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Researcher News is designed to provide you with the most up-to-date information needed to conduct research at the National Archives. For more information, please visit www.archives.gov. To view the newsletter online, visit www.archives.gov/research/newsletter.

Hotlinks denoted in *green italics*.



Regular services will resume on September 17.

Research Services In-Service Day September 16, 2015

ALL RESEARCH ROOMS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES will be closed on September 16, 2015.

All research/public access areas in every archival facility across the National Archives network will be closed to the public on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. The museum in the National Archives Building, Presidential Libraries, and Federal Records Centers will remain open.

Regular services will resume on Thursday, September 17. Check your local archival location for normal hours at <http://www.archives.gov/locations/>.

Online access to National Archives holdings will still be available 24 hours a day via www.archives.gov/research.

Why are the Archives Research Rooms closing on this day?

The National Archives has a large network of facilities that work collaboratively to provide in-person services for research. In order to better serve our customers, we have identified some key development activities for staff to accomplish this day that will help us gain better control over the records and facilities in our care, update our processes so that the research experience can be improved, and work to identify gaps in our service structures.

If you have questions or concerns about this closure, please contact Diane L. Dimkoff, Coordinator, Researcher Customer Support, 202-357-5225, Diane.Dimkoff@nara.gov

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Learn more about us at <http://www.archives.gov/riverside/>.

LUNAR ROVING VEHICLE FILES

By Matthew Law

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT RIVERSIDE RECENTLY ADDED THE “LUNAR ROVING Vehicle Files, 1965-1971” to our online National Archives Catalog. This interesting set of files is from Record Group 57, Records of the United States Geological Survey. A description of the series is available along with links to captions and digital images of photographs. These records were generated and compiled by the Branch of Surface Planetary Exploration in Flagstaff, Arizona. This organization helped to prepare Apollo astronauts for exploration of the Moon via extensive training in geology and numerous field exercises with lunar roving vehicle simulators.



The National Archives Catalog can be searched by title, type of archival material, keyword, facility location, or National Archives Identifier (NAID). The NAID number for this series is 7850226.

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Creator: Branch of Surface Planetary Exploration

Series: Lunar Roving Vehicle Files, 1965-1971

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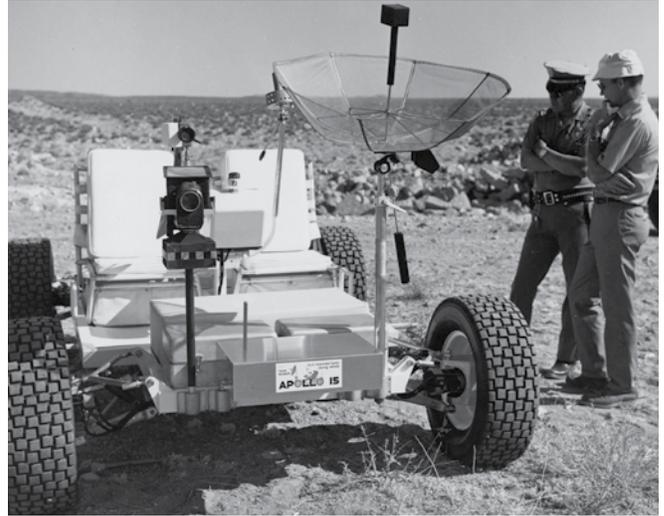
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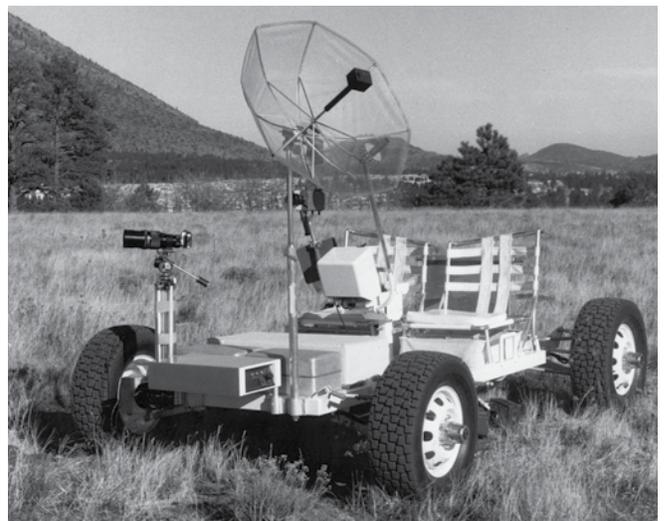
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National Archives Identifier: 17151014

RG: 57-Records of the United States Geological Survey
Creator: Branch of Surface Planetary Exploration
Series: Lunar Roving Vehicle Files, 1965-1971
Folder: 308 Grover Scheduling [3/3]
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Local ID Number: 057-15-006



National Archives Identifier: 17151021

RG: 57-Records of the United States Geological Survey
Creator: Branch of Surface Planetary Exploration
Series: Lunar Roving Vehicle Files, 1965-1971
Folder: 308 4th Grover Test [1/2]
Box: 2
Local ID Number: 057-15-002

FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE (FMCS)

Recent Records Made
AVAILABLE ONLINE

By John LeGloahec

THE FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE (FMCS) HAS TWO NEW SERIES of records available online through the National Archives Catalog at <http://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/>. They include the recently processed FMCS Director speeches along with the agency's press releases and bulletins. These records are online because of the work done by the National Archives staff from the Electronic Records Division.

