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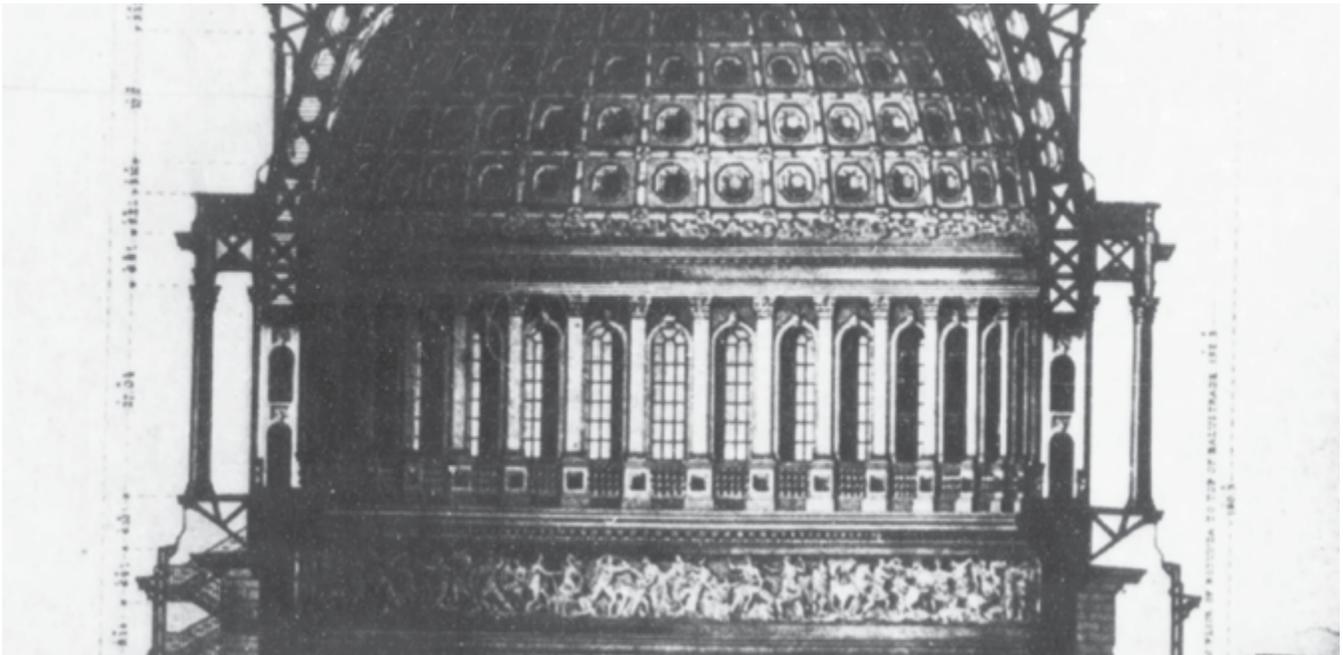
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MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS *and* ORIGINAL RECORDS

Digitized by Our Digitization Partners

By Mary Rephlo



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AS OF NOVEMBER 2014, LINKS TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA) images appearing on the website of our digital partner Familysearch.org are included on our **Microfilm Publications and Original Records Digitized by Our Digitization Partners webpage. In addition, any problem links or missing titles on partner websites Ancestry.com and Fold3.com have been resolved.**

Our digitization partners, Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, and Familysearch.org, have digitized selected NARA microfilm publications and original records and made them available on their websites. Familysearch.org is a free site. Ancestry and Fold3 are both

subscription services that allow free searches of some or all index terms for each title. Complete access to subscription sites Ancestry.com and Fold3.com is available free of charge in all NARA Research Rooms, including those in our archival offices in the

field and Presidential libraries.

