National Archives Building Research Center

The Archives I Research Support Branch (NWCC1) at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, has a multifaceted program, designed to inform researchers about the National Archives’ (NARA) holdings pertaining to family and community history and assist researchers to locate files and develop research strategies.

Publications

Periodically, NARA staff publishes articles in order to expand research community awareness of NARA’s holdings. By targeting state and local historical and genealogical societies with articles about the agency’s holdings, we hope to reach people who otherwise would not think of the National Archives as a resource for their research. During the past few months, the staff has published the following:

Damani Davis (published):
“Exodus to Kansas: The 1880 Senate Investigation of the Beginnings of the African American Migration from the South” [Prologue 40:2 (Summer 2008)]

John Deeben (published):

Alison M. Gavin (published):

Alison M. Gavin (accepted for publication):
“The Tavern and the Trading Post” [New England Ancestors, the Magazine of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (Fall 2008)]

Rebecca K. Sharp (published):
Temporary Closure of the Provost Marshal General’s Bureau Records

On **August 11, 2008**, some entries within RG 110 (Records of the Provost Marshal General’s Bureau [Civil War]) will temporarily close. The records will be relocated from the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, to National Archives’ regional locations for availability with Federal records of states within those regions.

**The records will reopen for public access on December 8, 2008.**

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New Microfilm Publications

Staff members continue to process accessioned microfilm that documents arrivals into the United States, turning this film into National Archives microfilm publications. During the last quarter, staff completed the following National Archives microfilm publications:

- **A3422**, *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Honolulu, Hawaii, 1900–1953* (269 rolls). 35mm. RG 85.
- **M1895**, *Slave Manifests of Coastwise Vessels Filed at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1807–1860* (30 rolls). 35mm. RG 36.
- **M2116**, *Engrossed Dockets of the Supreme Court of the United States, October Term 1950 Through October Term 1982* (103 rolls). 35mm. RG 267.
- **M2124**, *Register of Cadets, 1803–1865* (1 roll). 35 mm. RG 94.
- **M2125**, *General and Special Orders Issued by General Winfield Scott, Headquarters of the Army, War with Mexico, 1847–1848* (1 roll). 35mm. RG 94.

Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

New Version

A new version of the National Archives’ online catalog—the Archival Research Catalog debuted on July 8, 2008. ARC now has a new look and improved navigation tools. In particular, the Advanced Search features work differently in the new ARC.

Searching by Record Group in New ARC

Here are some search steps for finding a Record Group description and using the new Search Within feature. In this example, we are searching within Record Group (RG) 428, General Records of the Department of the Navy.

1. Enter the ARC database via the yellow Search button or the Search Options link on the ARC main page at www.archives.gov/research/arc/

2. On the Archival Descriptions Search screen, click on the link for Advanced Search.

3. In the Description Identifier box, type 428.

4. Scroll down and select the Level of Description filter. Click Deselect all.

5. Check the box for Record Group.
   Note: We recommend that you do not add any other filters, such as Type of Archival Materials or Dates, at this point in your search session.

6. Press the Search button.

7. In your Archival Description results, click on the title link for “General Records of the Department of the Navy, 1941–2004” (RG 428).

8. In the Archival Description details under “Includes,” click on the link for Search within this Record Group.

9. An Archival Descriptions Search screen will appear with a filter for searching within “General Records of the Department of the Navy, 1941–2004.” You may conduct a Basic Search or an Advanced Search from this point. (You also may switch to a Digital Copies search to conduct your Search Within search.) For example, search for Philadelphia Shipyard. ARC will search within all file unit and item descriptions that belong to Record Group 428 in ARC.

Our web site includes an index with quick links to the Record Group level descriptions in ARC at www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/n-re-collections/r-1-99.html.

Search hints are available online at www.archives.gov/research/arc/how-to-search.html.

If you have questions or comments about ARC, please contact us at arc@nara.gov.
ARC offers advanced search features that allow you to focus your search with additional search filters and keyword searching options. These features can be helpful when searching for special media materials or combing through file unit or item descriptions in a large series.

**Advanced Search**

Filter by Type of Archival Materials, such as Moving Images or Photographs. Uncheck boxes to exclude options from your search results, or click Deselect All and then check the types of materials you would like to include.

