

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN THE REGIONS...

December

2007

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Nome Gold Rush and the Founding of Nome (Alaska), 1898–1900

In September 1898, Jafet Lindberg, Eric Lindblom, and John Brynteson discovered gold on Anvil Creek in the Cape Nome Mining District. This was the first major new gold discovery after the Canadian Klondike Gold Rush of 1896, and a Gold Rush began immediately. Word of the discovery spread, and more than 3,000 prospectors arrived by early July from the Yukon and the Kobuk River Valley. The effects of the Nome Gold Rush were world-wide, and news quickly spread across the U.S. A stampede from the Yukon Territory occurred all winter and threatened to depopulate Dawson City.

Gold was also discovered in the beach sands at Nome. On December 23, 1899, a Seattle newspaper reported that after the beach strike Nome became a veritable “poor man’s paradise—a land where no man has any excuse for being poor.” The easy beach diggings made Nome everyman’s gold rush and inspired thousands who traveled to Nome in 1900. In May 1900, 50–60 ships, barges, tugboats, steamers, and ocean liners left for Nome.

At the height of the Nome Gold Rush in 1900, it was a city of nearly 20,000 people. There were con-

gested streets, ferocious traffic jams, steam-heated hotels, beer gardens, several newspapers, wooden planked streets, a railroad, theaters, and about 100 saloons and gambling houses. After 1900, Nome’s population declined to about 5,000 through the early years of the 20th century.

The Nome Gold Rush ended in September 1900, three months after it began. Gold discoveries lured people to Nome for another 10 years. Nome’s mystique of being a rough and ready frontier town still captures the public imagination of Alaskans and tourists. The 1,000-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome is a reminder that Nome is not a forgotten place, and gold mining continues at Nome today.



"Winter scene, Front Street, Nome [Alaska]"
(Photographer Eric A. Hegg)," ca. 1905,
Photographs of the Inhabitants of
Metlakatla, AK (ARC Identifier 297759)
NARA's Pacific Alaska Region, Anchorage

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Winter Trail Over Thompson Pass, Alaska
ARC Identifier 5623
NARA Pacific Alaska Region, Anchorage



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San Diego, CA

NARA's Regional Archives - Seattle, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Fort Worth, Chicago, Denver, New York and Kansas City—will present at the National Council for Social Studies Conference (NCSS) in San Diego, California 11/30/07 through 12/2/07.

Anchorage, AK
Teaching American History workshop
Workshop/
K-12 Teachers
907-261-7820
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Seattle, WA
Finding Hidden Clues in Your Family Photos
Workshop
General Public
206-336-5115

Seattle, WA
Japanese Balloon Bombs in the U.S. During WWII
Lecture/General Public
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Seattle, WA
A Short History of War Photography
Lecture/General Public
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Seattle, WA
Brick Wall Discussion
Workshop/Genealogists
206-336-5115

Anchorage, AK
Citizenship Ceremony
General Public/Exhibit
Alaska Public Lands Information Center
Old Federal Building - 10:30 A.M.
907-261-7820

Seattle, WA
USS Ward—First Shot Fired at Pearl Harbor
Lecture/General Public
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Denver, CO
Lecture and Tour for Jefferson County Librarians
Open to the Public
2:30 P.M.
303-407-5749

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NARA East Coast December 2007

Postcard Sent to J. G. Shermack;
Deputy U. S. Marshal in Galveston, Texas, 1909
Non-Record Material, NARA Southwest Region, Fort Worth, TX



