

June 2016 Newsletter

June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. Commemorate this month by checking out Discovering LGBTQ History —a TumbIr page featuring NARA records. Topics recently explored were the 1778 court martial of Lt. Frederick Enslin, correspondence between activist Frank Kameny and President Kennedy, and a speech and a letter from San Francisco politician and activist Harvey Milk.

Other Ways to Commemorate LGBT Pride Month:

- Visit the <u>Stonewall booth</u> at the National Capital Pride Festival (between 6th & 7th Avenues on Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.) on Sunday, June 12 from noon to 7 p.m.
- Learn about <u>LGBT Pride Month</u> from the Library of Congress.

Happy 82nd Birthday, Great Smoky Mountains National Park!

The National Archives at Philadelphia

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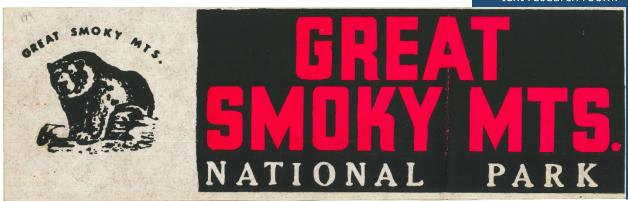
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The National Archives at Philadelphia research room is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Researchers can also call to schedule an appointment to view textual records in our text research room.



In July 1959, the Superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at Gatlinburg, Tennessee submitted to the National Park Service Region 1 Director a series of bumper stickers for review. The bumper stickers each display important man-made landmarks and wildlife sights of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The "Loop Over" refers to a part of Route 441 in the Park, heading south toward the Tennessee/North Carolina border, where the road almost loops back on itself in a 280 degree turn over a stone bridge to climb higher elevation. One of the other stickers containing the Black Bear refers to the species of bear that freely inhabits the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Want to learn more about the Great Smoky Mountains National Park or other NPS sites? Check out our online catalog at: http://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/ and make an appointment to view our holdings at the National Archives at Philadelphia by calling (215) 305-2044 or emailing us at philadelphia.archives@nara.gov.

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<u>Summer Diversity Intern at the</u> National Archives at Philadelphia!

We are happy to welcome Summer Diversity Intern, Amellia Fiske, to NARA. She will be working with our World War I holdings to develop resources for researchers. Amellia received her Bachelor Degree in English from University of Los Angeles at California, and is currently working on her Candidate for Master of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University. We look forward to learning from Amellia's experience and helping her learn more about NARA and our holdings at Philadelphia.



Upcoming Events and Initiatives:

The National Archives at Philadelphia does not have any upcoming onsite events. However, there are many NARA programs available online. See two notable examples below:

"AMENDING AMERICA"

A notable NARA initiative is the Amending America program, which is Highlighting the remarkably American story of how we have amended, or attempted to amend, the Constitution in order to form a nation that more closely mirrors our ideals. 2016 marks the 225th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, one of our nation's early attempts to form "a more perfect union." In honor of this milestone, the National Archives encourages the nation to engage in thoughtful debate and discussion of how our ancestors sought to create a more just society and how we do so today.

Through our series of *National Conversations on Rights and Justice*, we invite Americans to explore a range of contemporary issues, addressing the tension between individual rights and collective responsibilities, a process that began with the Bill of Rights.

Want to learn more? Tune in on or after June 2, 2016 to hear the Know Your Records series video, <u>U.S. Constitutional Amendments</u>, during which co-curator Christine Blackerby discusses the records in our new exhibit, "Amending America."

Reminders

Follow the National Archives at Philadelphia on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Tumblr</u> for featured highlights from our collection! We'll be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service throughout 2016 by highlighting some of our many NPS records.

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