**RECENT FMCS RECORDS MADE
AVAILABLE ONLINE**

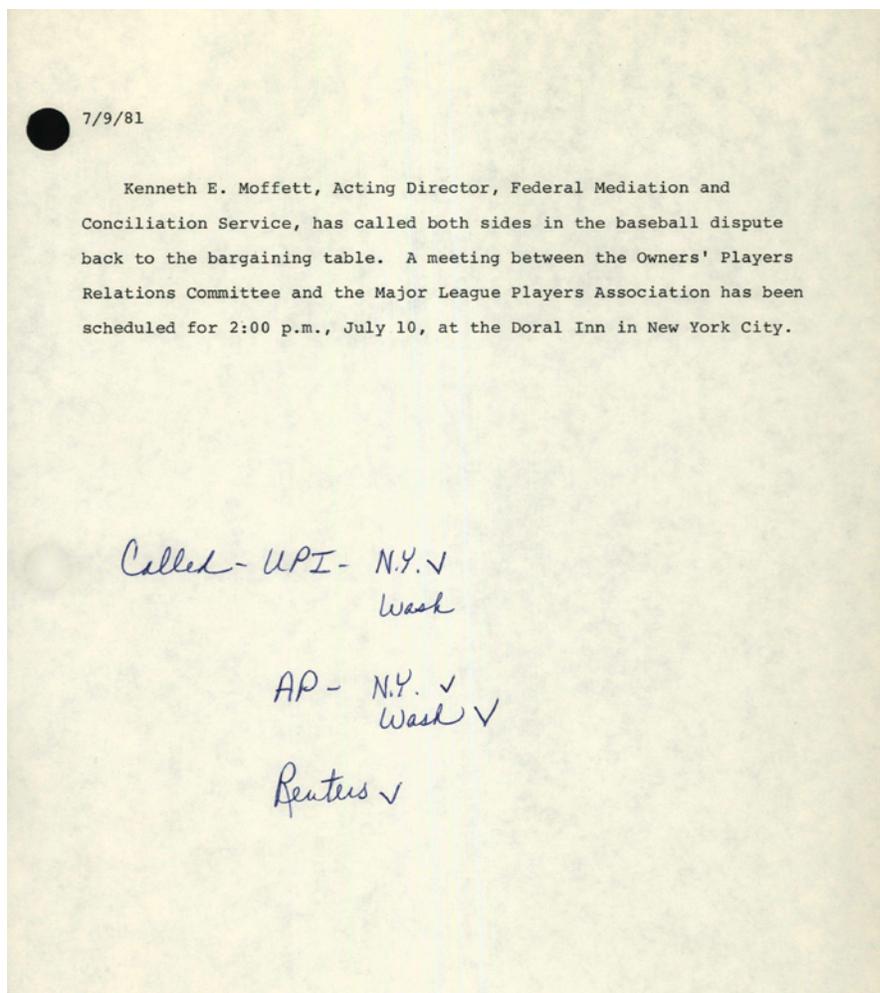
Speeches by Directors of the FMCS:
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/12084963>

Of the nearly 300 speeches now available, the majority cover the time period from 1961 through 1990. Found in the series is a speech by W. J. Usery [<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/10575503>] delivered to the California Hospitals Association in San Diego in October 1974. In this speech, the director draws parallels to hospitals and the Taft-Hartley Act [<http://research.archives.gov/description/299855>] — the piece of legislation that is responsible for founding the FMCS. Also represented are speeches and remarks by deputy directors and regional commissioners.

The majority of the speeches delivered by the FMCS directors do not address specific labor issues. These are addressed in the companion series of Press Releases and Bulletins.

Press Releases and Bulletins of the FMCS:
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/12079483>

The bulletins and press releases provide a clear snapshot of Federal Government operations for the time period 1947–1990. They include administrative bulletins on



July 1981 Press Release: https://nara-sandbox.s3.amazonaws.com/electronic-records/rg-280/Pubs/FMCS_JUL1981_PR.pdf

recruitment, job performance and staff morale, and other personnel issues. They also include specific labor issues such as the Postal Workers Strike in the city walked off the job in 1970, the adoption of Weingarten Rights in 1975, and the Major League Baseball strike in 1981.

The series contains nearly two dozen press releases dealing with the 1981 baseball strike, which resulted in an estimated loss of \$146 million in player salaries, ticket sales, broadcast fees, and stadium concession sales. Most teams saw their seasons shortened by about 70 games.

One of the major labor events covered in the Official Publications series deals with the Post Office Strike in New York City in 1970, when postal workers in New York City walked off the job.

In 1975, the rights of unionized employees to have a union representative present during preliminary investigations was upheld by the United States Supreme Court in *NLRB v. Weingarten, Inc.* (420 US 251 [<http://caselaw.findlaw.com/us-supreme-court/420/251.html>] / 88 LRRM 2689). These rights become known as Weingarten Rights, and the FMCS would publish

