

Saturday Reference Pilot

By Ann Cummings

The National Archives is excited to announce that for the month of July, the regular Saturday staff in the research complex in downtown Washington, DC (Archives I), will be supplemented with three additional staff members who will pull records. Please note that this service is reserved for those records that have designated pull information, since the full range of consultation expertise will not be available. The additional Saturday staffing should be sufficient to enable timely fulfillment of most requests for military service records, military pension files, and bounty land application files.



Photo by Rebecca Sharp

National Archives Stack Area, Washington, DC

The procedures for pulling records on Saturdays will remain very similar to normal workweek operations.

- Records will be pulled between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Each researcher may request up to 16 designated military pension and service records.
- Staff will break for lunch between noon and 1 p.m.
- The pull station for Saturday will be located in the microfilm research center.
- If for some reason staff cannot locate the requested materials, they will designate why they could not retrieve the materials on a return slip form.
- Staff pulling records will be stationed in the microfilm research center and will be available to answer questions relating to pull information.
- Records will be available for researchers to view in the Central Research Room on the 2nd floor of Archives I.
- Researchers are welcome to submit their pull requests for Saturday earlier in the week. However, we will not pull the materials until the researcher is on-site at Archives I on Saturday. This change in our normal procedure will allow us to better serve the on-site researchers, since staff available to pull records on Saturdays is limited.

We look forward to the success of this pilot program and hope that it provides a positive experience to researchers.

More information on doing research at the National Archives can be found at www.archives.gov/research/start/plan-visit.html.

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Spies and Gangsters Feature in New DVD Set

By Nancy Mottershaw



FBI/CIA Films: Declassified
DVD coming in Fall 2010

FBI/CIA Films: Declassified, a 24-DVD set scheduled for release in time for the 2010 holiday buying season, is now in development with National Archives partner Topics Entertainment. Themes include “Espionage,” “Spycraft,” “Special Ops,” “Counter-Intelligence,” “Spies,” and “Hostage Situations.” A Blu-ray 4-DVD set featuring selected films from *A Century of War* is also due for release during the same period.

National Archives DVD collections are available at Costco, Sam’s Club, and other major retailers nationwide; the National Archives eStore at <http://estore.archives.gov/>; and in the Archives Shop in the National Archives Building.

Ansel Adams Photographs Added to NARA Print Shop

By Nancy Mottershaw

An additional 127 Ansel Adams images and accompanying descriptions were uploaded to the online Print Shop in March. This means that only 18 photographs remain to complete the collection. 66 new lighthouse images are expected to be added in the coming weeks.

Visit the Shop at <http://gallery.pictopia.com/archives/>, where you’ll find archival-quality prints, custom framed and unframed, and other gift items such as T-shirts, greeting cards, and mugs featuring the image of your choice.



Looking downriver toward Boulder Dam, Colorado, 1941—
an image by Ansel Adams



Planning Wiki for the Researchers' Wiki

Archives Wiki Pilot Project

By Meredith Doviak

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will be launching a public wiki pilot project in Summer 2010 to create an online, collaborative space for both researchers and staff to share knowledge about NARA records, resources, and research. This wiki pilot project is an opportunity for researchers, historians, archivists, and citizen archivists to work together to create web pages on specific records or themes as well as to share information and resources with other researchers.

There are numerous ways for users to participate in the wiki. Users can create new web pages and edit existing web pages about historical subjects and records, share resources and advice for conducting research at various NARA facilities, as well as publish transcriptions and personal annotations of documents. We hope to use this space to expand upon existing catalog descriptions, create a useful resource for researchers to store information, and connect with other users with similar

research interests. As a pilot project, we hope to see this wiki evolve and grow with unique and creative contributions from various users.

In May 2010, the National Archives held two planning meetings for those interested in contributing to the project. These meetings were used as brainstorming sessions to discuss ideas for content, topical web pages, and the types of information users would like to include in the wiki. As a result of these meetings, we created three draft template web pages that can be used as "stub and seed" web pages in the wiki: one for record groups, one for NARA offices, and one for how to get started on a research topic. We also started a planning wiki to help develop the pilot project. Minutes from these meetings as well as the template web pages are posted on the planning wiki.

If you have ideas and would like to contribute to the wiki, we can set up a user account for you. Please contact Rebecca Warlow via e-mail at socialmedia@nara.gov.

