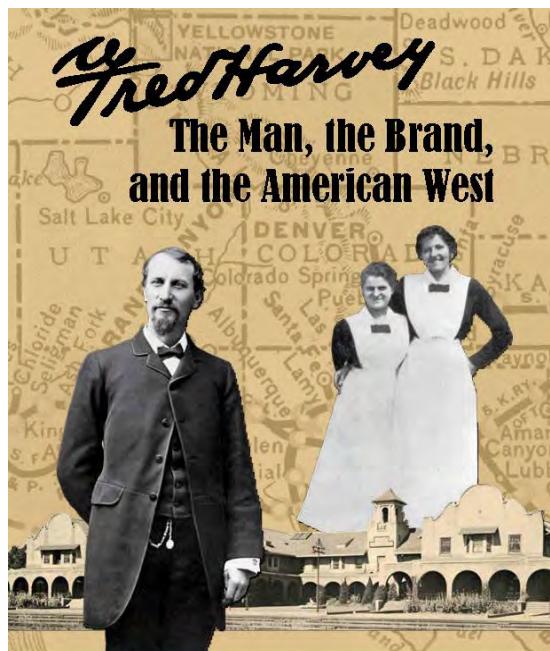


May/June 2013

## Fred Harvey Returns to Kansas City at the National Archives



May 7, 2013 - January 4, 2014

The National Archives at Kansas City will open a new exhibit titled ***Fred Harvey: The Man, the Brand, and the American West*** on **Tuesday, May 7, 2013**. The exhibit traces the development of Fred Harvey's food service partnership with the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad - an endeavor that branded Fred Harvey eating houses and hotels as a company with uncompromising standards, excellent food, and impeccable service by the Harvey Girls.

Train travel as we know it today was very different in the nineteenth century. At stops along the way, weary travelers stepped off the train to the sight of rough and tumble shanty towns set up by railroad men and miners. The prospect of a fresh meal or clean bed was almost non-existent. In 1876 Fred Harvey formed a partnership with the Santa Fe Railroad and set out to create a high quality hospitality experience for train travelers.

Fred Harvey was a visionary business man who changed the nature of railroad meals. His "Harvey Houses" were a string of eating establishments along the Santa Fe Railroad. The first restaurant, opened in Topeka, Kansas, in 1876, was considered a progressive new venture. As the company expanded into the hotel and tourism business, they began opening lunch rooms, dining rooms, and hotels every hundred miles along the railroad line, even expanding into resort facilities at the Grand Canyon. Kansas City's Union Station became one of their busiest locations, featuring a lunch room, dining room (Westport Room), retail shops, and the company's corporate headquarters.

In the Southwest, Fred Harvey and the Santa Fe Railroad implemented a marketing strategy that significantly altered the face of vacationing in America, successfully promoting the Southwest as a tourism destination. They enticed middle-class Americans into exploring the Native cultures of the Southwest, introducing travelers to Native American people, their arts, and rituals. Together, the Santa Fe Railroad and Fred Harvey became powerful agents of hospitality and tourism in the American West, defining the Southwest tourist experience and changing the way Americans ate and spent their leisure time.

By the 1930s, Fred Harvey's hospitality empire spanned from Ohio to California. Dotted with everything from eating houses and grand resort hotels to curio shops and specialty tourist activities, Fred Harvey created a standard of excellence in hospitality that the traveling public grew to appreciate and expect. So much that Fred Harvey inspired poems and books about his famous hospitality, and even a Hollywood movie featuring the Harvey Girls.

***Fred Harvey: The Man, the Brand, and the American West*** will be available for viewing May 7, 2013 to January 4, 2014. To schedule a group tour call 816-268-8013 or email [mickey.ebert@nara.gov](mailto:mickey.ebert@nara.gov).

(Information about upcoming Fred Harvey programs is located on page 4.)