**Keyword Searching (Quick Reference)**

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Visit us at [www.archives.gov/research/arc/](http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/). For more help, e-mail [ARC@nara.gov](mailto:ARC@nara.gov).
Highlight Search Terms and Search Within Feature

ARC will remind you which Record Group, Series, or File Unit you are searching within.

Click here to remove the Search Within filter.

With the Search within filter applied, ARC retrieved 47 items out of the 101 items in this series.

Visit us at www.archives.gov/research/arc/. For more help, e-mail ARC@nara.gov.
This past spring, we added the **National Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel Files** for the year 1954 to the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) resource. These records contain data compiled from social and natural scientists who responded to survey questionnaires sent to them by professional organizations. For example, there is a record with information about **Linus Pauling**, as submitted to the American Chemical Society, the same year he won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

This summer, we hope to add the **Viet Cong Initiated Incidents Files** (VCIIA) for the years 1965–68 and an updated version of the **World War II Prisoners of the Japanese Data Files**.

For those not familiar with AAD, it provides online access to a selection of NARA’s electronic records from archival databases. Some of the most popular records include:

- World War II Army Enlistment Records
- Records with Unit Information on Military Personnel Who Died During the Vietnam War
- Some records of passengers who arrived at selected U.S. ports during the 19th century
- Central Foreign Policy Files for the years 1973–75

For a list of all the records available on AAD and to search the records, please visit the AAD main page at [www.archives.gov/aad](http://www.archives.gov/aad).
New Mailing Address for Veterans Affairs (VA) Pension FOIA Requests

Have you ever submitted a request for a Civil War or later pension application file with a “C” or “XC” number and had the slip returned telling you the file was in the custody of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)?

That is because the pension application files in our custody were considered “closed” about 1929. Because someone drawing a pension based on your soldier’s service was still alive, the file remained in the custody of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

We recognize that we should have these files in the National Archives, and we are working with the Department of Veterans Affairs to have them transferred to us.

Currently, to obtain the file, you need to:

1. Write a letter to the VA Freedom of Information Officer.
2. State that you are requesting access to the pension file under the Freedom of Information Act.
3. Give them the soldier identification information that you have.
4. Request a BIRLS (Beneficiary Information and Records Locator System), search for the file, and ask that they retrieve it for your use.
5. Go to their web site for additional instructions at www.va.gov/foia/.

6. The VA requires that a FOIA request be in writing and signed by the requester. The request must describe the records so that it may be located with a reasonable amount of effort.
7. State your willingness to pay applicable fees or provide a justification to support a fee waiver.
8. Please include a daytime telephone number in case someone needs to contact you.
10. Mail your request to the FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Veterans Benefits Administration. The address is:

   FOIA/Privacy Act Officer
   Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33)
   Department of Veterans Affairs
   810 Vermont Avenue, NW
   Washington, DC 20420
**Meet Our Staff**

**Bill (William) Barclay**

William Barclay began his career with the National Archives in May 2003 at the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, Maryland. He worked as a contractor on a special project which involved entering data from the Transportation and Safety Administration’s (TSA) applications into a large database. In January 2004, he was hired to work in the refile section, mailroom, regular request section, and finally in the research room. William was promoted to the position of new employees, and assisting co-workers in finding difficult-to-locate records.

William also worked in the research room retrieving records placed on hold by researchers, monitoring research room activities, and answering questions researchers have about the records or research room policies and procedures. Currently, he is also working on a special project to create finding aids for various record groups, which will help minimize the time required to search for certain types of records.

**LaToya Bryant**

LaToya Bryant began her NARA career in summer 2001, while working at the Washington National Record Center (WNRC) under a temporary appointment as an archives aide. She worked exclusively with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax returns, providing reference service for several regional IRS Service Centers located throughout the country.

LaToya quickly mastered the complicated filing system used by IRS and eventually was given the shared responsibility to manage the entire section in the supervisor’s absence. Because of her diligence and attention to detail, she received a Spot Award.

