

National Archives Central Plains Region Exhibits

The Central Plains Region offers small, temporary exhibits in the lobby area. Exhibits use facsimile copies of original records held by the region in order to protect the original documents from harmful ultraviolet light. All of our exhibits are designed to educate visitors about the records we hold and how they may be of use to them. Exhibits are changed every two to three months and focus on a variety of topics. Call (816) 268-8071 for the exhibit schedule.



The *Civil Rights/Civil Liberties* exhibit examined several prominent court cases held in the National Archives - Central Plains Region.

About the National Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration is America's national record-keeper, a public trust on which our democracy depends. The records we hold play a vital role in our democracy. These records and millions of others give shape to the ideals outlined in the Declaration of Independence, the foundations of democracy laid down in the Constitution, and the freedoms guaranteed to American citizens by the Bill of Rights. Not only do they document the actions of Government, making accountability possible, they document individual rights and entitlements. They tell the story of who we are as a people. They reveal the courage, determination, and spirit that have shaped our democracy throughout its history.



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Road Trip!



“Are we there yet?” Ah, there's nothing quite like the family vacation. Take a road trip with the National Archives Central Plains Region, and visit some of America's premier vacation spots. Journey from the Statue of Liberty to sunny Los Angeles. Explore caves, and hike



trails. See the natural wonders of the Black Hills, but don't feed the bears in Yellowstone National Park!

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Records Relating to Vacation Spots

Those interested in exploring more about our National Parks will find that the Central Plains Region has records for some of the most well-known parks administered by the Midwest regional office located in Omaha. Our holdings include: Badlands National Monument, South Dakota; Big Hole Battlefield National Monument, Montana; Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Colorado; Custer Battlefield National Monument, Montana; Devil's Tower National Monument, Wyoming; Dinosaur National Monument, Utah; Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa; Fort Laramie National Historic Site, Wyoming; George Washington Carver Birthplace National Monument, Missouri; Glacier National Park, Montana; Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming; Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado; Holy Cross National Monument, Colorado; Homestead National Monument, Nebraska; Isle Royale National Park, Michigan; Jackson Hole National Monument, Wyoming; Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Historic Site, Missouri; Jewel Cave National Monument, South Dakota; Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota; Pipestone National Monument,



Yogi Bear sign at Yellowstone National Park.
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Minneapolis; Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado; Scottsbluff National Monument, Nebraska; Shoshone Caverns National Monument, Wyoming; Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, North Dakota; Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota; and Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

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Minnesota; Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado; Scottsbluff National Monument, Nebraska; Shoshone Caverns National Monument, Wyoming; Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, North Dakota; Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota; and Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

The National Park Service records contain significant historical and anthropological reports of historic sites; environmental, biological, zoological, and ecological studies of conditions in National Park Service reserves; investigations of proposed national, state, and local parks and monuments; and construction project files of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The records generally include correspondence, statistical reports, newspaper clippings, maps, and photographs.

In addition to records of the National Park Service, this exhibit features items from two other record groups. The photo on the front cover of this brochure features a section of the famed Route 66. It is from Record Group 21, the United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis (photo id: 21.MoSt.L.817).

All of the colorful postcards featuring California and the homes of movie stars come from Record

Group 129, Records of the Bureau of Prisons. All were sent to inmate #32920 at Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. The postcards were confiscated as they were considered contraband and made a part of his inmate case file.

Original records may be viewed in the textual research room, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. An appointment is highly recommended, so that an archivist may discuss your research topic with you and have the records you wish to see ready upon your arrival. Call (816) 268-8000.



Postcard from RG 129, Records of the Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Federal Inmate Case Files (1895-1952), Inmate #32920.

Visit our website at: (http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/kansas_city.html) to get more information on our holdings.



A park ranger shows off the features of the overhead "chandelier" in the Temple Room at Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota.
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Devil's Tower National Monument, Wyoming., from RG 79, Records of the National Park Service, Region II (Midwest Region), Omaha, Nebraska, National Parks and Monuments, Central Classified Files (1936-52), Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole National Monument, Decimal Code 504.