- View the **Microfilm Publications and Original Records Digitized by Our Digitization Partners** webpage at www.archives.gov/digitization/digitized-by-partners.html

THE ROOSEVELT LIBRARY *and* KEN BURNS'S **THE ROOSEVELTS:** *An Intimate History*

By Robert Clark

ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2014, PBS STATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY BROADCAST THE latest film by Ken Burns, *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*. This seven-part documentary weaves together the stories of Theodore, Franklin, and Eleanor Roosevelt, three members of one of the most prominent and influential families in American politics. The 14-hour series marks the first time their individual stories have been woven into a single narrative, and it is the first time that PBS has premiered such a film in two-hour blocks over seven consecutive nights. If you missed the broadcast, the film series is available on DVD.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York, assisted Burns's Florentine Films production team throughout the entire process of making the film. The Florentine staff first visited the Roosevelt Library in May 2009. Over the course of the next five years, the Roosevelt staff helped the crew in researching, understanding, and filming the Library's archival and museum collections. The Library staff also assisted renowned Roosevelt biographer Geoffrey C. Ward as he honed the film's script and wrote the accompanying book with the same title as the film. The entire process was collaborative and collegial, with the Florentine team sharing the digital by-products of their labors and the Library offering suggestions for documents, photographs, and objects to use in the film. And it can be said that the Florentine crew survived the Library's 3½ year renovation right along with the Library staff. During the film project, the Florentine team worked in the pre-renovation research room in 2009, moved with the staff to the temporary research room in the Library's Wallace Visitor Center in 2010, and moved back to the renovated Library in 2013.



Left: The young couple at Campobello with daughter Anna and Duffy, the family's Scottish terrier, 1907. *Right:* Ken Burns speaks to a packed audience in the Wallace Visitor Center.



Burns's team also worked closely with the National Park Service, which operates the Home of FDR National Historic Site on the same grounds as the Library.

Ken Burns made a special visit to Hyde Park on June 12, 2014, to preview the excerpts from the film to a packed audience in the Wallace Visitor Center. Afterwards,

Ken Burns and Geoff Ward hosted a special lunch where they personally thanked the staffs of the Roosevelt Library and the National Park Service for their assistance in creating *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*—an epic documentary that will bring the world of the Roosevelts to a whole new generation.

JIMMY CARTER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Records of the Office of the Staff Secretary Available Online

by Brittany Parris

IN JULY 2014, THE **JIMMY CARTER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY** ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH of its *new digital library* (http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/digital_library/). The first group of records to be highlighted and made available through this new platform is historical material from the *Presidential Files series* of the *Office of the Staff Secretary*. Over 89,000 pages of digitized textual records—previously only available in physical form—have been placed online for easier access. This number will continue to grow as more documents are digitized and added to the digital library. Researchers can “explore the containers” of the digitized series. Each file unit has been digitized into a single PDF file, which can be accessed online and downloaded. The Library invites the public to share discoveries from the digitized records on its blog, *The Carter Chronicle*: <http://blogs.archives.gov/carter-chronicle/2014/07/21/new-digital-library-goes-live/> These materials are also described on the *National Archives Catalog*, at the series level as National Archives Identifier 1099. The Library is collaborating with the Office of Innovation to work towards making these newly digitized documents available online via the Catalog, as well.

The Staff Secretary in the White House Office is responsible for managing communications to the President and circulating documents among senior staff for comment. Sometimes described as “the nerve center of the White House,” the position was first created under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In the Carter White House, this office consisted of three full-time employees: the Staff Secretary (Rick Hutcheson), the Deputy Staff Secretary (Bill Simon), and the Confidential Assistant (Patty Maloomian.) The Presidential Files of the Staff Secretary Office primarily consist of the daily contents of the President’s outbox, filed chronologically according to the date when each item left the Oval Office.



President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter at the Inaugural Ball.

Special thanks to the Digitization Committee at the Carter Library: Christian Belena, Amanda Pellerin, Ryan Rutkowski, Sheila Mayo, MaryAnn McSweeney, and Youlanda Logan.

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GERALD R. FORD PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Recent Collection Openings



Left: President Ford announcing his pardon of Richard Nixon from the Oval Office. September 8, 1974. *Right:* Ford Right: A4254-9. President Ford meets with his advisers for an energy and economic policy meeting in the Cabinet Room. April 28, 1975.

ARTHUR BURNS PAPERS, (1957) 1969-87 [ACCRETIONS] [53 LINEAR FEET]

New openings relate to Burns's post-Federal Reserve work, including his service as Ambassador to West Germany (1981-85). The papers include important materials related to U.S.-West German relations, West German domestic politics, Berlin, and NATO.

