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Getting the most out of the National Archives Catalog **Suzanne Isaacs and Meredith Doviak**

The National Archives offers many opportunities to participate in our online Catalog through citizen archivist projects such as tagging, transcription, and citizen scanning in our Innovation Hub. These projects help make content in our Catalog more discoverable to researchers. We'll talk about how you can contribute to these projects, how these contributions can help you and other users locate records online, and how citizen scanning can benefit your research. We'll also discuss genealogy resources available in the National Archives Catalog and how the Catalog can help you jumpstart and refine your genealogical research.



Meredith Doviak

Meredith Doviak works to manage, build and grow the community of users surrounding records and information in our Catalog. She joined the National Archives in 2009, first working in the Social Media Branch in the Office of Innovation. Meredith was also involved in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) project to create free and open access to the nation's cultural and scientific record. Meredith holds a Master of Library Science Degree with a focus on Archival Administration from the University of Maryland, and a Bachelor of Arts from Gettysburg College.

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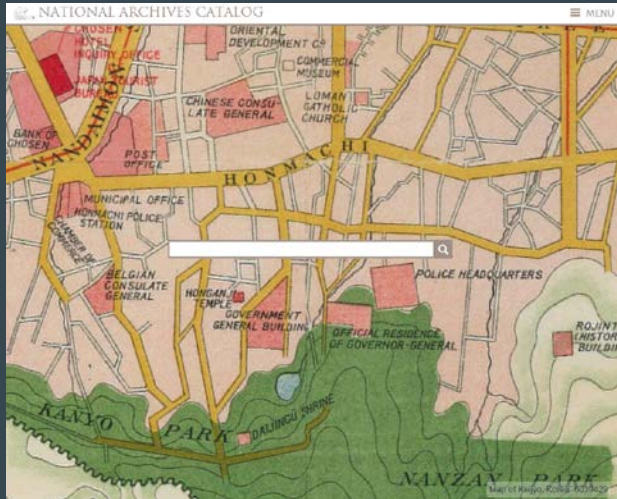


Suzanne Isaacs

Suzanne Isaacs works to manage, build and grow the community of users surrounding records and information in our Catalog. In previous positions with the National Archives, she has worked in the Cartographic Section, Special Media Division, National Archives Experience, and the Office of Innovation. Before coming to us, she has also been an Open Society Archives Western Fellow in Budapest, Hungary; and an assistant curator at the Library of American Broadcasting at the University of Maryland. She holds a B.A. in American History and an M.L.S in Archives from the University of Maryland.

