Tuesday, September 3, 10 A.M.–4 P.M. (EDT)

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Introduction to Genealogy: Civilian
Rebecca Sharp

This lecture provides tips for beginning your genealogical research in Federal records. Topics covered include census and immigration records.
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Photographer: Jermaine Scott, NARA employee
Prepare for your research trip

- Read books about genealogy
- Join a genealogical society
- Attend lectures and genealogical conferences
  - NARA Know Your Records lectures [www.archives.gov/calendar](http://www.archives.gov/calendar)
  - Local conferences
  - National conferences
    - Federation of Genealogical Societies, [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)
    - National Genealogical Society, [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
- Start with yourself & your family
  - Interview your relatives
  - Examine family documents
  - Record full names, important dates (birth, marriage, death), residences
  - Organize your information
State & local records & published sources

- Vital records
  - birth
  - marriage
  - divorce
  - Death
- Published family histories
- Newspapers
For a tour of the the National Archives website, view “National Archives Online Resources for Genealogy”
Census Records

- 1790-1940
- Every 10 years
- Closed for 72 years after they are taken

Arrangement

- Year
- State
- County

Start with the most recent census and work backwards
Census Records

- 1790-1840
  - Lists the head of the household
  - Gives statistics on the household members
Samuel Yoder

- male 10 and under 15: 2
- male 15 and under 20: 1
- male 30 and under 40: 1
- female under 5: 1
- female 5 and under 10: 1
- female 15 and under 20: 1
- female 20 and under 30: 1
1840 Census
Union Township, Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

Samuel Yoder

0 Slaves
7 people in household
--- really 8
2 people work in Agriculture
Census Records

- 1850-1870
  - List all members of the household
  - Does not give relationship to head of household

- 1850 & 1860
  - Separate Free and Slave Schedules
1860 Slave Schedule
Fauquier County, Virginia
1860 Census, District of Columbia

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### 1870 Census
Prescott, Yavapai Co., Arizona

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**Notes:**
- **Post Office:** Prescott, Ariz.
- **Enumerated by:** William Dunn
- **Mailing Address:**
  - Post Office Box 15
  - Prescott, Ariz.
Census Records

1880-1940
- Relationships to the head of household
- Citizenship Information
  - year of immigration (1900-1930)
  - naturalization status (1900-1940)
    - Naturalized – Na; filed first papers – Pa; Alien – Al
  - 1920 – year of naturalization
- Arrangement by Enumeration Districts
William Finn
Served in the 1st Engineers, Co. J
Enlisted June 1862
Discharged Oct. 13, 1868 (served 6 years, 3 months)
1940 Census

- Release date: April 2, 2012
- Digital (no microfilm)
  - General information
  - How to start your 1940 search
  - Finding aids
  - Videos
  - Articles
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**Additional Information:**
- **Date:** April 1, 1940
- **Township:** Deerfield Township, Steele Co., Minnesota
- **County:** Steele
- **State:** Minnesota

**Notes:**
- All information should be read in a natural reading order, following the layout of the census forms.
Census Records – Availability

- Microfilm
  - National Archives Building & Regional Archives
  - FamilySearch Centers [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

- Online
  - [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
  - [www.heritagequestonline.com](http://www.heritagequestonline.com)
  - [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) (partial)

- Mail Order:
  - [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)
  - for a fee
Immigration Records

- U.S. Customs Service
  - 1820-1890
    - Philadelphia starts in 1800

- Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
  - 1891–1957
Immigration Records – Major Ports

- Philadelphia 1800 – 1952
- New York 1820 – 1957
- Baltimore 1820 – 1957
- Boston 1820 – 1943
- New Orleans 1813–1875, 1903–1945
- San Francisco 1882 – 1957

- Border Crossings
  - St. Albans 1895 – 1954
  - Mexican ca. 1903 – ca. 1955
Immigration Records – What Can I Find?

All Records

- Name of the Vessel
- Name of the Ship’s Master
- Ports of Arrival and Embarkation
- Date of Departure
- Date of Arrival
Immigration Records – What Can I Find?

Early Records (early to mid 19th century records)

- Name of individual
- Age
- Occupation
- Country of origin
- Destination
Brig *Experiment*, arriving in Philadelphia June 27, 1809

Henry Vogt and his wife and three children
1 trunk and bags of bedding

Partial Cargo List:
- 14 boxes linnen
- One chest glass
- One box sealing wax
Mary Callaghan
- 17 years old
- female
- Irish
- domestic servant
- going to Chicago
- traveled in “female steerage”

Pete and Maria Hausen (or Poulson)
- born at sea August 10, 1886
- Maria died August 17, 1886
- Pete died August 12, 1886
- both died of syncope

*S.S. Nova Scotian* arriving Baltimore August 1886
Immigration Records – What Can I Find?

Later Records (late 19th century to 20th century records)

- Name of individual
- Names of traveling companions (if any)
- Age and personal description
- Occupation
- Last residence
- Name and address of relatives they are going to join
- Whether they can read or write
- Whether they are a polygamist or an anarchist
- Amount of money they are carrying
S.S. Majestic
arriving New York
March 27, 1923

Seth Van Slaars
- 21 years old
- male
- married
- U.S. Passport #241469
- address in U.S.: c/o T.C. and Son, New York
Sidney Van Slaars (Seth)

- U.S. Passport #241469, issued January 6, 1923
- born February 25, 1899
- father born in Smyrna and immigrated to the U.S. in 1895
- intends to travel to Spain, Algeria, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Monaco, France and the British Isles
- includes affidavit from mother about his birth
- includes a photograph

Passport Application of Sidney Van Slaars
**S.S. Nieuw Amsterdam**  
arriving New York  
June 11, 1953

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**John Alexander**  
born Van Ettenville, NY  
U.S. passport # 63029  
5 SC  
1 T

**Augusta Alexander**  
born Germany  
U.S. passport # 63029  
1 BX  
2 PKG
Daniel Bratton
- age 24
- Electrician
- Carrying $15.00
- Lived in San Antonio, TX 1914 – 1919
- Returning to U.S. residence
- final destination: Eagle Pass, TX
- employed at the state theatre
- Personal Description:
  - 5’ 9”
  - Dark complexion
  - Brown eyes

Eagle Pass, Texas
Immigration Records - Availability

- Microfilm
  - National Archives Building & select Regional Archives
  - FamilySearch Centers  [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

- Online
  - [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)  (database & digital images)
  - [www.ellisisland.org](http://www.ellisisland.org)  (database & digital images)
  - [www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org)  (database)

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