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NARA Films on the Internet

Free and available on your home computer

<http://video.google.com/nara.html>

In 2006 the National Archives and Google launched a project to digitize and offer historic films online. This agreement enables researchers and the general public to access a diverse collection of historic movies, documentaries and other films from the National Archives.

Included are a representative selection of U. S. government newsreels, documenting World War II, a sample of documentaries produced by NASA on the history of the spaceflight program, and motion picture files, primarily from the 1930s, that document the history and establishment of a nationwide system of national and state parks.

Check out:

The Eagle Had Landed, 1969

America in Space—The First Decade, 1968

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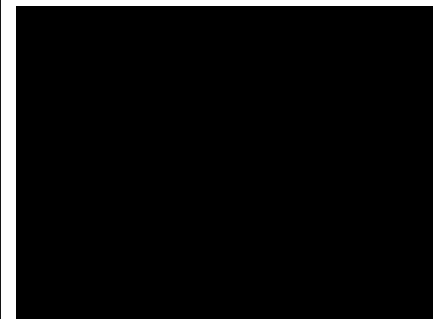
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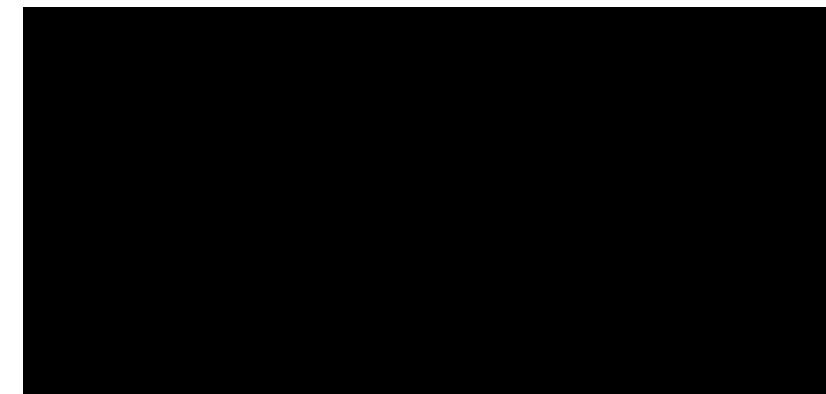
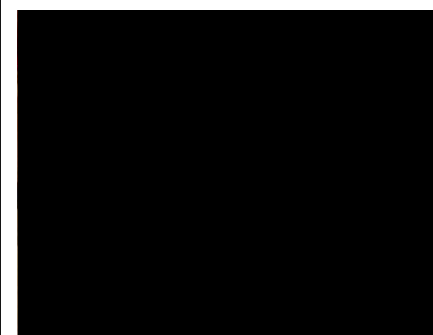
Take Home a Piece of History

Located in the main lobby of the National Archives in Morrow, our new Exhibit Shoppe offers a variety of products and merchandise for historians, teachers, students, and the general public. An extensive selection of historic photographs and documents from the National Archives is available for sale—either framed, matted, or framed and matted. The initial reaction to the shoppe from the public has been very positive.

What's our best selling photograph?
General Robert E. Lee



Photograph: \$5.00
Matted Photograph: \$7.00
Framed Photograph: \$14.00
Framed & Matted Photograph: \$16.00

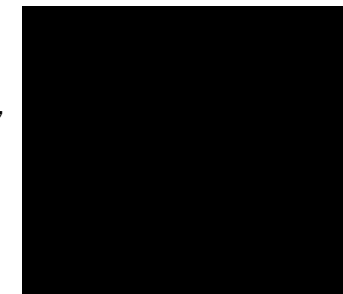


In addition, *The Exhibit Shoppe* offers a wide variety of NARA publications for sale, including the following two recent titles:

Archive This! The National Archives' Archivist-in-Training Kit
Includes adventure comics, hands-on activities, photos, documents, cool facts, and much more. \$13.50

The Public Vaults Unlocked
The Charters of Freedom are just the tip of a vast iceberg of records held by the National Archives. Millions of letters, memos, maps, drawings, photographs, films, and digital files are preserved by us, for us—the American people. Based on the Public Vaults permanent exhibition in Washington, D.C., the book features more than 150 documents, photographs, audio transcripts, video stills, etc. \$22.50

The holdings and images of the National Archives are powerful, compelling, and evocative. *The Exhibit Shoppe* enables you to take home a piece of American history. Share the joy, sorrow, triumph, and tragedy of our national experience with your friends and family.



Interest in Genealogy Continues to Grow

All National Archives employees are keenly aware that interest in genealogy is expanding in unprecedented ways. Fueled by the Internet, the PBS documentary *African American Lives*, and the baby boomers' desire to find out who they are and where they came from, more and more Americans want to know about their family history. In the Southeast Region, we host groups from all walks of life—lawyers, educators, civic organizations, etc.—and we have found that **everyone** wants to find their grandfather's WWI draft card.

In an effort to make more information available to all users, NARA has signed nonexclusive agreements with three nongovernmental parties to digitize important records in our holdings: The Generations Network, parent company of Ancestry.com; iArchives, parent of Footnote.com; and the Genealogical Society of Utah, parent company of FamilySearch.org.

Under these agreements, partners pay all costs pertaining to the digitization of mutually-agreed-upon records. In return, partners will make the digitized images and indexes available through subscription or at no cost in NARA's research rooms. After a five-year period, there will be no restrictions on NARA's use of the images created by the partners, including the right to post them on our web site.

Ancestry.com currently has the largest online collection of digitized and indexed National Archives content, including the complete U.S. Federal Census Collection, 1790-1930, passenger lists from 1820-1960 and WWI and WWII draft registration cards.

To date, Footnote, Inc., has digitized more than 30 million pages of records from microfilm as well as an online interactive version of the Vietnam War Memorial, also known as the Wall. The online version is made up of almost 1,500 individual photos that were stitched together to create one

enormous image of the Wall. Each name on the image is linked to service records and casualty reports held by the National Archives. Finding someone on the Wall is as simple as typing a name into a search box and letting Footnote.com quickly locate and zoom into the area of the Wall where the person's name appears. Once a name is located, visitors can see the soldier's record and view comments, stories, and photos that have been contributed by other visitors.

The Genealogical Society of Utah will digitize case files of approved pension applications from Union soldiers in the Civil War. In a pilot project, they will make available 3,150 of the files, then later digitize more than a million Civil War period widows' files.

Find Your Ancestors on the Web!

Dear Dr. von Braun:

Letters to the Father of the Space Program

"The most influential rocket engineer and spaceflight advocate of the twentieth century" is the way Wernher von Braun is characterized by Michael Neufeld author of *Von Braun: Dreamer of Space/Engineer of War*. He is also one of the most interesting, and complex, people of the twentieth century.

The Southeast Region is home to the records of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, including the files of Wernher von Braun, its director. The correspondence files contain hundreds of letters written to von Braun by private citizens, science professionals, and children.

A testament to von Braun's national recognition is that the letter on the right, addressed to Dr. Willie von Braun and sent to Florida, was received in von Braun's office in Huntsville.



My Family's Story: A Workshop for Young People

The National Archives invites you to join us for an adventure!

Who were your ancestors?
Where did they live?
What were their occupations?

When: Saturday, June 7, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Where: National Archives Southeast Region
For: Students aged 10 -18
Cost: Free

For More Information:
Call 770-968-2555

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Bring Grandma or Grandpa with you!