- Access more information, template web pages, and editing instructions on our planning wiki at <http://researchers.wikis.archives.gov/>
- Information about the National Archives wiki can also be found on our blog, NARAtions, at <http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?tag=wiki>
- Connect with the National Archives research Facebook page at www.facebook.com/researchatnationalarchives



New Microfilm Publications

by Nancy Mottershaw and Rebecca Collier

The National Archives continues to process accessioned microfilm that provides information about arrivals into the United States and to make available new microfilm publications. Staff recently completed the following National Archives microfilm publications:

These are listed by microfilm publication number.

- **A3476, Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Blaine, Washington, July 1905–June 1924** [RG 85, 9 rolls]
- **A3485, Soundex Index to Supplemental Manifests of Alien Passengers and Crew Members Who Arrived on Vessels at New York, New York, 1887–1921, Who Were Inspected for Admission, 1915–1921** [RG 85, 1 roll]
- **A3560, Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Ambrose, Antler, Carbury, Fortuna, Noonan, Northgate, Portal, Sherwood, and Westhope, North Dakota, January 1921–December 1952** [RG 85, 1 roll]
- **A3812, Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at South Haven, Michigan, May 1957–October 1959** [RG 85, 1 roll]
- **A4025, Manifests of Alien Arrivals by Airplane at Houston, Texas, December 1946–April 1954** [RG 85, 1 roll]
- **A4188, Certificates of Identity Issued to U.S. Citizens Pre-examined at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Who Entered the United States at Noyes, Minnesota, and Pembina, North Dakota, January 1929–July 1954** [RG 85, 3 rolls]
- **M1922, Records of the External Assets Investigation Section of the Property Division, OMGUS, 1945–1949** [RG 260, 88 rolls]
- **M1925, Records Regarding Intelligence and Financial Investigations of the Financial Intelligence Group, OMGUS, 1945–1949** [RG 260, 9 rolls]
- **M1934, OSS Washington Secret Intelligence/Special Funds Records, 1942–1946** [RG 226, 24 rolls]
- **M1946, Records Concerning the Central Collecting Points (“Ardelia Hall Collection”): Munich Central Collecting Point, 1945–1951** [RG 260, 334 rolls]
- **M2084, Indexes to Naturalization Records for the U.S. District Court, 1906–1991, and the U.S. Circuit Court, 1906–1911, Rhode Island** [RG 21, 23 rolls]
- **M2126, World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Wisconsin** [RG 147, 118 rolls]
- **M2132, General Claims Against Russia, 1807–1881** [RG 76, 1 roll]
- **M2133, Correspondence of the Superintendent of Vicksburg National Cemetery, 1879–1880** [RG 79, 1 roll]
- **M2134, Logbooks of the U.S.S. Cumberland, October 1843–September 1859** [RG 24, 4 rolls]

* Descriptive pamphlet available

For a listing of microfilm publications from 2000 to the present, visit www.archives.gov/genealogy/microfilm/2010.html.

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New Publications by Staff

Periodically, staff publishes articles in order to expand research community awareness of the National Archives' 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:

John Deeben (published):

- "Military Life on the Southwestern Frontier: Records of U.S. Army Posts in New Mexico, 1846–1911," *New Mexico Genealogist* 49:1 (March 2010): 21–28.
- "American Lutherans in the 1920s: Statistics from the Census of Religious Bodies," *Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic Newsletter* 21:1 (Spring 2010): 5–9.
- "Crossing the Gulf and the Rio Grande: Federal Records Relating to Immigration into Texas, 1846–1965," *Stirpes: Texas State Genealogical Society Quarterly* 50:1 (March 2010): 35–42.
- "Restoring the Brotherhood of Union: Confederate Pardon and Amnesty Records, 1865–1877: Part II," *The Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter* 36:2 (April 2010): 1–6.

Photo by Jermaine Scott



John Deeben

Rebecca Sharp and Nancy Wing (published):

- "He laid upon the ground apparently dead. . . ': Documenting Civil War Medicine," *The Watermark: The Quarterly Publication of the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences*, Vol. 33, No. 2 (Spring 2010): 10–14.

This article is available online at

<http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/biomed/his/alhhs/>

(click on "The Watermark" link).

Photo by Andrea B. Matney



Nancy Wing

Courtesy of Rebecca Sharp



Rebecca Sharp



About The Program

The National Archives Customer Services Division presents the Know Your Records Program. These are free events about our holdings in Washington, DC, and College Park, MD. The Know Your Records Program offers opportunities for staff, volunteers, and researchers to learn about the National Archives' records through lectures, ongoing genealogy programs, book discussions, workshops, symposia, the [annual genealogy fair](#), an online [genealogy tutorial](#), and editions of [Researcher News](#).

