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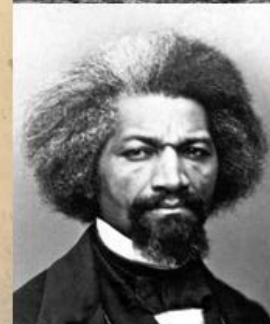
The Emancipation Proclamation



1863



2013



Emancipation Proclamation 150th Anniversary Celebrated by NARA Staff in San Bruno

On December 31, about 25 members of NARA Archives, Federal Records Center, and Records Management Program staffs met to commemorate issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation 150 years ago. The program included the NARA "Inside the Vaults" video "Emancipation Proclamation 150th Anniversary at the National Archives" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TJreHq76xM>.

Following the video, we had a brief presentation by RM Analyst Richard Boyden. Richard talked about the events leading to the issuance of the document, including Union military defeats early in the war, and the grave

danger of intervention by Great Britain in favor of the Confederacy. The Proclamation transformed the war into a war against slavery and swung British public opinion to the Union's side.

The presentation was followed by discussion, addressing questions about the nature of slavery and the possible economic motives of the North in the Civil War.

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The Document that Changed America Forever

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, as the nation approached its third year of bloody civil war. The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free."

Despite this expansive wording, the Emancipation Proclamation was limited in many ways. It applied only to states that had seceded from the Union, leaving

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slavery untouched in the loyal border states. It also expressly exempted parts of the Confederacy that had already come under Northern control. Most important, the freedom it promised depended upon Union military victory.

Although the Emancipation Proclamation did not end slavery in the nation, it captured the hearts and imagination of millions of Americans and fundamentally transformed the character of the war. After January 1, 1863, every advance of Union troops expanded the domain of freedom. Moreover, the Proclamation announced the acceptance of black men into the Union Army and Navy, enabling the liberated to become liberators. By the end of the war, almost 200,000 black soldiers and sailors had fought for the Union and freedom.

From the first days of the Civil War, slaves had acted to secure their own liberty. The Emancipation Proclamation confirmed their insistence that the war for the Union must become a war for freedom. It added moral force to the Union cause and strengthened the Union both militarily and politically. As a milestone along the road to slavery's final destruction, the Emancipation Proclamation has assumed a place among the great documents of human freedom.

The original Emancipation Proclamation is in the National Archives in Washington, DC. With

the text covering five pages the document was originally tied with narrow red and blue ribbons, which were attached to the signature page by a wafered impression of the seal of the United States. Most of the ribbon remains; parts of the seal are still decipherable, but other parts have worn off.

The document was bound with other proclamations in a large volume preserved for many years by the Department of State. When it was prepared for binding, it was reinforced with strips along the center folds and then mounted on a still larger sheet of heavy paper. Written in red ink on the upper right-hand corner of this large sheet is the number of the Proclamation, 95, given to it by the Department of State long after it was signed. With other records, the volume containing the Emancipation Proclamation was transferred in 1936 from the Department of State to the National Archives of the United States.



Jason Savedoff

Second Document Thief Sentenced

On November 9, 2012, a Federal judge sentenced Jason Savedoff to a year and a day in prison, for conspiracy and theft of priceless documents from the Franklin Roosevelt Presidential Library, part of the National Archives. Savedoff's co-conspirator, Barry Landau was sentenced to seven years in prison in July.

Among the items known to be stolen from the Roosevelt Library were seven "reading copies" of speeches that President Roosevelt delivered. They contained President Roosevelt's edits and handwritten additions, along with his signature. The speeches have all been recovered.

Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero stated: "The security of the holdings of the National Archives is my highest priority. I will not tolerate any violation of the law that protects both records and property that belongs to the U.S. government and the American people."

