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IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
ALIEN REGISTRATION FORM

1. My name is Julia Thompson Thompson

2. I entered the United States under the name of Julia Thompson

3. I have also been known by the following names: Julia Thompson

4. My present address is 18 King St. Waltham, Mass.

5. I was born on Feb. 07, 1858

6. I was born in St. Louis, Mo.

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Join us in May and June for our annual series on family history research!



2025 Genealogy Series

Welcome!

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is pleased to present this educational series of lectures on how to conduct family research.

NARA's mission is to preserve and provide access to the records of the government of the United States of America. We are thrilled to share our records that relate to family history and to make those records available to you through the Genealogy Series.

About the Sessions

Our presentations will demonstrate how to use federal resources at the National Archives and Records Administration for genealogical research.

National Archives experts are presenting from our locations across the United States. Sessions are intended for beginners to experienced family historians—all are welcome!

Join the Conversation

Participate with the presenters and other family historians during a session's premiere

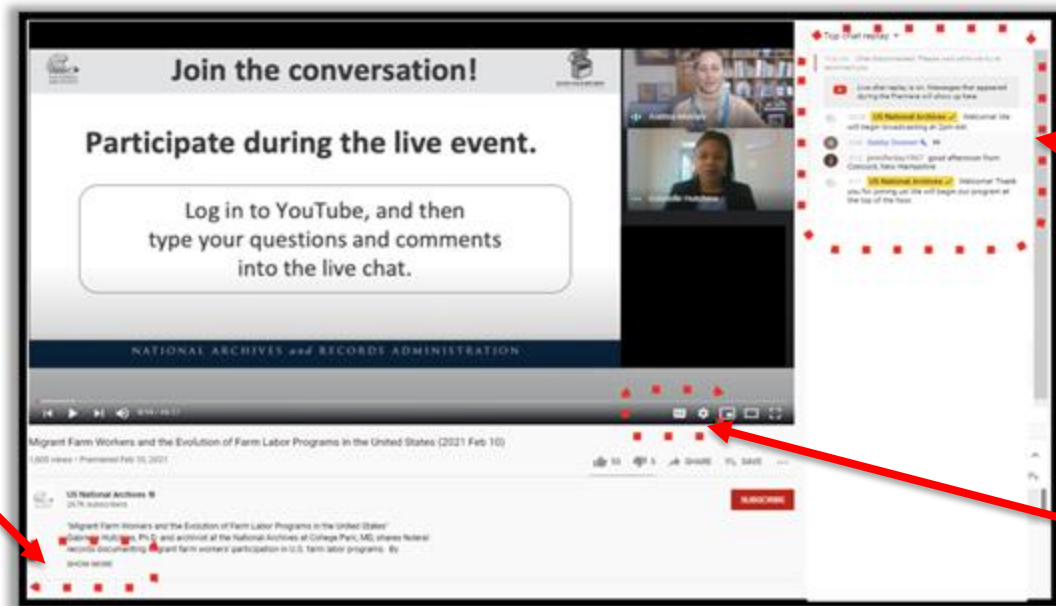
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Schedule

Tuesday, May 13, 1 p.m. ET

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- ***Revealing Ties to Espionage in the Office of Strategic Services Records***
Presenter: Molly Kamph

Wednesday, May 21, 1 p.m. ET

- ***From the Territory of Montana to the Republic of Vietnam; Researching Native American Veterans in the National Archives, 1881–1966***
Presenters: Cody White, Kayla Dawkins, Rose Buchanan, and Leo Belleville

Tuesday, June 3, 1 p.m. ET

- ***Washington, DC, Law and Order: Cops and Robbers, 1861–1991***
Presenter: M Marie Maxwell

Schedule

Wednesday, June 11, 1 p.m. ET

- ***Disaster Preparedness and Response for Family Collections***

Presenters: Sara Holmes and Sara Leonowitz

Tuesday, June 17, 1 p.m. ET

- ***Researching Immigrant Ancestors: Alien Registration (AR-2) Forms***

Presenters: Elizabeth Burnes and John LeGloahec

- **Closing Remarks**

Session Overview

Revealing Ties to Espionage in the Office of Strategic Services Records

Have you uncovered clues that your family member may have been a spy for the federal government? This session will provide a brief history of the Office of Strategic Services (1942–1947), which is the predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency, and an overview of the finding aids and records available at the National Archives at College Park to determine if your relative was part of the vast web of spies, informants, or other clandestine agents acting on behalf of the United States.

