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**The 1940 Census** Now online - [1940census.archives.gov](http://1940census.archives.gov)

## Access our Nation's Documents!

The National Archives headquarters is located in Washington, DC where you can see:

- **The Declaration of Independence:** [www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html)
- **The Constitution:** [www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html)
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- **The Magna Carta:** [www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured\\_documents/magna\\_carta](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/magna_carta)
- **Visit Washington, DC to see these in person!** [www.archives.gov/nae/visit/](http://www.archives.gov/nae/visit/)

## Research your Family History for FREE at our Nationwide Facilities!

Use Archives.gov at any National Archives facility to access subscription-based genealogy websites, including Ancestry.com, for Free! [www.archives.gov/research](http://www.archives.gov/research)

- We have **Locations around the Country:** [www.archives.gov/locations](http://www.archives.gov/locations)
- **Getting Started with Research:** [www.archives.gov/research/start](http://www.archives.gov/research/start)
- **Plan your Visit!** [www.archives.gov/research/start/plan-visit.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/start/plan-visit.html)

## Educational Resources and More!

- **National History Day:** [www.archives.gov/education/history-day/national-history-day-2012.html](http://www.archives.gov/education/history-day/national-history-day-2012.html)
- **Teacher's Resources:** [www.archives.gov/education/](http://www.archives.gov/education/)
- **Today's Document:** [www.archives.gov/historical-docs/todays-doc/](http://www.archives.gov/historical-docs/todays-doc/)  
(also a mobile app!)

**National  
History Day!**

Find this document online at [www.archives.gov/fags/highlights.pdf](http://www.archives.gov/fags/highlights.pdf) 



## What is the National Archives?

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the **nation's record keeper**. Of all documents and materials created in the course of business conducted by the United States Federal government (e.g. NASA, the National Park Service, etc.), only 1%-3% are so important for legal or historical reasons that they are kept by us forever. *These valuable records are preserved and are available to you, whether you want to see if they contain clues about your family's history, need to prove a veteran's military service, or are researching an historical topic that interests you.*

## Get your Veterans and Military Documents Online

Request military records for yourself or a family member: [www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/](http://www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/)

## How about Genealogy Research?

Use Archives.gov at any National Archives facility to access subscription-based genealogy websites, including Ancestry.com, for *Free!* [www.archives.gov/research/](http://www.archives.gov/research/)

- **Start your Genealogy Research:** [www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research/](http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research/)
- **Explore 1940 Census Records for Free!** [www.1940census.archives.gov](http://www.1940census.archives.gov)

The National Archives is a treasure trove of materials that can be used to trace your family lineage. Our website's focus is on providing research tools and information on where to find the records and how to access them, and how to conduct in-person research.

**You can also be a Citizen Archivist and participate!** [www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/](http://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/)

## Exhibits and More!

- **Ansel Adams Photographs:** [www.archives.gov/research/ansel-adams/](http://www.archives.gov/research/ansel-adams/)
- **Electoral College:** [www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/)
- **What's Cooking, Uncle Sam? *The Government's Effect on the American Diet:*** [www.archives.gov/exhibits/whats-cooking/](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/whats-cooking/)
- **Discovering the Civil War:** [www.archives.gov/exhibits/civil-war/](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/civil-war/)
- **Explore the Digital Vaults:** A portal into the heart of the National Archives – use documents and photographs, and popular media to tell the story of our country. [www.digitalvaults.org](http://www.digitalvaults.org)
- **Eyewitness:** Gripping eyewitness accounts—in the form of letters, diaries, audio and film recordings—chronicle dramatic moments in U.S. history. [www.archives.gov/exhibits/eyewitness/](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/eyewitness/)
- **The Way We Worked:** View work & workplace changes through photographs. [www.archives.gov/exhibits/twww/](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/twww/)

## What's online?

- Laid end to end, the sheets of paper in our holdings would circle the Earth over 57 times! The volume grows at about 1.4 billion pages per year. Not everything is online because it exceeds our resources at this time but every day we continue to add to the website. Visit us at [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)