

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN THE REGIONS...

May 2008

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A Fateful Day in May

MAY 18, 1980

Curtis Roselle, who later became a volunteer at the National Archives, and his wife were fishing in a remote lake in the Cascade Mountains on May 18, 1980. Curt, a faithful journal-writer, later recorded, "We heard a very loud explosion, like dynamite or a canon, in midmorning followed by a second and then a third echo-like bang."

After discussing why anyone would be blasting on Sunday, they continued to fish. By mid morning "clouds" began to roll in and "lightning flash[ed] from cloud to cloud." Just before noon all the birds stopped chirping and the area became deathly quiet. The rapidly darkening sky soon convinced them that it was time to leave that usually idyllic place. As they were packing the car, Curt's wife mentioned "bugs" on her face and soon they realized something was falling like warm snow from the nearly dark sky. A long-time Naval officer, Curt and his wife gradually began to wonder about the possibility of nuclear attack. They quickly packed their truck and fled from the area, which was by then nearly in complete darkness, although still early afternoon. After several anxious minutes in the car, their radio finally came on and they knew what really had happened. Mount St. Helens had erupted, and they were in the direct path of the ashfall.¹

Records of the cataclysmic event at Mount St. Helens, Washington, can be found at the National Archives and Records Administration as well as in other locations. Many records related to the event are located at the Pacific Alaska Region - Seattle facility, including "before" and "after" photos as well as maps,

¹ American Heritage, Feb/Mar 2001, p. 89 (Curtis Roselle was a volunteer for the National Archives and Records Administration in Seattle from 1992 until his death early in 2007.)

**Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument,
Gifford Pinchot National Forest**
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reports and telegrams, primarily from the United States Forest Service, and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Additional photos, moving pictures, and sound recordings can be found in the National Archives at College Park, Maryland. Still other records are held at the Jimmy Carter Library in Atlanta, GA, and the National Archives in Washington, DC.

Curtis Roselle and Al Showalter, 2006

National Archives volunteers working at the NARA-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle.



NARA West Coast May 2008

**Records of Mount St. Helens
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Gifford Pinchot National Forest**
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Seattle, WA <i>Picturing the Century in the Pacific Northwest</i> 5/6/08–Ongoing		1	2	3 Denver, CO National History Day Competition K–12 Students General Public 303-407-5749
4	5	6	7	8 Denver, CO Volunteer Luncheon at NARA Rocky Mountain Region Open House 303-407-5749 Seattle, WA Brick Wall Genealogical Workshop Workshop/Genealogists 206-336-5115	9	10 San Mateo, CA San Mateo Asian Pacific American Festival Information Booth and Exhibit General Public 650-238-3478 San Mateo, CA National Archives Resources for Asian Americans Lecture/General Public 650-238-3478
11	12	13 Longmont, CO Military Records at the National Archives Workshop/Genealogist General Public 303-407-5749	14		16 San Bruno, CA E-VET Records Research Workshop/Veterans 650-238-3485 Mount Vernon, WA Washington State Genealogy Conference and Information Booth Lecture/Genealogists General Public 206-336-5115 5/16/–5/17/2008	17 San Francisco, CA San Francisco Asian Heritage Street Festival Information Booth General Public 650-238-3478
18	19	20	21	22		24
25	26	27	28 Seattle, WA Using NARA Databases and Catalogs Lecture/Genealogists 206-336-5115	29 Anchorage, AK Northwest Archivist Conference Open House Open House and Tour Archival and Allied Professionals 907-261-7820	30	31 San Francisco, CA Exclusion Act Section 6: Chinese Merchant Stories Lecture/K-12 Teachers General Public 650-238-3478

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NARA East Coast May 2008

Philadelphia, PA

**Melting Pot Woes: Ethnic Suspicions
on the Home Front, 1917-1918**

9/24/07-8/31/08

**Pageant of Eastport History Put
On By Quoddy Boys at Eastport
& Quoddy Village, 1937**

RG 69, Works Project Administration
Photos of WPA/NYA Activities in
NY & New England
ca. 1935-42

