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NATIONAL ARCHIVES at NEW YORK CITY
One Bowling Green, 3rd Floor         New York, NY 10004

Directions
The facility is located on the south side of Bowling Green, in lower Manhattan, adjacent to the northeast corner of Battery Park.

By Subway: 4 & 5 trains to Bowling Green
1 train to South Ferry
R train to Whitehall Street
J & Z trains to Broad Street
2 & 3 trains to Wall Street
From New Jersey, Take the PATH to the World Trade Center and walk south to One Bowling Green.

By Bus: M5, M15, and M20.

Drop off Parking: Buses may drop off groups at State Street or Whitehall Street. There are several parking garages located nearby.

Contact Us!
Research hours: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Hours subject to change due to holidays, special programs, and weather. Please check our web site for current hours. We are closed on all Federal holidays.

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At the National Archives location in New York City you can see original historical documents, photographs, maps, drawings, artifacts, and much more, from over 100 Federal agencies. By law, we preserve and provide access to permanently valuable, noncurrent Federal records with historical, legal, or fiscal value.

- We provide access to the records that document our nation's history.
- We sponsor programs that educate the public about archives, history, genealogy, and related subjects.
- We partner with colleges and universities, historical and genealogical societies, veterans organizations, museums, and other archives.
- We recruit and train volunteers, docents, and interns who want to learn more about history while helping researchers.

Access is free—to documents, displays and exhibits, online genealogy subscription services, workshops, events, and more.
At the National Archives you can…

Explore Our Records
History resides in the documents, photographs, illustrations, and artifacts of the National Archives. Take a moment to discover your heritage and conduct your own search in our Research Center.

Curious about history? Writing a school paper? Searching for information about the impact of Federal programs? Anyone who needs historical information created or received by the Federal Government—historians, genealogists, lawyers, scholars, Government officials, environmentalists, students, teachers, veterans—may search our holdings for answers.

Did you ever wonder what happened after the Titanic sank? How a person secured their copyright or patent from infringement? Or how a person’s daily life was affected during wartime? Records at the National Archives at New York City can answer these and other questions. Our records are diverse in form and content, including correspondence, name lists, reports, contracts, case files, photographs, maps, posters, and drawings that document the actions and reactions of the Government and the American people as they dealt with issues and events such as immigration and naturalization, the environment, technological change, the Great Depression, war, and the evolution of a multicultural nation.

The Research Center is available to you for use of original documents from our holdings, and for the use of online and microfilmed materials.

The Welcome Center provides information about our nationwide holdings including original document displays.

The Learning Center offers a variety of educational programs, including teacher workshops, student field trips, genealogy workshops, historic lectures, family activities and more.

“The staff is wonderful and attentive, extremely helpful and generous, you really made our day helping us find a difficult to locate record”
—Gail A., Brooklyn, NY
At the National Archives you can…

**Look for Your Family History**
We can assist as you search for information about your family. We provide access to the Federal population censuses for all states, 1790–1940; passenger arrival lists and select naturalization records; and military records and draft registration records for the Civil War, World War I, and World War II.

Free computer access is available for researchers wanting to view Ancestry, Heritage Quest and Fold3 for family history.

**Consult Our Expert Staff**
We are here to help you with your questions. In fact, we encourage you to ask us questions. If you have a specific need or just need help, our staff is here to guide you to your answers as you get started and throughout your exploration. If during your search you do not find the needle in the haystack you are seeking, you will find something unexpected, unique, and fascinating.

There is no substitute for the experience of holding an authentic historical record, for being on-site as you learn from professionals how to search documents while you discover your own connections to our nation’s past.
**Discover Our Education Programs Learning Center**

**For Educators**
We assist teachers in the use of primary source documents helpful in the K–16 curriculum. Resources permitting, we
- teach professional development workshops for educators at our facility and in schools
- provide primary-source documents tied to state teaching standards, in New Jersey and New York, for use in the classroom and lesson plans
- provide copies or facsimiles of primary sources suitable for use in the classroom
- co-sponsor workshops with educator associations

Refresh your teaching objectives with professional development sessions. Work with our education staff for an interactive, hands-on learning experience that includes a tour of our facilities with our staff.

Primary records can support school curriculums and cover a wide scope of topics including: immigration and citizenship, the evolution of the Federal courts and their impact on everyday life, the alien and sedition acts, constitutional and civil rights, economic development, antitrust prosecutions, the environment, invention and technology, organized crime, the labor movement, 17th- and 18th-century admiralty cases, the arts, censorship, the New Deal, the Cold War, African Americans, Native Americans, Chinese exclusion, the Civil War, war and the home front, maritime history, and so much more.

**Field Trips and On-Site Visits**
Refresh your classroom with field trips. Work with our education staff for an interactive, hands-on learning experience that includes a tour of our archival repository. Educators will also receive pre-visit and post-visit curriculum materials. All programs are standards-based and emphasize cross-curricular connections.

**Become A Docent, Volunteer, or Intern**
Interested in history or genealogy? As a volunteer, you will help generations of people learn about their history, and you will play a vital role in the success of our programs. Whether you are between careers or working, a college or graduate student, or a retiree, a satisfying volunteer experience awaits you!
- Genealogy research assistants help patrons research their family history.
- Docents guide visitors through our facility and exhibits and answer questions about the archives.
- Volunteers and interns perform various tasks including the preparation of original records for public use and data entry.
- Education Assistants aid with the development of education tools based on primary sources in the holdings of the National Archives.

Please ask us for more information!

**For Students**
Looking for materials to use for reports in class or to support your National History Day project? Use our records
- as primary sources for your research project
- to demonstrate or illustrate the questions or answers in your paper
- to enhance your presentation, or
- as research for National History Day projects.
Information for Researchers

Anyone who has cleaned out a family attic knows the importance of keeping family records. You may have military records from relatives who served in one of the World Wars—or even the Civil War. Or pictures of your great-great grandparents on the day they became American citizens. Now imagine the task of the National Archives and Records Administration—record keepers for all historically valuable records created by agencies of your Federal Government.

From one building on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, the National Archives has grown to 15 archives locations nationwide, from Atlanta to Anchorage.

“Our students really connected to the immigrants that you taught about during their field trip. They still talk about that trip and all that they learned. Thanks so much.”

—Kathleen A., Seaford, NY

Our staff is here and ready to assist you. Because research is time-consuming, you may need to visit more than once.

Appointments are necessary for original records research. Please call 866-840-1752 before visiting to assure that records are available.

Please bring identification such as a driver’s license, passport, or student ID so that we can issue you a researcher’s card.

Please plan on leaving your personal belongings in a locker. Laptop computers and digital cameras without the flash are permitted.

Get Copies of Records

For a fee, our staff will make or arrange for copies of records and provide certified copies for legal use.

You can use self-service copiers for a fee to make paper copies from microfilm.

Self-service copying of original records may be allowed depending on the condition of the records.