New, Noteworthy, and Neato

There is always something to learn and discover in the National Archives Catalog. Join us this week as we celebrate some new, noteworthy, and just plain neat stories from our holdings.


Oh Dam(s)!

This newly available series of Construction Progress Negatives from the Records of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) document major construction stages of TVA fossil, hydro,
nuclear, and coal gasification projects. Nearly 4,000 photographs in this series also include general activities of people, places and events including portraits, pictures of dedication ceremonies, managers, and presentations.

**Cherokee Dam Construction Progress Negatives:** [National Archives Identifier 196757767](#)

![Cherokee Dam Site, 8/12/1940](#)

![Upstream Cone Area, 4/7/1941](#)

**Kentucky Dam Construction Progress Negatives:** [National Archives Identifier 196757763](#)

![River channel below dam site, 2/16/1943](#)

![Priester knitting mill, 2/18/1937](#)

**Nottely Dam Construction Progress Negatives:** [National Archives Identifier 196757770](#)
Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln’s historic Emancipation Proclamation, U.S. Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3, which informed the people of Texas that all enslaved people were now free. They were the last group of Americans to be informed that all formerly enslaved persons were now free.

To understand Juneteenth’s significance, one must understand how geography, military occupation, timing, and the resilience of a proud people solidified June 19, 1865, as the date that symbolizes freedom for African Americans. The National Archives is the home of General Order No. 3 (National Archives Identifier 182778372), the document whose date of issue gave this celebration and holiday its name.

Learn more on the Rediscovering Black History blog: Juneteenth: The Celebration of a New Freedom in America and on Archives.gov.
Double Take: Finding Posters within Photos

For our staff, it is always a thrill to find something new in the millions of the digitized photographs, especially if it connects other records in our holdings. Once Daniel Dancis, a textual records archivist, started to notice some familiar WWII posters within WWII photographs in our holdings, he started to see them everywhere. He shares these finds and looks at the messaging in these meta moments in history in the Unwritten Record blog.

US National Archives on GIPHY. Source: Theodore R. Poston, Office of War Information, National Archives Identifier 535824

Recovery of 1810 Census Rolls

Local 1810 census records from Massachusetts, long missing from the collection of census records of the time, are finally in Washington, DC, after a 211-year delay, thanks to a social media post.
A National Archives employee scrolling through Instagram saw a February post from the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) Library that connected archives, genealogy, and Black history, using the 1810 Essex County census record book. You can now view the digitized version in the National Archives Catalog. Learn more about the document's recovery story on Archives.gov.

Speaking of the census, have you visited the Census Records community on History Hub? As we gear up for the exciting release of the 1950 census population schedules in April 2022, be sure to stay tuned on History Hub for Census Fun Facts, tips for census research, and more.

Today's Document

Interested in daily featured documents from today in history from the holdings of the National Archives?
National Archives? Look no further than Today’s Document! You can follow Today’s Document on Tumblr, Twitter and Facebook.

Here are a few popular recent posts:

**Richard and Mildred Loving’s marriage license, June 2, 1958, via @FodaysDocument on Twitter.**

As an interracial couple, their marriage was against Virginia law. The Lovings appealed their case, and SCOTUS ruled that race-based restrictions on marriage violated the 14th Amendment.

![Marriage License](image)

_National Archives Identifier 17412479_

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**The Coast Guard Beach Patrol, June 17, 1926, via @TodaysDoc on Facebook.**
Start your research on History Hub

Have a question? Find your answer on History Hub!

See what people are asking about on History Hub, including:

"Searching for war bride records from Europe"

"Where can I find photos of 127th Infantry, US Colored Troops?"
History Hub is our support community for researchers, genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen archivists. Ask questions, share information, work together, and find help based on experience and interests. Researchers can ask—or answer—questions on History Hub, or search to see if a question has been asked before.

Citizen Archivists, there’s a group just for you! You can share tips and strategies, find new challenges, and get support for your work. Get started with our poll: What kinds of records do you like to transcribe?

COVID-19 Update

The National Archives is committed to the health and safety of our visitors and staff. We are closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19, and we are working with public health officials and our counterpart agencies to monitor and respond to the evolving conditions and following CDC guidelines.

For more information, visit https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus

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