



Broke, But Not Out of Luck: Exploring Bankruptcy Records for Genealogy Research

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The U.S. has seen many economic “ups and downs.” Rich and poor alike have seen their finances crash, and have been left with no option but bankruptcy. Bankruptcy records contain a wealth of details that can be found in few, if any other place. These can

include items owned by an individual or company as well as a listing of whom they borrowed from. This class will take a look at what bankruptcy records are available, what type of information can be found, and inform on how to research the records.



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RED SEAL DRY BATTERY

THE GUARANTEE
PROTECTS YOUFRANZ WURM HDWE. & PAINT CO.
923 E. 31st St.
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Jan 13, 1924.

Lough O Gram.

Spt 20-1922 1 Fish Line,

2 Box Thump Tax,

1 Cabege Can,

2 Cusplifor

6 Paire Cloves,

6 Lamp Sheakt,

1 out Varnish Stain,

Terpentin,

Nails

1 Cabege Can,

4 Crocks,

6 ft Rubber Hose,

3 ft 1-2" Hose,

2 Clams,

2 Hose Connection,

1 Brush,

5-1-2 Proctetion Wire,

Tin Worck,

1 Watch,

Okt 4 4 Spol Wire,

1 lb Stof Wire,

1 Spol Wire,

3 ft Hose,

2 Hag Sow Plat,

1 6" Shim,

Rubber Cement,

2 Sheakt Sand Paper,

1 Box Tax,

8 ft 5-8 Hose,

Nov 1 1 Hose Connection,

1 Socket,

Nails,

5 out Can,

1 Mashine Weld,

1 Hag Saw,

2 Hag Saw Plat,

1 Nail Set,

2 lb Nails,

1 1-2" Bal,

2 Dc Scews,

16 Stof Polts,

1 Dc Scews,

80 ft Lamp Wire,

3 Dc Scews,

Jan 2-1923 3 lb nails

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No. _____

In the Matter of

LAUGH-O-GRAM FILMS, INC.

Bankrupt.

Claim of

Franz Wurm Hdwe. & Paint Co
923 E. 31st St.
Kansas City, Mo.

Amount \$ 38.23

Filed this 23rd day of

February 1924. and allowed

Charles D. Day
Referee in Bankruptcy

Case 4457, In the Matter of Laugh-O-Gram Films
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6997521>

Objectives

- Briefly describe Federal bankruptcy history
- Know what records are available
- Understand how to research the records



Economic Ups and Downs

- As many as 47 recessions in the United States since 1790.
- Causes include:
 - War
 - Natural Disasters
 - Financial Bubbles
 - Foreign Policy
 - Domestic Policy



Depression: Breadlines: long line of people waiting to be fed:
New York City, ca. 02/1932, National Archives Identifier 196499

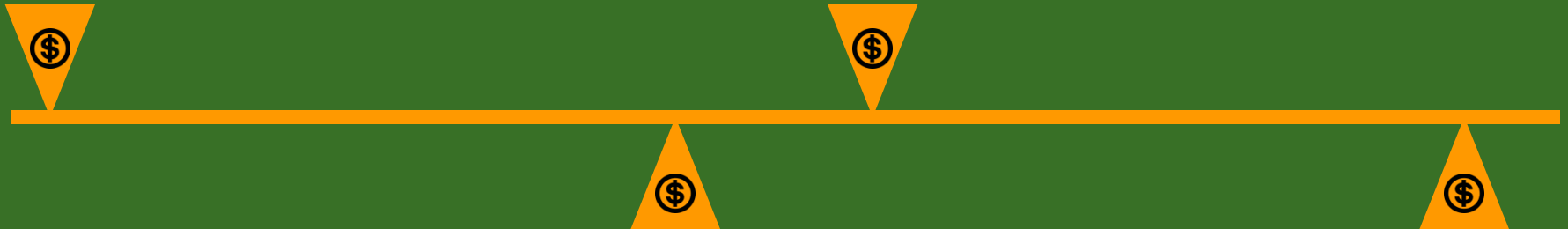
Government Authority

Congress has authority under Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the Constitution to legislate “uniform laws on the subject of Bankruptcies.”