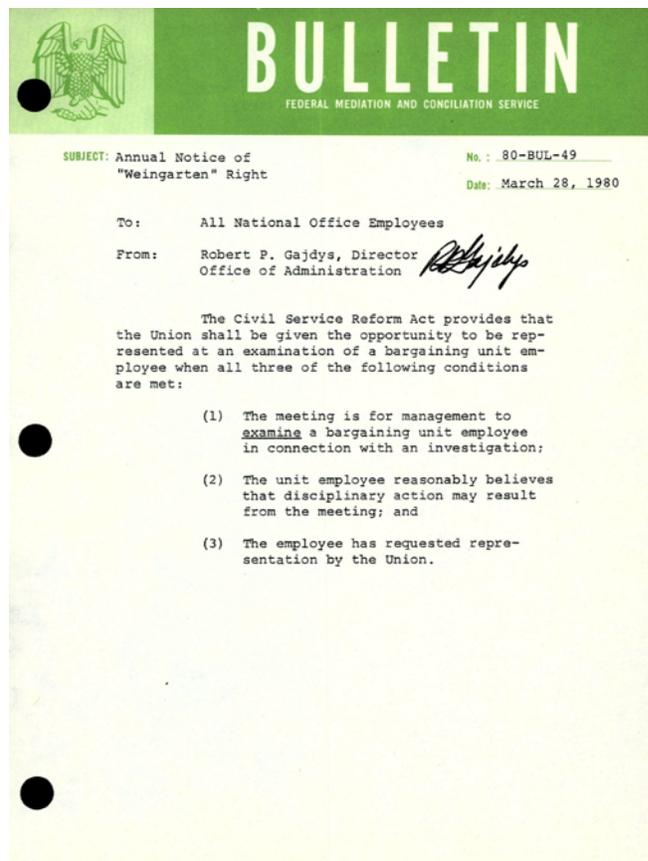
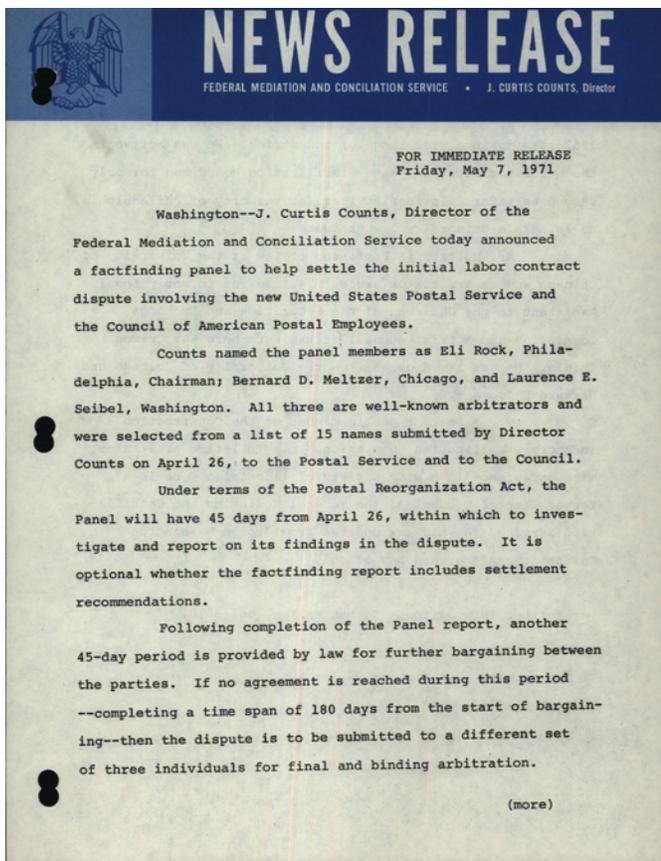
bulletins with the “Annual Notice of Weingarten Rights,” as seen here in this 1980 bulletin.

Researchers interested in learning about labor issues in the United States during the latter part of the 20th century will find a great deal of useful information in this series of records.

For additional information, questions, and comments about the materials, you may email cer@nara.gov.

Learn more about the National Archives Electronic Records Division at <http://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/>.

Left: May 1971 Press Release: https://nara-sandbox.s3.amazonaws.com/electronic-records/rg-280/Pubs/FMCS_MAY1971_PR.pdf Right: March 1980 - Bulletin 49: https://nara-sandbox.s3.amazonaws.com/electronic-records/rg-280/Pubs/FMCS_MAR1980_B_80_BUL_49.pdf

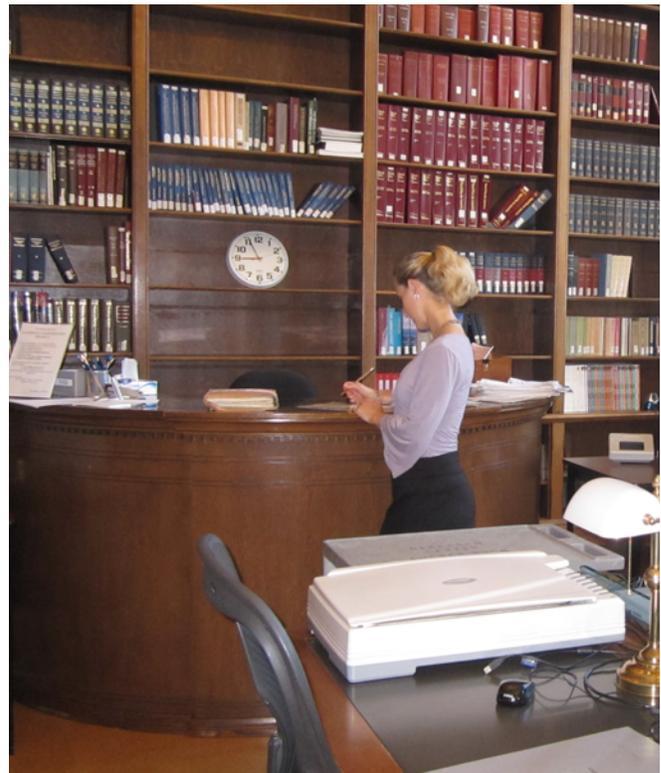


Post Office Department Records

MORE DESCRIPTIONS ADDED

by Claire Prechtel-Klusens

AS A PART OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION'S (NARA) ongoing mission to provide greater access to the records in its custody, staff at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, continue to add descriptions for record series in Record Group 28, Records of the Post Office Department, to the online National Archives Catalog at <http://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/>.