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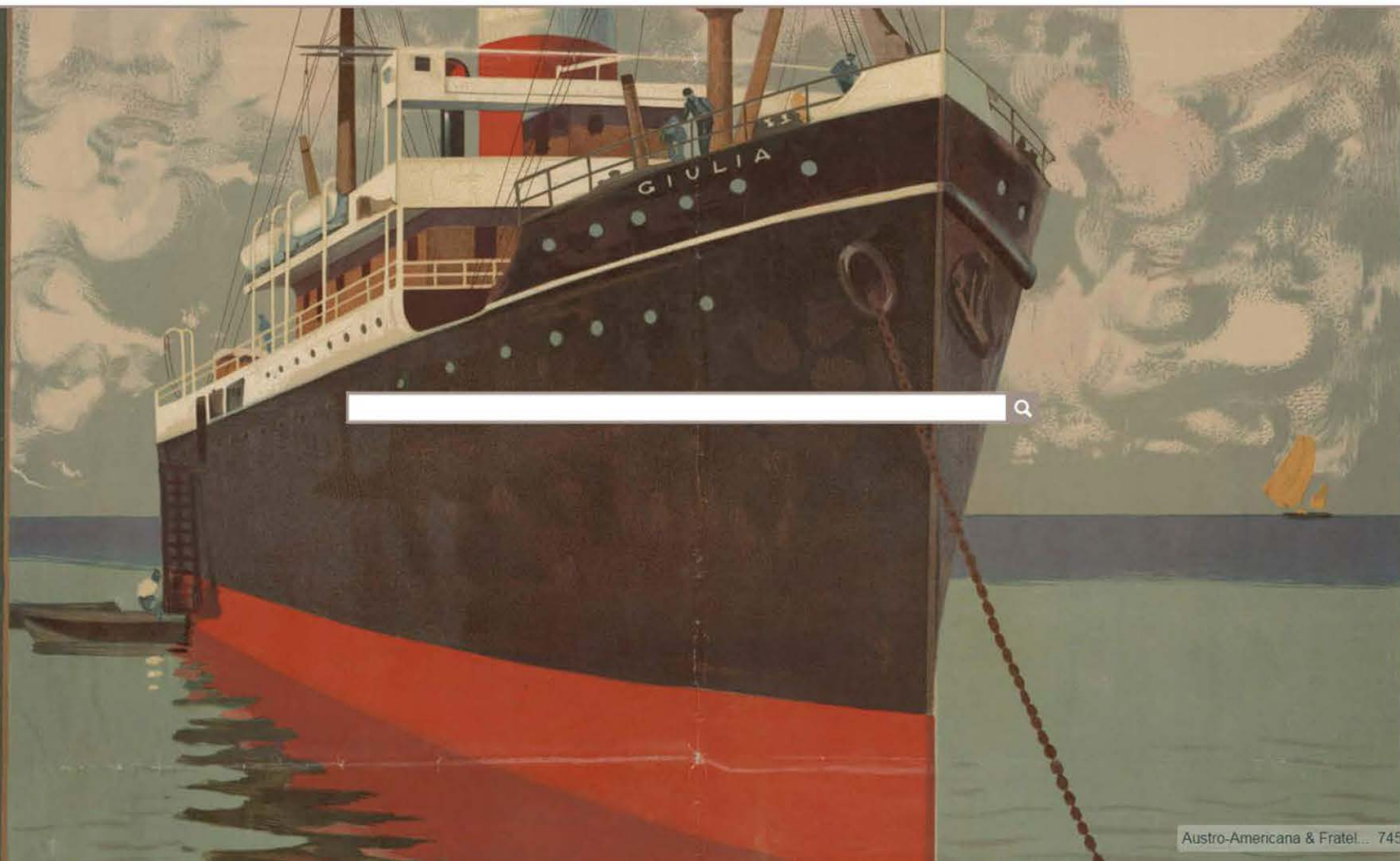
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Community Managers
National Archives Catalog

Hi! We're the Community Managers

- ★ We're first in line to help customers engage with the Catalog.
- ★ We work to create an environment that encourages communication and participation with the records in our catalog.
- ★ We get records and information out to users.
- ★ We also take information in; developing a feedback loop of awareness and engagement to expand the audience for our holdings.



Meredith Doviak & Suzanne Isaacs



Why are We Transcribing and Tagging?

- Make Access Happen – Expand access through higher quality information
- Connect with Customers – Use engagement to develop a community with anyone interested in our records



Citizen Archivist Dashboard - National Archives

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One Day...

All of our records will be online.
You can help make it happen.

You can become a citizen archivist — just click one of the options below to get started. You can also make suggestions or volunteer in person.



Welcome



Tag



Transcribe



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Transcription

Transcription Missions

Cuba



In honor of President Obama's historic visit to Cuba, help us transcribe historical records of US / Cuba relations.

Photographs of U.S. and Foreign Naval Vessels, 1883 - 1972



Please help us by transcribing information about each vessel that is printed on the photographs.

National Forest Photographs



We need your help transcribing the typed captions on these images. This easy transcription will help make these images more available for searching.

Innovation Hub



These are Compiled Military Service Records, Pension Files, and Bounty Land files all scanned by Citizen Archivists at the Innovation Hub in Washington, DC. Help transcribe records scanned by citizens just like yourself and be an integral part of the Archives team.

Letters from George Washington

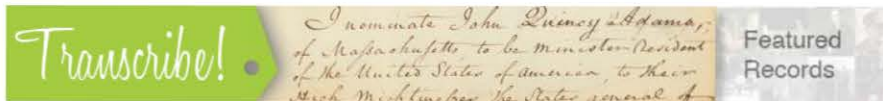


Help transcribe records from General and President George Washington.

Don't Leave Us Hanging!



Help complete these records that have not been fully transcribed.



Featured Records

Please help us work on these records. We will work to refresh this list as records are transcribed.