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## Upcoming Events

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400 West Pershing Road  
Kansas City, MO 64108

- MAY 11 - NOON  
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: FINDING FEMALES WITH VALERIE EICHER LAIR
- MAY 11 - 2:30 P.M.  
NATIONAL TRAIN DAY: CURATOR'S TOUR OF FRED HARVEY EXHIBIT
- MAY 15 - 10:00 A.M.  
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: SHIP PASSENGER ARRIVAL LISTS
- MAY 16 - 6:30 P.M.  
MEALS BY FRED HARVEY WITH DEE HARRIS
- JUNE 6 - 10:00 A.M.  
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:  
MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS
- JUNE 15 - 10:00 A.M.  
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:  
AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY  
DURING THE CIVIL WAR AND  
RECONSTRUCTION WITH LYLE GIBSON
- JUNE 19 - 6:30 P.M.  
1813: THE TRAGIC CONFLICT  
CONTINUES WITH DR. RICHARD BARBUTO
- JUNE 21 - 6:00 P.M.  
OPPORTUNITY BOUND, FILM  
SCREENING AND PANEL  
DISCUSSION

# Gems for Genealogists

The National Archives at Kansas City will be offering four free genealogy workshops in May and June. All workshops will be held at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108.

## Workshop Descriptions:

### Finding Females with Professional Genealogist Valerie Eichler Lair

Saturday, May 11 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

One of the most difficult tasks in genealogy research is finding the maiden names of female ancestors. Learn some ways of how to overcome the barriers in finding these ancestors. They weren't always known as "Mrs. Jones!" Visit [www.valsroots.com](http://www.valsroots.com) to learn more about Lair.

### Coming to America: Ship Passenger Arrival Lists

Wednesday, May 15 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Ship passenger arrival lists have been created for different purposes throughout U.S. history, but are useful when seeking information related to the arrival of your ancestors. This course will cover types of ship passenger arrival lists, dates, forms, and search techniques.

### Military Service Records

Thursday, June 6 at 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 the file, and how to place an order. This class will also address privacy and access.

### Exploring Resources Related to African American Genealogy

#### Research during the Civil War and Reconstruction Era with genealogist Lyle Gibson

Saturday, June 15 –at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The consequences of the Civil War directly impacted former slaves and impoverished whites, destroying the South, and leaving many without homes and jobs. The U.S. Government established the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (the Freedmen's Bureau) to assist these individuals. Documents from this agency include: local censuses, marriage records, and medical records which provide freed people's full names and former masters, and more. Join Gibson as he discusses records found in the Freedmen's Bureau and other resources related to African American genealogy.

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: Immigrant children arriving at Ellis Island, New York, ca. 1908. Record Group 90, Records of the Public Health Service, 1794 - 1990.

Date	Debtors	Mothers	Starvation	Remarks
Sept 8 1865	Albert Sherry	✓	Cressey Story	
" 5 "	John Weller Jr		Hannah Miller	
" 20 "	Joseph Lester		Rubena Scott	
" 21 "	Miller Lewis		Lydia Brown	
" 24 "	Holiday Story		Maudie Davis	
" 25 "	John Sawyer		Eliza Johnson	
" 26 "	Nelson Stevens		Minnie Simonsen	
" 27 "	Phoebe Brown		Charity Fox	
" 28 "	Miss Barnard		Annie Hunter	
" 29 "	Aug. 26 1865		Eliza Stiles	
" 30 "	Wendy Wilson		Rosaria Pitts	
" 31 "	Bethel Shaffer		Lady Mc Nealy	
Sept 7 "	John Weller Jr		Amanda Taylor	
" 14 "	Miss Orr		Laura Orr	
" 15 "	Stephen Johnson		Isaac Moore	
" 16 "	James Dan		Tom A. Davis	
" 17 "	Amelia Estelle		Anna Miller	
" 21 "	Adolphine Young		Martha Penn	
" 25 "	Edward Wilson		Anna Johnson	
" 27 "	James Shaver		Alice Smith	

