use.
- You can use self-service copiers for a fee to make paper copies from microfilm.

We encourage you to volunteer:

- To work on archival preservation and other historical records projects.
- To assist genealogical researchers.



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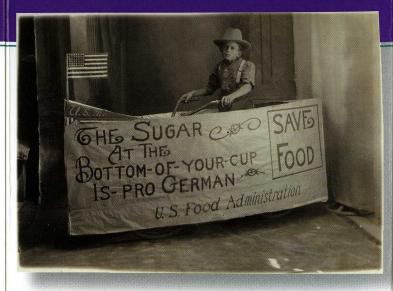
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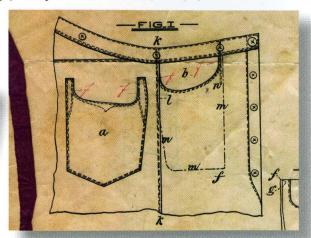
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Boy with sign promoting wartime food conservation, Calexico, CA, ca. 1917. RG 4



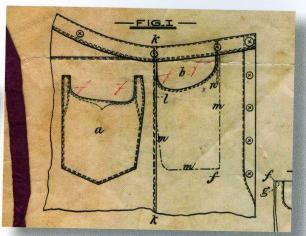
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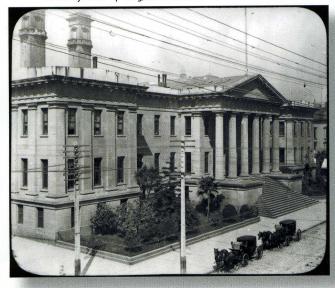
Hydraulic mining, North Bloomfield Mine, Nevada County, CA, 1890. RG 21



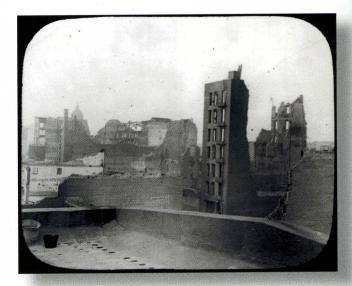
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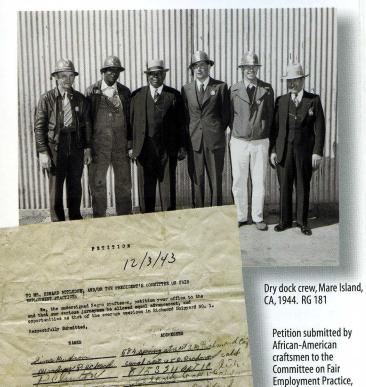
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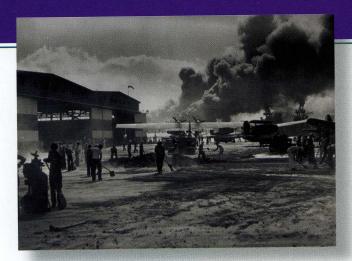
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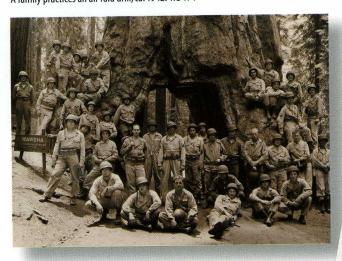
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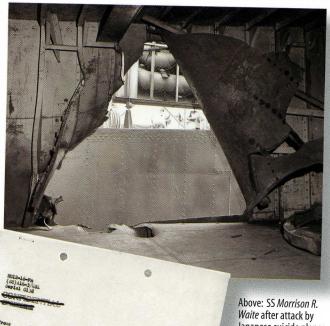


A family practices an air raid drill, ca. 1942. RG 171



Convoy of soldiers, Wawona Tunnel Tree, Yosemite National Park, CA, 1945. RG 79





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