

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN THE REGIONS...

March 2012

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Privateer Commissions – War of 1812

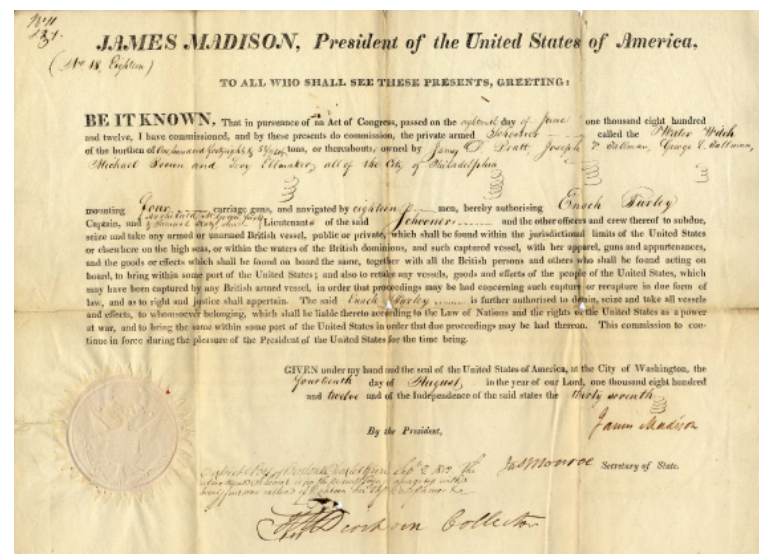
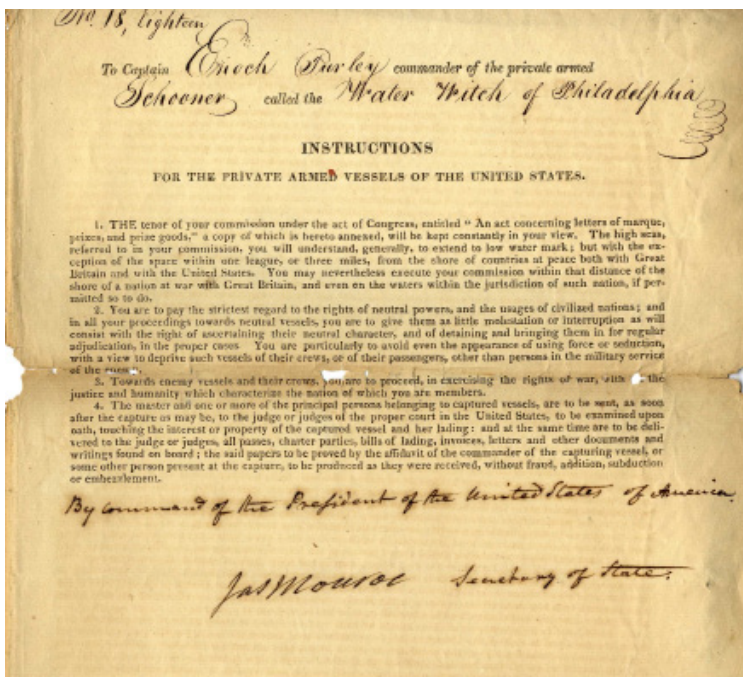
By Jefferson Moak

The War of 1812, also known as the Second American Revolution, has the unfortunate distinction of occurring exactly 50 years before the great American conflict—the Civil War. Commemorations of the Civil War have always overshadowed any celebration of the American victories and defeats in war that occurred between 1812 and 1815.

America's Forgotten War has left many records scattered throughout the National Archives. For the citizens along the East Coast, this war, with the exception of the invasion of Maryland and the District of Columbia in 1814, was restricted primarily to maritime venues. In time-honored fashion, entrepreneurs fitted

out raiders, with or without the United States Government's official permission, to prey upon the shipping of Great Britain.