By 1900, four separate bankruptcy laws passed:

Bankruptcy Act of 1800

Bankruptcy Act of 1867



Bankruptcy Act of 1841

Bankruptcy Act of 1898

Bankruptcy Act of 1800

CAUSE

- Panic of 1797 caused by land speculation bubble
- Deflation from Bank of England
- Quasi-War with France

APPLICATION OF ACT:

- Limited to merchants
- Involuntary Bankruptcies only
- System abused by corruption and favoritism

EFFECT:

- Repealed in 1803
- Resulted in state operated bankruptcy system in absence of Federal law
- 38 years without Federal bankruptcy law

Bankruptcy Act of 1841

CAUSE:

- Panic of 1837 caused by massive bank failures
- Collapse of cotton market

EFFECTS:


- Creditors viewed law as providing few payments, and discharging many debtors
- Repealed in 1843

APPLICATION OF THE ACT:

- Voluntary bankruptcy permitted
- Debtor could file for bankruptcy and receive discharge of debt
- Any individual could be debtor

Bankruptcy Act of 1867

CAUSES:


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- Recession of 1865-1867 followed economic devastation of Civil War
 - International financial instability

APPLICATION OF ACT:

- Involuntary Bankruptcy for any individual
- Courts appointed registers in bankruptcy



EFFECTS:

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- Suffered from same problems as previous acts.
 - Repealed in 1878.

Bankruptcy Act of 1898

CAUSES:

- Panic of 1893 caused by failure of Reading Railroad
- Withdrawal of European investments

APPLICATION OF THE LAW

- Individuals entitled to benefits of voluntary bankruptcy
- Anyone owing \$1,000 or more could be adjudged an involuntary bankrupt

EFFECT:

Lasted until 1978



General Contents of Case Files

Cases can include:

Libels	Defendant's answers	Schedule of debts
Motions	Stipulations	Lists of Names and Addresses of creditors
Transcripts of testimony	Depositions	Inventories of real and personal property
Exhibits and evidence	Reports	Final decrees and discharges
Court Orders	Claims	Briefs
Petitions	Arguments	Opinions

*Documents available per each case will vary.

Bankruptcy Vocabulary

- **Schedules:** Detailed lists filed by the debtor along with the petition showing the debtor's assets, liabilities, and other financial information.
- **Trustee:** The representative of the bankruptcy estate who exercises statutory powers, principally for the benefit of the unsecured creditors, under the general supervision of the court...The trustee's responsibilities include reviewing the debtor's petition and schedules and bringing actions against creditors or the debtor to recover property of the bankruptcy estate.

<http://www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources/educational-activities/bankruptcy-basics-glossary>



EXAMPLES OF BANKRUPTCY CASE FILES



Schedule A. (3.)

UNSECURED CREDITORS.

N. B.—When the name and residence (or either) of any drawer, maker, endorser or holder of any bill or note, etc., are unknown, the fact must be stated, and also the name and residence of the last holder known to the debtor. The debt to each creditor must be stated in full, and any claim by way of set off stated in Schedule B.

List name, residence, occupation; amount; when and where contracted and consideration.	Amount of Debt	
Dr. H. C. House, Arkansas City, Kansas, Dentist, November, 1927 at Arkansas City, Kansas,	2	00
E. C. Baker, Arkansas City, Kansas, Mechanic, Work on car, January, 1932, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	12	00
Fitch Music Store, Arkansas City, Kansas, Radio Tubes and Service, April, 1931, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	1	40
Peerless Grocery, Arkansas City, Kansas, Groceries since January, 1930, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	150	00
Star Wetmore, 215 East Central, Arkansas City, Kansas, For Rent, 1930-1931, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	45	00
C. D. Mohler, R.R.# 4 Arkansas City, Kansas, For Cow, January, 1932, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	13	00
M. L. Bacastow, R.R.# 4 Arkansas City, Kansas, For Feed, May, 1932, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	12	50
W. E. Hammond, 1606 South First, Arkansas City, Kansas, for Raleigh Products, April 15, 1932, at Arkansas City, Kas	7	50
June Fetrow, 417 East Washington, Arkansas City, Kansas, for Rent, 1929, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	15	00
Kansas Gas & Electric Co., Arkansas City, Kansas, for Radio, January, 1929, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	50	00
S. Bigger, Geuda Springs, Kansas, for Mule, April, 1932, at Geuda Springs, Kansas,	3	00
Dr. L. M. Beatson, Arkansas City, Kansas, Doctor services, December, 1928, at Arkansas City, Kansas,	20	00
Dr. M. M. Miller, Arkansas City, Kansas, Doctor services, January, 1928, Arkansas City, Kansas,	21	00 ✓
Dr. H. M. Stricklen, Arkansas City, Kansas, Doctor services, March, 1932, Arkansas City, Kansas,	2	00
Dr. V. L. Overstreet, Arkansas City, Kansas, Dental services September, 1931, Arkansas City, Kansas,	1	00
Gambrill-Bryant Hardware Co., Arkansas City, Kansas, Merchandise, check given, June, 1932, Arkansas City, Kansas,	3	50
A.A. Downing Hardware Co., Arkansas City, Kansas, Merchandise, April, 1931, Arkansas City, Kansas,	3	50 ✓

Total

Lloyd Clarence Soar
Petitioner.