Presenter Biography



Molly Kamph

Molly Kamph is an archivist in the Textual Reference and Augmented Processing Branch at the National Archives at College Park, MD (Archives II). Her specialties include both civilian and military records relating to foreign affairs, intelligence, homeland security, and defense. Molly joined the National Archives in August 2023 as an archivist in Accessioning and Basic Processing, where she worked on records relating to foreign affairs and public health. Prior to her time at NARA, she spent seven years working as a collections and archives technician and project archivist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. She also completed a master of arts in museum anthropology at the George Washington University in 2017 and a bachelor of arts in history and anthropology from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in 2014. She is also a certified archivist.



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Revealing Ties to Espionage in the Office of Strategic Services Records

Molly Kamph

Archivist, National Archives at College Park

Presentation Overview

- Brief History of Federal Government Espionage in the United States
- Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Overview
- Navigating OSS Indexes and Finding Aids
- Other Intelligence Resources and Records



“Audience in demolition class. Milton Hall, England, circa 1944.” Record Group 226, Local Identifier: 226-FPL, OSS Field Station, London, England, 1943–1944, Item National Archives Identifier: [540063](#).

Federal Espionage in the United States



[Operation] "Jedburghs get instructions from Briefing Officer in London flat. England, circa 1944." Record Group 226, Local Identifier: 226-FPL, OSS Field Station, London, England, 1943-1944, Item National Archives Identifier: [540064](#).

- Intelligence gathering has existed in various capacities since the beginning of the United States.
- Coordinated efforts began during World War II.
- President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the Office of the Coordinator of Information (COI) in 1941 to gather information related to the War.
- In 1942, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) replaced the COI, becoming the first centralized U.S. intelligence agency.

Office of Strategic Services (OSS), 1942–1945



“[Detachment - 101 Burma] - [Roll 13] - Frame 27,” Record Group 226, Entry UD 102,
Copies of Photographs Relating to Activities of Detachment 101, 1943–1945, Roll 13,
Frame 27, Item National Archives Identifier: [23816013](#).

- Responsible for espionage efforts abroad, including propaganda, subversion of the Axis powers, and other efforts relating to post-war recovery and planning
- OSS→ Strategic Services Unit (SSU)→ Central Intelligence Group (CIG)→ Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- Records split between Department of State and CIA, before permanent records transferred to the National Archives

Record Group 226 Indexes and Finding Aids

- Record Group 226: Records of the Office of Strategic Services
- OSS veterans in the SSU arranged most OSS operational records according to OSS locations, offices, and file categories.
 - These efforts resulted in indexes and more detailed finding aids associated with the records.
- PLEASE NOTE: Indexes and finding aids are a *starting point*. Some of the information may be outdated, but these resources provide clues for where to begin your search.



Record Group 226 Indexes and Finding Aids in the Textual Records Consultation Area (Room 3000) at the National Archives at College Park.

