

October 2011

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

California Women Stand up for Equality

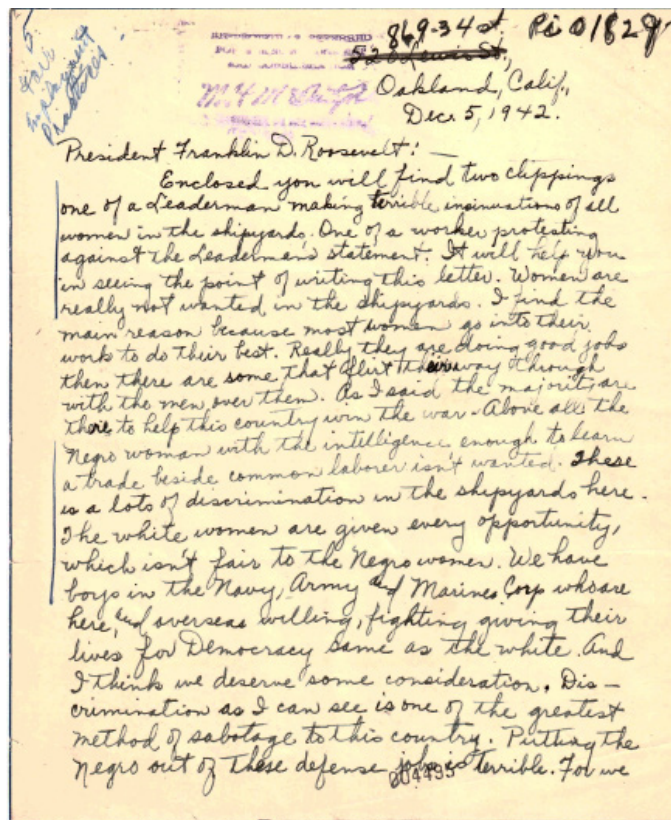
This year we mark the centennial of women's suffrage in California, and celebrate women of all backgrounds and nationalities who joined together to demand a voice in economic, political, and social issues. California passed a women's suffrage amendment on October 10, 1911, but it was certainly not the end of the fight for equality and freedom from discrimination.

This continuing struggle is apparent in the regional records of the Committee on Fair Employment Practice (known as the FEPC), contained in Record Group 228 at the National Archives at San Francisco. The FEPC existed from 1941 to 1946 and was created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in response to the widespread discrimination occurring against African Americans and people of other racial and ethnic groups. The Committee investigated discrimination in World War II industries such as naval shipyards, defense plants, and government offices. The Pacific Regional Office at San Francisco handled all cases on the West Coast, including California, Washington, Nevada, and Oregon.

Many men and women appealed to the FEPC for help in securing fair employment as welders, sheet metal workers, convoy drivers, or clerks. An African American woman named Mary Ewell protested that she had been kept in the temporary clerk pool at the California Quartermaster Depot in Oakland, California, despite being more qualified than her white co-workers. The FEPC intervened on Ewell's behalf, and she was given a permanent job. After Tereatha Crawford appealed to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for help getting union work in the Richmond Shipyards, the FEPC took her case and secured a job for her as a welder. Other women sent letters directly to President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Coralie Young wrote, "It was a good idea to send someone to see into all

this discrimination for I don't think that parts of the Constitution about equal rights are being carried out."

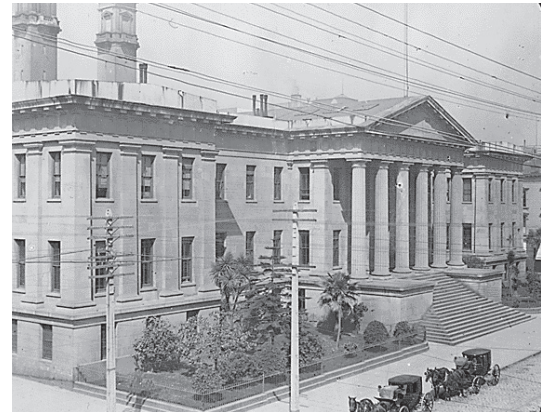
Until recently, the 20 cubic feet of Pacific Region FEPC records could only be searched by the name of the organization under investigation. Now, thanks to the efforts of dedicated volunteers, San Francisco also has a name index to help researchers search for an individual and discover personal stories of amazing courage in the fight for equality.



Above: First page of Coralie Young's December 5, 1942, letter to President Roosevelt; Closed Cases, 1941-46, Region XII, San Francisco; Records of Committee on Fair Employment Practice, Record Group 228; National Archives at San Francisco.

