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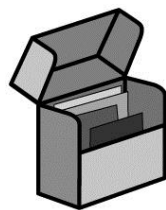
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# About the National Archives

**The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. Of all the documents and materials created in the course of business conducted by the United States Federal government, only 1%–3% are determined permanently valuable. Those valuable records are preserved and are available to you, whether you want to see if they contain clues about your family's history, need to prove a veteran's military service, or are researching an historical topic that interests you.**



## KNOW YOUR RECORDS

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**THE KNOW YOUR RECORDS PROGRAM** consists of free events with up-to-date information about our holdings. Events offer opportunities for you to learn about the National Archives' records through ongoing lectures, monthly genealogy programs, and the annual genealogy fair. Additional resources include an online genealogy tutorial, reference reports for genealogical research, and the newsletter *Researcher News*.



February 10, 2016



# *National Archives Innovation Hub, U.S. History, and You*

## **Dina Herbert**

Dina Herbert introduces the Innovation Hub located in the National Archives Building, Washington, DC. Learn about its exciting developments and how the public can help us innovate and also scan Federal documents to add to the National Archives Catalog.

# *Presenter's Biography*



**Dina Herbert**

**Coordinator for the  
Innovation Hub**

Dina Herbert is the Coordinator for the Innovation Hub at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. She was previously the librarian for the Iraqi Jewish Archive project at the National Archives and has held positions at the Jewish Theological Seminary Library in New York and the Johns Hopkins University SAIS Library in Washington, D.C. Dina has a B.A. in Ancient Studies from Columbia University and both a B.A. and an M.A. in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She received her M.L.S. from the University of Maryland. She lives with her husband and young daughter in Northern Virginia.



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# The Innovation Hub

## National Archives Building, Washington, DC



# **What is the Mission of the Innovation Hub?**

We are a new project from the Office of Innovation that is striving to work on innovative ways to move the agency forward by working with the public and staff.

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**We are focusing on three projects this year:**

- 1) Citizen Scanning
- 2) Transcription and Tagging
- 3) Wikipedia Pop-up exhibit & editing

# Citizen Scanning Project



# Citizen Scanning Project

- Asking researchers to commit to scan at least a 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



