

April

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Document of the Month Lake Washington Ship Canal

As early as 1854, early Seattle pioneers suggested building a canal connecting Lake Washington to the Puget Sound through Lake Union. In 1867, the U.S. Navy endorsed the idea so that the Navy could enjoy freshwater moorage. Although the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers supported the project, the Navy's idea died in 1891 when the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard was built in Bremerton on the west side of Puget Sound.

The Army Corps of Engineers continued to support the idea and in 1906, under the command of Hiram Chittenden of the Corps' Seattle District, some preliminary work began on the project. Work began in earnest in 1911 and by 1916 the Montlake Cut joined Lake Washington with Lake Union which lowered the water level of Lake Washington by nearly nine feet.

Patterned after the Panama Canal, the Ballard or Government Locks were opened on May 8, 1917. The completed ship canal allowed for an eight-mile navigable waterway from the fresh water Lake Washington to the salt water Puget Sound. In 1956, the Corps of Engineers renamed the Ballard Locks,



calling them the Hiram Chittenden Locks in tribute to man whose early 20th century support led to their completion. The Locks use a special drainage system to keep the Sound's saltwater from damaging the inland lakes' freshwater ecology. They also incorporated one of

the first fish ladders in the U.S. allowing for the continuation of salmon runs into the lakes.

Currently, over 85,000 vessels use the locks yearly ranging from large commercial vessels that fill the large lock to kayaks or private craft that commonly use the small lock. In addition to the ships that use the locks daily, they are also used to transport other items. Log rafts were routinely transported through the locks; in 1944, a barge was used to transport a B-29 from the Boeing plant in Renton at the south end of Lake

Washington to the Puget Sound where it was loaded on an Army transport; and in the early 1990's, the large lock saw the transport of one of the remaining pieces of the old I-90 floating bridge which had been purchased for use in one of the San Juan Islands.



Citation: Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers (RG 77), Seattle District; Civil Works Project Photographs, Lake Washington Ship Canal.

NARA East Coast April

Exhibits:
Mid-Atlantic Region
Philadelphia, PA
Tea & the Constitution

*Education in
Black & White*
*The Constitution at
Ground Level*

**Northeast Region
New York, NY**
*From NARA's Holdings:
New York Photographs*

A View of the
Rally on the
Steps of the
Sub-Treasury
Building, WWII
Bond Drive.



