

Gates Brown to Discuss *Finding Balance in the Nuclear Age: President Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis*

On **Tuesday, October 16 p.m.** the National Archives at Kansas City will host **Gates Brown** for a lecture titled *Finding Balance in the Nuclear Age: The Cuban Missile Crisis*. This program



Above: During a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Security Council regarding Cuba, President Kennedy speaks with Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara in the West Wing Colonnade outside the Oval Office, White House, Washington, D.C. (John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, National Archives)

is part of the *One of 44 Lecture Series*. A 6:00 p.m. reception will precede this event.

President John F. Kennedy entered office with relatively little experience in national security or international affairs. The contrast between Kennedy and his predecessor, President Dwight Eisenhower, could not be more disparate when appraising their defense credentials or ability to operate on the global stage. Kennedy would not have the benefit of time to learn his role as Command-in-Chief. Within a year and a half of assuming office, Kennedy faced both the Bay of Pigs Invasion

and the Cuban Missile Crisis. The Cuban Missile Crisis tested Kennedy's ability to negotiate a safe middle ground that avoided a nuclear war, but did not yield to Soviet threats. The crisis shaped Kennedy's leadership style and became an iconic part of his presidency.

To make a reservation for this **free event** call 816-268-8010 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov.

Gems for Genealogists

The National Archives at Kansas City will offer one genealogy workshop in October. *Coming to America: Ship Passenger Arrival Lists* will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Workshop Description:

Coming to America: Ship Passenger Arrival Lists
Thursday, October 25 at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Tracing your ancestors' journey to the United States? Ship passenger arrival lists have been created for different purposes throughout history but can be of immense benefit when seeking information related to the arrival of your ancestors. This course will cover types of ship passenger arrival lists, dates, forms, and search techniques.

To make a reservation for this **free workshop** call 816-268-8000 or email kansascity.archives@nara.gov.

Note: Information about the *Second Annual Genealogy Symposium* is on page 2.

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Upcoming Events

All events are held at the National Archives
400 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

- OCTOBER 6 - 9:00 A.M.
SECOND ANNUAL GENEALOGY SYMPOSIUM
- OCTOBER 16 - 6:30 P.M.
ONE OF 44 LECTURE SERIES: *FINDING BALANCE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE: PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, GATES BROWN*
- OCTOBER 25 - 1:00 P.M.
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: *COMING TO AMERICA: SHIP PASSENGER ARRIVAL LISTS*

Second Annual Fall Genealogy Symposium

The National Archives at Kansas City will be offering, *What is Old is New: Rediscovering Records for Genealogy Research*, its second annual fall genealogy symposium on Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Familiar resources once found only on microfilm are becoming widely available via a variety of websites. Genealogists should keep current on how to use and access these tools as this shift occurs. National Archives staff and guest lecturers will offer workshops that reintroduce both new and long-time genealogists to resources. Learn new search techniques, understand information organization on popular websites, and re-examine resources in ways you may not have considered. Look for clues in records you may have missed years ago.

Participants are welcome to attend one or all of these **free workshops**. Seating is limited, reserve a spot today by making a reservation, call 816-268-8000 or email kansascity.archives@nara.gov. Free WiFi access will be available to attendees.

Workshop Descriptions:

Introduction to Genealogy: Where to Begin?

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Interested in starting your family history research? Learn where to start and how original records help tell your family's story.

Googling Your Genealogy

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Searching online can be a powerful research tool. Harness the power of the internet to effectively find websites and useful resources for genealogy research.

Navigating Ancestry.com

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Subscription-based genealogy website, Ancestry.com, contains a wealth of information. Come learn about the different databases and effective search strategies to uncover more about your ancestors!

Maneuvering the New Search on Fold3.com

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Specializing in military records, Fold3.com recently unveiled a new search tool. New and experienced genealogists alike will benefit from learning how to utilize this resource effectively to find or rediscover their ancestors.

Military Records Were Destroyed? What to Do? Steps to Reconstructing Your Veteran's File

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Between 16 to 18 million military service files, many from WWI and WWII, were destroyed by the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. However, this loss should not discourage researchers from uncovering an ancestor's military experience.



Explore and rediscover new tools on Saturday, October 6, at the National Archives annual genealogy symposium. This year's theme, *What is Old is New*, highlights old research tools and the new ways to use them.

Above: This propaganda poster was originally produced during World War II, by the Division of Public Inquiries, Office of War Information, and used to promote the war effort. RG 44, Records of the Office of Government Reports, 1932-1947.

Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

The Historic Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood in St. Louis, Missouri



Above: This photo depicts the corner of Skinker Boulevard and Kingsbury Avenue in St. Louis, MO. RG 21, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division (St. Louis), Equity and Law Case Files, 1857-1938, Case #10304 *Geneva Investment Company vs. The City of St. Louis*.

One of the greatest things about the invention of photography in 1839 was the means to record and capture something in that moment. With the passage of time, we look at these images and marvel at the differences or similarities of things as we glance into the past. By understanding the details or discovering hidden clues about a photograph, we are able to find and understand the larger story occurring around the subject matter of a particular photograph.