Personal Name Index

- Names identified by the OSS veterans who organized the records
- Index to many series within Record Group 226
- Organized alphabetically by Last Name, then First Name, and includes Originating Location, Branch, Type of Record, Series Number, Entry Number, Box Number, Folder Number, Storage Location

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STEINBACH	ROLF	PARIS	SI	PERS	0012	188A	00008	00004
STEINBECK	JOHN	WASHINGTON	FIELD PHOTO	OP	0019	090	00028	00634
STEINBECK	JOHN	WASHINGTON	REG	AD	0007	092	00009	00077
STEINBERG		WASHINGTON	MO	OP	0064	139	00140	01900
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STEINBERG	SAUL	WASHINGTON	SPF	PERS	0004	189A	00026	01124
STEINBRUCH	HEINZ	STOCKHOLM	X-2	PTS	0005	125A	00003	00034



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Record Group 226: Records of the Office of Strategic Services

Series

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Radio and Cable and Operational Files, 1943-1945

Other title: Records of the Washington Radio & Cable and Field Photo Branch

Creator: Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of Strategic Services, Field Photographic Branch. (01/04/1943 - 10/01/1945) (Most Recent)

NAID: 6171614

Textual Records

Collected: 1943-1945

Covers: 1941-1945

Search within this Series

729 File Units

Not Yet Available Online

This series contains radio and cable files and operational files. Radio and cable file topics include war crimes, Operation Sunrise, communism, prisoners of war, Office of Strategic Services (OSS) city teams, Josip Broz Tito, Interessen Gemeinschaft (I.G.) Farben, Vessel, intelligence gathering, and intelligence operations.

National Archives Catalog Description for the Series *Radio and Cable and Operational Files, 1943-1945* (Record Group 226, Entry UD 90, Series National Archives Identifier: [6171614](#)).

Personnel Files and Personnel Listing

The series [Personnel Files of the Office of Strategic Services, 1942-ca. 1962](#) (Record Group 226, Entry A1 224, National Archives Identifier: 1593270) has an associated index that contains a listing of individuals who have a personnel files within this series. Files are also searchable online on the National Archives Catalog.

- Files consist of OSS applications, personal histories/statements, training records, performance evaluations, payroll information, promotions, reassignments, separations and discharge forms, etc. Most files are fragmentary, incomplete, and provide merely glimpses at the events of a career in the OSS.

A separate, comprehensive listing of OSS personnel was accessioned into the National Archives holdings from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).



Organized Alphabetically by Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, Rank, Service
Number, Box Number, Storage Location

Hall	Thomas	R		306
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File Unit

Hall, Virginia

These records consist of the personnel file of Virginia Hall (also known as Diane Heckler).

