

## Tom Taylor to Discuss *Fred Harvey's Company: Trains, Planes, and Automobiles*

On **Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host **Tom Taylor** for a lecture titled *Fred Harvey's Company: Trains, Planes, and Automobiles*.

A 6:00 p.m. reception will precede the lecture. This program is presented in conjunction with the exhibit *Fred Harvey: The Man, the Brand, and the America West*.



Above original postcard caption: Oases or service areas on the Illinois Tollway feature unique Fred Harvey "Top-of-the-Tollway" restaurants and gift shops built on bridges. Diners watch traffic flow beneath the buildings, as they enjoy Fred Harvey food and service. Image courtesy of private lender.

The Fred Harvey Company was very successful in forging a relationship with the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad by developing

restaurants and hotels along the ATSF Southwest train route beginning in the 1870s. As the Harvey Company grew, so did their interests in other types of travel businesses. Taylor will provide an overview of the Fred Harvey Company's operations, with a segment about the Company's involvement with Transcontinental Air Transport (TAT) airline flights at the end of the 1920s, and concluding with Harvey's restaurant operations along the Illinois Tollway, shortly before the Company went out of business.

To make a reservation for this **free** event call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov).

### Citizen Archivist Event

The National Archives at Kansas City will be offering two **Citizen Archivist** opportunities on **Tuesday, December 10** and **Wednesday, December 11** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. Participants can choose to attend one or both sessions, and are encouraged to bring their personal laptop and flatbed scanner for project work.

The National Archives at Kansas City is continually seeking ways to make our historical records more accessible to the public. We are reaching out to members of the local community to utilize your insights and manpower to help with archival projects. Many of you may not have specific archival training, but your work on tasks such as transcription, preservation, and digitization will make it easier for our users to better access what we have. **Reservations are required** as space is limited, please call 816-268-8000 or email [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov).

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### Upcoming Events

Unless noted, all events are held at the National Archives  
400 West Pershing Road  
Kansas City, MO 64108

- DECEMBER 4 - 10:00 A.M.  
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:  
*PATENTLY AMAZING: FINDING YOUR FAMILY IN PATENT RECORDS*
- DECEMBER 10 - 9:00 A.M.  
CITIZEN ARCHIVIST WORKSHOP
- DECEMBER 10 - 6:30 P.M.  
FRED HARVEY LECTURE SERIES:  
*FRED HARVEY'S COMPANY: TRAINS, PLANES, AND AUTOMOBILES*
- DECEMBER 11 - 9:00 A.M.  
CITIZEN ARCHIVIST WORKSHOP
- DECEMBER 13 - 10:00 A.M.  
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:  
*DUTY AND HONOR*

## Gems for Genealogists

The National Archives at Kansas City will offer two free genealogy workshops in December. Both workshops will be held at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