Note: Give street address whenever possible.
If residence is unknown, that fact must be stated.

Unsecured Creditors



Dr. H. C. House, Arkansas City, Kansas, Dentist, November, 1927 at Arkansas City, Kansas,

2 00

Application for Rejection of Burdensome Property

APPLICATION FOR REJECTION OF BURDENSOME PROPERTY

Comes now Hazel M. Jones and respectfully shows to the court:

That she is the trustee herein, and that a portion of the bankrupt's estate consists of the following property:

2 Jersey cows, 3 to 6 years old, average wt. 1000 lbs., with increase,
1 red cow, 6 years old, wt. 1000 lbs., with increase,
1 Holstein cow, 5 years old, weight 1000 lbs.,
1 Holstein cow, 3 years old, weight 1100 lbs.,
8 Holstein cows, 2 years old, av. wt. 900 lbs., with increase,
8 Holstein heifers, 1 and 2 yrs. old, av. wt. 700 lbs., with increase,
3 white face and 1 Holstein calves, 11 months old,
3 spring and summer calves
1 black mare, 7 years old, wt. 1550 lbs., named Blackie,
1 gray mare, 7 years old, wt. 1550 lbs., named Nance,
1 black mare, 10 years old, wt. 1500 lbs., named Avis,
1 gray mare, 5 years old, wt. 1350 lbs., named Sis,
1 black filly, 2 years old, wt. 1000 lbs.,
1 black horse, 12 years old, wt. 1500 lbs.,
1 black mare, 2 years old, weight 800 lbs.,
1 black horse colt, 1 year old,
1 wide tire farm wagon,
1 Peoria grain drill,
2 sets harness, complete with collars,
1 McCormick mower,
1 John Deere manure spreader,
1 iron wheel low wagon,

1 black mare, 7 years old, wt. 1550 lbs., named Blackie,
1 gray mare, 7 years old, wt. 1550 lbs., named Nance,
1 black mare, 10 years old, wt. 1500 lbs., named Avis,
1 gray mare, 5 years old, wt. 1350 lbs., named Sis,

2/3 of 41 acres of growing wheat,
2/3 of 38 acres of growing oats,
2/3 of 35 acres of growing corn,
these growing crops being raised on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36, T. 26, R. 1 E.,
Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Petition

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,
IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF D. CLINTON COOK, RECEIVER FOR
THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY IN
THE MATTER OF BUFFALO BILL'S
WILD WEST AND PANTER BILL'S
GREAT FAR EAST, COMBINED,
BANKRUPT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 2566.

PETITION OF WILLIAM F. CODY
FOR RETURN TO HIM OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Comes now William F. Cody and respectfully represents and shows to the Court that among other articles of personal property now in the possession of Dewey C. Bailey, the Ancillary Receiver herein, is certain property belonging to said William F. Cody, individually, to-wit: One box containing silver mounted saddle and hair bridle, and also one buckskin suit, together with other purely personal effects belonging to said William F. Cody; that said property above referred to is exempt from levy and sale under execution:

Wherefore and by reason of all which petitioner respectfully prays the Court to make and enter an order herein directing and authorizing the said Ancillary Receiver to deliver said personal property to said William F. Cody.

William F. Cody
Petitioner.

STATE OF COLORADO, |
City and County of Denver. | ss.

William F. Cody, being duly sworn, on oath states that he is the petitioner above named; that he has read the above and foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true.

William F. Cody

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of August, A.D. 1915,
as witness my hand and notarial seal.
My commission expires March 7, 1915.

Chas. H. Roman
Notary Public.

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Schedule A

Back Taxes Due

Personal taxes due the County of Madison, Nebraska, as follows:

1895	-----	\$ 1.52
1894	-----	3.34
1893	-----	4.20
1892	-----	9.33
1891	-----	12.15
1890	-----	13.60
Total	-----	44.14

Schedule "A" (1).