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Lectures** describe National Archives records, explain how and where to locate them, and demonstrate how to use the records for research. Each one-hour lecture happens twice within the same week: Tuesdays in Washington, DC, and Thursdays in College Park, MD. Most lectures are taped and available for viewing by contacting us (contact information below).
- **Genealogy** programs include monthly workshops and lectures from our highly experienced staff. We provide lectures on basic genealogical research and techniques and one-on-one assistance. Programs take place each month on the first and third Wednesdays and third Saturdays at the National Archives Building.

SPECIAL EVENTS Held in Washington, DC

- The **Annual Genealogy Fair** takes place every April at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. The fair is a free, multi-day open house, with guidance on a wide variety of genealogical research topics.
- **Symposia and Workshops** are one- or two-day programs on specific genealogy research topics. Past topics have included Hispanic and African American genealogy information and guidance for seasoned professionals and novices alike.

We publicize our offerings in NARA's *Calendar of Events* at www.archives.gov/calendar/ and on our home page at www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/

Program Locations

Events are held at the National Archives Building (Archives I), 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408, and the National Archives at College Park (Archives II), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.

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Genealogy Programs

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

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ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE

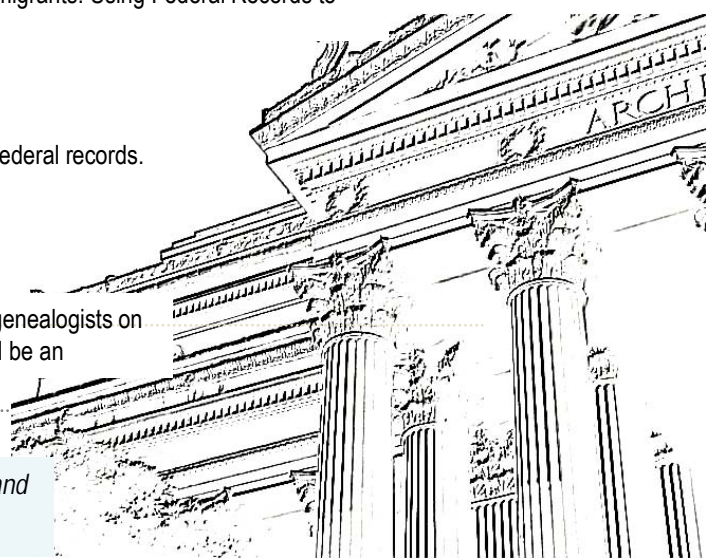
LECTURE	Wednesday, July 7, at 11 a.m.	Introduction to Genealogy
LECTURE	Wednesday, July 21, at 11 a.m.	Caribbean Immigrants: Using Federal Records to Locate Ancestors from the West Indies, 1890–1930
LECTURE	Wednesday, August 4, at 11 a.m.	Introduction to Genealogy
LECTURE	Wednesday, August 18, at 11 a.m.	Army Service in the Civil War: An Overview

EXPANDED SCHEDULE

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Introduction to Genealogy
 Archives staff present a lecture on basic genealogical research in Federal records. This lecture is offered the first Wednesday of the month.
- Wednesday, July 21, at 11 a.m.
Caribbean Immigrants: Using Federal Records to Locate Ancestors from the West Indies, 1890–1930
 Archives staff teach “beyond the basic” archival research skills for genealogists on the third Wednesday of the month. This month’s topic of interest will be on Caribbean Immigrants: Using Federal Records to Locate Ancestors from the West Indies, 1890–1930.
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After a summer break, we will return to our regular weekly lectures and Saturday programs in September.



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IN THE WASHINGTON, DC, AREA**

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, and
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD

Research Hours for Both Locations:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Check the Washington, DC, and College Park, MD, location information for records pull times and other important details.



TDD: 301.837.0482. The National Archives is fully accessible. To request an accommodation (such as a sign language interpreter) for a Know Your Record Program, please contact us at the information below at least two weeks prior to the event.

2010 RESEARCH ROOM HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- Monday, July 5* Independence Day
- Monday, September 6 Labor Day
- Monday, October 11 Columbus Day
- Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, December 24** Christmas Day

* July 4, 2010 (the legal public holiday for Independence Day), falls on a Sunday.

** December 25, 2010 (the legal public holiday for Christmas Day), falls on a Saturday.



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MONTHLY USER GROUP MEETING DATES

Mark your calendar for the following dates and times:

- July – summer break
- Friday, August 27, at 1 p.m., Room G-24, Archives I

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Minutes from previous meetings can be viewed at www.archives.gov/dc-metro/researcher-users-group/.

Agenda items should be sent to Diane L. Dimkoff at diane.dimkoff@nara.gov or Nancy Fortna at nancy.fortna@nara.gov.

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