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Records Management Training, January–July 2013

To register go to archives.gov/records-mgmt/training/ or email our training registrar at laguna.workshops@nara.gov

For more information on our workshops, go to <http://nara.learn.com/recordsmanagement-training>

By Course Name:

Basic Records Operations January 23, San Francisco

Records Management Overview (Knowledge Area 1)

January 7, Las Vegas March 4, Honolulu April 8, Phoenix
April 15, Salt Lake City April 29, San Francisco
July 15, San Diego

Records Scheduling (Knowledge Area 3)

January 10-11, Las Vegas March 7-8, Honolulu
April 11-12, Phoenix April 18-19 Salt Lake City
May 2-3, San Francisco July 18-19, San Diego

Asset and Risk Management (Knowledge Area 5)

February 6-7, Las Vegas March 13-14, Honolulu
May 8-9 Salt Lake City May 22-23, Phoenix
July 10-11, San Francisco August 22-23, San Diego

Vital Records January 24, San Francisco **Emergency Preparedness** January 25, San Francisco

Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (Knowledge Area 2)

January 8-9, Las Vegas
March 5-6, Honolulu April 9-10, Phoenix April 16-17, Salt Lake City
April 30-May 1, San Francisco July 16-17, San Diego

Records Schedule Implementation (Knowledge Area 4)

February 4-5, Las Vegas March 11-12, Honolulu
May 6-7 Salt Lake City May 20-21, Phoenix
July 8-9, San Francisco August 20-21, San Diego

Records Management Program Development (Knowledge Area 6)

February 8, Las Vegas May 10, Salt Lake City May 24, Phoenix
July 12, San Francisco August 30, San Diego

By Location:

Las Vegas, Nevada

Records Management Overview (KA1) January 7; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**, January 8-9; **Records Scheduling (KA3)** January 10-11; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)** February 4-5; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, February 6-7; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, February 8

Phoenix, Arizona

Records Management Overview (KA1), April 8; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**, April 9-10; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, April 11-12; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, May 20-21; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, May 22-23; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, May 24

San Francisco, California

Basic Records Operations, January 23; **Vital Business Information (Vital Records in an Emergency)**, January 24; **Emergency Preparedness and Response for Business Information**, January 25; **Records Management Overview (KA1)**, April 29; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**, April 30-May 1; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, May 2-3; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, July 8-9; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, July 10-11; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, July 12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Records Management Overview (KA1), March 4; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**, March 5-6; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, March 7-8; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, March 11-12; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, March 13-14; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, March 15

Salt Lake City, Utah

Records Management Overview (KA1), April 8; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**, April 9-10; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, April 11-12; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, May 20-21; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, May 22-23; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, May 24

San Diego, California

Records Management Overview (KA1), July 15; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**, July 16-17; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, July 18-19; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, August 20-21; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, August 22-23; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, August 24

For on-line training webinars for 2013, see the schedule on page 5

Records Management Training Comes to San Francisco Starting in January

NARA records management training will be ramped up in San Francisco this year, starting with three days basic records operations and disaster planning classes January 23-25. We will also be offering all six classes in the Certificate in Records Management series in San Francisco this year. The 10 day series will be offered in two five day sessions April 29-May 2 and July 8-12. For more information on content and learning objectives, go to <http://nara.learn.com/recordsmanagement-training>.

For dates of specific classes and for information how to register, see our announcement on page 3.

Course	WIND		Barometric	TEMPERATURE			State of the Weather by symbols	Force of Wind by symbols	Direction of Current or Drift	State of the Sea
	Direction	Force		Height in feet	Air	Surf				
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Logbook fragment of the U.S. revenue cutter Rush (1874-1912), whose logbooks have been digitized and their historic weather observations transcribed by volunteers. Also shown: Rush at anchor, n.d.



National Archives and NOAA Join to Digitize Ship Deck Logs

For the first time, the public will have free online access to historic Navy, Coast Guard and Revenue Cutter ship logs between the pre-Civil War period through World War II under a digitization project announced in October by the National Archives and Records Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

As a result of this NARA-NOAA partnership, and with the aid of

citizen scientists, anyone, anywhere, with online access will be able glimpse a wealth of weather data and climate patterns from an age long before the Weather Channel.

In addition to weather data, these logbooks offer invaluable information on U.S. maritime history, military operations, scientific exploration, diplomacy, advances in technology, and near-hourly accounts of dramatic adventures on the high seas, including rescues and shipwrecks.