Citation: Records Relating to Bond
Promotion; General Records of the
Department of the Treasury, RG 56;
NARA's Northeast Region, (New York).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>Southeast Region Morrow, GA</p> <p>Photograph of a still in Cherokee County, Georgia, 1920s. Records of the U. S. District Courts.</p>			<p>Firsthand History, a Preview 4/1-9/1/2006 Spivey Hall, Clayton State University</p> <p>'Tis Done: We Have Become A Nation 4/1-6/1/2006 Kittridge Magnet School</p>			<p>"Yankee Catcher" removed from the Neuse River, North Carolina, 1878. Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers.</p>	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
		<p>Colchester, CT Craig Memorial Library Beginning Your Research at the National Archives Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604</p>	<p>Philadelphia, PA History Day Regional Competition 215-305-2002</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Beginning Your Research at the National Archives Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600</p>	<p>Philadelphia, PA History Day Regional Competition 215-305-2002</p> <p>Waltham, MA America on the Homefront Lecture & Tour K-12 Teachers 866-406-2379</p>	<p>Philadelphia, PA First Friday Open House Open House Genealogists 215-606-0112</p>	<p>Waltham, MA Massachusetts NHD Contest/K-12 Students 866-406-2379</p> <p>Plymouth, NH New Hampshire NHD Contest/K-12 Students 866-406-2379</p> <p>New York, NY NARA's Online Genealogy Resources Workshop/Genealogists 866-840-1752</p>	
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			<p>Philadelphia, PA Community College of Philadelphia African-American Resources in the National Archives Workshop/Genealogists/215-606-0100</p> <p>New York, NY Using Immigration & Naturalization Records Workshop/Genealogists/866-840-1752</p> <p>Waltham, MA Census, Naturalization & Passenger Lists Lecture & Tour/Genealogists 866-406-2379</p>	<p>Pittsfield, MA Using Federal Census Records Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA Lee Surrenders Lecture General Public 215-606-0112</p>		<p>Albany, NY NY State Library Archival Research Strategies Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3604</p>	<p>Morrow, GA Organizing Your Personal Records Workshop/Gen. Public 770-968-2100</p>
16	17	18	19	20		22	
<p>New York, NY April 16-22 Celebration of New York Immigration Week General Public 866-840-1752</p>		<p>Waltham, MA Patriot's Day Openhouse Openhouse/Gen. Public 866-406-2379</p> <p>Philadelphia, PA The 1906 San Francisco Earthquake Lecture General Public 215-606-0100</p>	<p>Philadelphia, PA Heroes in Our Past Workshop/Genealogists 215-606-0112</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Using Military Records At the National Archives Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600</p> <p>Washington, DC Professional Development for Teachers Conference/Educators 816-268-8071</p>	<p>Ellis Island, NY Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors Workshop General Public 866-840-1752</p> <p>Waltham, MA Application of Research Methods Workshop/K-12 Teachers 866-406-2379</p>		<p>Musicians at Community Fair, Lick Creek, Perry County, Tennessee, 1946. Records of the Tennessee Valley Authority.</p>	
23	24	25	26	27		29	
<p>Fairfield, CT Fairfield Public Library Preserving Your Family Papers Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604</p>		<p>New York, NY Teaching With Documents: The U.S. Constitution Workshop/K-12 Teachers 866-840-1752</p> <p>Waltham, MA Passenger Lists & Canadian Border Crossings Lecture/Tour/Genealogists 866-406-2379</p>	<p>Pittsfield, MA Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600</p>			<p>Putney, VT Putney Inn Archival Research Strategies Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604</p> <p>Providence, RI Rhode Island NHD Contest/K-12 Students 866-406-2379</p>	

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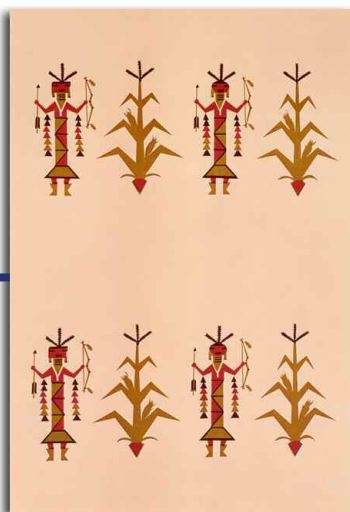
Exhibit:
San Bruno, CA
Eyewitness:
1906 San Francisco
Earthquake & Fire

Photographs from the catastrophic 1906 earthquake/fire, mostly by significant Federal "first responders." **Through 4/15:** San Francisco Federal Building; **4/17-4/24:** San Francisco City Hall; **4/24- 4/30:** San Francisco Federal Building

Citation: "Looking North towards City Hall"; Records of Naval Districts and Shore Establishments, RG 181; NARA's Pacific Region (San Bruno)



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



Frank and Keith Austin (Navajo), Printed Fabric

Corn Dancers, Hand printed in black, rust and olive on linen; 50" (127cm) wide.

Citation: Album of Institute of American Indian Arts. Accession BNS-435-93-236; RG 435; NARA's Rocky Mountain Region (Denver).

Photograph of Anchorage, Alaska in 1917



Citation: Forest Supervisors' Records, Special Use Permits, ca. 1920s - 1960s, Alaska Region, Tongass-Stikine & Chugach National Forests. Records of the Forest Service, RG 95; NARA - Pacific Alaska Region (Anchorage).

Automobile Dealers' Float in the Rose Parade, 1918



Citation: General Correspondence of the Soboba Superintendency; RG 75; NARA's Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel).

Boulder Butte, Chelan National Forest, 1934



Citation: Photographs & Other Graphic Materials, Records of Forest Service - Region 6; RG 95; NARA - Pacific Alaska Region (Seattle).

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