# What Have We Done So Far?



**Primarily Teaching, July 2015**

# What Have We Done So Far?

## **FY 15 (July – Sept 2015):**

Total pages: 14,807

Total files: 1,064

## **FY 16 (October-December 2015):**

Total pages: 13,277

Total files: 470

**Total pages: 28,084**

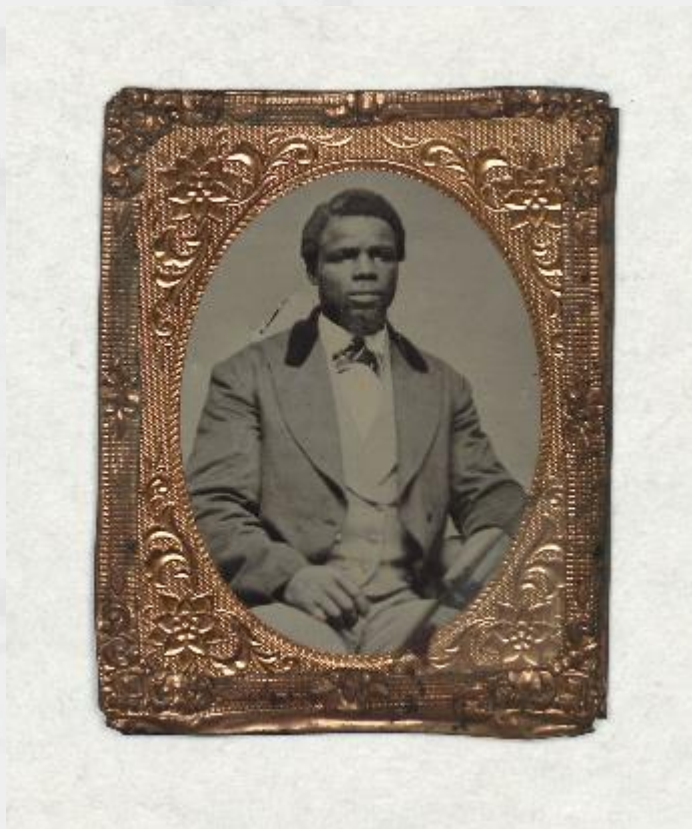
**Total files: 1,534**



# Box of the Month



# What Have We Found So Far?



Tintype found in a  
pension file for  
Randall Nash, RG 15



Picture found in CMSR for  
William Strong, RG 94

# What Have We Found So Far?

Benton Barracks, Mo.  
 Dear Wife, I have just received your letter of the 25th. I am glad to hear from you and hope you are well. I am well at present. I have been sick, I hope this will find you in good health. I would like to go home to see you and our children but that is impossible for the present. We have been here ever since the boys that came from there are all well. You may love the boys with my respects. The same to the children. I would like to have you and all the family. I hope that it has turned out as that I would. Will the doctor that is to go tell that piece of good news for you for the rest that I expect that I can have it. I am also well and hope what you get for your girls. You must take good care of yourself and all the children. I hope that it will give you and your family to hear and that I will give you a filled to go to and the family. Will bring that that present in will give you. I am also for the wife for him not to all the things that is left in his possession. He says he will not the with of sending the money on either. I hope you.  
 Yours, Christopher Columbus  
 Benton Barracks, Mo.  
 St. Louis, Missouri

Benton Barracks, Mo.  
 April 19th 1864  
 Dearest Wife  
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 St. Louis, Missouri

Letters sent from Christopher Columbus, 68<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Troops Infantry Regiment, to his wife, RG 15

# Who Should Use the Innovation Hub Scanning Room?



# Meeting Area

- Intended for staff and public meetings and events using NARA records and procedures in innovative ways
- Encourage anyone to come and transcribe & tag our records





# Transcription and Tagging

## Citizen Archivist Dashboard

Home > Citizen Archivist Dashboard



**You Can Transcribe It!**  
Help us improve the accessibility  
of historical documents.

Start a Transcription Mission



Welcome



Tag



Transcribe



Subtitle  
Videos



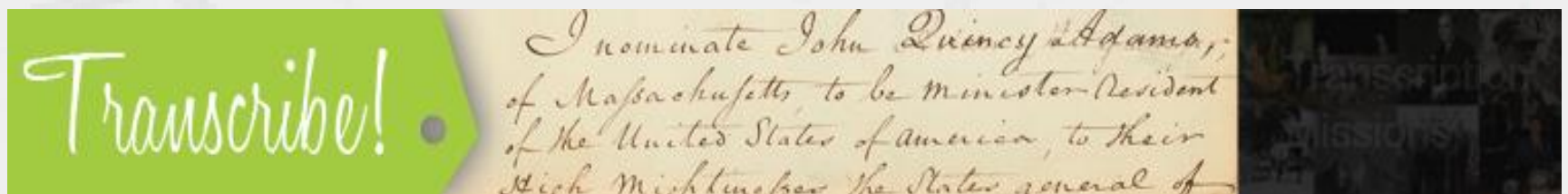
Upload  
& Share




Old  
Weather

# 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



# Transcription and Tagging

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**The National Archives Catalog**

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### Record Hierarchy

**Record Group 15:**  
Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 1773 - 2007

**Series:**  
Case Files of Disapproved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Veterans of the Army and Navy, ca. 1861 - ca. 1934

**File Unit:**  
Disapproved Pension Application File for Tukaniteomaniwin, Widow of Indian Scout Gabriel Renville Who Served During the Indian Wars, 1863-1866 (WO-1588019)