Schedule "A" (2)

Statement of all creditors who are to be paid in full, or to whom priority is secured by law.

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(1) Taxes and debts due and owing to the United States:

None None None.

(2) Taxes due and owing to the State of Nebraska, or to any County, District or Municipality thereof:

Personal taxes due the County of Madison, Nebraska, as follows:

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1894	-----	3.34
	-----	4.20
	-----	9.33
	-----	12.15
	-----	13.60
Total	-----	44.14

servants, to an amount not exceeding months before filing the petition.

None. None.

by law.

None. None. None.

Jacob Bartman

Petitioner.

Property claimed to be exempted by State Laws; it is questioned whether real or personal; its description a n d powers, uses and exemptions given to the estate of the State making the exemption. (See State Laws)

Property claimed as exempt under Section 7730
Compiled Laws of 1913 and amendments thereto;

HOMESTEAD: 8½ of the SW¼ Sec.17,Twp.134,Rng.55,
Ransom County, North Dakota.....

Pictures, books and wearing apparel and clothing
of debtor and his family,

Additional exemptions claimed under Sec. 7731
Compiled Laws of 1913 and amendments thereto;

Household goods and utensils,

6 work horses,
9 milk cows,
1 yearling heifer,
5 spring calves,
2 brood sows,

1,corn binder, 1, Hayes corn planter; 1,DeLaval
Cream separator; 2, John Deere 1 row cultivators;
1, Viking fanning mill; 1, McCormick Deering Feed
Grinder; 1, Grain drill McCormick-Deering; 4 sets
work harness, 1, Independent disc harrow; 1, five
section Boss Harrow; 1, Deering Hay mower; 1,Minn.
Hay rake; 1, Dane Hay stacker; 2, gang plows; 1,
standard Wagon & box; 1, standard wagon & rack,

One old Grain Separator,

3500,00

50,00

150,00

600,00

270,00

10,00

15,00

30,00

415,00

25,00

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415,00

25,00

Total, 5065,00
Walter
Petitioner.



r-Lemke Case Files

Dakota Homestead lost
during the Depression

Example of Bankruptcy Case File

Schedules of the Bankrupt Filled by the Petitioning Creditors

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DIVISION OF
THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

IN THE MATTER OF LAUGH-O-GRAM FILMS, } IN BANKRUPTCY # 4457
INC., A CORPORATION, BANKRUPT.

SCHEDULES OF THE BANKRUPT FILED BY PETITIONING CREDITORS.

SCHEDULE A--Statement of all debts of Bankrupt.

1. Creditors who are to be paid in full or to whom property is secured by law.

None.

2. Creditors holding securities.

Fred Schmeltz, who holds mortgage on three Cooper lights to secure an indebtedness of

3. Creditors whose claims are unsecured.

Cash account--overdrawn
✓ Cowles, Dr. J. V. Trustee, 1524 Grand Avenue
✓ Disney, W. E., Unknown
✓ Hammond, W. F., Webb City, Mo.
✓ Ising, R. C., Wirthman Bldg.
✓ Kloepper, A. H. & M. J. Oldham, 535 Scarritt Bldg.
✓ Lyon, W. M., Unknown
✓ Pfeiffer, W. J., Unknown
✓ Schmeltz, Fred (including \$501.65 secured) 15th & Prospect
✓ Alexander Ptg. Co., 3130 Troost
✓ Baer, L. J.--rent people, Grand Avenue Temple Bldg.
✓ Briggs Photo Supply, 916 Grand Avenue
✓ Brown-PreussSta. Co., 918 Grand Avenue
✓ Balthaser Elec. Co., 1020 East 31st
✓ Dupont, E. I. & Co., 225 Scarritt Bldg.
✓ Emmert Chair Co., 2011 East 15th
✓ Exhibitors Trade Review, New York City, N. Y.
✓ Film Daily, New York City, N. Y.
✓ Harmon, Hugh, Wirthman Bldg.
✓ Inter-Collegiate Press
✓ Iwwerks, Ubbe & Leon Greenebaum, 635 Scarritt Bldg.
✓ K. C. Journal, 22nd & Gillham
✓ K. C. Paper House, 7th & May
✓ K. C. Photographic Supply, 1010 Grand Avenue
✓ K. C. Power & Light Co., 1330 Grand Avenue
✓ K. C. Telephone Company, 11th & Oak
✓ Maxwell, Carman, Wirthman Bldg.
✓ M. L. B. Electric Co. 3839 Indiana
✓ Motion Picture News, New York City, N. Y.
✓ N. Y. Times, New York City, N. Y.
✓ Old Mill Carbon & Ribbon Co., 1035 Wyandotte
✓ Reynolds, Aletha, Unknown
✓ Ricker, Morris & Maiden, Westover Bldg.
✓ Schrorer Bros., 512 E. 25th