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Photograph of the San Francisco Mint, ca. 1900
Records of the U.S. Mint
Record Group 104
National Archives at San Francisco



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Information Booth and Exhibit:
Boise, ID
"Idaho Council for History Education"
10/6-7/11

Tour:
Seattle, WA
"Archives Month Tours"
10/8/11

Information Booth and Exhibit:
Anchorage, AK
"Alaska Historical Society Museums Conference"
10/10-12/11

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Exhibit: Seattle, WA "Faces of the Pacific Northwest" 9/1-12/11			Seattle, WA Archives Fair All Day General Public Information Booth and Exhibit 206-336-5115		Anchorage, AK Exhibit at U.S. Citizenship Ceremony and Speaker 9 A.M.-1 P.M. General Public Exhibit 907-261-7800	Edmonds, WA Finding Online Resources TBA K-12 Teachers Workshop 206-336-5115 Edmonds, WA The World's Fair 50th-Anniversary Curriculum TBA K-12 Teachers Workshop 206-336-5115
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Workshop: Anchorage, AK "Getting to the Source-Primary Sources for Educators" 10/14-15/11				Seattle, WA "Brick Wall" Genealogical Discussion Group 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115	Anchorage, AK Exhibit at U.S. Citizenship Ceremony and Speaker 10:30 A.M. General Public Exhibit 907-261-7800	Anchorage, AK Anchorage Genealogy Society Fall 2012 Seminar 8 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Genealogists/ Exhibit 907-261-7800
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Information Booth and Exhibit: Denver, CO "Black Genealogy Group Family History Festival" 10/22/11						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Denver, CO Genealogy Workshop and Onsite Training 8:30 A.M. General Public Workshop and Tour 303-407-5749	Denver, CO Genealogy Workshop and Onsite Training 8:30 A.M. General Public Workshop and Tour 303-407-5749		Denver, CO Bellevue, WA 9 A.M.-Noon General Public Information Booth and Exhibit 206-336-5115
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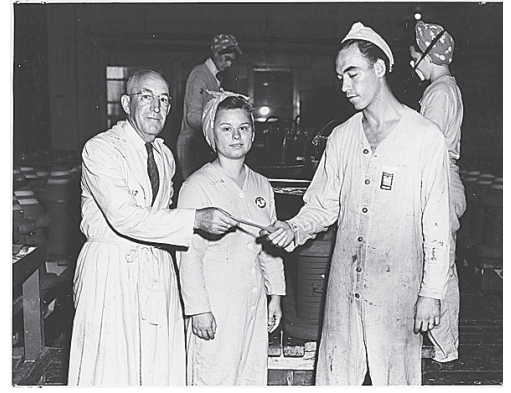
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NARA Midwest October 2011

Women move into the wartime labor force, 1944
Records of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance
Record Group 156
National Archives at Kansas City



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SATURDAY

Exhibit:
Chicago, IL
"Becoming American: Immigrants, the Federal Courts in Chicago, and the Expansion of Citizenship, 1872-1991"
Ongoing

Exhibit:
St. Louis, MO
"Documented Rights"
10/3/11-3/2/12

Exhibit:
Kansas City, MO
"Picture This!"
Through 12/31/11

Wheaton, IL
14th Civil War Symposium
9 A.M.
General Public Lecture
773-948-9001

Chicago, IL
McCormick Teacher Resource Fair
8:00 A.M.
K-12 Teachers Information Booth
773-948-9010

Exhibit:
Kearney, MO
"Mugged"
10/3-15/11

Fort Worth, TX
Native American Research Online: 1896 Applications and Dawes Roll
Noon-1 P.M.
Genealogists Workshop
817-831-5620

Topeka, KS
National Archives Booth
10 A.M.
Genealogists Information Booth
816-268-8000

Exhibit:
Kansas City, MO
"Lee and Grant"
4/19-10/22/11

Chicago, IL
Chicago History Fair Kick Off
4 P.M.
K-12 Teachers Information Booth
773-948-9010

Firth, NE
Smokey Bear & Fire Safety
2:15 P.M.
K-12 Students Lecture
816-268-8000

Overland Park, KS
Introduction to the National Archives
9 A.M.
General Public Lecture
816-268-8000

Council Bluffs, IA
Piecing Together the Puzzle: Federal Records in Genealogy Research
10 A.M. and 1 P.M.
Librarians Workshop
816-268-8000

Council Bluffs, IA
Navigating the National Archives Web Site
11:05 A.M.
Librarians Workshop
816-268-8000

Kansas City, MO
Various Presentations
8 A.M.
Genealogists Workshop
816-268-8000

Independence, MO
History Day Workshop
9 A.M.
K-12 Students Workshop
816-268-8000

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Kansas City, MO
Lee and Grant Speaker Series: A Conversation on Lee and Grant
6:30 P.M.
General Public Panel Discussion
816-268-8000

St. Louis, MO
The Struggle for Equality
6 P.M.
General Public Symposium
314-801-0847

Kansas City, MO
How Archives Can Aid Educators
1 P.M.
Archival and Allied Professionals Lecture
816-268-8000

Kansas City, MO
Introduction to DocsTeach
10 A.M.
K-12 Teachers Lecture
816-268-8000

Kansas City, MO
Land Records, Naturalization Records, and the 1940 Census
Genealogists/Workshop
816-268-8000

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Kansas City, MO
Excelsior Springs: Haunted Haven by Janet Reed
6:30 P.M.
General Public Lecture/Signing
816-268-8000

Kansas City, MO
Introduction to the National Archives
8:30 A.M.
K-12 Teachers Lecture
816-268-8000

St. Louis, MO
MCSS Workshop
10 A.M.
K-12 Students Lecture
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