



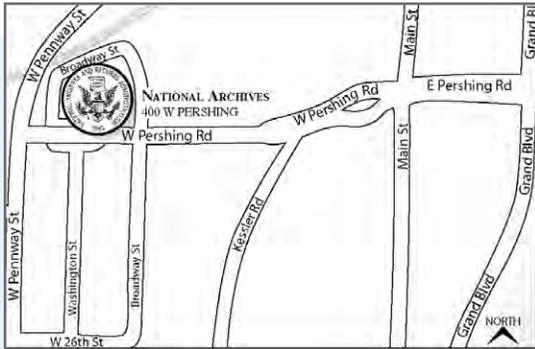
NATIONAL ARCHIVES *at*

KANSAS CITY

CENTRAL PLAINS REGION

Visit Us!

NATIONAL ARCHIVES *at* KANSAS CITY
400 West Pershing Road Kansas City, MO 64108



Directions

From I-35 N Take I-35 North to the Southwest/Pennway exit (1C). Turn right (East) on Pennway to Broadway. Turn right (South) on Broadway to Pershing Ave. Turn left (East) on Pershing Ave. At the first stoplight, turn left (North).

From I-70 W, I-670, and I-35 S Take I-70 West to I-670 to the Downtown loop. Exit to I-35 South. Exit at 20th Street. At 20th, turn left (East) to Broadway. Turn right (South) on Broadway to Pershing Ave. Turn left (East) on Pershing. At the first stoplight turn left (North).

Contact Us!

Research hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Exhibit Gallery hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Kansas City Store at the National Archives hours:
Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Hours subject to change due to special programs and weather.
Please check our web site for current hours.
We are closed on all Federal holidays.

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At the National Archives location in Kansas City you can see original historical documents, photographs, maps, drawings, artifacts, and much more, from nearly 100 Federal agencies. By law, we preserve and provide access to permanently valuable, non-current Federal records with historical, legal, or fiscal value.

- ❖ We sponsor programs that educate the public about archives, history, genealogy, and related subjects.
- ❖ We partner with colleges and universities, historical and genealogical societies, veterans organizations, museums, and other archives.
- ❖ We host student interns, school groups, educators, and others who want to learn more about archives.
- ❖ We recruit and train volunteers and docents who want to learn more about history, while helping researchers.

Access is free—to documents, displays and exhibits, online genealogy subscription services, workshops, events, and more.





Welcome Center

Attend exhibits, workshops, lectures, author talks, and more. We offer specific activities geared toward children and educators. We also continue our tradition of providing genealogy and family history programs.

[Take a Ride Through History](#)

History resides in the documents, photographs, illustrations, and artifacts of the National Archives. Take a moment to discover your heritage through our exhibits and programs, and you may conduct your own search in our research rooms.

[Democracy Starts Here](#)

This 11-minute film, produced by the Discovery Channel, reveals how records in the National Archives make a real difference in the lives of people. It is presented courtesy of the Foundation for the National Archives.

"I came to NARA to seek information on my grandfather—a Civil War Union veteran. I received excellent assistance and I appreciate the help."

—Rosalind B., Grandview MO

[Name Dropping](#)

Replicate a famous signature and take it home with you! Whether on a letter, bankruptcy form, court case, or homestead application, famous signatures abound in the historical records.

[Regional History Gallery](#)

Our Regional History Gallery showcases exhibits from other organizations, including libraries, historical societies, and archival institutions in the Central Plains region.

[Concourse Gallery](#)

Our Concourse Gallery hosts large, national traveling exhibits about historical themes. Check our web site to learn what is on display and what is coming soon.

[Gift Shop](#)

Take home a souvenir from our gift shop! The store is operated by Kansas City Star Books, a major regional book publisher and subsidiary of *The Kansas City Star* newspaper. You'll find books and publications about the National Archives at Kansas City, plus an assortment of other books and history-themed merchandise.



At the National Archives you can...

Explore our Records

Curious about history? Writing a school paper? Searching for information about the impact of Federal programs? Anyone who needs historical information created or received by the Federal Government—historians, genealogists, lawyers, scholars, Government officials, environmentalists, students, veterans—may search our holdings for answers.

Our records are diverse in form and content, including correspondence, name lists, reports, contracts, case files, photographs, maps, posters, and drawings which document the actions and reactions of the Government and the American people as they dealt with issues and events such as immigration and naturalization, environment, technological change, the Great Depression, war, and the evolution of a multicultural nation.

Two public research areas are available to you—the research room, for use of original documents from our holdings, and the computer search room for use of online and microfilmed materials.

“It makes a difference to researchers to have such kind assistance in navigating large repositories such as the National Archives. Your attention helps humanize the place!”

—Chris H., Frederick, MD

Look for your Family History

We can assist as you search for information about *your* family. We have the Federal population censuses for all states, 1790–1930; selected military service indexes, pension indexes, passenger arrival lists, and naturalization records for the Central Plains Region. Free computer access is available for researchers wanting to view Ancestry, Heritage Quest, or Footnote for family history.