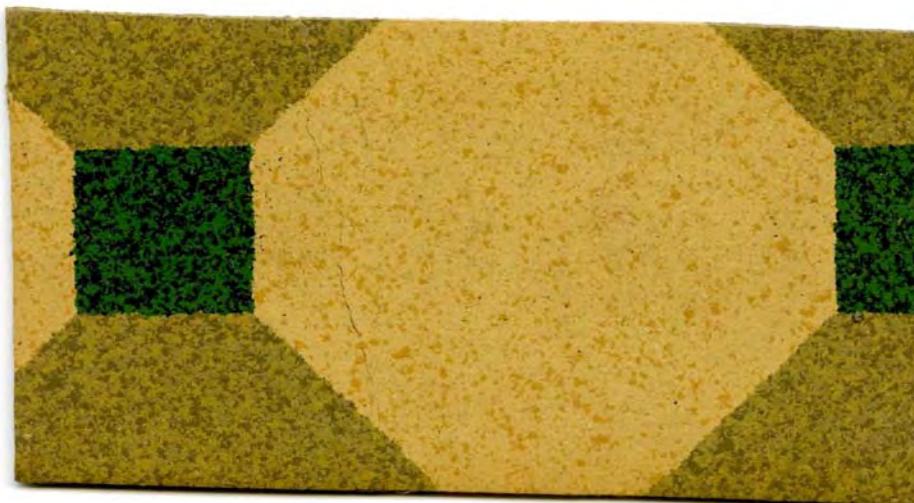
The above is a extract Record furnished from the Marriage Record in the census office of the late John Le Bonne  
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Right: Record of Marriages document from the Freedman's Bureau Records. Record Group 105, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1861-1880.

## Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

### Underfoot: Flooring Samples from Fort Berthold

In 1914 administrators and officials at the Fort Berthold Agency in New Town, North Dakota, were focused on a variety of tasks necessary for managing the agency's tribes. These tasks were often administrative in nature; making



Above: Linoleum tile sample provided by Marshall Field & Company. Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Berthold Agency, Chronological Property Correspondence, 1890-1951.

sure bills were paid, procedures were followed, and numerous individuals were cared for. Since their day-to-day work was focused at the administrative level, one would not expect that government employees would spend a moment thinking about the flooring underneath their feet. However, artifacts found in records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Fort Berthold Agency indicate that officials for the agency had, at one time, considered what they walked across every day: linoleum.

Found within correspondence records relating to supplies, are a handful of linoleum tile samples, as well as colorful cards that highlight the various flooring options available to Fort Berthold

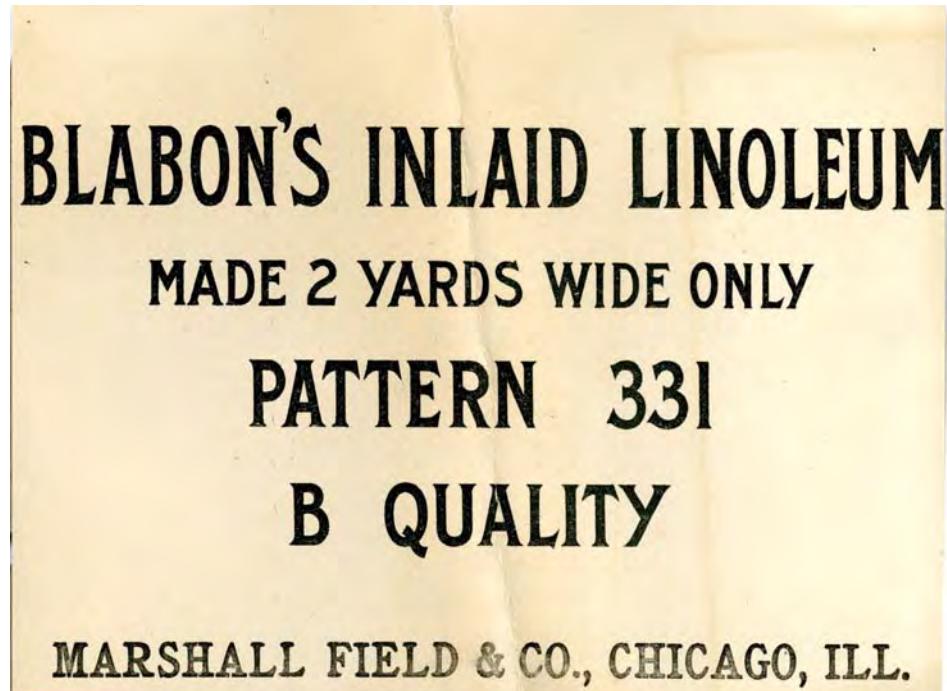
administrators. These tiles appear to have been received at a time when Fort Berthold supervisors obtained bids and price quotes for construction supplies from a variety of manufacturers. Accompanying the linoleum samples are advertisement pamphlets and bid forms for lumber materials, field plows, and produce seeds from a number of other commercial sales companies in the area.