ROBERT ORBEN PAPERS, 1947-2006 [40 LINEAR FEET]

Orben's papers encompass his career as a comedy and speechwriter, including his role

as President Ford's head speechwriter. The collection includes comedy writings related to his television work on programs such as *The Tonight Show* and the *Red Skelton Hour*.

FREDERIC W. SLIGHT FILES, (1969-73) 1974-77 [9.2 LINEAR FEET]

Slight served as the assistant to Counsellor to the President Anne Armstrong and a staff assistant in the Public Liaison and Press Secretary's offices. There are materials related to efforts to improve the diversity of the Federal workforce.

- View finding aids for these collections at

www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/library/guide.asp

- Research Travel Grants are available to support your research trip <http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/library/hpgrants.asp>

RECENT DIGITIZATION PROJECTS

John Marsh Files (Counsellor to the President-Congressional and Public Liaison), **Ron Nessen Files** (Press Secretary), **White House Legislation Case Files**, **National Security Advisor-Presidential Transition File (1974)**.

- View the digitized collections at www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/library/docs.asp

Did you know that the National Archives lists our new accessions and openings of records online at <http://www.archives.gov/research/accessions/listing.html>?

New accessions are Federal records and other historical material, such as Presidential papers, recently added to the National Archives collection. Usually these materials are not available for research until they have

been processed. This includes arranging and placing the materials in proper containers, describing the content of the materials in a finding aid, and reviewing the materials for any donor or general restrictions.

Openings describe those historical materials that have been processed or declassified and are now ready for researchers to use.

“Archivally Speaking”

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY’S *Blog for Announcing Newly Opened and Digitized Collections*

by Stacey Chandler

TO ANNOUNCE NEWLY OPENED OR DIGITIZED COLLECTIONS AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY Presidential Library, members of the Archives division write detailed posts for the Library’s “*Archivally Speaking*” blog. These posts contain a rich selection of digitized content (including images and audio). Below is a sampling of what we have recently opened and/or digitized from our holdings.

MYER FELDMAN PERSONAL PAPERS

This collection provides an in-depth look at the work of one of President Kennedy’s closest advisors, Deputy Special Counsel Myer Feldman. Feldman’s White House Staff Files are also available for research, as well as his 14 oral history interviews.

- <http://archiveblog.jfklibrary.org/2014/11/newly-processed-collection-myer-feldman-personal-papers/>

LAWRENCE “LARRY” O’BRIEN PERSONAL PAPERS

Lawrence “Larry” O’Brien, of Springfield, Massachusetts, was a member of the inner circle of Kennedy aides that came to be known as the “Irish Mafia.” O’Brien began his association with John F. Kennedy in the early 1950s; he worked on Kennedy’s 1952 and 1958 Senate campaigns and was named National Director of Organization for Kennedy’s 1960 Presidential run. A widely admired figure for his organizing talent, his “O’Brien Manual” became a highly sought-after volume for anyone wanting to run a campaign and win an election.

- <http://archiveblog.jfklibrary.org/2014/09/newly-processed-collection-lawrence-f-obrien-personal-papers/>

EDWARD R. MURROW

A series of materials from the Kennedy Library’s United States Information Agency Audio Recordings Collection has



President John F. Kennedy shakes hands with Edward R. Murrow at Murrow’s swearing-in ceremony as Director of the USIA, March 21, 1961.

been digitized and made available in the Library’s digital archives. The Director Edward R. Murrow Recordings, 1961–1965, contains audio recordings of speeches and other public appearances of former United States Information Agency (USIA) Director Edward R. Murrow. Also included are recorded retrospectives of Murrow’s life and career made following his death in 1965.

- Series of recordings from the USIA Audio Recordings Collection <http://archiveblog.jfklibrary.org/2014/10/usia-director-edward-r-murrow-audio-recordings-digitized-and-available-online/>

- Digitized audio can be accessed through the collection’s finding aid and either streamed or downloaded. <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Asset-Viewer/Archives/USIAAU.aspx?f=1>

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FILES FROM THE PERSONAL PAPERS OF BURKE MARSHALL

Civil rights–related materials from the Burke Marshall Personal Papers represent the latest addition to the digital archives of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library. As Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Burke Marshall oversaw landmark moments in civil rights and was instrumental in developing the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The newly digitized material focuses on civil rights issues such as desegregation of interstate transportation and travel facilities; school desegregation (including James Meredith’s fight to enter the University of Mississippi); voting rights; and legislation.