Researchers can learn more information about these records by searching for the title or the National Archives Identifier (NAID). Researchers interested in postal history, local history, governmental operations, and

genealogy may find these records useful. A list of 133 newly described record series from this record group is available at www.archives.gov/research/post-offices/post-office-dept-descriptions.pdf

An online guide for the Records of the Post Office Department [POD], (Record Group 28) 1773–1971, is available at <http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/028.html>

Claim Files

RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Daria Labinsky

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, FIGHTS OVER MONEY, AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PHYSICAL and mental illness—all can be found in one of the more recent acquisitions to the National Archives at St. Louis: Deceased Veterans Claims (XC Files), 1917-1948.

These informative records belong to Record Group 15, Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and are referred to as “Deceased Veterans Compensation Files” and “Veterans Administration Claim Files.”

HISTORY OF VETERAN BENEFITS RECORDS

Veterans have been receiving benefits since the Continental Congress authorized pensions for disabled soldiers during the Revolutionary War. By the World War I era, all veterans (not only the disabled) were eligible for a variety of benefits. These benefits include pensions for themselves or widows; insurance; bonuses; burial allowances; and payments to dependents.

In 1921, Congress created the Veterans Bureau to consolidate some of these benefit programs. In 1930, President Herbert Hoover combined them further with a merger of the Veterans Bureau, Bureau of Pensions, and the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers into the single Veterans Administration (VA). The current Department of Veterans Affairs houses claim files in Federal Records Centers (FRCs) throughout the United States. While these records are not open to the public, the transfers accessioned by St. Louis—cases “retired” to FRCs in 1952 and 1955—are now National Archives property and therefore open to all.

ORGANIZATION OF VA CLAIM FILES

Claim files are organized numerically by file number. When a veteran died, the file’s “C” number became an “XC” number.

DOCUMENTS COMMONLY FOUND IN VA CLAIM FILES INCLUDE:

- birth, marriage, and death certificates
- correspondence
- change of address forms
- lists of family members who are beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries
- discharge documents
- medical records
- wills
- affidavits
- insurance applications

VETERANS FILES FROM WORLD WAR I

IMAGE 1: This insurance application is from the claim file belonging to famed composer John Philip Sousa, XC 831431. During World War I, Sousa organized bands at the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was commissioned a lieutenant and later made a lieutenant commander. The document includes his birth date, his wife’s and children’s full names, address, enlistment date, and signature.

About 20 percent of American World War I service members were foreign born, and many of their records include foreign documents with beneficiaries’ overseas addresses. Folders containing foreign-language documents frequently include English translations.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF WAR RISK INSURANCE
Division of
MILITARY AND NAVAL INSURANCE
FORM 2 A

28.20 119 reas

APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE

My full name is John Philip Sousa 2126817
(Given) (Middle) (Last name)

Home address P Port Washington, Long Island, N. Y.
(No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State)

Date of birth November 6 1854 Age 63
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Number birthday)

Date of last enlistment or entry into active service Sept 13, 1917.
(Give month, day, and year)

I hereby apply for insurance in the sum of \$ 10,000 payable as provided in the Act of Congress approved October 6, 1917, to myself during permanent total disability and from and after my death to the following persons in the following amounts:

RELATIONSHIP TO ME	NAME OF BENEFICIARY (Given) (Middle) (Last name)	POST OFFICE ADDRESS (a) No. and street or rural route (b) City, town, or post office and State	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE FOR EACH BENEFICIARY (In multiples of \$500 only)
Wife	Jane Van Middleworth Sousa	(a) _____ (b) Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.	\$ 4,000
Son	John Philip Sousa, Jr.	(a) Same Same (b) _____	2,000
Daughter	Jane Priscilla Sousa	(a) Same Same (b) _____	2,000
Daughter	Helen Sousa Abert (Married)	(a) Same Same (b) _____	2,000

Image 1: John Phillip Sousa application

Right: Image 2: Application of Widow, Child, or/and Dependent Parent form in Cyrillic. Far right: Image 3: Application of Widow, Child, or/and Dependent Parent Form in English. Below: Image 4: John B. Eugene index card.

