Summer is almost here. It’s time to pack up the car, set your music playlist, and hit the road! To kick off the start of vacation season, we’re excited to share a series of transcription missions over the course of the summer: a Citizen Archivist Road Trip! Join us online as we virtually travel throughout the country, bringing you records from field offices across the National Archives.
Did you know there is likely a National Archives near you? Each of our 12 field offices makes regionally created, historically valuable federal records accessible to the public locally. Particularly prominent among the holdings in field offices are records of the U.S. district courts and appeal courts, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Customs, and naval districts and shore establishments. Many facilities have naturalization records, ships' passenger arrival records and indexes for vessels arriving at various U.S. ports, military service and pension records, and land records. Learn more about our nationwide network of facilities.

To share more of these incredible resources, our virtual road trip will make a “stop” each week at a different National Archives location. We’ll share records and feature a new transcription mission using records from that location. What will you learn and discover as you begin to transcribe?
Follow along on our Citizen Archivist Missions page to learn more about each location and help us transcribe records at each stop on our Road Trip. Every word you transcribe will help make these records more discoverable.

**First stop: Atlanta!**

The National Archives at Atlanta holds permanent records created by federal agencies and courts in the following states: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee.
Our first transcription mission features primary source records from Atlanta, including:

- World War I Draft cards
- Railroad Retirement Board Records
- Court Records
- Atlanta Penitentiary Files
- Genealogical Records

Get Started Tagging and Transcribing!

Help us tag and transcribe these records to make them more discoverable online. Here are some examples of records you can expect to find at the National Archives at Atlanta:
We'll make a stop at each of our twelve field offices throughout the summer. Follow along on our Dashboard to learn more about our field archives and what you can expect to find in each National Archives location. You might even find one near you! We’ll feature a new location and new mission each week:

June 1 - Atlanta
June 8 - St. Louis
June 15 - Kansas City
June 22 - Fort Worth
June 29 - Riverside
July 6 - San Francisco
July 13 - Seattle
July 20 - Denver
July 27 - Chicago
August 3 - Boston
August 10 - New York
August 17 - Philadelphia

Learn How to Get Started Transcribing and read our Transcription Tips.
Sketchbooks of John C. Cantwell, 1886 - 1893

The sketches of Cantwell's service in the Aleutian Islands and Alaska represent the earliest artistic drawings from the Revenue Cutter Service. These two sketchbooks are held at the National Archives at Seattle.

International Archives Day

June 9th is International Archives Day! Did you know that Congress established the National Archives of the United States in 1934 to preserve and care for the records of the U.S. Government?
Previously, Federal records were kept in various basements, attics, and abandoned buildings with little security or concern for storage conditions. This photo shows Shipping Board Bureau records that were being stored in the White House Garage!

In 1935, Archives staff began to survey Federal records and the next year they began transferring records to the new National Archives Building in Washington, DC.

The National Archives now has over 40 facilities nationwide including field archives, Federal Records Centers, Presidential Libraries, the Federal Register, and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Learn more about International Archives Day on our Pieces of History blog.

Will you be in Washington, DC on June 9th? Join us in the Boeing Learning Center for hands-on activities.
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