- Journal of Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon. [Transcribe this record.](#)
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- Letter from Polish Citizens Club to U.S. Government, 2/13/1924. [Transcribe this record.](#)
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- Response to and Inquiry Letter from Mrs. Hellen Odle Regarding the Legality of Saluting the Flag. [Transcribe this record.](#)
- Manual for Army Cooks, 9/19/1879. [Transcribe this record.](#)



Tagging Missions

Documerica Photographs



Tag photographs of the program sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency to document subjects of environmental concern in America during the 1970s.

Maps



Tag details and features in these maps of the US states, the Panama Canal Zone, WWI trenches in France, US Civil War battles and more.

Football



Add tags to these photographs of football games, players, coaches and fans (military, civilian and Presidents).

Japanese Relocation - Minidoka



Add tags to photographs of the Minidoka Relocation Center where Japanese-Americans were interned from 1942-45.

Snow



January snowstorms have us thinking about snow and blizzards. Tag records about winter storms and their aftermath.

World War II Posters



These posters were used to promote the war effort, help us tag images in the posters.

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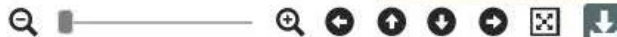
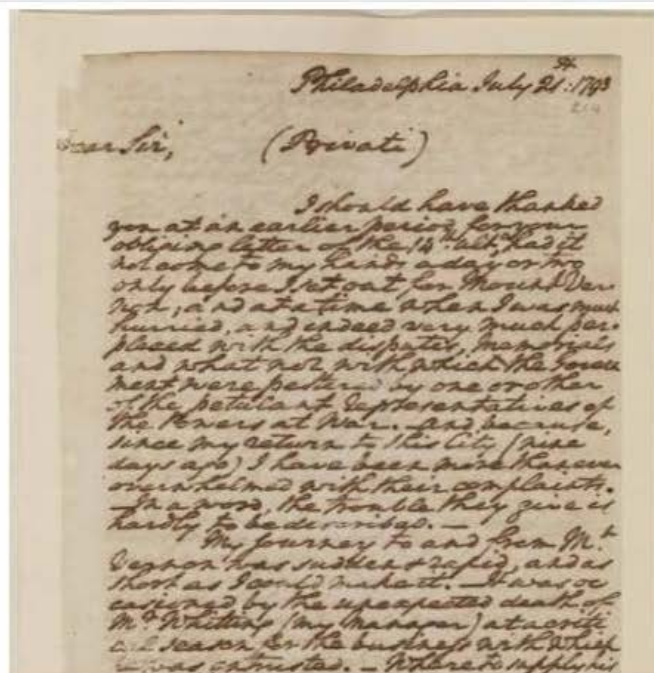
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General Records of the
Department of State, 1763 -
2002

Series:
Letters Received, 1789 -
1906

File Unit:
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Item:
**Letter from George
Washington to
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Letter from George Washington to Henry Lee

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Philadelphia July 21, 1793

(Private)

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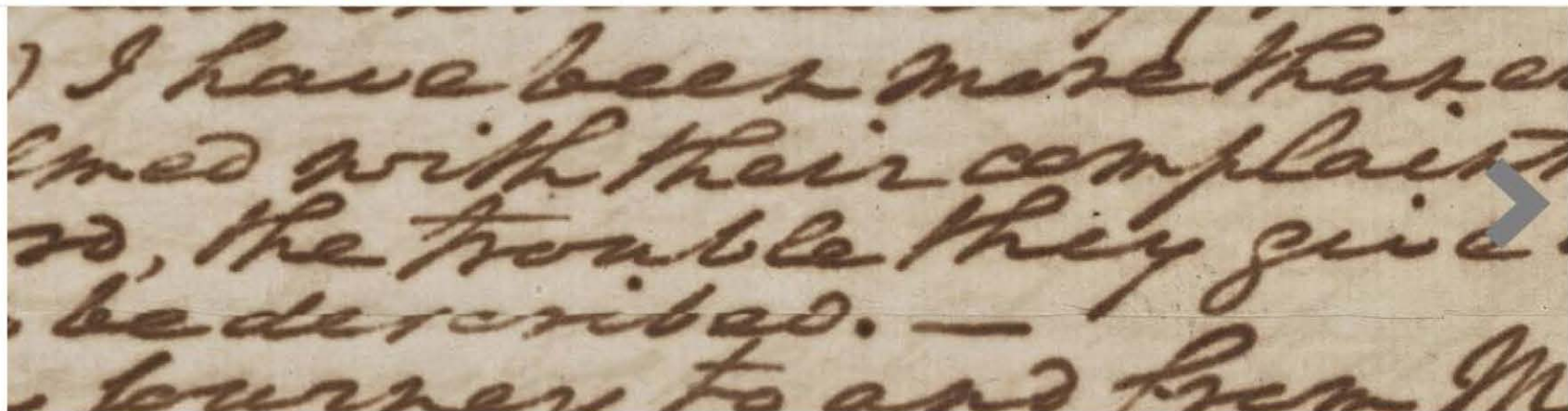
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Record Hierarchy

