



# National Archives at Kansas City Newsletter

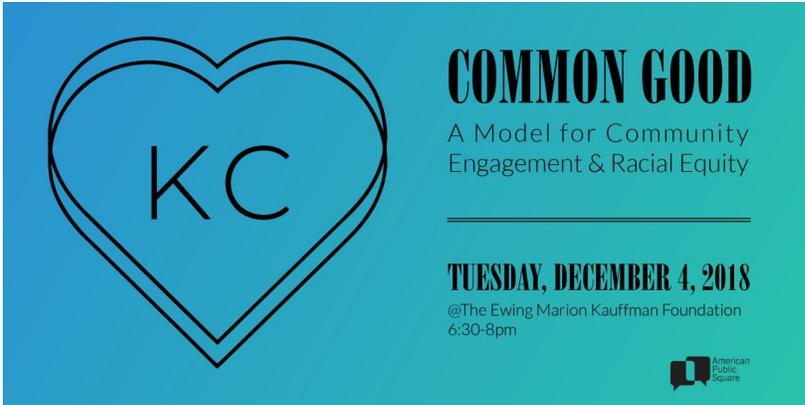
## Common Good Panel Discussion with American Public Square

On **Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives in partnership with American Public Square, will host an evening panel discussion on **Common Good: A Model for Community Engagement and Racial Equity**. This program will take place at the Kauffman Foundation, 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO.

**Reservations** are requested for this **free program**.

In the fourth program of the KC Common Good series, panelists and community leaders will discuss ways to create a city-wide cooperative effort to address violence

and violent crime in Kansas City. They will talk about how and why racial equality and racial equity are keys to reducing crime and violence. Can we create a shared vision in which all Metro residents feel invested in making Kansas City less violent? Program panelists include: **Irene Caudillo**, El Centro; **Terry Dunn**, JE Dunn Construction; **Rev. Wallace Hartsfield**, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church; with **Rabbi Mark Levin**, Congregation Beth Torah as the moderator.



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#### Upcoming Events

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

- **DEC. 4 - 6:30 P.M.**  
\*PANEL DISCUSSION: COMMON GOOD
- **DEC. 10 - 6:00 P.M.**  
FILM: UP FROM THE BOTTOMS
- **DEC. 25 - FACILITY CLOSED: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**
- **JAN. 1 - FACILITY CLOSED: NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY**

\*DENOTES ACTIVITY IS OFFSITE.

## Upcoming Facility Reminders and New Research Room Rules

- **Monday, December 24** - Research Rooms close early for Christmas Holiday.
- **Tuesday, December 25** - Christmas Holiday - facility closed.
- **Tuesday, January 1** - New Year's Day Holiday - facility closed.

The National Archives Research Services Division is committed to improving the experience of all users of archival records in the custody of the National Archives while also ensuring the safety of the records. To that end, we have finalized a common set of rules which will be implemented in archival research rooms nationwide on Tuesday, January 2, 2019. The rules are intended to provide clear instructions to both staff and researchers on the research room:

- registration process;
- entry and exit procedures;
- items authorized and not authorized for use in the research rooms;
- pull requests;
- records handling guidelines; and
- copying and equipment approvals.

The rules reflect the National Archives' current approach to holdings security and are intended to ensure a consistent customer service experience across all facilities. Questions can be sent to [kansascity.archives@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.archives@nara.gov).

# Hidden Treasures from the Stack

## Safety for the Nation?: Identification of Alien Enemies during WWII

“... I describe the identification programs as another part of the job of making America safe – safety for the nation against the small minority of alien enemies who may be contemplating trouble, and safety for the great majority of aliens who are above suspicion.”

–Francis Biddle, Attorney General of the United States (February 1, 1942)

Shortly after the United States entered World War II, the country undertook a new home front measure to register non-naturalized immigrants from Germany, Italy, and Japan - individuals termed alien enemies. The process, which was introduced in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Presidential Proclamation No. 2537, required individuals to visit their local post office to complete an application and fingerprinting. A formal Certificate of Identification was later delivered which had to remain in their possession for the duration of the war.