Cash account--overdrawn	2.00
✓ Cowles, Dr. J. V. Trustee, 1524 Grand Avenue	2604.88
✓ Disney, W. E., Unknown	2384.76
✓ Hammond, W. F., Webb City, Mo.	509.85
✓ Ising, R. C., Wirthman Bldg.	711.23
✓ Kloepper, A. H. & M. J. Oldham, 535 Scarritt Bldg.	545.05
✓ Lyon, W. M., Unknown	591.92
✓ Pfeiffer, W. J., Unknown	96.50
✓ Schmeltz, Fred (including \$501.65 secured) 15th & Prospect	1338.70
✓ Alexander Ptg. Co., 3130 Troost	13.50
✓ Baer, L. J.--rent people, Grand Avenue Temple Bldg.	354.99
✓ Briggs Photo Supply, 916 Grand Avenue	16.68
✓ Brown-PreussSta. Co., 918 Grand Avenue	4.10
✓ Balthaser Elec. Co., 1020 East 31st	20.55
✓ Dupont, E. I. & Co., 225 Scarritt Bldg.	4.79
✓ Emmert Chair Co., 2011 East 15th	2.00
✓ Exhibitors Trade Review, New York City, N. Y.	104.09
✓ Film Daily, New York City, N. Y.	48.50
✓ Harmon, Hugh, Wirthman Bldg.	579.50
✓ Inter-Collegiate Press	75.00
✓ Iwwerks, Ubbe & Leon Greenebaum, 635 Scarritt Bldg.	1003.00
✓ K. C. Journal, 22nd & Gillham	9.26
✓ K. C. Paper House, 7th & May	6.82
✓ K. C. Photographic Supply, 1010 Grand Avenue	10.98
✓ K. C. Power & Light Co., 1330 Grand Avenue	4.47
✓ K. C. Telephone Company, 11th & Oak	13.50
✓ Maxwell, Carman, Wirthman Bldg.	220.50
✓ M. L. B. Electric Co. 3839 Indiana	37.00
✓ Motion Picture News, New York City, N. Y.	104.35
✓ N. Y. Times, New York City, N. Y.	1.35
✓ Old Mill Carbon & Ribbon Co., 1035 Wyandotte	6.60
✓ Reynolds, Aletha, Unknown	142.00
✓ Ricker, Morris & Maiden, Westover Bldg.	21.15
✓ Schrorer Bros., 512 E. 25th	77.30

77.30

Looking for Indications of Bankruptcy

- Newspaper articles
- Family lore
- Related court case
- Changes in property or location between census years



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION.

State of Missouri,) 188.
County of Jackson.)

Mora Boyle, of Kansas City, Missouri, of lawful age, being duly sworn, says that he is Rec. of Adm. of THE KANSAS CITY JOURNAL, a morning newspaper published daily, THE KANSAS CITY POST, an afternoon newspaper published daily, THE KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST, a newspaper published Sundays, and THE KANSAS CITY WEEKLY JOURNAL, a newspaper published weekly, all in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, and that is hereto

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors—In the District Court of the United States for the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri. In bankruptcy. In the matter of Laugh-O-Gram Films, Inc., bankrupt. In bankruptcy. To the creditors of Laugh-O-Gram Films, Inc., of Kansas City, in the county of Jackson, and district aforesaid, bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of October A. D. 1923, the said Laugh-O-Gram Films, Inc., was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of its creditors will be held at room 300 Fidelity Trust Building, at Kansas City, Missouri, on the 3rd day of December A. D. 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and trans-

act such other business as may properly come before said meeting; the said meeting to be held at Kansas City, as the meeting of creditors at Independence, the county seat, would be manifestly inconvenient for the parties in interest, and the said meeting is held at Kansas City in pursuance of an order of the District Court of the United States.

ELMER N. POWELL,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Kansas City, Mo., November 20th, 1923.