### Tag

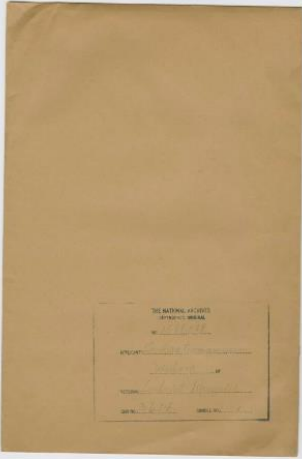
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Separate each tag with a comma; Use double quotes for phrases with commas; George Washington, "Washington, D.C.", General


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## Disapproved Pension Application File for Tukaniteomaniwin, Widow of Indian Scout Gabriel Renville Who Served During the Indian Wars, 1863-1866 (WO-1588019)





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Additional Information About this File Unit

# Transcription and Tagging

The screenshot displays a web interface for a National Archives record. The title bar reads: "Disapproved Pension Application File for Tukaniteomaniwin, Widow of Indian Scout Gabriel Renville Who Served During the Indian Wars, 1863-1866 (WO-15...)". A "Close" button is in the top right corner. The main content area features a central image of a document cover. Below the image is a toolbar with icons for zooming, panning, and other document navigation functions. Two buttons, "Tag" and "Transcribe", are circled in red. The "Tag" button is highlighted with a blue border. Below the toolbar, a text box contains the following information: "Contributor: wmg511 (@not updated 2 months ago)". To the right of the text box, the user "Dina Herbert (NARA Staff)" is logged in, with a "Log out" link. Below the user information is a "Share" button and links for "Need Help?" and "Policy". At the bottom right, an "Edit" button is also circled in red. The footer of the page reads: "Additional Information About this File Unit".

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Disapproved Pension Application File for Tukaniteomaniwin, Widow of Indian Scout Gabriel Renville Who Served During the Indian Wars, 1863-1866 (WO-15...) Close

Tag Transcribe

Contributor: wmg511 (@not updated 2 months ago)

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
DEPENDENT'S ORIGINAL  
NO 1588019  
APPLICANT: Tukaniteomaniwin  
Widow of  
VETERAN: Gabriel Renville  
CAN NO: 3674 BUNDLE NO: 1

Dina Herbert (NARA Staff) | Log out

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Additional Information About this File Unit

# Wikipedia Space



# Wikipedia Collaboration





## The Innovation Hub

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### Who We Are



Welcome to the National Archives' Innovation Hub.

We are located at the National Archives at Washington, DC

### What You Can Do Here

The Innovation Hub provides a space for the public to:

- transcribe documents
- tag documents
- scan documents in our holdings

When you scan your National Archives records in the Hub, you receive digital copies of your scans, free of charge. Your scans will also be uploaded into the National Archives Catalog.

We are also a space for the public and staff to collaborate on projects that move the agency forward. These are just a few of the projects we are working on now, and we hope to do more in the future.



### News

- [View the Video from our recent Wikipedia Edit-a-thon](#)



### Visit Us

- We are located at the National Archives at Washington, DC, through the entrance at Pennsylvania Avenue.

**Innovation Hub Hours:**  
Generally Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm.

**Scanning Room Hours:**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am - 5pm  
Wednesday: 1pm - 5pm

Rules and requirements for researchers apply.

### Contact Us

- If you have questions, you can reach us at [InnovationHub@nara.gov](mailto:InnovationHub@nara.gov).

### Citizen Scanning



If you're registered as a researcher at the National

### Box of the Month



While you are visiting the Hub, you can also help us out

### Citizen Archivist Dashboard



Find out how you can tag and transcribe historical

# What Can You Do for Us?

- Stop by and scan, transcribe, and tag!
- Have an idea to Innovate? Let me know!



# Come Visit Us!

InnovationHub@nara.gov #ArchivesInnovHub

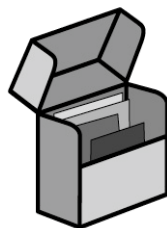




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# **Thank you for attending!**

**Today's video recording and materials  
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