The project will make available millions of weather, sea ice and other environmental observations for the first time. Once converted

USING FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER SERVICES WORKSHOPS IN 2013

These **FREE** full-day Federal Records Center Program workshops teach you:

- ▶ About our Archives and Records Center Information System (ARCIS)
- ▶ How to transfer records to your Federal Records Center
- ▶ How to make a request for reference services using our on-line Reference Services
- ▶ About our digital-imaging services

When	Where	Information and Registration
February 26	Perris, CA	Diane Jones (951) 956-2064 diane.jones@nara.gov
May 28	Perris, CA	
August 20	Perris, CA	

into digital formats, new analysis of these data will help provide new insights into the past state of the Earth's climate.

Digitization projects with other government agencies and academic communities further NARA's core mission — to preserve and make accessible the records of the Federal Government. NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources.

Other partners include: the Old Weather citizen science project, which uses crowd sourcing and citizen archivists to improve reconstructions of past weather and climate across the world by finding and recording historical weather observations in handwritten ship logs; Zooniverse, the online host for numerous citizen scientist collaborative projects, including Old Weather.org; and the UK Met Office, the UK's national weather service and one of the world's leading providers of climate services.

Records Management Training Webinars Series for 2013

Get the New Year started right with training! All you need is an internet-connected computer and a phone to connect to the toll-free audio conference portion of the course. You can participate from your office, your conference room or from home. Register once to enroll in four 90 minute sessions. The cost includes all four sessions.

To register, go to: [NARA Learn Website](#)

If you have questions, please contact us at:
nara.recordsmanagement@nara.gov.

Basic Records Operations

(\$150 per connection)

This course describes what to file, how to file it, and how to remove files no longer needed for current business. It covers the variety of activities, including practical how-to's, related to Federal records. The webinar format allows participants to build their skills during the 90 minute sessions. Directed assignments help participants to apply these skills to their own workplace during the course. The target audience for this course is records liaisons, secretaries, files custodians, and others who maintain records as part of their jobs.

Dates offered:

- ▶ February 7, 14, 21 and 28 (11:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ March 7, 14, 21 and 28 (7:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ April 4, 11, 18 and 25 (11:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ May 2, 9, 16 and 23 (7:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ June 6, 13, 20 and 27 (11:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ July 10, 17, 24 and 31 (7:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ August 8, 15, 22 and 29 (11:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ September 5, 12, 19 and 26 (7:00 a.m., PT)

Vital Business Information

(\$150 per connection)

This course provides the knowledge and skills required to identify, protect, and make readily available the vital records needed to support the resumption of critical business functions after a disaster, and to establish and administer a vital records program. The webinar format will allow for participants to build their skills during four 90 minute sessions. We will use directed assignments to allow participants to apply these skills to their own workplace during the course. The goal is for participants to have a Vital Records Plan completed by the end of the course. This course targets Federal employees and/or contractors who are individuals with records responsibilities, COOP managers, line managers and staff, and information technology.

Dates offered:

- ▶ January 9, 16, 23 and 30 (11:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ April 2, 9, 16 and 23 (7:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ June 4, 11, 18 and 25 (11:00 a.m., PT)
- ▶ September 3, 10, 17 and 24 (7:00 a.m., PT)



Dr. Sun Yat Sen, founder of the Chinese Republic

Early Honolulu Bankruptcy Court Records Come to Regional Archives

Bankruptcy case files from the District Court in Honolulu, 1900-1940s, were recently accessioned into the National Archives at San Francisco (in San Bruno).

Besides being a gold mine for the early Territorial business history of Hawaii and the history of Asian Americans there, the accession contains the bankruptcy case file of Sun Ah Mi. He was the older brother of Sun Yat Sen and helped to finance his international political activities. Financing these activities led to his bankruptcy in 1906.

Records Management Training in Salt Lake City and Honolulu

Our training staff is working with trainers in Seattle and Denver to bring training to new locations in 2013. We will be offering all six classes in the Certificate in Records Management series March 4-15 in Honolulu and in April and May in Salt Lake City. For dates of specific classes and for information on how to register, see our announcement on page 3.

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