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Researching Bankruptcy Records



Will require utilization of National Archives Catalog and paper-based finding aids

Finding Aid Created by the Courts – Part 1

Case Indexes

- Listing of all bankruptcy cases or all cases tried by the court
- Direct and inverted indexes
- Indexes can be incomplete

Docket Books

- Contains *brief notes* stating what action was taken that day in court on a particular case
- Arranged by case number



Finding Aid Created by the Courts – Part 2

Journal and Minute Books

- Document *day to day* proceedings
- Search by a particular date or date range
- Locate case numbers

Final Record Books

- *Compilation* of case proceedings
- Contain information not found in case files



Bankruptcy Docket Sample

BANKRUPTCY DOCKET

TITLE OF CASE		CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED			
DIVISION TWO		1940	DATE	RECEIVED	DISBURSED
CAUSE NO. 17874		10-5	J. H. Filkin	30.00	
In the matter of Robert E. Haggart		10-5	Henry A. Bundeschu		1500
Trustee: H. B. Bastian		2-24	William B. Bastian		500
3-29		U. S. TREASURER		1000	
				30.00	3000
Engineer Pratt Whitney					
Voluntary					
REFREE AND TRUSTEE		ATTORNEYS			
Referee: Henry A. Bundeschu		H. H. Filkin			
Trustee: H. B. Bastian 1-8-45		i.c.			

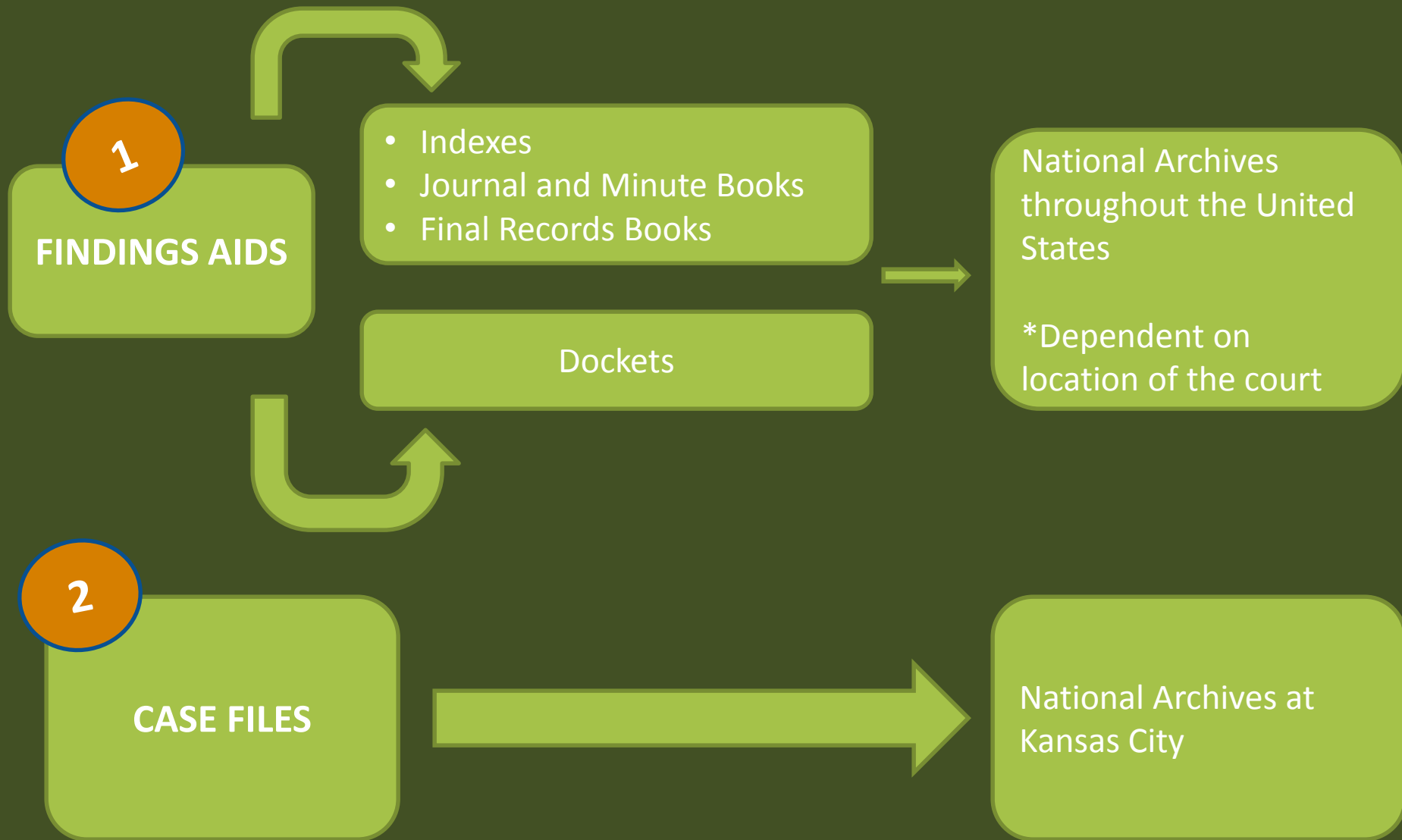
PROCEEDINGS	
10-5	Petition & schedules
10-5	Order of reference
10-8	Amended Petition
10-11	Adjudication by the Referee
10-15	Judgment roll of Referee filed - case closed
10-15	Order of discharge
3-16	Proof of claim - Grace Gear & Machine Works
3-19	" " American Photography Equipment Co