In 2002, at the conclusion of her appointment, LaToya briefly left NARA to work in the real estate industry but returned during the summer of 2004, after accepting a technician position with the Archives II Research Support Branch (NWCC2). Working primarily in the Textual Research Room, she further developed her customer service skills and within the next year and a half, she was promoted to the position of Lead Archives Technician. As the lead technician, she is responsible for resolving issues, assisting researchers and co-workers, and ensuring that the copiers and other equipment are in proper working condition. In addition to her research room duties, LaToya has volunteered to be the unit’s timekeeper and inventories and returns, providing reference procures supplies for the research rooms. She aspires to achieve management level in the near future.

LaToya is a New Orleans native and currently resides in Prince George’s County, Maryland. She attended college at Oral Roberts University located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She enjoys writing, reading, cooking, crafting, and the outdoors.
The **Know Your Records** program offers opportunities for staff, volunteers, and researchers to learn about NARA’s records through lectures and genealogy programs, symposiums, the annual genealogy fair, quarterly editions of Researcher News, a genealogy tutorial, and the monthly **From the Records Book Group** discussions.

**Lectures** describe NARA’s records; explain how and where to locate the records; and demonstrate how to use the records for research. Each one-hour lecture is delivered twice within the same week: on Tuesdays at the National Archives Building at 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC; and on Thursdays at the National Archives (Archives II), located at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD. Most of these sessions are videotaped and made available for interlibrary loan through NARA libraries and our regional facilities throughout the United States.

**Genealogy programs** include monthly workshops and lectures from our staff archivists with extensive experience in genealogy. We provide lectures on basic genealogical research and techniques and one-on-one assistance. Some, but not all, of the genealogy programs are offered one Wednesday and one Saturday each month at the National Archives Building.

**Symposiums** are one to two, full-day programs on specific genealogy research topics. Past topics included Hispanic and African American genealogy information and guidance for seasoned professionals and novices alike.

The **Annual Genealogy Fair** offers a full day open house with guidance on a wide variety of genealogy research topics with NARA staff and volunteers.

The **From the Records Book Group** meets on the third Tuesday of February, March, April, September, October, and November. We will meet at 11 a.m. in Room G-24 of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, for a discussion or film relating to the book and then, at noon, to discuss the book. Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue. The books may be purchased anywhere; the Archives Shop offers a discount to those who are participating in the book group. **For book group news, see page 13.**
SEPTMBER 2008

**NEW**

- **Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 11 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)
  **Introduction to Genealogy.** Staff archivists will present the first of these monthly lectures on basic genealogical research and techniques.

- **Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 11 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)
  **Tips & Strategies on the Updated National Archives’ Archival Research Catalog (ARC).** Jill James or Rebecca Warlow will show researchers and NARA staff how to find records for research in the updated ARC.
  (This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, September 11, at 11 a.m.)

- **NEW**
  - **Saturday, September 20, 2008, 10 a.m.**
    Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)
    **Introduction to Genealogy.** Staff archivists will present the first of these monthly lectures on basic genealogical research and techniques.
  - **NEW**
    - **Saturday, September 20, 2008, Noon–4 p.m.**
      Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)
      **“Help! I’m Stuck”.** Not sure where to begin your research? Is there a genealogical or historical problem that has stumped you? Would you like to explore new directions in your research? One Saturday a month, an archivist with extensive experience in genealogy and the records of the National Archives will be available from noon to 4 p.m. to answer questions. Look for the sign at the Research Center desk reading, “Help! I’m Stuck.”

- **Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 11 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)
  **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act.** The Access Staff within NARA’s Office of General Counsel is responsible for implementing the provisions of the FOIA and Privacy Act, including formulating and recommending policy, providing advice to NARA and other agency staff on access issues and processing FOIA and Privacy Act requests for NARA’s operational records (records the agency creates or maintains in carrying out its mission). Ramona Branch Oliver will discuss the provisions of the FOIA and Privacy Act and how the statutes impact public access to both archival and operational records at NARA.
  (This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, September 25, at 11 a.m.)
UPCOMING EVENTS

Genealogy Programs and Lectures  Free

- **Tuesday, September 30, 2008, 11 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

  **Declassifying Secrets: Opening Classified Records for Public Disclosure.** Archivist Neil Carmichael will discuss the declassification process at the National Archives, past Executive Orders, present initiatives, and the future of declassification in the executive branch.