Record Group 95:
Records of the Forest Service, 1870 -
2008

Series:
Historic Photographs, ca. 1880 - ca.
1970

Item:
Photograph of Combination Snow Plow
and Rut Cutter, 3/1906

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Additional Information About this Item

National Archives Identifier: 2132484

Local Identifier: 51244

Creator(s): Department of Agriculture. Forest Service. Region 9 (Eastern Region). 1965- (Most Recent)
Department of Agriculture. Division of Forestry. 1881-7/1/1901 (Predecessor)

From: Series: Historic Photographs, ca. 1880 - ca. 1970
Record Group 95: Records of the Forest Service, 1870 - 2008

Details

Level of Description: Item

Type(s) of Archival Materials: Photographs and other Graphic Materials

This item was produced or created: 3/1906

The creator compiled or maintained the series between: ca. 1880 - ca. 1970

Access Restriction(s): Unrestricted

Use Restriction(s): Unrestricted

Subjects Represented in the Archival Material(s): Chippewa National Forest (Minn.)
Logging
Timber management

Tag

1906

Lumber

photograph

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snow plow

Trees

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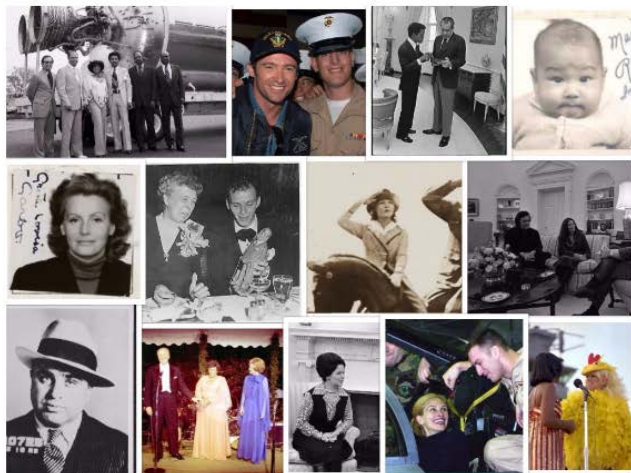
Scope & Content

Original caption: T144, R29, Cass County, Minn. Combination snow plow and rut cutter for keeping roads in repair being hauled behind sled train load of logs. Joseph Bisbon, contractor, operating the levers in the foreground. Note the steam from the log hauler showing over.

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Did you know the National Archives Catalog features many images of celebrities and other well-known people?



Our records document citizen's interactions with the federal government, including USO appearances, military records, immigration records, visits with the Presidents, and more. Celebrities you'll find in our Catalog include movie stars, musicians, authors, and athletes, often before they were famous!

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- Add your comments on digitized records, descriptions, and authority records
- Find what you need with a more intuitive advanced search
- Efficiently browse search results with better "Next Page" link placement
- Track your citizen archivist contributions with updated user account pages
- Add data from scanned records to your developer toolbox with increased API functionality

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- Bill of Rights



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Asking researchers to commit to scan at least file unit worth of materials

Researchers can take home a copy of the JPEGs and we will add a copy of the images to the catalog

Researchers get credit in the catalog

New way of thinking and connecting to the records

Unfortunately, the Hub is only located in the National Archives Building in Washington, DC (Archives I) right now

Citizen Scanning Project - How Can this Benefit You?



Great for finding family history and information

Scanners are easy to use AND no need to bring your own equipment

Immediately take home a copy of the images

Help others find their history with images added online

This is a great new way to Make Access Happen

Innovation Hub: What Have We Done?

Since July 2015 (when we opened) through July 2016:

Pages Scanned: 69,276

Files Scanned: 3,073

Over 270 Individual Citizen Scanners

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Capt. W. E. Strong.
"Belle City (Racine) Rifles"
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