The application process ran from February 2 through February 28, 1942. Individuals along the West Coast were registered during the first week, as the coast had been deemed a potentially critical area, and all other states were completed in the following weeks. All totaled, more than one million alien enemies were documented through the process.

During a February 1, 1942, speech over the Columbia Broadcasting System, Attorney General Francis Biddle addressed both alien enemies and the citizen population. He explained the basic requirements of the new program and obligation for participation, but also cautioned “Let us not be hasty in our judgment of them. Let us not deprive them of their jobs. Let us not be suspicious of them unless we have grounds for suspicion. Let us not persecute these people as an outlet of our emotions against the bandits who are at the moment in control of the nations where they were born.”

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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## NOTICE TO ALIENS OF ENEMY NATIONALITIES

★ The United States Government requires all aliens of German, Italian, or Japanese nationality to apply at post offices nearest to their place of residence for a Certificate of Identification. Applications must be filed between the period February 9 through February 28, 1942. Go to your postmaster today for printed directions.

EARL G. HARRISON,  
*Special Assistant to the Attorney General.*

FRANCIS BIDDLE,  
*Attorney General.*

<p><b>AVVISO</b></p> <p>Il Governo degli Stati Uniti ordina a tutti gli stranieri di nazionalità Tedesca, Italiana e Giapponese di fare richiesta all' Ufficio Postale più prossimo al loro luogo di residenza per ottenere un Certificato d'Identità. Le richieste devono essere fatte entro il periodo che corre tra il 9 Febbraio e il 28 Febbraio, 1942.</p> <p><i>Andate oggi dal vostro Capo d'Ufficio Postale (Postmaster) per ricevere le istruzioni scritte.</i></p> <p><b>BEKANNTMACHUNG</b></p> <p>Die Regierung der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika fordert alle Ausländer deutscher, italienischer und japanischer Staatsangehörigkeit auf, sich auf das ihrem Wohnorte naheliegende Postamt zu begeben, um einen Personalausweis zu beantragen. Das Gesuch muss zwischen dem 9. und 28. Februar 1942 eingereicht werden.</p> <p><i>Gehen Sie noch heute zu Ihrem Postmeister und verschaffen Sie sich die gedruckten Vorschriften.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>敵國外人注意</b></p> <p>日獨伊諸國、國籍を有する在留外人は、二月九日より二十七日まで、開き居る所二番、近き郵便局に身分證明書を申請し、之を、今日早速郵便局へ行きて證明書を願はせ。</p>
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Above: Notice to Aliens of Enemy Nationalities. Record Group 85, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Public Relations Records, 1940-1954. National Archives Identifier 7455403.

<p>Alien Registration No. <u>2057733</u></p> <p>Name <u>Mary</u> <u>Damico</u> (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)</p>	<p>Birth date <u>June 28, 1900</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)</p> <p>Born in <u>Alia, Palermo, Italy</u> or near (City) (Province) (Country)</p> <p>Citizen or subject of <u>ITALY</u> (Country)</p> <p>Length of residence in United States <u>29</u> yrs., <u>-</u> mos.</p> <p>Address of residence <u>Rebentick Road,</u> (Street address or rural route) <u>Harvey, Jefferson, Louisiana</u> (City) (County) (State)</p> <p>Height <u>5</u> ft., <u>2</u> in.</p> <p>Weight <u>145</u> lb.</p> <p>Color of hair <u>Black Gray</u></p> <p>Distinctive marks <u>None</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Louis J. Biddle</i> (Signature of Identification Official)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Application filed in Alien Registration Division. Copy filed with Federal Bureau of Investigation office at <u>New Orleans, La.</u></p>
<p>RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT</p> 	
<p>(Signature of holder) <u>Mary (Mrs) Damico</u> <u>Wm. Richard J. ...</u> <u>278 ... New Orleans, La.</u></p>	

The identification program coincided with other blanket regulations regarding alien enemies. Among these were stipulations that alien enemies could not possess cameras, short-wave radios, weapons, or other equipment that may be used against the United States. As with the [enemy alien registration](#) that occurred during World War I, there were also rules about where individuals could travel, reside, and work within the United States.

Left: Certificate of Identification from Alien Case File for Mary Damico (A2057733). Record Group 566, Records of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Alien Case Files, 1944-2003. National Archives Identifier 5213278.