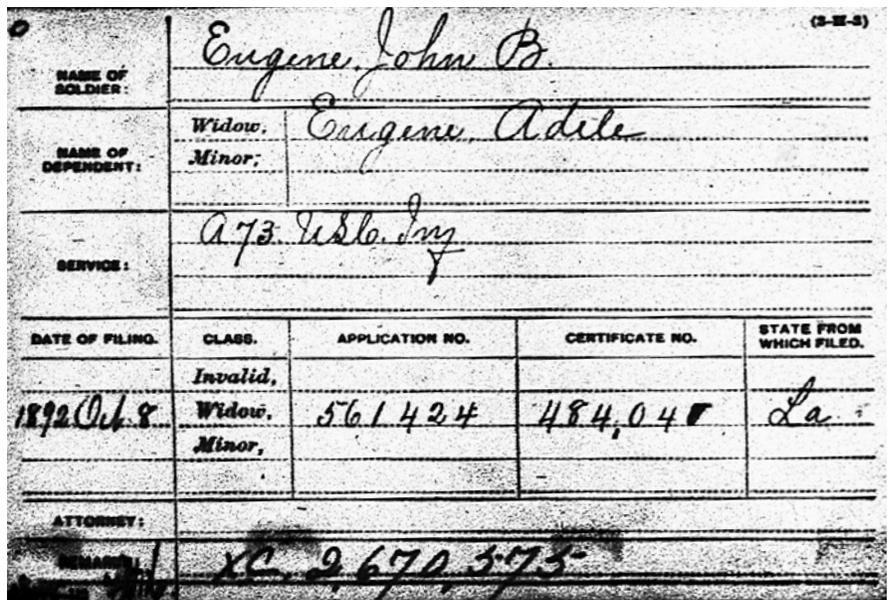
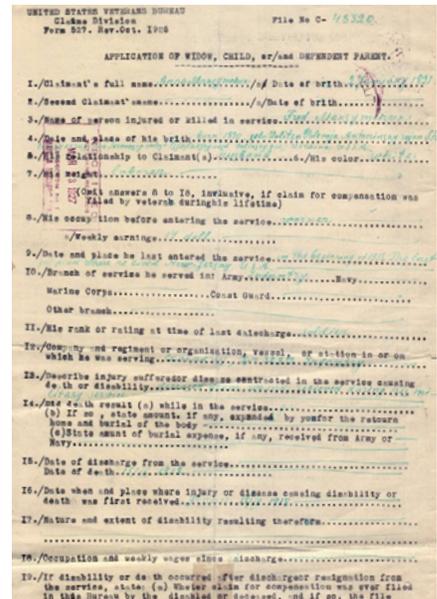
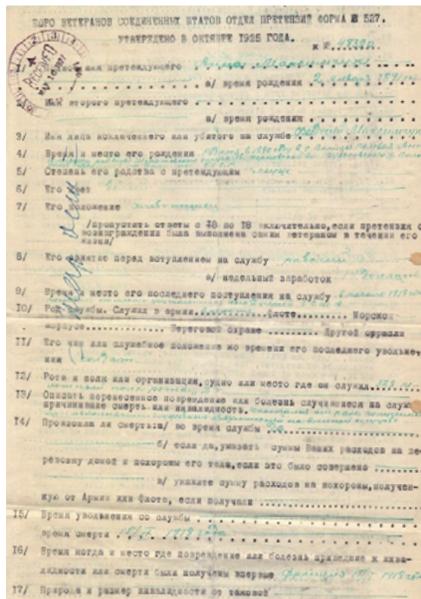
IMAGES 2 & 3: This Application of Widow, Child, and/or Dependent Parent form belongs to the record of Feodor "Fred" Maksymchuk, XC 48320, whose name was spelled many different ways, since it was translated from the Cyrillic alphabet. His wife and son lived in Volhynia (now part of Ukraine). The first document is in Cyrillic (Image 2), and the second is its English translation (Image 3). This beneficiary application asks for his occupation (worker), how much he earned per week (\$14), where he entered the service, and his unit.

XC VETERAN FILES PRIOR TO WORLD WAR I

While the claim files for World War I veterans are fascinating in their own right, many of the claim files in St. Louis are for veterans with military service prior to World War I. The acquisitions at the National Archives at St. Louis extend the holdings in National Archives custody from cases closed circa 1928 to those closed circa 1948.

Those searching for veterans from the Civil War, later Indian Wars, China Relief Expedition, Spanish-American War, or Philippine Insurrection can access the "U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934" at Ancestry.com, (<http://search.ancestryinstitution.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4654>) to see if their ancestor has an XC file (noted at the bottom of the card).

This index card (Image 4) shows the claim file number of John Baptiste Eugene, XC 2670575. Eugene served in the 73rd U.S. Colored Troops during the Civil War.



WHERE ARE THE RECORDS?

Researchers who are searching for XC files belonging to Civil War veterans should first contact the National Archives in Washington, DC. Those searching for veterans who served after the Civil War through World War I should first contact the National Archives at St. Louis.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT DENVER

Back to School at the U.S. AIR FORCE

by Cody White

THE ARRIVAL OF FALL MEANS IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL, AND IN COLORADO THAT INCLUDES the United States Air Force Academy cadets.

Since the early years of the U.S. Air Force, the state of Colorado has been inextricably entwined with the professional training of over 37,000 young men and women who studied, drilled, and ultimately became Air Force officers at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The first Academy's class of 306 men started their studies at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, established in 1954 (60 years ago, this fall) while the new campus was being constructed.

The cadets moved to the new campus in 1959, and in this series of images from the holdings at the National Archives at Denver, we see new fourth-class cadets being processed. These photographs are part of 653 cubic feet of historical records our Denver facility holds on the academy. Other academy records include manuals, regulations, research files, blueprints, and correspondence. The National Archives at Denver is the only National Archives facility to hold any U.S. Air Force Academy records. This collection is an invaluable resource among Colorado archival institutions because it documents an important asset to the state, and is a unique collection within the National Archives as a whole.

(Source of Images: RG 461, Records of the U.S. Air Force Academy, "Construction Project Study Files," National Archives Identifier 568045, Box 170, Book 25)



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Declassified Motion Pictures and Sound Recordings—3rd Quarter

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posted on June 30, 2015, by Laurel Macondray

IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED MOTION pictures and sound recordings the Motion Picture, Sound and Video Branch will publish a quarterly list of newly declassified records.

This quarter's list includes a film from a series of Air Force Intelligence Reports (Local Identifier 341-IR/National Archives Identifier 5964869 [<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/5964869>]). The reports cover countries around the world during the 1950s and 1960s. The film below shows the pomp and circumstance of a military parade in Yugoslavia.

