

Get Started Transcribing in the National Archives Catalog

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Citizen Archivists must register for a free user account in order to contribute to the National Archives Catalog. Register here: <https://catalog.archives.gov/registration>


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Once you are registered, login to your account here: <https://catalog.archives.gov/login>

Find Records to Transcribe


For suggestions of records to transcribe, we have a webpage with curated missions here: <https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/missions>

Citizen Archivist Missions




New to our Citizen Archivist program? Learn how to get started.

We've curated these missions to help you jump in and contribute! Click on a topic that interests you, and it will bring you right to those records in our Catalog where you can begin transcribing or tagging. New missions are added and updated regularly, so check back often to see what's new.




Buffalo Bill

Transcribe records contained in the bankruptcy proceedings of William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody's Wild West Show.



Private Mohammed Kahn

Big record challenge! Help us **transcribe** the pension file for a Muslim Civil War soldier, one of only 250 known to have fought. Select a page without a blue tag and get started. Read more about this soldier at <https://narrations.blogs.archives.gov/>



Amerikaner Vorgaenge (AV) Reports

Transcribe the English translations of German reports on Allied prisoners transported to German prison camps, on downed Allied aircraft, and on the burial of deceased Allied personnel.

Click on a topic that interests you, and it will take you right to those records in the Catalog.

At the bottom of the missions page, you'll also see a list of one-off featured records. If you click on "Transcribe this record" it will take you to that item in the Catalog.

Featured Records

Helps us transcribe these individual records:

- Omaha Beach Memorial Remarks Speech Cards **Transcribe this record.**
- Letter from Ann, a Slave, to Soldier Her Husband **Transcribe this record.**
- Franklin Edward Kameny v. Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army, et al., Appellee **Transcribe this record.**
- Memorandum to North Carolina Congressman Basil L. Whitener from National Park Service Region One Acting Director, Hillary A. Tolson Regarding George W. Willis and the Possible Sale of Revolutionary War Objects to the Kings Mountain National Military Park **Transcribe this record.**
- Facsimile of the Emancipation Proclamation, 11/8/1901 **Transcribe this record.**
- Report No. 84: May 07, 1944 **Transcribe this record.**
- Letter from Charles D. Walcott, Director, Geological Survey to Secretary of the Interior E. A. Hitchcock **Transcribe this record.**
- United States of America v. William Joseph McMurtrey, Jr. and Edward August Ockel V **Transcribe this record.**
- Act of June 15, 1917, Public Law 24 (Espionage Act), An Act to Punish Acts of Interference with the Foreign Relations, the Neutrality, and the Foreign Commerce of the United States **Transcribe this record.**

Step by Step Screenshots

Here are screenshots of the process to transcribe records in the National Archives Catalog.

Once you find a record in the Catalog, click on the title of the item to bring up the full record and it's description. Just below the image viewer, you'll see a grey "View/Add Contributions" box.

You will also notice that some thumbnail image may show a blue tag. A blue tag indicates that a contribution has already been made to that page. If you see that blue tag, you can navigate to the next available page to begin transcribing.

The screenshot shows the National Archives Catalog interface for the record "The Memoirs of Sergeant Verne Chaney". The page includes a search bar, navigation links, and a record hierarchy sidebar. The main content area displays a scanned document with handwritten notes and a "View/Add Contributions" button. A blue tag is visible on the first thumbnail of the document's pages. Red callout boxes provide instructions: "1. Make sure you are logged in to the catalog" points to the user profile area, and "2. Click here to begin" points to the "View/Add Contributions" button. A third callout box explains the blue tag: "A blue tag means that there has been a contribution made to this page. You may need to advance to another page to begin your work." The interface also shows a "Tag" section with a tag "hng-ts1" and a "Comment" section.

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Advanced Search

National Archives Citizen Archivist (NARA Staff) Logout

Results: 6 of 83

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Return to Search Results

Record Hierarchy

Collection HST-VEC:
Verne E. Chaney Papers, 1918 - 1998

Series:
Subject Files, 1918 - 1998

File Unit:
"The Memoirs of Sergeant Verne Chaney" [typed draft]

Item:
The Memoirs of Sergeant Verne Chaney, 1919

Tag

hng-ts1

Enter new tags... Add

Comment

Add a comment...

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The Memoirs of Sergeant Verne Chaney

1. Make sure you are logged in to the catalog

2. Click here to begin

A blue tag means that there has been a contribution made to this page. You may need to advance to another page to begin your work.

THE MEMOIRS OF SERGEANT VERNE CHANEY
CHIEF OF SECTION #3 - BATTERY "D"
1296 FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
603 FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE
358 NATIONAL GUARD DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
FRANCE 1918

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"The most of this story, it is plain to be seen:
You 'saw' get no families when you're of the Queen. You 'saw' get no
brothers, fathers, sisters, wives, or sons-if you want to win your battles take an
work your 'honorable' quest!"

"SARL YOV"
BARRETT FROM BALLARD
RUDYARD KIPLING

View/Add Contributions

Image 1 of 49

Documents

Click on the “View/Add Contribution” box, and then click “Transcribe”. In this transcribe field, type exactly what you see in the document. Once you begin typing, a “Save” button will appear in the lower right hand corner. As you are working, we recommend hitting “Save” often to submit your work. This will save your transcriptions with the document.

The screenshot displays the National Archives Catalog interface for the document "The Memoirs of Sergeant Verne Chaney". The document title and metadata are visible at the top. The main content area shows a scanned page of the memoirs. Below the scan, there is a transcribe field with a "Transcribe" button. The interface includes a navigation bar with a search icon, a page indicator showing "1 of 49", and a "Log out" button. The user's name, "waffleSchatz", is displayed in the top right corner. The transcribe field contains the following text:

THE MEMOIRS OF SERGEANT VERNE CHANEY
CHIEF OF SECTION #3 -BATTERY "D"
129th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
60th FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE
35th NATIONAL GUARD DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
FRANCE 1918

Edited by:
James G. Henry

"The moral of this story, it is plainly to be seen:
You 'saw' get no further west across the Queen-Yu 'saw' get no
brothers, fathers, sisters, wives, or sons-if you want to win your battle take no
work your horses' gear!"

"SQUAD" "B" "C"
SERGEANT VERNE CHANEY
RUDYARD KIPING

We encourage you to read our [Citizen Contribution Policy](#).

Thank you for your contributions! Every contribution helps make the records of the National Archives more accessible to everyone. Learn more on the Citizen Archivist Dashboard: <https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist>

Questions? Contact us at citizenarchivist@nara.gov