  *(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, October 2, at 11 a.m.)*

OCTOBER 2008

- **NEW**  **Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 11 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

  **Introduction to Genealogy.** Archives’ staff will present a lecture on basic genealogical research in Federal records. This lecture occurs on the first Wednesday of the month. *The next lecture will take place on Wednesday, November 5.*

- **Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 11 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

  **The Federal Register and the Electoral College.** The Federal Register's Director of Legal Affairs and Policy, Amy Bunk, will discuss the function of the Electoral College in Presidential elections, as well as the Federal Register’s role in disseminating government regulations; proposed rules and notices; and Executive Orders, Proclamations, and other Presidential documents..

  *(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Friday, October 10, at 11 a.m.)*

- **Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 11 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

  **“1783: Subject or Citizen?” – Treaty of Paris.** National Museum Programs Coordinator, Lisa Royse, will discuss the “1783: Subject or Citizen?” exhibit on display in the O’Brien Gallery of the National Archives Building from October 3, 2008–January 25, 2009. The Treaty of Paris is the centerpiece of the exhibit. The original treaty, signed in 1783 by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and John Jay, will be on display to mark the 225th anniversary of the official ending of the American Revolutionary War.

  *(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Wednesday, October 15, at 11 a.m.)*

- **NEW**  **Saturday, October 25, 2008, 10 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

  **Introduction to Genealogy.** Archives' staff will present a lecture on basic genealogical research in Federal records. This lecture takes place regularly on Saturdays; *the next lecture will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2008.*
UPCOMING EVENTS

Genealogy Programs and Lectures **Free**

- **Saturday, October 25, 2008, Noon–4 p.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

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- **Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 11 a.m.**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

  **Access to Archival Databases (AAD) for Genealogists.** Archivist Neil Archivist Lynn Goodsell will introduce electronic records in the custody of the National Archives. The focus will be on records of interest to genealogists and how to access these records via the “Access to Archival Databases” (AAD) online resource.

  (This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, October 30, at 11 a.m.)

FROM THE RECORDS BOOK GROUP **Free**

**Lectures and discussions are free and open to NARA staff and the public.** Please check the Archives Shop (202-357-5271) for book availability and a special discount for book group participants.

- **Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 11 a.m. and Noon**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

  Following a lecture on illustrated family records such as needlework samplers and *frakturs* by Jennifer Davis Heaps, the From the Records Book Group will discuss *The Revolution Remembered: Eyewitness Accounts of the War for Independence*, edited by John C. Dann.

  This is a fascinating look at 79 eyewitness accounts from the Revolutionary War pension files held at the National Archives.

- **Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 11 a.m. and Noon**
  Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

  Following a related presentation at 11 a.m., the From the Records Book Group will discuss *Spying on the Bomb: American Nuclear Intelligence from Nazi Germany to Iran and North Korea* by Jeffrey T. Richelson.

  *Spying on the Bomb* is a global history of the American-led effort to spy on every nation with nuclear ambitions. Tim Nenninger, Chief of the Textual Reference Staff at the National Archives at College Park, will moderate the discussion.

**NOTE:** November’s book will be *The Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World’s Greatest Works of Art*, by Hector Feliciano.
The following publications, all based completely on NARA records, have been donated by the publisher to the Library.

Copies of each publication are located at both Archives I and Archives II.

- **Civil rights.** Renton, WA: TOPICS Entertainment, 2008. 4 sound discs (approx. 4 hrs.). E185.61 C58 2008
- **Events that changed the world.** Renton, WA: TOPICS Entertainment, 2008. 4 sound discs (approx. 4 hrs.). E741 .E938 2008
- **Presidential moments.** Renton, WA: TOPICS Entertainment, 2008. 4 sound discs (approx. 4 hrs.). E176.1 P74 2008
- **WW II: air war.** Renton, WA: TOPICS Entertainment, c2006. 6 videotapes. D790 .W9 2006
- **WW II: war in Europe.** Renton, WA: TOPICS Entertainment, c2006. 6 videotapes (495 mins.). D744 .W9 2006
- **WW II: war in the Pacific.** Renton, WA: TOPICS Entertainment, c2006. 6 videotapes (409 mins.). D767 .W9 2006
- **WW II: war on the homefront.** Renton, WA: TOPICS Entertainment, c2006. 6 videotapes (353 mins.). D769 .W9 2006
- **WW II: why we fight.** Renton, WA: TOPICS Entertainment, c2006. 6 videotapes (441 mins.). D743 .W9 2006
The Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, Record Group (RG) 217, are returning to the National Archives Building this summer. Through a major move of 35,000 cubic feet, we will reunite this record group. RG 217 is most notable for the settled claims of the Southern Claims Commission; the Final Pension Payment Vouchers for the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; and the U.S. Marshals’ Emolument Returns that document the service of Deputy U.S. Marshals.