Consult our Expert Staff

We are here to help you with your questions. In fact, we encourage you to ask us questions. If you have a specific need or just need help, our staff is here to guide you to your answers as you get started and throughout your exploration. If during your search you do not find the needle in the haystack you are seeking, you will find something unexpected, unique, and fascinating.

There is no digital substitute for the experience of holding an authentic historical record, for being on-site as you learn from professionals how to search documents while you discover your own connections to our nation’s past.

Discover our Education Programs

For Students

Looking for materials to use for reports, in class, or to support your National History Day project? Use our records:

- ❖ as primary sources for your research project,
- ❖ to demonstrate or illustrate the questions or answers in your paper,
- ❖ to enhance your presentation, or
- ❖ as research for National History Day projects

For Educators

We assist teachers and home-schooling parents in the use of primary source documents with curriculum. Resources permitting, we:

- ❖ teach workshops for educators at our facility, in schools or via video conferencing.
- ❖ provide copies or images of primary sources suitable for use in the classroom.
- ❖ co-sponsor workshops with recipients of Teaching American History grants.
- ❖ provide educational lesson plans containing primary source documents tied to state teaching standards, in the Central Plains region, for use in the classroom.

Field Trips and On-Site Visits

Refresh your learning objectives with customized field trips. Work with our education staff to custom-design an interactive, hands-on learning experience that includes a tour of the exhibits with our staff. (Educators receive pre-visit and post-visit curriculum materials.) All programs are standards-based and emphasize cross-curricular connections.

Primary records can support school curriculum and cover a wide scope of topics including: immigration, homesteading, westward expansion, Indian affairs, the Great Depression, proceedings of territorial courts, World War I and World War II, and more.



Become a Docent or Volunteer!

Interested in history or genealogy? As a volunteer you will help generations of people learn about their history, and you will play a vital role in the success of our programs. Whether you are between careers or working, a college or graduate student, or a retiree, a satisfying volunteer experience awaits you!

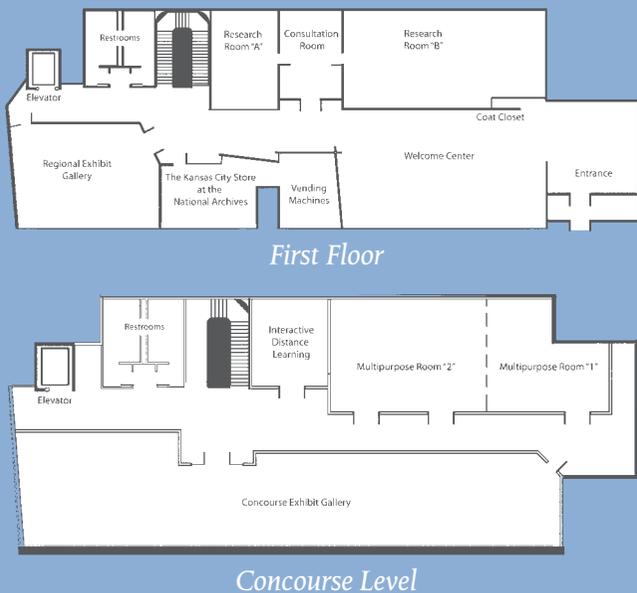
- ❖ Genealogy research assistants help patrons research their family history.
- ❖ Docents guide visitors through our exhibits and answer questions about the items on display and the archives.
- ❖ Preservation volunteers perform various tasks including the preparation of original records for public use and data entry.

Please ask us for more information!

“I wanted to thank you for your excellent “detective” work in finding the information on the Star Route fraud cases. I had thought the files might be buried in territorial files somewhere and never thought the cases might be civil suits rather than criminal. In fact, I’d given up hope any records would ever be found.”

—Roberta H., Tijeras, NM

Explore the Archives!



National Archives and Records Administration

Anyone who has cleaned out a family attic knows the importance of keeping family records. You may have military records from relatives who served in one of the World Wars—or even the Civil War. Or pictures of your great-great grandparents on the day they became American citizens. Now imagine the task of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)—record keepers for all historically valuable records created by agencies of your Federal Government.

From one building on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, the National Archives has grown to 13 archives locations nationwide, from Atlanta to Anchorage.



Make an Appointment to Use Original Records

Our staff is here and ready to assist you. Because research is time-consuming, you may need to visit more than once. Please call 816-268-8000 before visiting to assure that records are available.

Please bring identification such as a driver's license, passport, or student ID so that we can issue you a researcher's card.

Please plan on leaving your personal belongings in a locker. Laptop computers are permitted.

Get Copies of Records

For a fee, our staff will make or arrange for copies of records and provide certified copies for legal use.

You can use self-service copiers for a fee to make paper copies from microfilm.

Self-service copying of original records may be allowed, depending on the condition of the records.