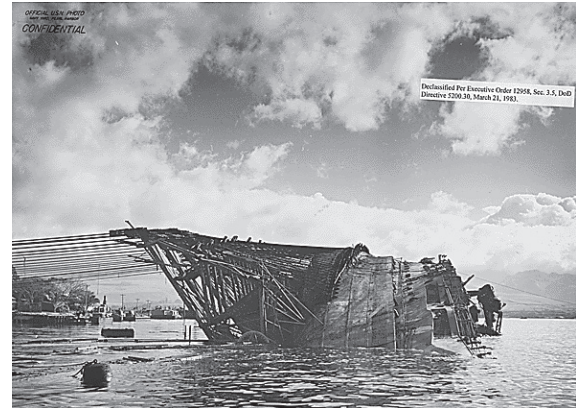
During this period of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, archivists at the National Archives have looked for records of this conflict. Found in the records of the Customs Bureau for the Port of Baltimore (Record Group 36) are a number of privateer commissions, many of them signed by President James Madison and co-signed by Secretary of State (and future President) James Monroe. Often included in the file is a printed copy of the act enabling the commissioning of and instructions to the privateers.



Left and Right: Privateer Commission and Instructions, Baltimore, Maryland, August 14, 1812, from Records of the U.S. Customs Service, RG 36.

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USS Oklahoma salvage, view from ahead with ship in 90-degree position, March 19, 1943
Records of Naval Districts and Shore Establishments, RG 181
National Archives at San Francisco



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				Denver, CO Colorado State University 9 A.M. Workshop Graduate Students 303-407-5749 Anchorage, AK Home School Group 10 A.M. Workshop K-12 Students 907-261-7800	1	2	3
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Cherry Cotton Mill, Florence, Alabama, 1939
Records of the Tennessee Valley Authority,
Record Group 142
National Archives at Atlanta



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Exhibit:
Philadelphia, PA
"Libro Curio: Reconstructing
the Book"
Through 3/31/12

Exhibit:
Boston, MA
"Documented Rights"
Ongoing

Waltham, MA
Use Docs Teach!
6 P.M.
K-12 Teachers
Workshop
866-406-2379

Waltham, MA
We The People
9 A.M.
K-12 Teachers
Workshop
866-406-2379

Philadelphia, PA
First Friday Genealogy
Open House
**Basics of Irish
Research**
**Speaker: Deborah
Large Fox**
Noon
Genealogists
215-606-0100

Philadelphia, PA
**Historical Society
of Pennsylvania**
9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.
Conference
Genealogists
215-732-6200x227

Morrow, GA
**Georgia
Genealogical Society**
8 A.M.-4 P.M.
Workshop
Genealogists
770-968-2555

Waltham, MA
**Introducing the
1940 Census**
2 P.M.
General Public
Workshop and Tour
866-406-2379

Philadelphia, PA
1940 Census
Noon
Workshop
Genealogists
215-606-0110

Morrow, GA
Arte Gras
11 A.M.
Open House
General Public
770-968-2555

New York, NY
**Finding Family:
Exploring the 1940
Census**
12:30 P.M.
Workshop and Tour
General Public
866-840-1752

Abington, PA
1940 Census
7:30 P.M.
Meeting
Genealogists
dorothymclark@
yahoo.com

Waltham, MA
**They Came from
Canada**
6 P.M.
General Public
Workshop and Tour
866-406-2379

Waltham, MA
**Education
Equality:
Remembering
Morgan v. Hennigan**
6 P.M.
Lecture
General Public
866-406-2379

Morrow, GA
**Civic Engagement
Conference**
10 A.M.
Symposium
Under Graduate
Students
770-968-2555

Morrow, GA
**African American
Historical &
Genealogical Society**
11 A.M.
Workshop
Genealogists
770-968-2555

Wilmington, DE
1940 Census
7:30 P.M.
Workshop and Tour
Genealogists
302-658-7681

Morrow, GA
**Home School
History**
10 A.M.
Guided Group
Research Visit
K-12 Students
770-968-2530

Morrow, GA
**Department
of Labor**
8 A.M.
Information Booth
General Public
770-968-2555

New York, NY
**The Road to
the 1940
Census: In Search of
your Family**
10 A.M.-4 P.M.
Workshop
General Public
866-840-1752

Morrow, GA
Home School History
10 A.M.
Guided Group
Research Visit
K-12 Students
770-968-2530

New York, NY
**National Treasure
at Federal Hall**
11 A.M.
Research Visit
K-12 Students
866-840-1752

Morrow, GA
**Meeting of the
Friends of the
National Archives**
10 A.M.
Workshop
General Public

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National Archives**
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Workshop
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New England, MA
**National History
Day: VT, MA, NH**
8 A.M.
K-12 Students
866-406-2379

Philadelphia, PA
National History Day
9 A.M.
K-12 Students
215-606-0103

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**National History
Day: VT, MA, NH**
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Reamstown, PA
**Family History and
Civil War**
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