The linoleum samples provide insight into the wide range of supplies needed to successfully operate the Fort Berthold Agency, and it is interesting to note that they were provided by the Marshall Field & Company department store based in Chicago, Illinois.

The company operated under the name of Marshall Field & Company from 1881 until 2006 and became the largest wholesale and retail dry goods store in the world by 1906. Effectively making a name for itself in the retail business by introducing novelties such as the first bridal registry, personal shopping assistants and the first European buying office, the Marshall Field & Company was a successful enterprise for 125 years.

Unfortunately, the records do not indicate which Marshall Field & Company linoleum design, if any, the administrators at the Fort Berthold Agency chose or what the associated costs would have been.

Records of the Fort Berthold Agency are currently in the process of being described and re-housed. Please contact the National Archives at Kansas City at [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov) to inquire about accessing these records and obtaining copies of relevant finding aids.



Above: Linoleum tile information. Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Berthold Agency, Chronological Property Correspondence, 1890-1951.

## Upcoming *Fred Harvey: The Man, the Brand, and the American West* Programs

As a part of the Fred Harvey exhibit, the National Archives will offer a series of programs related to the exhibition content. Below is a list of upcoming programs at the National Archives at Kansas City. To make a reservation for any of these **free events** email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or call 816-268-8010.

- **May 11 at 2:30 p.m.** - National Train Day, in partnership with Union Station. Exhibit curator, Dee Harris, will provide a guided tour of the Fred Harvey exhibit. Additional information about National Train Day can be found at [www.nationaltrainday.com/s/#!/events/kansas-city-mo-kcy\\_281](http://www.nationaltrainday.com/s/#!/events/kansas-city-mo-kcy_281).
- **May 16 at 6:00 p.m.** - Exhibit curator, Dee Harris, will host *Meals by Fred Harvey*, a talk and tour of the exhibition. Harris will discuss how local entrepreneur and restaurateur Fred Harvey made a lasting impact on the American hospitality industry.
- **June 21 at 6:00 p.m.** - Debut of *Opportunity Bound*, a new documentary film about the Harvey Girls and the Fred Harvey restaurant empire. Produced and directed by Katrina Parks, this film screening will include a panel discussion after the screening with Stephen Fried, author of *Appetite for America: Fred Harvey and the Business of Civilizing the Wild West - One Meal at a Time*; Denise Morrison, curator of collections at Union Station/Kansas City Museum; Katrina Parks, documentary film producer; and Dr. Timothy Westcott, history professor at Park University. This event is presented in partnership with the Kansas City Museum and Park University - History Program. The film trailer can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/lnICR5milDM>
- **July 10 at 6:00 p.m.** - Panel discussion titled, *Fred Harvey: In the Kitchen and On the Rails*, with Kansas City food critic Charles Ferruzza of *The Pitch*; local historian and Kansas City bartender Steve Noll; and food blogger, caterer, and culinary mystery author, Lou Jane Temple. The panelists will discuss the success of Fred Harvey's restaurant empire including: initiating the hiring of female servers, establishing "fine dining," creating consistent food quality standards, and the notion of instituting restaurants that would become national chains.



### Are you on the National Archives at Kansas City e-mail list?

The National Archives is going green. For the remainder of 2013 the Archives will only send out information regarding programs and workshops via email. If we don't have your address on file, please send an email with your preferred email address to [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or call 816-268-8000. By providing your address, you grant the National Archives at Kansas City permission to send you information about upcoming exhibitions, special events, and programs. Per the Privacy Act of 1974, we will not share your personal information with third parties.

### Save the Date!

#### Preservation Matters Returns on October 5 at the National Archives



Family photos housed in deteriorating albums, letters written home during wartime, video recordings of children's dance recitals - how can we preserve these family heirlooms? Our popular *Preservation Matters* event is returning on Saturday, October 5, with answers to these questions and more. Plan to join us at the National Archives at Kansas City for a morning of presentations on the preservation of paper items, digital and traditional photographs, clothing and fabric heirlooms, digital media, and disaster response. Staff will also offer one-on-one consultations on the preservation of your personal items.