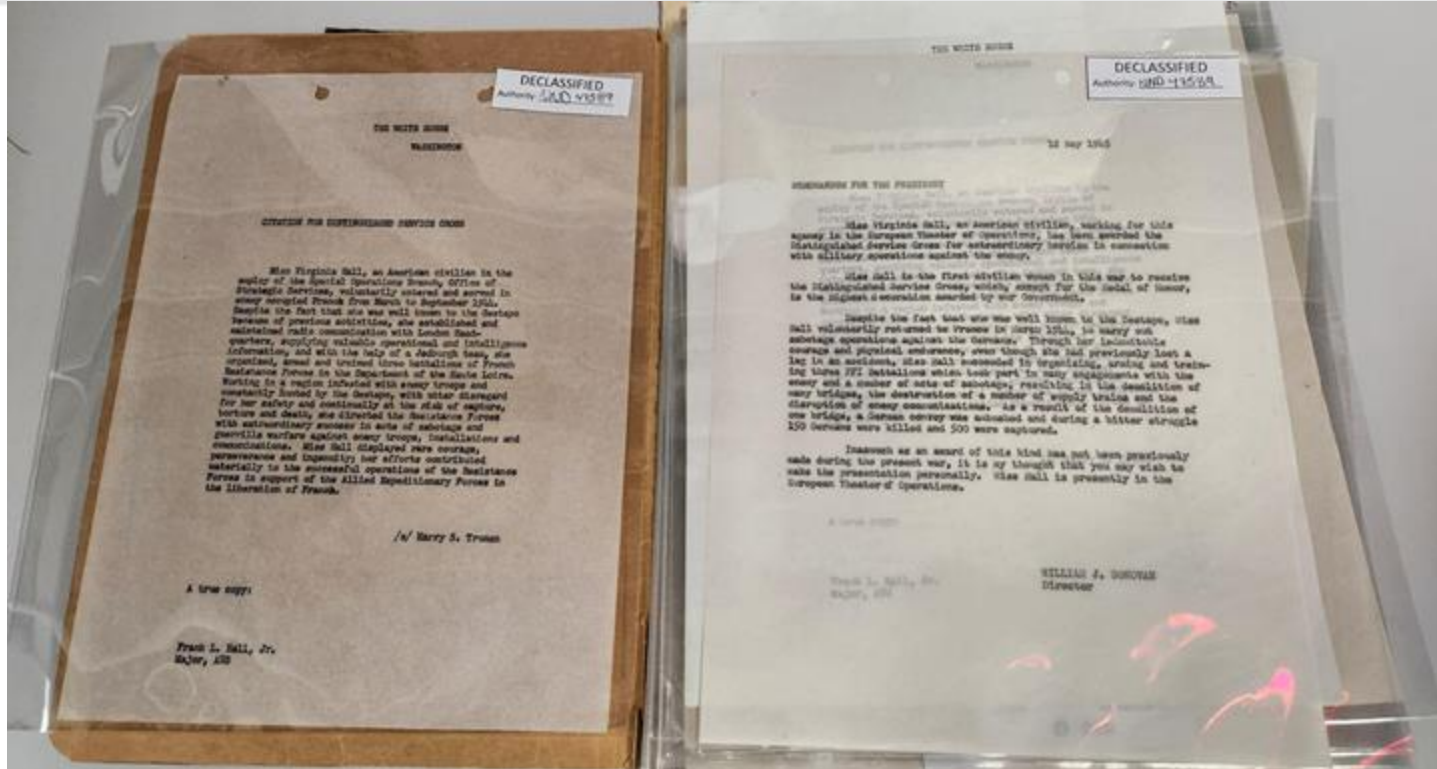
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Creators: National Intelligence Authority. Central Intelligence Group. (01/22/1946 - 09/18/1947); Joint Chiefs of Staff. Office of Strategic Services. (06/13/1942 - 10/01/1945); National Security Council. Central Intelligence Agency. (09/18/1947 - 12/04/1981); War Department. Office of the Assistant Secretary of War. Strategic Services Unit. (09/1945 - 10/19/1946)

Series: Personnel Files of the Office of Strategic Services

"Photograph of Virginia Hall Receiving Award," Record Group 226, Entry A1 224, *Personnel Files of the Office of Strategic Services, 1942-ca. 1962*, Box 306, Item National Archives Identifier: [595150](#).

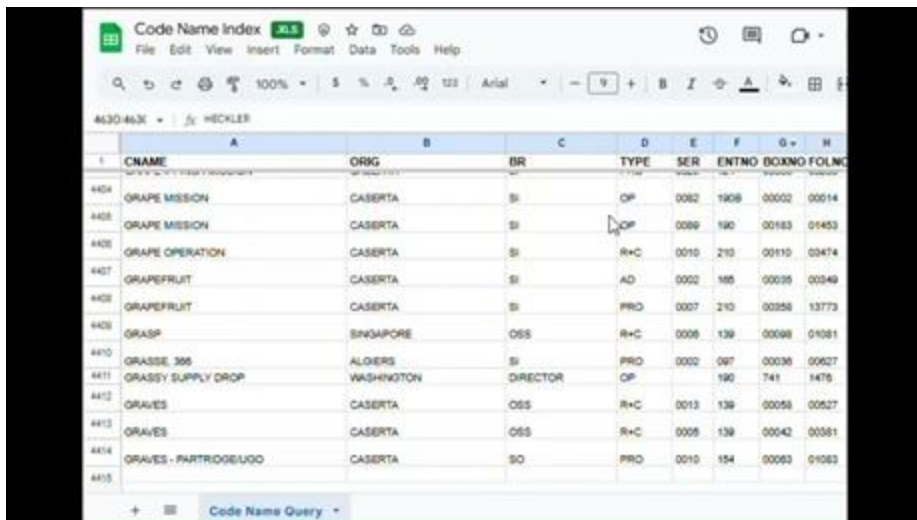
Personnel Files and Personnel Listing



Pages from Virginia Hall's OSS Personnel File describing her recommendation and citation for the Distinguished Service Cross.
 ("Hall, Virginia," Record Group 226, Entry A1 224, *Personnel Files of the Office of Strategic Services, 1942–ca. 1962*, Box 306, File Unit National Archives Identifier: [2174818](#)).