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Beyond the regulations, the identification program was one part of a series of Roosevelt's presidential proclamations following the bombing at Pearl Harbor that paved the way to Executive Order 9066 which authorized the evacuation and internment of individuals identified as alien enemies. Over 136,000 German, Italian, and Japanese Americans were relocated under the order – all lost personal liberties; most lost homes and property as well. Although President Roosevelt suspended Executive Order 9066 in December 1944, it was not until December 29, 1945 that President Harry S. Truman revoked the regulations governing the issuance of certificates of identification.

Records of the 1942 Certificate of Identification program can be found within the Alien Case Files (A-Files) for individuals of German, Italian, and Japanese descent. Often, just the application appears in the A-File for an alien enemy, but there are occasions where the certificate itself is present as well. Learn more about the A-Files and how to request copies [here](#).

Form AR-AE-23  
 Alien Registration Receipt No. 1910482  
 Indicate if registered  
 by Consular Official \_\_\_\_\_  
 or as Alien Seaman \_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION**  
 (Aliens of Enemy Nationalities)

I hereby apply for a Certificate of Identification and make the following statements and answers under oath or affirmation:

1. Name Antonio None Parella  
 (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME) (LAST NAME)

2. Registered Name Same  
 (See Instructions) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME)

3. (a) Present residence 20 Clarissa Street  
 (STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE)  
Worcester Worcester  
 (CITY) (COUNTY)

(b) I receive my mail at 20 Clarissa St. Worcester Mass.  
 (POST OFFICE)

(c) All other residences since January 1, 1941:  
None

4. Employment since January 1, 1941:  

Name of Firm	Address	Approxim
<u>Band A Railroad</u>	<u>Worcester, Mass.</u>	<u>18 year</u>

5. (a) Date of birth April 21, 1878 (b) Citizen or subject of None  
 (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)

6. Relatives (see Instructions) living in the United States:  

Name	Relationship
<u>Pasque Parella</u>	<u>wife 20 Clarissa St.</u>
<u>Katherine Casella</u>	<u>daughter 1143 Grafton</u>
<u>Rose Pratillo</u>	<u>daughter 18 Seward St.</u>
<u>See supplemental sheet attached</u>	

7. Do you have any children serving in the armed forces of the United States? Yes  
 (YES OR NO)  
 branches of service James Parella Fort Bankd Boston I

8. (a) Relatives (see Instructions) living outside the United States:  
 (b) Relatives (see Instructions) serving in armed forces of a foreign country:  

Name	Relationship
<u>e Rose Parella</u>	<u>sister Barcico Sicily</u>
<u>a Carmen Parella</u>	<u>brother Argentina Souf</u>

9. (a) Have you, since August 27, 1940, applied for or received first citizenship papers, or petitioned for naturalization in the United States? No  
 (YES OR NO) If yes, state which, and place and date \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Have you ever been refused or denied naturalization? No  
 (YES OR NO) If yes, explain fully \_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you ever been naturalized, partly or wholly, in any country other than the United States? No  
 (YES OR NO) If yes, state whether partly or wholly, also when and where and in what country \_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you ever taken an oath of allegiance to any country, state or nation other than the United States? No  
 (YES OR NO) If yes, state when and where and to what country \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you read or had read to you a summary of the provisions of Presidential Proclamations and Regulations concerning the conduct of aliens of enemy nationalities? Yes  
 (YES OR NO) Have you complied? Yes Have you been granted any exemption? No  
 (YES OR NO) (YES OR NO)

13. Were you registered for Selective Service? No  
 (YES OR NO) If yes, state where and local draft board order number \_\_\_\_\_

14. Name the clubs, organizations, and societies of which you have been a member or with which you have been affiliated at any time during the past 5 years:  
None

15. Additional information (see Instructions):  
Received first papers in 1919

I solemnly swear (or affirm) that all the above statements and answers have been read by or to me and are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at the place and on the date here designated by the official post-office stamp at the right.