Watch upcoming newsletters for more information on *Preservation Matters*. In the meantime, get started with these great on-line resources! The National Archives website offers solid answers to common questions on [Caring for Your Family Archives](#), and University Products, an archival supplies vendor,

has created eight downloadable leaflets featuring [How-To Tips](#) on a variety of heirloom preservation topics.

# Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

## Piecing Together the Puzzle: A Holocaust Survivor's Alien File (A-File)

Researchers sometimes have the "more is more" mindset as they track down documentation on their ancestors, but there are occasions where a single document can provide amazing insights. The A-File of Moische Slodovnik (A6316522) is a prime example.

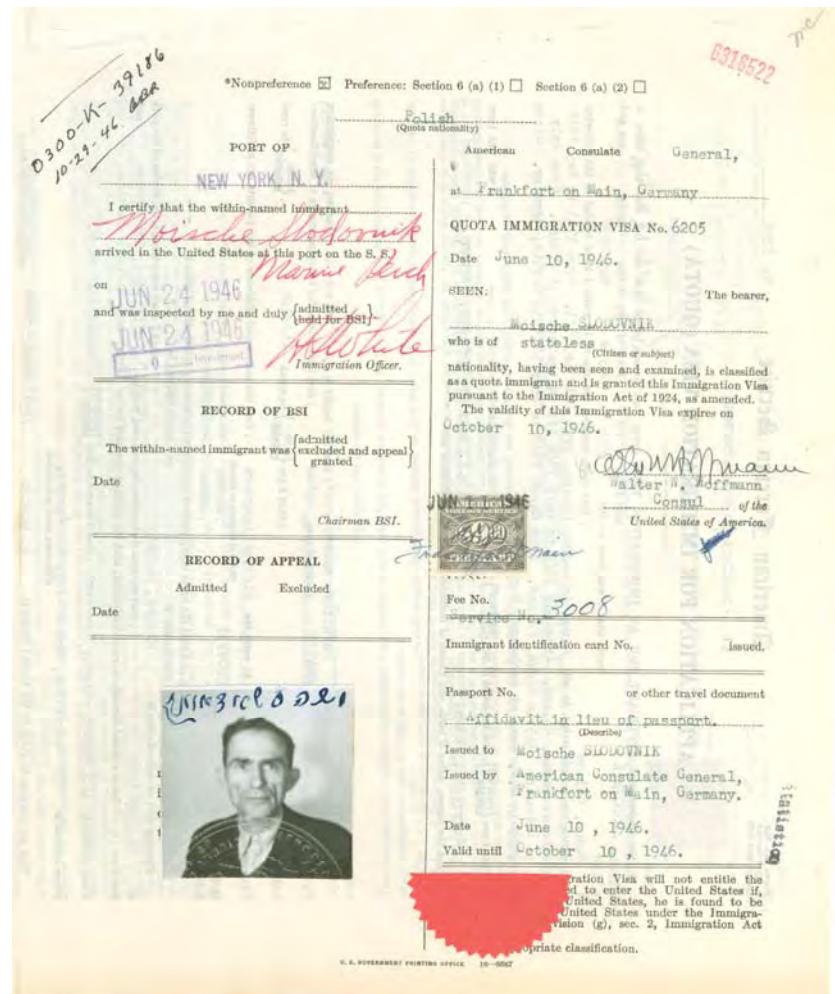
Moische's great-niece, French journalist Annie Anas, had been researching her family history for about 15 years before she learned of his A-File. Growing up, Annie had learned that her grandparents died in the Auschwitz concentration camp and believed that the whole extended family met a similar fate. In 1973, Annie's family by chance learned that Moische and two of his four children had successfully escaped the ghetto in Radun, Poland, after hearing that the Nazis planned to liquidate the ghetto on May 10, 1942.

Annie was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet Moische's children, and during the visit she learned that Moische had traveled into the United States following World War II. This fact would come into play many years later when Annie began researching her genealogy and ran into difficulties tracking down information about her family, specifically her great-grandmother's maiden name. After extensive research, finding records of Moische's immigration to the United States seemed like the only possibility to locate the family name. Her searches had produced very little about Moische until she came across an entry for his A-File in the National Archives Archival Research Catalog.