- <http://archiveblog.jfklibrary.org/2014/09/newly-digitized-civil-rights-materials-from-the-burke-marshall-personal-papers/>

BROWSE DIGITAL COLLECTIONS AT

- www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Search-Our-Collections/Browse-Digital-Collections.aspx

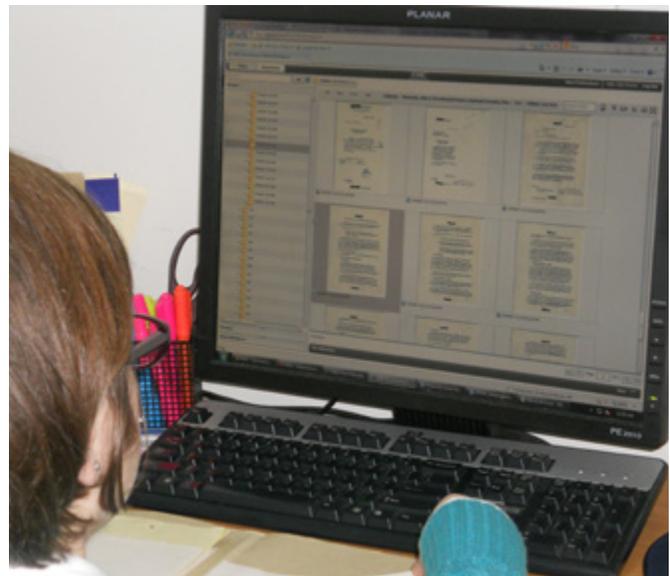
“ARCHIVALLY SPEAKING” BLOG

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Digitization on Demand at the JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

by Stacey Chandler

“Through scientific means of reproduction . . . it’s possible to make documents available generally here in Washington, and through the Archives, the Library of Congress, and at the libraries . . . We will find it possible to so reproduce the key documents that they will be commonly available.” – John F. Kennedy, Press Conference, December 12, 1962.



Left: John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Research Room interns Corbin Apkin and Rachael Guadagni look through a folder while working on a remote researcher request. *Right:* Assistant Digital Archivist for Textual Collections, Kelly Francis, runs a quality-control check on scans of a folder at the John F. Kennedy Library.

Here at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, one of our newer research services is the *Digitization on Demand (DoD) program*. In combination with the systematic scanning of high-use collections like the *President’s Office Files*, the DoD program helps us digitize records of interest, prevent wear and tear on our frequently requested documents, and improve access for everyone.

We conducted a trial “soft launch” for this service in 2012, offering to scan folders for researchers unable to make the trip to Boston to access our holdings in-person. We capped the maximum price at \$40 per

folder and immediately learned that scanning is more convenient and cost-effective for researchers, more efficient for staff, and better than photocopying for the long-term preservation of the holdings. So far, we’ve digitized roughly three hundred folders specifically for DoD requests, with more coming in every day.

For archivists here, Digitization on Demand starts with getting a request from an off-site researcher who wants to see a folder of documents. Next, we scan the folder, producing both preservation-quality and smaller, reference-quality images of each page and storing them permanently.

Finally, a reference archivist sends the researcher a PDF file of each requested folder, while a digital archivist catalogs and publishes the folder to our website through *finding aids with linked folder titles*. Because the catalog descriptions include subject, name, and other browsing terms, this digital folder becomes discoverable in our digital archives and through search engines like Google.