Antonio Parella  
 (SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

Stanley H. Gentry  
 (IDENTIFICATION OFFICIAL)

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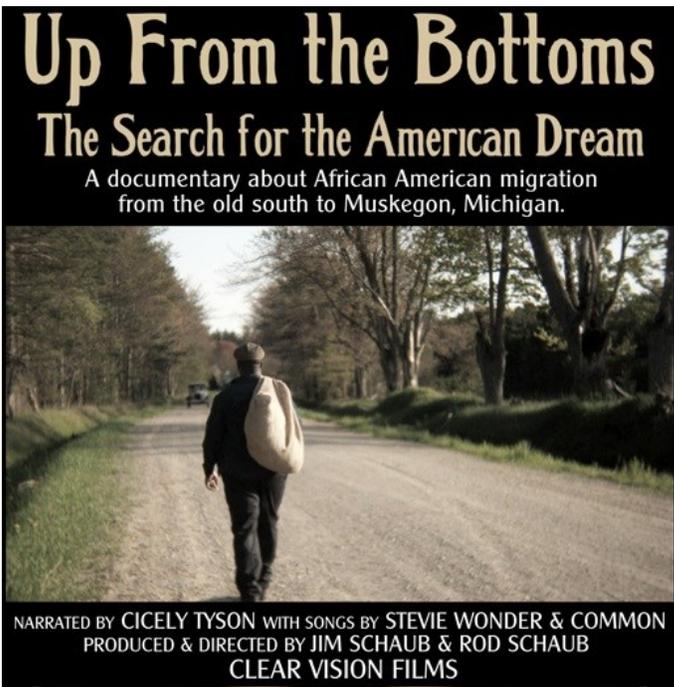
DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT  
 (To be filled in by Identification Official)  
 Height 5' 0" Dark blue Weight 155  
 Eyes Grey Hair Brown Complexion Dark  
 Distinctive marks Wear Glasses  
Scar on Left forehead  
 One copy of this Application sent to Alien Registration Division.  
 Duplicate sent to Federal Bureau of Investigation office at \_\_\_\_\_  
BOSTON MASS.

16-20140-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Above: Application for Certificate of Identification from Alien Case File for Antonio Parella (A1910482). Record Group 566, Records of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Alien Case Files, 1944-2003. National Archives Identifier 40072475.

# 2018-2019 Film Series with American Jazz Museum and Greater KC Black History Study Group

On **Monday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.**, the National Archives will host an evening film screening of *Up From the Bottoms: The Search for the American Dream*. Post-film discussion will be led by **Dr. Delia Gillis**, professor of history at the University of Central Missouri.



*Up From the Bottoms* traces the experiences of African Americans, now in their 80s and 90s who migrated north in the 1940s to the war factories in the north, specifically those in Michigan. The film is narrated by Emmy, Tony, and Academy Award-winning actress Cicely Tyson and features interviews with activist Dick Gregory.

Since its release, the film has been incorporated into the curriculum at schools in the state of Michigan as an example of first-person accounts of struggle and sacrifice. This program is presented in partnership with the Greater KC Black History Study Group and the American Jazz Museum as a part of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History 2019 theme of Black Migrations.

Reservations are requested for this **free program** by calling 816-268-8010 or emailing [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). Requests for ADA accommodations must be received five business days in advance.

## Upcoming Free Professional Development Opportunities for Educators

### *Penpals from the Past: American Indian Schools in the United States*

**Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. - Eastern Standard Time**

Is there anything more compelling than a letter from a penpal? What if you and your students could read letters, or even see Christmas lists, from American Indian students living in boarding schools in the past – or see images of students in their classrooms? Join us for a look at some examples. Learn about their experiences; and engage in the formerly complex process of accessing American Indian boarding and day school records, now made easier through our Native Communities Program. [Registration](#) is required. *This webinar is part of our Native American professional development series. Each program features new resources for locating and using Federal records related to American Indians and Alaska Natives.*

Right: Native Americans from Southeastern Idaho, ca. 1897. Full citation and education ideas available on [DocsTeach](#).



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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The National Archives is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on weekends and Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather. The National Archives is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108.

The National Archives at Kansas City 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). Tweet us @KCArchives or #KCArchives. Find and follow us on Instagram at: [kansascity.archives](https://www.instagram.com/kansascity.archives). Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity](https://www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity).