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About the National Archives



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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 New National Archives Catalog

The screenshot shows the National Archives Catalog search results for the term "Truman". The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, Research Room, Contact Us, Statistics, API, and Help. The search bar contains "Truman" and shows "1 - 20 of 71804 results in 0.28 seconds". The results are filtered by "All" and displayed in a list format. The first result is "Truman Doctrine", followed by "Grace Truman Summer Papers, 1887 - 1999", "National Archives website pages", "Harry Truman", "Truman Library Institute", "Truman Library News Releases", and "Harry S. Truman Files, 1933 - 1936". The left sidebar provides refinement options by Data Source, Level of Description, and Type of Materials.

Truman Doctrine
This document is President Harry S. **Truman's** message to Congress recommending assistance to Greece and Turkey. 09026_2010_001_PR 09026_2010_002_PR
National Archives Identifier: 2668751
Creator: U.S. House of Representatives. 3/4/1789-

Grace Truman Summer Papers, 1887 - 1999
Most of the Grace **Truman** Summer Papers consist of correspondence from Harry S. **Truman**. Also included are printed materials, photocopies of family photographs
National Archives Identifier: 6037881

National Archives website pages

Harry Truman
Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum
HARRY **TRUMAN** 33rd U.S. President 1945-1953 LIFETIME: 1884-1972, of Scotch-Irish and English ancestry
BOYHOOD HOME (top left): "The Farm" in

Truman Library Institute
Harry S. Truman Library & Museum
Home Research **Truman** Papers Audio Visual Materials Personal Papers Oral Histories Online Documents

Truman Library News Releases
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Harry S. Truman Files, 1933 - 1936
This series consists of materials related to Harry S. **Truman**.
National Archives Identifier: 2268076
Creator: Department of Labor. U.S. Employment Service. 1918-7/1/1939

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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

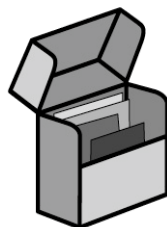
www.archives.gov/research/catalog/



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