Virtual Volunteer Project Roundup

Are you looking for more opportunities to volunteer for the National Archives online? The Citizen Archivist Dashboard is always a place to find virtual volunteer projects for tagging and transcribing. Today we’re highlighting special projects found within our missions or as a partnership with the National Archives.

US Coast Guard Logbooks

The featured project from the Innovation Hub involves logbooks of the US Coast Guard vessels that served in the Vietnam War. These vessels participated in Operation Market Time, an effort to patrol the South Vietnamese coast to keep supplies from reaching North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces. The logbooks contain the highlights of each ship’s voyage, written up every four hours by the deck officer on watch. Information recorded may include incidents of shots fired, transportation of detainees, and contact with friendly or unfriendly vessels. Help us tag and transcribe these records on the Citizen Archivist Dashboard!
Many veterans of the Vietnam War use these logbooks today to help establish their eligibility for veterans' benefits. You can help veterans to access the history of the ships they served on by transcribing logbook pages.

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In Person Volunteer Opportunity

Do you live near Washington, DC? Come scan with us! Join volunteers in the Innovation Hub at the National Archives to help scan these logbooks of US Coast Guard vessels.

Our volunteers have scanned 4,200 pages so far, which is about 5% of the project. There is always more work to be done. How many pages can you scan?
Zooniverse Project: African American Civil War Soldiers

We are always excited to see researchers use National Archives records in new and interesting ways. Take a look at this new project using the Zooniverse platform, where you can help transcribe the records of African American Civil War Soldiers.

We invite volunteers to help transcribe the military records of over 200,000 African Americans soldiers who fought for their freedom in the American Civil War. This special project, a collaboration with the African American Civil War Soldiers Museum in DC, will make accessible the military records of the United States Colored Troops that are
Currently held at the National Archives, turning the scanned records into text that can easily be searched by students, teachers, historians and genealogists. Upon completion of this project, transcriptions will be uploaded to the National Archives Catalog. Get started now on Zooniverse.

Heroes or Corpses: Captain Truman in World War I

Help the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library transcribe documents used by Truman during his service in World War I. Truman is the only American President who served in combat during World War I. These accounts of battles, notes, battle orders, and other materials came home with him to Independence, Missouri after he served on the front in France. Many of these documents are featured in the Truman Library temporary exhibit, "Heroes or Corpses: Captain Truman in World War I."

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Pentagon Papers

Our Sunshine Week 2018 transcription challenge may have ended, but there are many pages left to transcribe. The Pentagon Papers, officially titled "Report of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Vietnam Task Force", was commissioned by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara in 1967. In June of 1971, small portions of the report were leaked to the press and widely distributed.
With your help, **708 pages** of the Pentagon Papers were transcribed during Sunshine Week!

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**History Hub**

Do you have knowledge, advice, or expertise as genealogist? The History Hub is a great place to share what you know with others. Registered users ask questions like these:

- **My great-grandfather was an African-American Civil War Veteran. My great-grandmother received a widow's pension from his service until her death in the 1930s. How do I get information how his military service**

- **I am trying to locate an approximate figure for the Irish population in New York, Boston and Chicago between 1920-1950**

- **My grandfather immigrated from Italy around 1895. I have been trying to find his port of departure and arrival port in the USA but haven't had any luck on genealogy sites. Where can I go from here?**

If you know the answer to any questions, you can reply and help a fellow family historian. You can also connect with other research communities and share your knowledge on Military records, African American history, American Indian history, and more.