Code Name Index

- OSS used codenames for individuals and operations. This index references many series within Record Group 226.
- Organized alphabetically by Codename, Location of Origin, Branch, Type, Series Number, Entry Number, Box Number, Folder Number, and Location
- Virginia Hall's codename **Heckler** is referenced in a file in the series [Field Station Files, 1941-1946](#) (Record Group 226, Entry UD 190, Series National Archives Identifier: 595664, Box 741, Folder 1742). Also available in the microfilm publication *M1642 - Records of the Office of Strategic Services: Washington Director's Office Administrative Files, 1941-1945*.



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4407	GRAPEFRUIT	CASERTA	SI	AD	0002	185	00035	00349
4408	GRAPEFRUIT	CASERTA	SI	PRO	0007	210	00358	13773
4409	GRASP	SINGAPORE	OSS	R+C	0008	139	00098	01081
4410	GRASSE, 396	ALGERS	SI	PRO	0002	097	00036	00627
4411	GRASSY SUPPLY DROP	WASHINGTON	DIRECTOR	OP		190	741	1476
4412	GRAVES	CASERTA	OSS	R+C	0013	139	00058	00527
4413	GRAVES	CASERTA	OSS	R+C	0005	139	00042	00381
4414	GRAVES - PARTRIDGE/GOO	CASERTA	SO	PRO	0010	154	00063	01063



“Photograph of a Drawing of Virginia Hall,” Record Group 226, Entry UD92, *Central Files, 1941-1946*, Box 296, Item National Archives Identifier: [595660](#).

Topical Subject Index



- Subjects identified by the OSS veterans who organized the records
- Index to many series within Record Group 226
- Organized alphabetically by Topic/Subject, Originating Location, Branch, Type, Series Number, Entry Number, Box Number, Folder Number, Storage Location

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DET 101 DEACTIVATION	BURMA	SFP	FIN	0009	196	00071	00035
DET 404 COMMO SOI	KANDY	SERV	EQ	0001	148	00041	00044
DET 404 PERS LISTS	KANDY	S&T	OP	0001	148	00039	00021



National Archives Catalog Description for the Series *Operations Personnel Records, 1943-1947* (Record Group 226, Entry UD 165-A, Series National Archives Identifier: [6293067](#)).

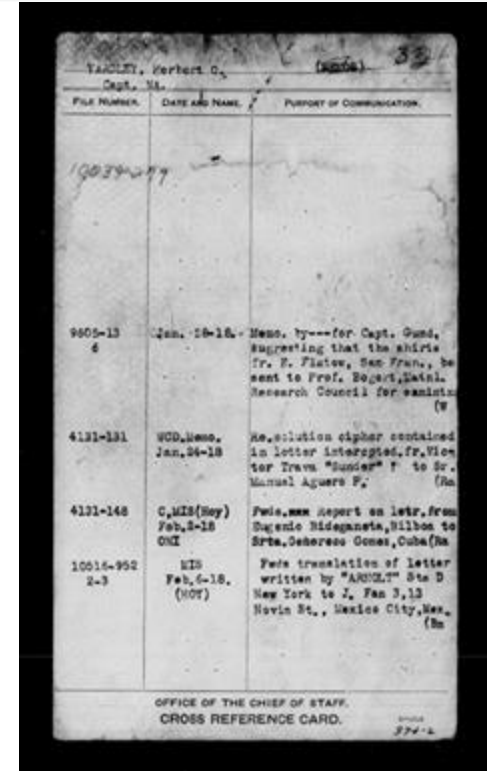
“[Detachment - 101 Burma] - [Roll 187] - Frame 10,” Record Group 226, Entry UD 102, *Copies of Photographs Relating to Activities of Detachment 101, 1943-1945*, Roll 187, Frame 10, Item National Archives Identifier: [23824699](#).