### Workshop Descriptions:

#### **Patently Amazing: Finding Your Family in Patent Records**

Wednesday, December 4 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

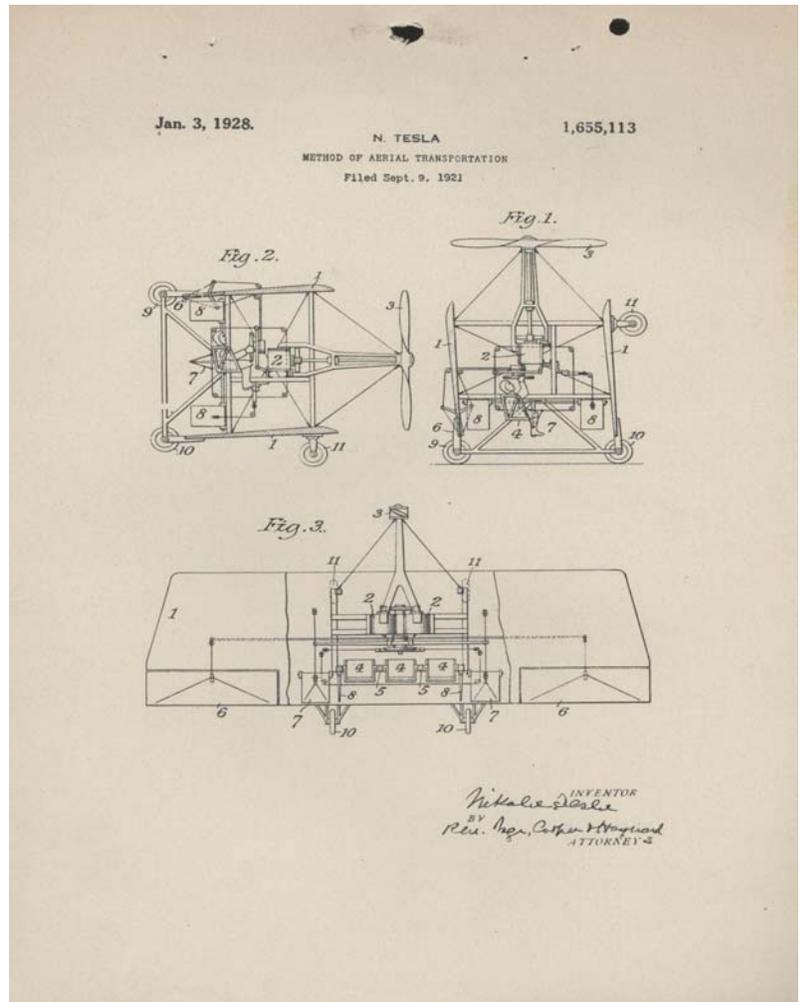
Patent case files offer a unique genealogical perspective, as they contain biographical information, show intellectual pursuits, and detail the products your ancestors created or improved upon. Learn what information is available and how to access the more than 3.5 million case files held by the National Archives.

#### **Duty and Honor**

Friday, December 13 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

From the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War, the National Archives maintains service and pension records for the men and women of the armed forces. Learn where the records are located, what information is necessary to order a file, and how to place an order. This class will also address privacy and access restrictions. Learn about the free resources available online and how they can benefit your research. Learn more about Veteran's records prior to class at [www.archives.gov/veterans/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/).

To make a reservation for these **free workshops**, please call 816-268-8000 or email [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov).



Above: Letters patent, January 3, 1928. Patent case file 1,491,234 granted to Nikola Tesla. Record Group 241, Records of the Patent and Trademark Office, 1836-1993, Patent Case Files.



## Fall Semester Interns at the National Archives

Meet the most recent interns at the National Archives at Kansas City. Rebekah Loyd is a senior at William Jewell College, majoring in history. Joe Cowley is a senior at Park University, double-majoring in English literature and U.S. history.

Interns at the National Archives contribute to all kinds of work, including holdings maintenance, arrangement and description of records, finding aids creation, digitization projects, educational outreach, and reference. We love the energy and enthusiasm they bring!

Left: Pictured left to right is Rebecca Loyd and Joe Cowley.

# Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

## Wonders of the World's Columbia Exposition

Imagine the spectacular view that greeted visitors entering the gates of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Glittering white towers rising above sparkling blue waters, technological advancements the world had never seen, and exotic peoples and cultures from around the globe amazed millions of visitors at the World's Fair.

The worldwide commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of Columbus' arrival in America opened on May 1, 1893, in Chicago, Illinois. From the introduction of Juicy Fruit and the "hootchy-kootchy" to a ride on the first moving walkway, nearly 26 million fair-goers were treated to a spectacular display of cultural and industrial progress. Known as "The

White City," many of the gleaming white fair buildings were designed in the Beaux-Arts style by such noted architects as Richard Morris Hunt, Charles McKim, and Kansas City's Henry Van Brunt. Fair-goers could explore the wide boulevards and reflecting pools leading to the pavilions and amusements by day, while electricity and an extensive street-light system allowed visitors to experience the wonders of the World's Fair at night. Exhibits by the likes of George



Above: *Captive Balloon and Ferris Wheel, located at the western end of the midway.* Record Group 21, U.S. District Court for the Eastern Division of the Eastern District of Missouri, Equity and Law Case Files, 1857-1938, case #7539, *Charles D. Arnold et al v. N. D. Thompson Publishing et al.*

Westinghouse, Nikola Tesla, and Thomas Edison introduced fair-goers to even more wonders of technology.

