

Fall 2011 Genealogy Series

Tues. September 13 Using Alien Files (A-Files)

The A-Files are U.S. immigration documents generated and collected since the mid-20th century. Archival staff will discuss the wealth of genealogical data found within them, including visas, photographs, applications, affidavits, correspondence, and more. This program runs from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.

Tues. October 11 Preserving Your Family Papers

Learn about proper storage of family documents, photographs, home movies, digital images, and other items to ensure that these treasures will survive for future generations. Attendees are welcome to bring one item for conservation advice in an open forum at the end of the lecture. This program is part of our annual Open House and runs from noon to 3 P.M.

Tues. November 8 Civil War Draft Records

Archival staff demonstrates how to research your New York and New Jersey ancestors using the records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau. The records document arrested deserters, men enrolled for the draft, and enlisted volunteers, and include compiled statistics on the physical condition of recruits and military casualties. This program runs from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Tues. December 13 Using NARA's Online Catalog

Online Public Access is still growing in content one year after we piloted it as the online public portal to our records and information about our records. Learn how to search OPA and how to access all interrelated catalogs. This presentation will provide participants with an overview on how to find genealogical information within it. This program runs from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

** Space is limited, so please register at newyork.archives@nara.gov or 866-840-1752
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