

## Using Our Resources

Our archival holdings are arranged by record group (abbreviated RG), a body of records from an agency or bureau, identified by a specific RG number. Selected finding aids, including a comprehensive guide to our archival holdings are available by mail and online: <http://www.archives.gov/rocky-mountain/holdings/guide.html>

Research can be initiated in person, by telephone, mail, fax, or electronic mail. Individuals who wish to use original records on-site will facilitate their research by calling before visiting.

In order to enter the grounds of the Denver Federal Center, researchers must possess a photo i.d.

Before using archival holdings, every researcher must obtain a researcher identification card, available upon first visiting. An applicant must show a photo i.d. and complete a short application form. Our holdings are open to the public age 14 and over. Children under 14 must have adult supervision. Group project teams or classes must call ahead to make arrangements for research assistance. Copies of records can be made by researchers for a fee if the originals are in good condition. Our textual and microfilm research rooms are open Monday—Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. We are closed on all Federal holidays.

To obtain assistance on research topics please call or email the archives at: (303) 407-5740 or [denver.archives@nara.gov](mailto:denver.archives@nara.gov)

## About the National Archives and Records Administration

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<http://www.archives.gov/>

## About National History Day

The National Archives Rocky Mountain Region is pleased to support National History Day. Each year, thousands of middle and high school students and teachers participate in National History Day, a year-long educational program that culminates in a national contest every June. The National History Day program provides a unique opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience conducting historical research and producing historical exhibits, essays, documentaries, media projects, and performances. To learn more visit the National History Day website at:

<http://www.nationalhistoryday.org/>



## Resources for National History Day Projects from the National Archives Rocky Mountain Region



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## About the Rocky Mountain Region

The National Archives - Rocky Mountain Region covers the geographic areas of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. We maintain historically significant records dating from 1847 to the 1990s, among them photographs, maps, and architectural drawings, created or received by nearly 80 federal agencies. Our records are diverse in content, including those relating to homesteading, mining, Indian agencies, railroads, construction of dams, nuclear energy research, national parks and forests, naturalizations, the home front during World War II, and the proceedings of territorial courts.

## Online Resources

While we encourage students to come to our research rooms, we realize that not every student may be able to do so. The National Archives has thousands of documents and photographs available digitally online that students may access and use for their research projects. These digitized primary sources may be found on the National Archives website using the Archival Research Catalog (ARC). Go to:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>

For help with specific topics, visit:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics>

## Suggested Research Resources—2008

The theme for History Day 2008 is “Conflict and Compromise in History.” The Rocky Mountain Region has compiled a list of suggested research materials.

### World War I

The records found in Record Group 4, Records of the U.S. Food Administration, document complaints from the public concerning food control regulations and reveal public attitudes toward U.S. participation in World War I and government control of the economy. Some records also document anti-German sentiments within local communities.

### Court Cases

The region holds thousands of civil and criminal court cases in Record Group 21, Records of the District Courts of the United States and Record Group 276, Records of the U.S. Courts of Appeals, which document conflict and compromise. The topics which can be explored through court cases include: civil rights, immigration, labor relations and union activities, state and local political activities, Chinese exclusion, and patent and copyright infringement.

### Conflict and Compromise Over Land and Water Rights

Students interested in exploring conflicts over water and land rights should consult Record Group 49, Records of the Bureau of Land Management, and Record Group

115, Records of the Bureau of Reclamation. Topics which can be explored include: homesteading, conflicts over land ownership, and local community reactions to dam and irrigation projects.

### Native Americans

Relationships between the U.S. Government and Native Americans can be explored through Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. These records contain documents which reveal conflicts and compromise over issues of land, property rights, education, and tribal customs.

### World War II

Record Group 202, Records of the National War Labor Board and Record Group 211, Records of the War Manpower Commission contain documents which detail the conflicts in local communities over the use of women, African Americans, Hispanics, and Japanese Americans as laborers and compromises reached due to the severe labor shortages that existed during the Second World War. They also reveal conflicts over equal pay for equal work.

Students wishing to explore the topic of conflict and compromise over rationing and price controls during World War II should consult Record Group 188, Records of the Office of Price Administration. These records document citizen's concerns and complaints.

### Records on Microfilm

Students may also wish to utilize one or more of the 60,000 rolls of microfilm available at our facility. Most of these rolls are copies of original records found in Washington, DC.