From April 1, through June 30, 2015, the following records were declassified.

MOTION PICTURES

Local Identifier	Title
341-IR-98-53	May Day Parade, Yugoslavia, 1953
342-USAF-28653	Operational Systems Test Facility for ICBM Titan at Vandenberg AFB, April 1960
342-USAF-34616	TAC Operations, McCoy AFB, November 1962
342-USAF-49604*	Operation Eagle Pull / Operation Frequent Wind

*Only Reels 5, 12, 49, 69, 106, and 164 have been declassified



Yugoslavia May Day Parade, 1953 (Local Identifier 341-IR-98-53/National Archives Identifier 18559968) [<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/5964869>]

SOUND RECORDINGS

No sound recordings were declassified during this quarter.

Descriptive information for declassified records can be accessed by searching for the item number, ex. "341-IR-38-56," in NARA's catalog. You may also search on the Declassification Project Number (NND), if you know one. For example, searching on the declassification number "NND 64803" returns entries that are

part of Declassification Project 64803. A list of declassified textual records can be found on the National Declassification Center's web page.

See the post "From Top Secret Vault to Open Stacks: Declassification of Moving Images" to learn more about the declassification process. Lists of other recently declassified moving images and sound recordings can be located by clicking on the Declassification Quarterly Reports category on the left side of the blog.

HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM

“Dear Bess Letters”

By Tammy Williams

THE HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE COMPLETION OF A project to digitize and transcribe over 1,300 letters from Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman. These letters, often referred to as the “Dear Bess Letters,” are a highly researched and important collection within the Harry S. Truman Papers. The letters document the Trumans’ extended courtship and the ups and downs of their marriage. They also document the professional career of Harry S. Truman—from county administrator, Senator, Vice President and President, and to his post-Presidential years. The earliest letter in the collection is dated 1910; the last letter is dated January 1959.

Harry S. Truman, Washington D.C., Independence, Mo.
Nov 13 1913

Dear Bess:- Happy birthday! and I hope you have at least fifty more. I wanted to be there so badly to help you celebrate I don't like to express it. If your new dress doesn't fit you can send it back and we'll get a larger one. I'm glad you went to Mrs. Stubbs luncheon for the Coxley. I rather think it is better to pay no attention to the childish actions of people anyway. The more I watch the behavior of my colleague, the more I'm impressed with the necessity of that attitude. He is so thoroughly impressed with his importance and dignity that he is continually

Dear Bess:-
Your letter has made a confirmed optimist out of me sure enough. I know now that everything is good and grand and this potato is a fine place to be. I have been all up in the air, clear above earth ever since it came. I guess you thought I didn't have much sense. I didn't but I just couldn't say anything only just sit and look. It doesn't seem real that you should have care for me. I have always hoped you would but someone would say mind you wouldn't. You

know I've always thought that the best man in the world is hardly good enough for any woman. But when it comes to the best girl in all the universe caring for an ordinary jerk like me - well you'll have to let me get used to it.
If you want to be a farmer or a hall I'll come other business. When mamma says her suit and me get all the things out of the way I will then have a place for myself. We intend to raise a 400 and what ever which if it hits will put us out of the woods. If you have what I don't think about, it will mean starting all over for me you may be sure I'm not going to wait till I'm Montana's chief executive to ask you to be his wife but I come want to live some decent place to ask you to. I'm hoping it won't be long. Don't let me hear from you. It's off, oh yep, oh yep

Left: File Unit: Correspondence from Harry S. Truman to Bess Wallace, 1910-1919: November 4, 1913, 1910-1959. Series: Family Correspondence Files, 1910-1959. Middle and right: Collection: Harry S. Truman Papers Pertaining to Family, Business and Personal Affairs, 1876-1959

Volunteers and library staff worked for more than two years to scan, transcribe, and describe the letters, which total 6,250 pages of material. All of the letters can be viewed on the library website at: <http://www.trumanlibrary.org/hstpapers/fbpa.htm#subseries1-1>. The Truman Library staff continue to work with the

National Archives Office of Innovation to add scans all of the letters and the transcripts to the National Archives Catalog [<http://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/>].

In this letter, Harry S. Truman implies that he and Bess Wallace are engaged to be married.

RICHARD NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Now Available: Richard Nixon Foundation Collection of Audiovisual Materials—Photo Series

by Jon Fletcher

COINCIDING WITH THE COMPLETION OF ITEM-LEVEL CATALOGING AND PROCESSING of the Richard Nixon Foundation Collection of Audiovisual Materials photo series—a four-year project—the Nixon Library has launched 150 representative digitized images from the collection on the National Archives Catalog (available at <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/16800394>).



Left: Vice President Richard Nixon cuts a ceremonial ribbon to mark the opening the American Exhibition in Moscow, July 1959. *Right:* Military aircraft with South Pacific Combat Air Transport Command (SCAT) unit in Bougainville, Soloman Islands, 1943.

The collection's photo series contains materials that document Richard Milhous Nixon's life, career, and family with an emphasis on the pre-Presidential period. The collection's breadth and intellectual availability represents a content cornerstone for those wishing to research, interpret, and document periods leading up to the Nixon Presidency.

Just a few example topics and events documented within the collection include:

- The Kitchen Debate and the Moscow Exhibition (1959)
- Goodwill trip to South America (1958)
- Alger Hiss case (late 1940s)
- Far East tour (1953)
- Active duty during World War II in the South Pacific (1943/1944)

- Early life in Yorba Linda and Whittier, California

Over 20,000 item-level photo descriptions are now available for research. Researchers wishing to navigate the collection may request database reports on demand by emailing staff at nixon@nara.gov.