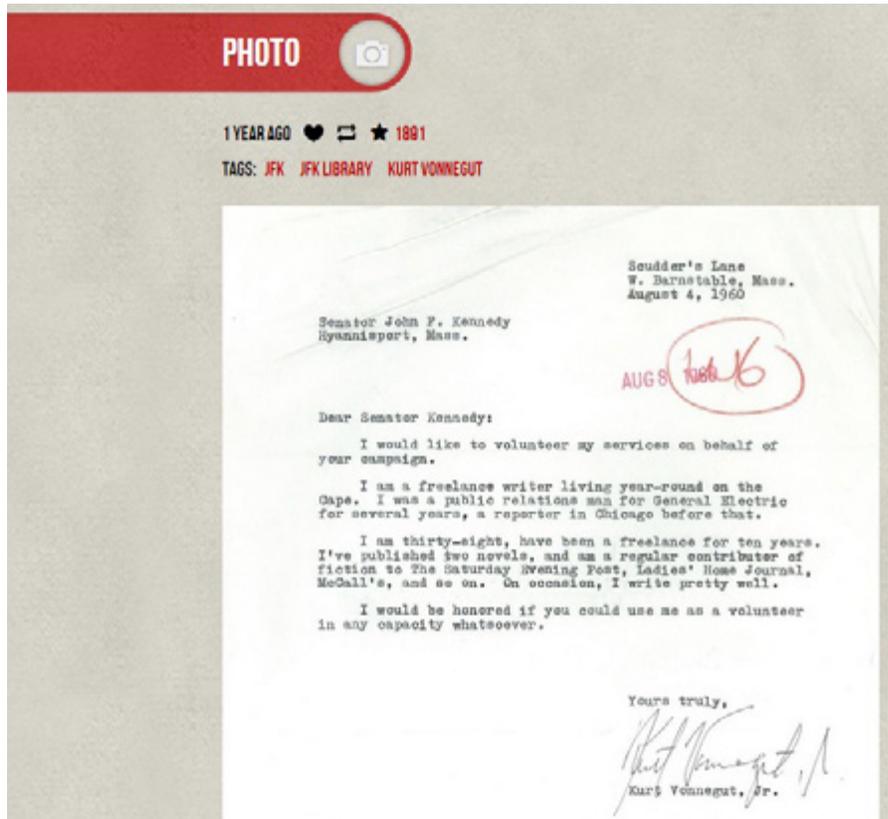
You can see examples of folders we’ve digitized on demand [here](#) and [here](#), and click on “View parent collection and finding aid” to see where the folder fits in its collection.

The JFK Library Tumblr site displays a letter from Kurt Vonnegut to John F. Kennedy from the digitized 1960 Campaign Files collection. The post links to the full folder and shows the document's digital ID: JFKCAMP1960-0982-011-p0003 (JFK 1960 Campaign Files, Box 982, folder 11, page 3).

Staff members also take advantage of digitization; when we find a document we want the world to see, our first thought is to scan and share it through social media. But as archivists and researchers know, documents posted online can become “orphaned” from their archives, with no information to help us figure out where they came from later. To avoid that, each document appearing on the library’s *Facebook*, *Twitter*, *Tumblr*, and other social media pages is scanned for the digital archives and assigned a number with a citation built into it. Documents are also cataloged for Online Public Access (OPA), the National Archives online catalog, so that even when our documents stand alone, there’s always a way to find out where they belong.

The JFK Library can also link the documents we display on our *educational micro-sites* back to the digital archives, so that students and teachers can always find them in context within their original folders.

Check out our roughly 488,000 pages of digitized documents through collection



finding aids, looking for linked folder titles (as in the partially digitized *White House Central Subject Files*). Or search for a specific term such as “*Cuban Missile Crisis*” in the digital archives and narrow your search by object type. Object types also include those we have been digitizing systematically, including nearly 700 *oral*

history interview transcripts, over 13,000 *photographs*, over 1,500 *sound recordings*, and about 120 *moving images*.

Researchers who cannot visit us and do not see the needed materials online yet: please contact us to learn more about accessing records that will be helpful to you!

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WASHINGTON, DC, AREA

Recent Research Room Changes

SINCE THE SUMMER, WASHINGTON, DC, area research rooms have gone through changes.

- Prints from the public access computers are now 10 cents per page (instead of free). Downloading images to a flash drive will still be free.
- Scans from microfilm are now 40 cents per scan. This applies whether the researcher scans to a flash drive or a CD.
- The afternoon pull times are now 1, 2, and 3 p.m. (instead of 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m.). The morning pulls (10 and 11 a.m.) are the same.
- Researchers cannot sign out records from a research room after 4:30 p.m. If the records are already signed out, then the researcher can continue using them.



Research Room, National Archives Building, Washington, DC.