The six pages of Moische's file included an Application for Immigration Visa, on which Moische listed his parents, Yehuda Slodovnik and Yahka Goldberg. Success! Annie now knew her great-grandmother's name and had a list of prior residences. Born May 10, 1898, in Radun, Poland, Moische had spent his life until World War II in his hometown. He then moved to the ghetto at Radun for a year, fled to hide in the woods of Poland for two years, and eventually spent time in Berlin, Germany, and a displaced persons camp at Eschwege, Germany, until National Refugee Service, Inc. paid his passage to the United States. Annie had no idea how Moische had survived or what became of him at the end of the war.

"I was very excited to receive copies of the file," Annie said. "I wanted to get your answer very quickly because I supposed it was the last chance to get the family information I had been seeking for so many years. Since most of my family died in the Shoah, it is not easy work. Learning my great grandmother's name, finding out about Moische's life, and obtaining his photograph are all very important for me because there are not many testimonies of what happened during the Shoah in little shtetles." Though Moische lived only one year in the United States before he passed away, his A-File remains, holding clues to the struggles he and his family faced during the Holocaust and providing new leads for family historians like Annie to continue their research.

A-Files were created beginning April 1, 1944, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to record the experience of aliens as they passed through the United States immigration and inspection process. The files hold a wealth of data including visas, photographs, applications, affidavits, correspondence, and more. The National Archives at Kansas City maintains over 450,000 A-Files for individuals born 1910 and prior. Each A-File available through the National Archives is name searchable in the Archival Research Catalog [www.archives.gov/research/arc](http://www.archives.gov/research/arc). To learn more about the A-Files and the request process please visit [www.archives.gov/research/immigration/aliens/a-files-kansas-city.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/aliens/a-files-kansas-city.html).



Above: Application for immigrant Visa (Quota) for Moische Slodovnik (A6316522). Record Group 566, Records of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Alien Case File for Moische Slodovnik.

# Dr. Richard Barbuto to Discuss 1813: The Tragic Conflict Continues

On Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. the National Archives will host **Dr. Richard Barbuto** for the second part of his lecture *Mr. Madison's War: 1813, The Tragic Conflict Continues*. (Part one was offered in June 2012 in conjunction with the anniversary of the War of 1812.)

Two hundred years ago, America suffered through a ruinous time. The war declared the previous year amidst predictions of an easy victory had taken a calamitous turn for the worse. President James Madison was caught in a scourge of his own making. The Royal Navy raided the American coast with impunity and Native Americans brought the war to the frontier, even as repeated American invasions of Canada were turned back. Partisan politics hit a crescendo of verbal violence which dwarfs that of recent years. Suffering stalked the land and American unity was nearly shattered.

A 6:00 p.m. reception will precede this event. To make a reservation for this **free event** call 816-268-8010 or email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). NOTE: This lecture has been rescheduled to June due to inclement weather in February.

## National Archives to Offer Primarily Teaching 2013

The National Archives at Kansas City is pleased to announce that it is one of four locations across the country to host Primarily Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities. The week long institute will be held **June 17 - 20, 2013**, at the National

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Archives at Kansas City. Primarily Teaching is designed to provide access to the rich resources of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for educators at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. Participants will learn how to research historical records, create classroom materials based on the records, and present documents in ways that sharpen students' skills and enthusiasm for history, government, and the other humanities.

Each participant will research the holdings of the National Archives at Kansas City and digitization of materials will be a priority. Educators will uncover 3-5 items (documents, photos, maps, etc.) to scan and describe. These will be added to the online tool for educators, DocsTeach.org, while participants are onsite. During the workshop educators will produce a DocsTeach Learning Activity using the digitized material they identified during their research phase. Activities created during the Primarily Teaching workshop will be published on a nationwide DocsTeach web page, such as [www.docsteach.org/home/national-history-day](http://www.docsteach.org/home/national-history-day).

- The fee for the workshop is \$100, which includes all materials.
- Participants will receive a stipend upon successful completion of the course and submission of a project.
- Graduate credit from a major university is available for an additional fee.

Space is limited; interested persons are encouraged to apply early. An application and more information is available at [www.archives.gov/education/primarily-teaching/](http://www.archives.gov/education/primarily-teaching/). The deadline to apply is Friday, May 17, 2013.



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.