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| <p>New York, NY <i>New York: An American Capital</i> 12/14/06-6/1/08</p> <p><i>From NARA's Holdings: New York Photographs</i> 10/1/05-6/1/08</p> | | <p>Philadelphia, PA <i>Melting Pot Woes: Ethnic Suspicions on the Homefront 1917-1918</i> 9/24/07-8/31/08</p> | | <p>New York, NY <i>Mickey Mouse Goes To Court</i> 10/9/07-3/30/08</p> | | <p>1</p> <p>Morrow, GA Speaking Stones: Voices from Historic Oakland Lecture/Genealogists 706-369-9420</p> |
| 2 | 3 | <p>Waltham, MA Census, Passenger List, and Naturalization Records Genealogy Lecture Lecture/General Public 781-663-0144 waltham.archives@nara.gov</p> | <p>Philadelphia, PA Using Maps for Genealogy Workshop/ Genealogists 215-606-0112</p> | <p>Waltham, MA Chinese Exclusion Act Workshop for Educators 781-663-0144 waltham.archives@nara.gov</p> | <p>Morrow, GA "A Date Which Will Live in Infamy" Workshop/General Public 770-968-2555</p> | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | <p>New York, NY Finding Family: Using Naturalization Records Workshop General Public 866-840-1752</p> | <p>Philadelphia, PA What Else is Here? Workshop/Genealogists 215-606-0112</p> | | <p>Philadelphia, PA Preserving Family Treasures (First Friday) Open House General Public 215-606-0112</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Beginning Your Genealogy at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600</p> | |
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| 16 | 17 | | | | <p>Pittsfield, MA Vox Pop 2:00 P.M. Radio Show/ Genealogists 413-236-3604</p> | 22 |
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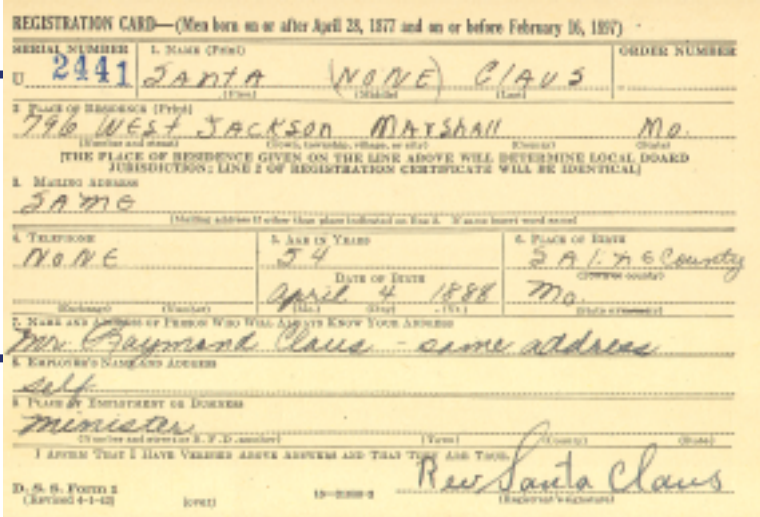
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NARA Midwest December 2007

Exhibit:
Blue Springs, MO
Christmas in the Archives
12/14/07-12/26/07

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| Exhibit: Chicago, IL <i>Cinema in the Stacks: The History Behind the Hollywood Storylines</i> 11/1/07-12/31/07 | | | Exhibit: Kansas City, MO <i>Documents of the Season</i> 12/14/07-12/26/07 | | | |
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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1917)

MERIAL NUMBER: U 2441
 1. NAME (PRINT): SANTA (First) (None) (Last) CLAUS
 2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print): 796 WEST JACKSON MARSHALL Mo. (City) (County) (State)
 (THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINK ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)
 3. MAILING ADDRESS: SAME
 4. TELEPHONE: NONE
 5. AGE IN YEARS: 54
 6. PLACE OF BIRTH: SAULT COUNTY Mo. (City) (County) (State)
 DATE OF BIRTH: April 4 1888 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Mr. Raymond Claus - same address
 8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: self
 9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: minister
 I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ADDRESS AND THAT TRUE AND TRUE
 D. S. H. FORTIN (Signature) REW Santa Claus (Signature)

Fourth Registration Draft Card for Santa Claus, 1942
 RG 147, World War II, Marshall County, MO
 NARA's Central Plains Region, Kansas City, MO

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