The move is scheduled to be completed on August 15, 2008. However, the settled claims of the Southern Claims Commission will not be returning right away, since they are currently being scanned for publication online in a partnership with Footnote.com. The originals will be moved to the National Archives Building after the scanning is complete. Similarly, the return of all RG 217 specially protected records items will also be delayed by a scanning project covering Abraham Lincoln items. The scanning is being done in connection with the Abraham Lincoln Papers Project.

Some Records of the Provost Marshal General’s Bureau (Civil War), RG 110, including records relating to the registration, examination, and drafting of soldiers during the Civil War, will also be moving. The consolidated lists of young men registered for the draft will remain in Washington, DC. The field office records will be reallocated to the appropriate National Archives regional archives centers. As the 250th anniversary of the Civil War approaches, it is hoped that making these records more readily available in the various states, will make them more accessible.

**From The Records Book Group**

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Following a lecture on illustrated family records such as needlework samplers and *fraktur* by Jennifer Davis Heaps, the From the Records Book Group will discuss *The Revolution Remembered: Eyewitness Accounts of the War for Independence*, edited by John C. Dann.

This is a fascinating selection of information based on the testimony of embattled farmers who tell us in their own words what they saw with their own eyes. *The Revolution Remembered* uses 79 firsthand accounts from veterans of the war to provide the reader with the feel of what it must have been like to fight and live through America's bloody battle for independence. The military pension records at the National Archives provide an important source for this book.

**Tuesday, October 31, 2008, 11 a.m. and Noon**
Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

Following a lecture on this topic, the From the Records Book Group will discuss *Spying on the Bomb: American Nuclear Intelligence from Nazi Germany to Iran and North Korea*, by Jeffrey T. Richelson.

The book details the evolution of U.S. nuclear intelligence efforts—both successes and failures—from the early days of World War II to the 21st century. Richelson draws on recently declassified documents and interviews with scientists and spies involved in nuclear espionage. His analysis of our nation’s nuclear espionage includes spy-satellite photographs from the National Archives.

**Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 11 a.m. and Noon**
Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

Following a lecture on this topic, Dr. Michael Kurtz will moderate the book group discussion of *Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World’s Greatest Works of Art*, by Hector Feliciano.

During the occupation of Paris, the Nazis confiscated nearly 100,000 artworks from more than 200 collectors, transporting most of the spoils to Germany. After the war, many works that were found were returned to their owners. But a large number had disappeared, been destroyed, or spirited out of Europe into the underground art market.

Drawing on recently declassified government archives and information provided by the heirs of the collections, Feliciano traces the fate of the artworks. In this updated and enlarged American edition, he reveals the location of stolen works hanging in major U.S. museums as well.
From the Records Book Group

2009 Schedule


FEBRUARY 17
The Pentagon: A History—The Untold Story of the Wartime Race to Build the Pentagon—and to Restore it Sixty Years Later
by Steve Vogel

MARCH 17
The Harp and the Eagle: Irish-American Volunteers and the Union Army, 1861-1865
by Susannah Ural Bruce

MAY 19
Railroads in the Civil War: The Impact of Management on Victory and Defeat
by John E. Clark, Jr.

SEPTEMBER 15
The General & the Jaguar: Pershing's Hunt for Pancho Villa—A True Story of Revolution and Revenge
by Ellen Welsome

OCTOBER 20
Secret Empire: Eisenhower, the CIA, and the Hidden Story of America's Space Espionage
by Philip Taubman

NOVEMBER 17
The Whiskey Merchant's Diary: An Urban Life in the Emerging Midwest
by Joseph J. Mersman

Check the Calendar of Events for related presentations immediately preceding the book group discussion.

Books are available at the Archive Shop (202-347-5271) with a special discount for book group participants.

For more information, contact us at KYR@nara.gov or visit us at www.archives.gov/to-metro/know-your-records/