What's New on ACCESS TO ARCHIVAL DATABASES (AAD)

by Jennifer Namsiriwan-Crabb

THE ACCESS TO ARCHIVAL DATABASES (AAD) (WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV/AAD) PROVIDES online access to a selection of the National Archives' electronic records from archival databases. This resource allows you to search and view electronic records.

In January 1974, the Department of State began microfilming paper documents (airgrams, memorandums of various types, reports, correspondence, diplomatic notes, aides memoire, and in some cases telegrams, etc.) and destroying the original documents. This microfilm is referred to as the P-Reel ("P" for paper) microfilm. Documents on the film are arranged in the order in which they were received and filmed by the records management office, not by subject or point of origin. (Generally, paper-based documents dating through December 1973 are found in the legacy paper-based filing system arranged according to an alpha-numeric filing system, although there are some pre-1974 documents among the P-Reel files.)

The electronic Department of State telegrams and P-Reel Index from 1978 are now available online via the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) [<http://www.archives.gov/aad>] resource. Within these records, there are more than 320,000 releasable telegrams and more than 85,000 P-Reel index files from the Central Foreign Policy Files of the Department of State.



Anwar Sadat, Jimmy Carter, and Menachem Begin (left to right) at the Camp David Accords Signing Ceremony. <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/181392>

As an example, records include telegrams relating to the signing of the Camp David Accords on September 17, 1978, by Egyptian President Anwar El Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter.

Also available on AAD are Central

Foreign Policy Files that include the 1973–1977 electronic telegrams, and indices to related microfilmed material. Additional information about the Central Foreign Policy Files is available at: <http://www.archives.gov/research/foreign-policy/state-dept/rg-59-central-files/faqs.pdf>.

SETTING UP THE INNOVATION HUB

by Dina Herbert

THE INNOVATION HUB OPENED IN JULY 2015 AS A NEW SPACE FOR NATIONAL Archives and Records Administration (NARA) researchers and staff. It is a unique and collaborative space where we can work on innovative projects and programs to move the agency forward.

THE INNOVATION HUB HAS TWO AREAS: THE MEETING AREA

This is a collaborative space where we will hold events like

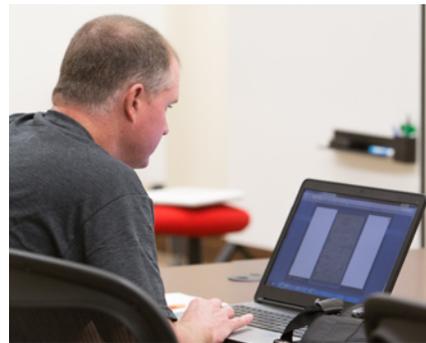
- Transcribe-a-thons: <http://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/>
- Wikipedia: <http://wikimediac.org/wiki/Home>
- Edit-a-thons
- classes and lectures

Researchers may visit the space to help us transcribe and tag our documents on-line. We're looking forward to hosting events with groups of people on-site—or virtually! These groups will transcribe National Archives records in our online Catalog or edit Wikipedia entries that relate to documents held here.

Wikipedia groups often hold edit-a-thons, and we plan to be a central source for these types of events related to American history and culture. As an example, an active group in Washington, DC, held the successful STEM/Black History Month edit-a-thon (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/02/24/today-join-us-our-first-stem-heroes-edit-thon>) at the White House in February.

In July 2015 we also opened a pop-up exhibit about Wikipedia and the connection of Wikipedia and the National Archives. This exhibit was produced by Professor Andrew Lih of American University, an expert on Wikipedia; he received a Knight Foundation grant to produce this exhibit.

We are also encouraging staff to use the space as a way to connect with our customers and work on innovative projects.



Left: Using the Meeting area during Primarily Teaching hosted in the Innovation Hub. Above: Meeting area in the Innovation Hub. Below: Innovation Staff collaborating on new ways to move the agency forward in the meeting area.





Above: Using the overhead Zeuschel scanner in the scanning room of the Innovation Hub. We can accommodate some oversized and bound volumes on these scanners.

Below and right: Scanning on our flatbed scanners in the Innovation Hub during Primarily Teaching hosted in the Innovation Hub. (All photos taken by Jeff Reed)



We're planning to work with Archives staff throughout the agency—not just in the DC area—to bring new ways of thinking about how we accomplish our missions. Staff might use the space and resources to work on creating apps or web projects or better access to our materials. For both researchers and staff the sky is the limit!

THE SCANNING ROOM

In the Scanning Room, we will hold Citizen Scanning of National Archives records. This room will have 12 NARA-provided scanners with which researchers will scan at least an entire file of documents. Afterwards, we will keep a copy of the scans to upload to our Catalog, and the researcher can take a copy of the JPEGs home. We hope this will be an innovative way for researchers to help us achieve our

goal of making access happen and feel like they are part of the digitization process. In this space we will also host scan-a-thons. The scanning room will be treated like a researcher room: staff monitors will retrieve documents and assist with the machines. To enter the Scanning Room, you will need a researcher card.

Please stay tuned for more information about the Innovation Hub as we grow in our space and host more programs. We hope to help American citizens get better access to our holdings and give researchers an opportunity to engage with the records in new and different ways.

Nationwide Programming About the Records

ON-SITE AND YOUTUBE EVENTS SHOW YOU HOW TO USE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT records held at the National Archives for historical and genealogical research.

Please check our web pages often for schedule updates!