NARA-Northeast Region, Boston



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>New York, NY From NARA's Holdings: New York Photographs 10/1/05-6/1/08</p>	<p>New York, NY Camp Kilmer: Entertaining the Troops! 11/14/07-6/1/08</p>	<p>New York An American Capital 12/14/06-6/1/08</p> <p>Baseball Goes To Court: Curt Flood v. Major League Baseball 4/1-6/30/08</p>	<p>Waltham, MA 1 WPA Work in New England 5/1-6/30/08</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Using the Internet for Genealogy Research Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-2190</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA First Friday Genealogy Open House General Public 215-606-0112</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Morrow, GA Georgia Genealogical Society Workshop General Public 770-968-2555</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>Troy, NY Beginning Your Research at NARA Lecture/Genealogists 518-629-4504</p> <p>Troy, NY Using Federal Census Records Lecture/Genealogists General Public 518-629-4504</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Troy, NY Using Federal Census Records Lecture/Genealogists General Public 518-629-4504</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA Naturalization Records Workshop/Genealogists 215-606-0112</p> <p>Morrow, GA Footnote.com Workshop General Public 770-968-2555</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Beginning Your Research at NARA Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-2190</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Using Federal Census Records Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-2190</p> <p>Key West, FL Immigration @ Harry S. Truman Little White House Symposium/General Public 770-268-2555</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Simsbury, CT Using Pre-1850 Census to Find Family Relationships Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604</p> <p>Simsbury, CT They Came Through Canada: Using Canadian Border Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604</p>	
<p>11</p> <p>Troy, NY Genealogy on the Internet Lecture/Genealogists 518-629-4504</p> <p>Troy, NY Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors at the National Archives Lecture/Genealogists 518-629-4504</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Troy, NY Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors at the National Archives Lecture/Genealogists 518-629-4504</p>	<p>13</p> <p>New York, NY Finding Family: Military Records Online Workshop General Public 866-840-1752</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ellis Island, NY Family History Game Show 3 Shows/General Public 866-840-1752</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor at NARA Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-2190</p>	<p>16</p> <p>23</p>	
<p>18</p> <p>Troy, NY Finding the Correct Ancestor Lecture/Genealogists 518-629-4504</p> <p>Troy, NY Using Pre-1850 Census to Find Family Relationships Lecture/Genealogists 518-629-4504</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Troy, NY Using Pre-1850 Census to Find Family Relationships Lecture/Genealogists 518-629-4504</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor at NARA Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-2190</p>	<p>22</p> <p>24</p>		
<p>25</p> <p>Waltham, MA Memorial Day Program 10 A.M. 610 Main Street, Waltham, MA Procession/Service General Public 781-663-0133</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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NARA Midwest May 2008

**Dandelion Production in
Minnesota, 1943**
RG 95, NARA-Great Lakes
Region



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>Kansas City, MO <i>WOWs: Women Ordance Workers</i> 3/1-5/31/08</p>	<p>Buckner, MO <i>The Real Deadwood</i> 5/19-6/2/08</p> <p>Raytown, MO <i>Wild, Wild Archives</i> 5/19-6/2/08</p>	<p>Chicago, IL <i>Cinema in the Stacks</i> 9/1/07-6/30/08</p>		1	2	3	
4	<p>Exhibit: Weston, MO <i>Fashion Court</i> 4/22-5/5/08</p>	5	6	7	<p>Kansas City, MO Homestead Records Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8013</p>	<p>Exhibit: Weston, MO <i>Wild, Wild Archives</i> 5/2-5/15/08</p>	10
11		12	13	14	15	16	17
18		19	20	21	<p>Kansas City, MO National Genealogical Society Reception Conference Genealogists 816-268-8072</p>	23	24
25		26	27	28	29	<p>Kansas City, MO Education on the Reservation Lecture/General Public 816-268-8071</p>	<p>Exhibit: Kansas City, MO <i>Mugged!</i> 5/24-7/20/08</p>
30		31	<p>Collegeville, MN National Archives- Great Lakes Region Archival and Allied Professionals 320-363-3542 5/28/-5/29/2008</p>	<p>Chicago, IL Railroad Workers' History Lecture/Genealogist General Public 312-255-3700 5/30-5/31/08</p>			

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