Photographs taken of the World's Fair were sold at souvenir shops throughout the fair, as well as printed in publications. These photographs shown here were found in the court records of the National Archives at Kansas City. Part of a Federal court case questioning copyright ownership on four images, the case features photographs of the "Fisheries Building," "Dedicating the Japanese Building No. 1," "New York State Building," and "Captive Balloon and Ferris Wheel" (also titled "Western Entrance of Midway Plaisance.") These images were printed in "The Dream City," as well as serialized as an Educational Art Series from November 9, 1893, to February 29, 1894. While the court case was eventually dropped, the photographs remain in the archival holdings as reminders of the wonders of the World's Fair.

The Columbian Exposition was the first World's Fair to feature a separate amusement area, known as the Midway

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Plaisance. At a mile long, the midway was a major attraction for fair-goers, featuring concessions, amusements, music, sideshows, and rides. A "Captive Balloon" rose high above the crowd, enticing visitors to soar high in a tethered hot air balloon for just \$2.50. In the Zoopraxographical Hall, Eadweard Muybridge lectured on the science of animal locomotion while showing moving pictures using a zoopraxiscope. A Chinese Village and Theater featured a Joss House, or Shenist Chinese folk temple, and fair-goers could visit Old Vienna without leaving Chicago by wandering through the re-created ancient streets of the Austrian capital city.

The largest attraction on the midway, however, was the Ferris Wheel. First introduced at the Chicago World's Fair, George Ferris' Wheel towered high above the fair at 264 feet. It was designed to rival the Eiffel Tower, which had been the centerpiece of the 1889 Paris Exposition. Unlike today's carnival ferris wheels, the "Chicago Wheel" had 36 cars with

revolving chairs that could accommodate up to 60 people each. The wheel could carry 2,160 people per ride and up to 38,000 passengers daily. Fair-goers paid 50 cents for two revolutions, including one 9-minute, non-stop revolution. The Ferris Wheel closed in April 1894, and was moved to Chicago's North Side near Lincoln Park, where it operated until 1903. It was then dismantled and sent to St. Louis for the 1904 World's Fair. It was eventually demolished on May 11, 1906.

The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition was a cultural, technological, and financial success. From the debut of consumer products like Pabst Beer, Quaker Oats, and Aunt Jemima syrup, to the acceptance of electricity and technology as symbols of the coming new century, the fair introduced many new products that we still use today, leaving a lasting legacy on America and the world. For information on the 1893 Columbian Exposition or District Court records, email [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov) or view via Online Public Access at [www.archives.gov/research/search/](http://www.archives.gov/research/search/).

## Toys for Tots Drop Location

The National Archives will collect new, unwrapped toys for children to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, through **Thursday, December 12, 2013**. The public is welcome to drop off toy donations. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year and distribute those toys as holiday gifts to children in need within the community.



The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 15 facilities nationwide where the public has access to Federal archival records. It is home to historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by Federal agencies in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. For more information, call 816-268-8000, email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or visit [www.archives.gov/kansas-city](http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city). Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/ationalarchiveskansascity](http://www.facebook.com/ationalarchiveskansascity).

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed on Sunday, Monday, and Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather.



Above: *The New York State Building*. Record Group 21, U.S. District Court for the Eastern Division of the Eastern District of Missouri, Equity and Law Case Files, 1857-1938, case #7539, *Charles D. Arnold et al v. N. D. Thompson Publishing et al*.