- Know Your Records program
www.archives.gov/calendar/know-your-records

- Our Genealogy Workshops Nationwide
<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/events/index.html>

KNOW YOUR RECORDS PROGRAM

Know Your Records programs are lectures held throughout the month and made available both on-site and on YouTube. Recordings, handouts, presentations, and captioning are available on YouTube at the National Archives Know Your Records playlist.

- On-site: William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Washington, DC <http://www.archives.gov/museum/visit/theater.html>

- On-line: National Archives channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives>

- On-line: Know Your Records playlist
<https://www.youtube.com/course?list=ECC641EF0E3F8AFDF9&feature=plcp>

GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS NATIONWIDE

The National Archives offers the public a comprehensive program of genealogical workshops and courses in its facilities nationwide. Topics include an introduction to genealogy and research into records such as census schedules, military service and pension records, and passenger lists.

SEPTEMBER

Introduction to Genealogy at the National Archives, Washington, DC, September 2
Tiptoeing Through Federal Court Records, Fort Worth, TX, September 4
"Help! I'm Stuck" Genealogy Consultation, Washington, DC, September 19

OCTOBER

The Genealogical Significance of the WWI Draft Registration Card, Fort Worth, TX, October 2
Introduction to Genealogy at the National Archives, Washington, DC, October 7
"Help! I'm Stuck" Genealogy Consultation, Washington, DC, October 17
Virtual Genealogy Fair, YouTube, October 21-22

NOVEMBER

Introduction to Genealogy at the National Archives, Washington, DC, November 4
Overview of Military Records at NARA, Fort Worth, TX, November 6
"Help! I'm Stuck" Genealogy Consultation, Washington, DC, November 21

DECEMBER

Introduction to Genealogy at the National Archives, Washington, DC, December 2
Researching American Indians Online, Fort Worth, TX, December 4

VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

October 21–22, 2015
Online at <http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>
National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair
Participate in our biggest genealogy event of the year! During the two days of Internet broadcasting, learn and ask questions about Federal records as resources for family history research. Speakers include genealogy experts from National Archives facilities across the nation. From beginner to expert, discover new tips and tricks—we have sessions for all skill levels. After the event, recorded sessions and handouts will remain online.

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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:

GREG BRADSHER

- "Hitler's Final Words," *Prologue* 47, no. 1 (Spring 2015)

JOHN DEEBEN

- "Caring for Veterans in the Nation's Capital: Records of the U.S. Soldiers' Home in Washington, D.C., 1851–1943" *Prologue* 47, no. 1 (Spring 2015)

JEAN NUDD

- "Using Revolutionary War Pension Files to Find Family Information," *Prologue* 47, no. 2 (Summer 2015)

TREVOR PLANTE

- "Ending the Bloodshed: The Last Surrenders of the Civil War," *Prologue* 47, no. 1 (Spring 2015)

CLAIRE PRECHTEL-KLUSKENS

- "Lewis Miller, Coppersmith of New York and Ohio: A Case Study in Newspaper Research to Trace Migration," *LakeLines*, Vol. 41, No. 1 (Jan. 2015): 6–9. (Newsletter of Lake County, Ohio, Genealogical Society.)

MARY LYNN RITZENTHALER

- "Your Family Archives Treating Memories as Documents," *Prologue* 47, no. 1 (Spring 2015)
- "Your Family Archive: Preserving Books" *Prologue* 47, no. 2 (Summer 2015)

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

THE TEXT MESSAGE BLOG

Blog from the work and discoveries of processing and reference archivists on the job

ARCHIVES LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER (ALIC)

ALIC provides quarterly compilation of periodical literature reflecting the use of records in the National Archives

PRESS RELEASES

National Archives press releases announce many news items. This is a select list regarding plans, online tools, records, and films that could assist your research.

JUNE 2015

- *Archivist of the United States Appoints New Director of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum*, 6/29/15
- *Statement on the Passing of Allen Weinstein, Ninth Archivist of the United States*, 6/19/15
- *Archivist of the United States Appoints New Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum*, 6/9/15
- *Statement on NARA's Records Management Activities Relating to the State Department*, 6/5/15
- *National Archives Awards \$3.1 Million in Grants*, 6/4/15
- *Information Security Oversight Office Releases its Annual Report to the President*, 6/3/15

JULY 2015

- *The National Archives Welcomes Millionth Visitor in FY 2015*, 7/27/2015
- *Notice of Accidental Loss of Selective Service Microfilm Reel Containing PII*, 7/24/2015
- *National Archives to Open Additional Rosenberg Grand Jury Transcripts*, 7/14/2015

AUGUST 2015

- *Archivist of the United States Appoints New Directors of the Office of Government Information Services and the Office of the Federal Register*, 8/10/2015

Visit www.archives.gov/press for the entire listing of press releases.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES RESEARCH CENTERS NATIONWIDE

RESEARCH IN PERSON—LOCATIONS

- National Archives in Washington, DC
- National Archives at Atlanta, GA
- National Archives at Boston, MA
- National Archives at Chicago, IL
- National Archives at College Park, MD
- National Archives at Denver, CO
- National Archives at Fort Worth, TX
- National Archives at Kansas City, MO
- National Archives at New York City, NY
- National Archives at Philadelphia, PA
- National Archives at Riverside, CA
- National Archives at San Francisco, CA
- National Archives at Seattle, WA
- National Archives at St. Louis, MO
- National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Records)
- National Personnel Records Center (Military and Civilian Records)
- Federal Register
- Washington National Records Center

NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF ARCHIVES FACILITIES

www.archives.gov/locations

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