

January 2013

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

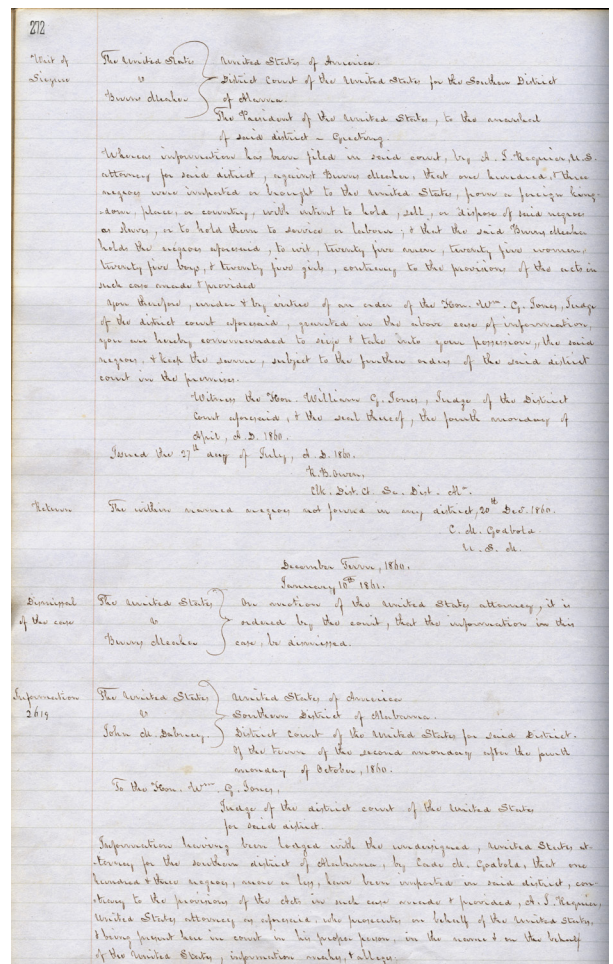
The Clotilda as Slave-Runner

Built and licensed in Mobile, Alabama in 1855, the *Clotilda* (or *Clotilde*) was a two-masted schooner, 86 feet long by 23 feet wide, measuring 120 tons. According to the records, the ship's first voyage transporting cargo was on January 25, 1856, when she departed for Havana, Cuba, carrying 70,000 feet of lumber and other cargo. Through the next four years, the *Clotilda* continued to ferry goods between Mobile, domestic ports in Texas and Louisiana, and foreign ports in Cuba and Mexico, establishing itself as a reliable cargo vessel. Described on the latest cargo manifest for the ship available in the records, she departed Mobile for "St. Thomas or a Market" on February 27, 1860, carrying 41,000 feet of lumber, 18 barrels of whiskey, 75 barrels of flour, 46 barrels of beef, and 74 barrels of bread. There was no return manifest for that particular voyage.

On July 7, 1860, the *Clotilda*, commanded by Capt. William Foster, entered Mobile Bay carrying "more or less" 103 slaves from "a foreign kingdom, place, or country," 52 years after the United States legally abolished the international slave trade. That would make the *Clotilda* the last-known ship to bring slaves to the United States, arriving over 18 months after the *Wanderer* landed at Jekyll Island, Georgia. After unloading its human cargo, Captain Foster burned the ship in the harbor to destroy the evidence.

While they do not appear to have been members of the crew or sponsors of the ship, Burns Meaher and John Dabney "reserved" a number of the slaves prior to their importation and acquired them when they arrived in Mobile. The first summonses and writs of seizure for Meaher and Dabney in the U.S. District Court records for Mobile were issued on July 27, 1860; however, the orders were not executed

until December 17 and 20, respectively, by giving the defendants the information verbally. The returns for both writs of seizure yielded a predictable result: the slaves were not found. Thus, the cases against Meaher and Dabney were dismissed on January 10, 1861, just months prior to the start of the Civil War. Of note, John M. Dabney appears again in the Mobile Circuit Court records in 1876 for a criminal violation of the Enforcement Acts of 1870–71.

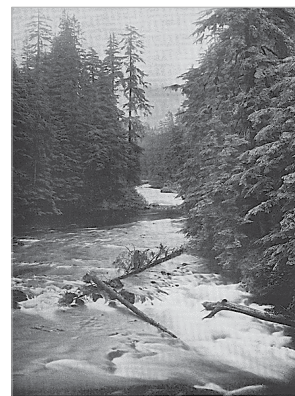


Right: Dismissal of the case *U.S. v. Burns Meaher*, January 10, 1861; Final Record Book, 1859–1861 U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama; Records of District Courts of the United States, Record Group 21; National Archives at Atlanta.

