Welcome to the National Archives Know Your Records program!

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http://www.streamtext.net/text.aspx?event=070115nara200pm

About the National Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. Of all the documents and materials created in the course of business conducted by the United States Federal government, only 1%–3% are determined permanently valuable. Those valuable records are preserved and are available to you, whether you want to see if they contain clues about your family's history, need to prove a veteran's military service, or are researching an historical topic that interests you.

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THE KNOW YOUR RECORDS PROGRAM consists of free events with up-to-date information about our holdings. Events offer opportunities for you to learn about the National Archives' records through ongoing lectures, monthly genealogy programs, and the annual genealogy fair. Additional resources include an online genealogy tutorial, reference reports for genealogical research, and the newsletter *Researcher News*.

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How to Use the New National Archives Catalog

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Jason Clingerman, archives specialist, demonstrates and answers questions about the new National Archives Catalog available at http://catalog.archives.gov/.

The <u>New</u> National Archives Catalog

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What is the National Archives Catalog?

- The Online Public Access (OPA) system, released in December 2010, replaced the Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

- OPA was a prototype, designed with the intention of future improvements in both function and design

- That's where the National Archives Catalog comes in
  - Went live on December 5, 2014
  - Developed by Search Technologies

What's new about it?

- Improved search, especially improved relevancy ranking of search results and response times

- Designed to be scalable for the increasing number of digital images and descriptions
  - Currently 3.2 million digital images (1.1 million in FY 15 so far!) and 8.6 million descriptions

- Weekly updates!

- Changes to design and interface

- Transcriptions – new user contributed field

- Indexes tags and transcriptions to make them searchable

- API – Application Programming Interface

- Bulk export

What's coming?

- Further changes to the design and interface – getting rid of blue!

- Additional user contributed fields
  - Translations
  - Comments

- Much more!
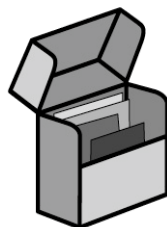
Let's check out the catalog!

catalog.archives.gov

or

www.archives.gov/research/catalog/

Thank you for attending!

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