Are YOU in the Catalog?

When you are curious about family history, many of us know to turn to the National Archives for access to genealogy related records, such as census, citizenship, and naturalization records.

But you might not expect to find yourself when searching the National Archives Catalog!

We recently heard from Dale Jackson, who served as a U.S. Air Force crew chief on KC-135 at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. Jackson was the original artist of this particular piece of nose art, which appears in the National Archives Catalog:


As Jackson says, “it is exciting to see this old piece listed there as I am the original artist of this particular piece of nose art. I was a USAF crew chief on KC-135 aircraft at the time at Fairchild AFB, WA. In fact I had painted on other jets in 1998 as well.”
Other examples have helped bridge connections from defining moments in history. When NARA marked the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy on social media, social media posts included an image in the Catalog from the President George W. Bush’s visit to Ground Zero on September 14, 2001.

911: President George W. Bush Visits New York, 9/14/2001, National Archives Identifier 5997302

The son of a 9/11 fireman saw the photo on the National Archives Instagram account and asked:

“Hello, I just came across this picture that you posted and the firefighter in the middle is my dad. Is there any way you can send me the original photo?”

Learn more about this remarkable story and connection on National Archives News.

What have you found in the Catalog lately? Are you looking to start genealogy research?

Learn more about what records are available in the National Archives Catalog Guide for Genealogists and Family Historians.
We’re two weeks into our virtual Presidential Libraries Road Trip and today we’ve reached California. What records will you find to tag and transcribe at the Richard Nixon Library? 111 Citizen Archivists have enhanced 1,989 pages with tags and transcriptions. How many pages will you tag and transcribe in our last six days?

Get started transcribing!

Here are a few examples of recently transcribed records from the Road Trip:
Speech of Senator Harry S. Truman at the American Legion National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, 9/18/1944. National Archives Identifier 125961628

L: Cable, General George C. Marshall to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, 4/19/1945. National Archives Identifier 12007738
R: Letter from Pope Paul VI to the President Lyndon Johnson Regarding Peace Initiatives in Vietnam, 10/16/1965. National Archives Identifier 7851372

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