NARA WestCoast January 2013

A Trip Through Alaska, illustrated by E. A. Hegg, Seattle, Washington: The Ivy Press. *A Trout Stream in Alaska*, 1905

Collection WME: Sir Henry Wellcome Collection, 1856-1936
National Archives at Anchorage



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Exhibit: Seattle, WA "Faces of the Pacific Northwest" Ongoing						
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Exhibit: Seattle, WA "They Were Here, You Are There: 6125 Sand Point Way" Ongoing						
			Seattle, WA Brick Wall- Genealogy Discussion Group 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115			Burbank, CA Lunch and Learn Noon-2 P.M. General Public Workshop 951-956-2000 <hr/> Seattle, WA The National Archives Online 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M. General Public Workshop 206-336-5115 <hr/> Seattle, WA Understanding the National Archives 12:30 A.M.-2 P.M. General Public Workshop 206-336-5115
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			Denver, CO City of Broomfield Cultural Affairs Presentation 1 P.M. Workshop and Tour Archival and Allied Professionals 303-407-5749			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Denver, CO Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists Workshop 10 A.M. Tour Archival and Allied Professionals 303-407-5749		Seattle, WA Lesser Known Records of the National Archives for Family History TBA Workshop K-12 Teachers 206-336-5115	
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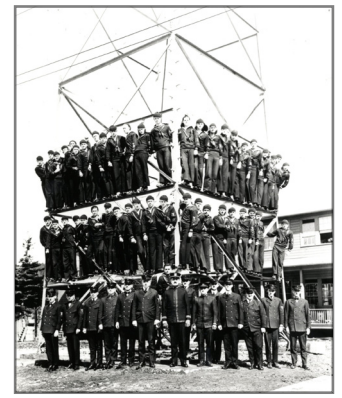
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NARA East Coast January 2013

Otter Cliffs Radio Station Operating Force, March 6, 1919
Records of Naval Districts and Shore Establishments, 1784–2000, RG 181
National Archives at Boston



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Exhibit: Philadelphia, PA "Documented Rights" Ongoing				Waltham, MA Applications of Research Methods 6 P.M. K-12 Teachers Workshop 866-406-2379	Morrow, GA First Friday Freebies: Court Records Noon General Public Lecture 770-968-2100	
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	Morrow, GA Naturalization Ceremony 8 A.M. -NOON General Public Open House 770-968-2100	Waltham, MA Census, Passenger Lists, & Naturalizations 2 P.M. K-12 Teachers Workshop 866-406-2379			Philadelphia, PA First Friday Round Table Noon-2 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 215-606-0100	
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			Morrow, GA Home School History 10 A.M. -3 P.M. General Public Workshop 770-968-2100			Morrow, GA MLK Film Festival 11 A.M. -3 P.M. General Public Open House 770-968-2100
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			Morrow, GA Teaching American History Grant Meeting 11 A.M. -2 P.M. Teachers Workshop 770-968-2100			
			Philadelphia, PA Family Search Global Initiatives Noon-2 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 215-606-0100			Cambridge, MA We the People 9 A.M. General Public Student Competition 866-406-2379
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	Morrow, GA Naturalization Ceremony 8 A.M. -NOON General Public Open House 770-968-2100		Exhibit: Boston, MA "America Votes: Our Power and Responsibility. Presidential Elections Preserved in the National Archives" Through 1/21/13			

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NARA Midwest January 2013

"Girl Winter Sports Fans"
Records of the Forest Service, 1870–2008,
RG 95
National Archives at Chicago



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	Exhibit: Chicago, IL "Becoming American: Immigrants, the Federal Courts in Chicago, and the Expansion of Citizenship, 1872–1991" Ongoing				Forth Worth, TX Hispanic Research and Sources–The Basics Noon Workshop Genealogists 817-831-5620	
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Exhibit: Kansas City, MO "Between the Rivers: Steamboating in Missouri and Iowa" Through 4/27/13					Parkville, MO Introduction to the National Archives Noon General Public Lecture 816-268-8000	Chicago, IL Navigating the National Archives Web Site 9:30–11:30 A.M. General Public Workshop 773-948-9001
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		Kansas City, MO Bypassed by Greatness: The Warren Harding Years 6:30 P.M. Lecture General Public 816-268-8000	Kansas City, MO Keep It Simple: Organizing Your Genealogy Research 10 A.M. Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8000			Kansas City, MO "The Admirals" 2 P.M. General Public Author Event 816-268-8000
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Exhibit: Kansas City, MO "School House to White House" Through 2/23/13			Kansas City, MO Something to Talk About: Including Oral History Interviews in Your Family History 10 A.M. Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8000			
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		Kansas City, MO "Kansas Then and Now" 6:30 P.M. General Public Author Event 816-268-8000	St. Louis, MO Researcher Forum 4–6 P.M. General Public 314-801-0850			
			Kansas City, MO Deciphering the Code: Reading Old Script 10 A.M. Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8000	Kansas City, MO Blue Springs School District Career Fair 6 P.M. Information Booth 816-268-8000		

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