BANKRUPTCY DOCKET

TITLE OF CASE		CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED			
1940		DATE	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	
CAUSE NO. 17875		10-5	J. H. Filkin	30.00	
In the matter of J. W. Rose		10-5	Henry A. Bundeschu		1500
Trustee: H. B. Bastian		2-24	William B. Bastian		500
3-29		U. S. TREASURER		1000	
				30.00	3000
Laboratory Standard Steel Co.					
Voluntary					
REFREE AND TRUSTEE		ATTORNEYS			
Referee: Henry A. Bundeschu		Isid. Hornecker			
Trustee: H. B. Bastian 1-8-45		i.c.			

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- uses a new search engine to improve searchability -- including **improved relevancy rankings and response times**
- allows users to **transcribe our records directly in the catalog**
- **indexes tags and transcriptions daily** -- maximizing access all around

More improvements include:

- updated user interface for search results
- optimized interface for mobile viewing
- improved tagging feature

We're also launching a **public API** that will allow users to use, re-use, and contribute catalog data in ways that haven't happened before!

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Search Tips and Terms



Terms to use:

- Bankruptcy Act
- Case Files
- Dockets
- District Court
- State

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- Will not yield specific cases
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- Provides a stepping stone for your research

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The creator compiled or maintained the series between:

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Function and Use:

These files were created to contain the records of all of the proceedings undertaken in an individual bankruptcy action under the Bankruptcy Act of 1898. The act created the offices of referee and trustee. Referees were to be appointed by the court and vested with jurisdiction to make an adjudication of the bankruptcy or to examine the petitions, and to perform such other duties, except as to opposition arising out of applications for composition or discharge, as were conferred by the act on courts of bankruptcy. Trustees were to be appointed by creditors at their first meeting.

Arrangement:

Arranged numerically by case number.

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Bankruptcy
Debtor and creditor
Debts

Scope & Content

The case files contain the petition for **bankruptcy**, various schedules, and related papers, including petitions for discharge, orders of reference, proofs of publication and notices to creditors, reports by commissioners, schedules containing inventories of bankrupt assets, appointments, declarations of discharge, final certificates, and record of payment of costs.

A typical file may include the following:

- *Debtor's Petition
- *Schedule A - Statement of All Debts of **Bankruptcy**
- *Schedule A-1 - Statement of all Creditors Who are to be Paid in Full
- *Schedule A-2 - Creditors Holding Securities
- *Schedule A-3 - Creditors Whose Claims are Unsecured
- *Schedule A-4 - Liabilities on Notes or Bills
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- *Oath to Schedule B
- *Summary of Debts and Assets

The files may also contain various orders, petitions, returns, decrees, warrants, writs and other papers of the Court. These papers include the Order of Adjudication and Reference, Appointment and Acceptance of Trustee, Bond of Trustee, Petition for Discharge, Report of Trustee and Reference on Discharge, Discharge of Bankrupt, Statement of Costs, Order of Appointment of Trustee, Order Approving the Trustee's Bond, Order Approving Trustee's Report of Exemptions, and Final Examination of the Bankrupt along with various notices to creditors and certificates of mailing notices.

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- Select bankruptcy records on microfilm from the Bankruptcy Act of 1800:
<http://www.archives.gov/publications/microfilm-catalogs/fed-courts/part-03.html>
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