

Introduction to the National Archives

Pre-Visit Vocabulary

Related to the National Archives

Archives: A special place where unique one of a kind records are available to research

Archivist: A person specially trained in preserving original materials and helping people obtain it.

Archival Stacks: a restricted room for securing and storing original records.

Inventory: an itemized list of records

Microfilm: a miniature photographic record on film

Textual Records: A record that is made of paper.

Preservation: to keep up and reserve for personal or special use

Record: All books, papers, maps, photographs, machine-readable materials, or other documentary materials that contain valuable information.