This panoramic photograph was found in Equity and Law Case #10304, *Geneva Investment Company vs. The City of St. Louis* from the records of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, at St. Louis. The photograph was taken as a way to show the property in question (which is marked on the photograph) to the Court. The intersection in the photograph shows Skinker Boulevard and Kingsbury Avenue as it was in November 1934. It was necessary to document this land to establish the fact that it was zoned as a residential neighborhood, because Geneva Investment Company was attempting to use the land as commercial property by locating a filling station on the site. The court ruled in favor of the City of St. Louis, and the land remained a residential area. Photographs like this capture a moment in time and history, preserved just as it was.

The Skinker and Kingsbury intersection is located in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood, in St. Louis, Missouri, near Forest Park. This neighborhood was declared a historic location in 1978 by the City of St. Louis, and much of the area has remained unchanged since the time of its initial development in the 1920s. By clicking on the link [here](#), you will see a street view of this intersection as it appears today. The house located on the land that is the subject of the dispute in the court case is still there, and from the outside it looks unchanged. The house across the street has become an animal hospital, but the pillars that were erected at the creation of this subdivision, called Parkview, are still present today. Even though time has passed, clues remain that show the history of the area and can confirm that this is the same location depicted in the photograph from the court case.

The area was originally owned by Madame Mary Louise Chouteau Papin, and continued to be passed on to her heirs. Madame Papin's great-granddaughter, Julia Antoinette Cabanné, married Captain James Wilkinson Kingsbury in 1830, and the land became known as the Kingsbury Farm. The daughters of Captain Kingsbury divided the land between them in 1873, but it was not until 1908 that the neighborhoods began to develop into what is found in St. Louis today. In 1904, the area began to transition into neighborhoods because St. Louis was picked as host to both the World's Fair and the Summer Olympics. To host such events, an accommodating area needed to be designed. The Kingsbury family and others contributed to land being purchased for the creation of Forest Park, in downtown St. Louis. With these two events occurring in St. Louis, the immediate area around Forest Park became a popular place to live, and development in the area started as early as 1901. As neighborhoods known as Parkview, Rosedale, and Washington Heights appeared by 1908, families that were no longer related to the Kingsburys had moved into the area. One of the tributes paid to the Kingsbury family included naming streets associated with various people and the history of the area.

The National Archives at Kansas City has thousands of documents related to proceedings in U.S. Circuit and District Courts. For more information, email kansascity.archives@nara.gov or view the Archival Research Catalog at www.archives.gov/research/arc. Note: This article was written by Lauren Potter, an intern at the National Archives at Kansas City, specializing in photography preservation.

School House to White House

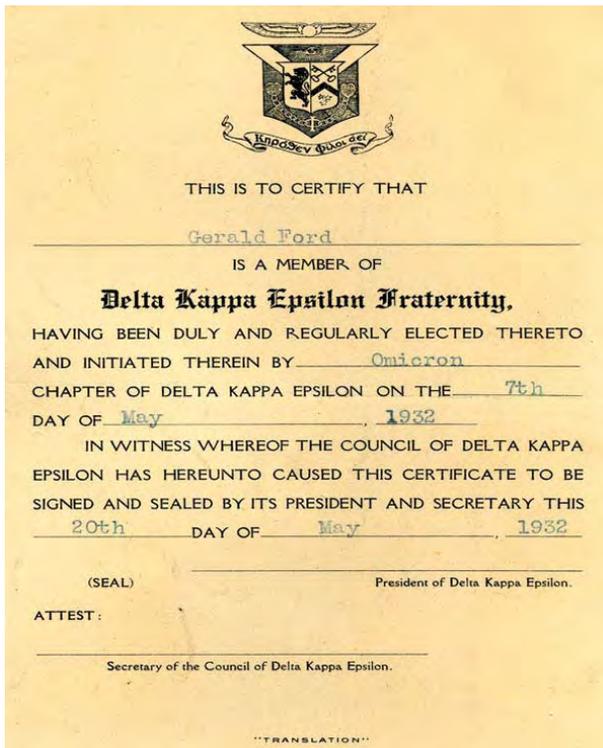
The Education of a President: Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford

Richard M. Nixon

Richard Nixon grew up in Yorba Linda, California, and attended schools in Whittier, California. At two high schools he excelled in his studies as well as in debate. Upon graduation, he enrolled at Whittier College, where he continued excellent performance in academics, debate, and acting. Nixon went on to Duke University, where he was a successful law student. *School House to White House* contains examples of Nixon's writing from grade school and college as well as photographs documenting various stages of his youth and young adulthood. From his early years, he had a love of music and played violin, clarinet, saxophone, piano, and accordion.



Above: Richard Nixon loved music at an early age and played the violin. (Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, National Archives)



Above: While at the University of Michigan, Ford joined Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. (Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum, National Archives)

Gerald R. Ford

Gerald R. Ford attended public school in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he did especially well in history and government. A talented athlete, Ford was selected as part of the all-city football squad. He attended the University of Michigan and played center for the Wolverine football team. Although he was offered professional contracts to play football, Ford instead went to Yale University, where he worked as an assistant football coach and head boxing coach and later attended Yale Law School.

To learn more about the presidents and view photographs and documents from their youth, visit *School House to White House: The Education of the Presidents*, available for viewing through February 23, 2013. To schedule a group tour call 816-268-8013 or email mickey.ebert@nara.gov.



The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 15 facilities nationwide where the public has access to Federal archival records. It is home to historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by Federal agencies in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. For more information, call 816-268-8000, email kansascity.educate@nara.gov or visit www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city. Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity.

HOURS OF OPERATION

RESEARCH ROOMS and EXHIBIT GALLERIES: Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather.