Pawnee village in Loup, Nebraska

Bringing history into focus

We are working to improve the quality of digital images in the National Archives Catalog by replacing older, low-quality images with high resolution versions.

One of the staff working on this effort—Digital Imaging Specialist Michael Horsley, who was recently featured on the @ThisIsArchives Twitter account—was watching the movie The
Revenant recently when he noticed a scene of a Pawnee village that reminded him of a photo in our holdings.

This photo by William Henry Jackson, titled “Pawnee” from the Smithsonian's Bureau of American Ethnology, was taken some time between 1879 and 1894. While the events in The Revenant took place in 1823, the similarity between the setting from that movie and this photograph are striking.

Prior to seeing the movie, Mr. Horsley replaced the older, low-quality image in the Catalog with a high resolution version which triggered his recollection. You can see the difference between the two versions below. This is just one example of many where we are working hard to improve the quality of legacy-scanned records in the Catalog.

Before (left) and after (right)

Have you come across images in the Catalog that could use a high resolution replacement? Email us at catalog@nara.gov and let us know!

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New and interesting records in the Catalog

**Franklin D. Roosevelt:** Audio Recordings, 1920-4/13/1945

Recordings of President Roosevelt's speeches and addresses from throughout his political career and of conversations in Roosevelt's office between August 23 and November 8, 1940.

**Department of State:** Central Decimal Files, 1910-1963
Correspondence, telegrams, and reports between the Department of State and its diplomatic and consular officers, other government agencies, foreign governments, the Congress, the President of the United States, and the public.

**War Relocation Authority: [Drawings of Relocation Centers, 1942-1945](#)**

Drawings and plans of War Relocation Authority internment centers where Japanese Americans were sent during World War II.

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