KNOW YOUR RECORDS

Live Broadcasts on YouTube

DO YOU ENJOY THE **KNOW YOUR RECORDS** PROGRAMS AND WANT TO SEE MORE OF our talks online? We have good news! Starting in February, our program's lecture series will be available both online and on-site. Based on the success of this year's *Virtual Genealogy Fair*, we will offer *Know Your Records* programs on the U.S. National Archives *YouTube* Channel and on-site from the *William G. McGowan Theater*, National Archives Building in Washington, DC.

- We plan to host at least two programs each month at 2 p.m. EST. You can participate in three ways!
- Watch and ask questions from your own computer from *YouTube*,
 - Visit us on-site as we broadcast from the McGowan Theater at the National Archives Building, or
 - View the online recorded talk and download the presentation material at a later date from the *Know Your Records website*. We will continue to offer the monthly genealogy programs in room G-25 at the National Archives Building. We look forward to seeing you in-person and online!

KNOW YOUR RECORDS PROGRAM GOAL Through this program, lecturers present programs designed to educate about the various holdings found within the National Archives and how to use them for historical research.

APRIL/MAY 2015 SCHEDULE

GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

Attend in-person in Room G-25, Research Center
(*Penn. Ave. Entrance*)

Introduction to Genealogy at the National Archives

Learn how to do basic genealogical research using Federal records at the National Archives. Lectures take place on the first Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, April 1, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 6, 11 a.m.

"Help! I'm Stuck" Genealogy Consultation

Not sure where to begin? Has a genealogical problem stumped you? Archivist **Claire Kluskens** is available from noon to 4 p.m. to answer your questions. Sign up for a 20-minute appointment at the Microfilm Research desk on Saturday.

Saturday, April 18, noon–4 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, noon–4 p.m.

LECTURE PROGRAMS

Participate in-person at the *William G. McGowan Theater* and online at *YouTube*. Download presentation materials from *Know Your Records*.

Using Pre-1850 Census to Find Family Relationships *Wednesday, April 1, 2 p.m.*

Early Naturalization Records from New England States, 1790–September 26, 1906
Wednesday, April 15, 2 p.m.

Using Records of Artificial Limbs for Union Civil War Veterans, 1861–1927
Thursday, May 14, 2 p.m.

Restoring the Brotherhood of Union: Confederate Pardon and Amnesty Records, 1865–1877
Thursday, May 21, 2 p.m.

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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 P. DEEBEN

- "Early Texas Industrial Schedules: Businesses and Manufacturing in Houston and Surrounding Counties, 1850-1860." *Genealogical Record* 55, no. 3-4 (Fall 2013): 8-16. RG29

CLAIRE PRECHTEL-KLUSKENS

- Prechtel-Kluskens, Claire. "Sutlers of the Civil War," *NGS Magazine* 40, no. 2 (April-June 2014): 39-43. RG92/RG94/RG153/RG217/RG393
- "Did Your Union Civil War Ancestor Have an Artificial Limb?" *NGS Magazine* 40, no. 1 (January-March 2014): 41-45. RG15

MARIE V. MELCHIORI AND CLAIRE PRECHTEL-KLUSKENS

- "Did Your Union Army Civil War Ancestor Apply for a Pension?" *NGS Magazine* 40, no. 3 (July-Sept. 2014): 35-39.

CODY WHITE

- "'Fool Thing to Do': The True Story of Surviving a Fall Into The Carlsbad Caverns National Park Elevator Shaft" *National Archives blog, The Text Message* (January 22, 2015). RG79



Quarterly Compilation of Periodical Literature Reflecting the Use of Records in the National Archives: 2014

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.

DECEMBER 2014

- *Archivist of the United States Appoints Director of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum*
- *National Archives Opens "Spirited Republic" Alcohol Exhibit, March 6, 2015*
- *National Archives Welcomes Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014*

NOVEMBER 2014

- *National Declassification Center Opens Records of Shanghai Diaspora Communities*
- *National Archives Richard Nixon Library to Release 193 Haldeman Audio Diary Entries*

OCTOBER 2014

- *National Archives and University of Kentucky Libraries Announce New Teachers' Award*
- *Naomi Nelson Appointed to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)*

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

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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*

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