Where Can the Indexes and Finding Aids Lead?

- The series [Sources and Methods Files, 1941–2002](#) (Record Group 226, Entries A1 210 through A1 220, Series National Archives Identifier: 2635467)
 - Previously withheld documents relating to intelligence sources and methods produced between 1941 and 1947 by the JCS, OSS and the SSU
 - Can be challenging to navigate, as the CIA's Withdrawal Numbers (WNs) are not in sequence, but our more descriptive finding aids can help reconcile the location of a record found in other indexes from one of these entries
- Washington, DC, headquarters and other field station records
 - There are many separate series with files from OSS headquarters as well as field stations across the globe
 - Can be helpful to know which specific office was responsible for records of interest (i.e., Research and Analysis [R&A] Branch) or where an individual was assigned to work (i.e., Paris Field Office)

Other Indexes and Series of Interest

- Military Intelligence Division (MID) Indexes
 - Available Online:
 - [Security Classified Personal Name Index, 1917–1941](#)
(National Archives Identifier: 2824985)
 - [Security Classified Organizational Index, 1917–1941](#)
(National Archives Identifier: 2825059)
 - [Security Classified Geographic Name Index, 1917–1941](#) (National Archives Identifier: 2825078)
 - [Security Classified Subject Index, 1917–1941](#) (National Archives Identifier: 2825049)
 - Often lead to files in the series [Security Classified Correspondence and Reports, 1917–1941](#) (Record Group 165, Entry A1 65, Series National Archives Identifier: 305261)



FILE NUMBER	DATE AND NAME	PURPORT OF COMMUNICATION
9605-13 4	Jan. 18-18	Memo. by---for Capt. Gend. suggesting that the shirt (fr. F. Flato, San Fran., be sent to Prof. Bogart, Natl. Research Council for examina- (u)
4131-131	WOD, Memo. Jan. 24-18	Re. solution cipher contained in letter intercepted, fr. Victor Trava "Dunder" to Sr. Manuel Aguerre F. (Ra)
4131-148	C, MIS (May) Feb. 2-18 ONI	Fels. mem. Report on lettr. from Eugenio Nideganeta, Bilbao to Srta. Genarosa Gomez, Cuba (Ra)
10014-952 2-3	MID Feb. 6-18. (1007)	Fels. translation of letter written by "ARQUET" Ste D New York to J. Pan 3, 13 Navin St., Mexico City, Mex. (Ra)

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"Yardley, Herbert O.," Record Group 165, Entry NM-84 57 *Security Classified Personal Name Index*, 1917–1941, Reel 260, File Unit National Archives Identifier: [118548515](#), Image # 742.

Other Indexes and Series of Interest

U.S. Army Investigative Records Repository (IRR)

- The series [Intelligence and Investigative Dossiers Personal Files, ca. 1977–ca. 2004](#) (Record Group 319, Entry A1 134-B, Series National Archives Identifier: 645054) and associated indexes
 - Records relating to specific individuals, collected during the course of investigations.
- The series [Intelligence and Investigative Dossiers Impersonal Files, ca. 1977–ca. 2004](#) (Record Group 319, Entry A1 134-A, Series National Archives Identifier: 576906) and associated indexes
 - Records collected during the course of investigations of specific organizations, as well as general topics of intelligence and counterintelligence interest.

Other Intelligence Records at NARA





Resources and Contacts

Office of Strategic Services Research Guide:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/oss>

Intelligence Community Research Guide:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/intelligence>

National Archives Catalog: <https://catalog.archives.gov>

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