

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN THE REGIONS...

February

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Document of the Month

McLaurin v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma

In 1950 the United States Supreme Court issued two significant opinions relating to segregated college facilities. The first case (*Sweatt v. Painter*) over the hasty creation of a law school for African-American students began in the Texas state court system. The second case (*McLaurin v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma*) was heard before a three-judge panel in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

G.W. McLaurin, hoping to earn a doctorate in education, applied for entrance into the University of Oklahoma graduate school in 1948. Langston University, the only state-supported institution of higher education for black students, did not offer a postgraduate degree in education. The University of Oklahoma finally admitted him to graduate school, but segregated him from other students. Mr. McLaurin could not sit in the classroom with the other students - the university constructed an anteroom so that he could attend class. He could not eat lunch with the rest of the students. In the library, McLaurin was separated from other graduate students. He had to take the

reserved library materials and sit at a desk on another floor. Isolation from all other students made graduate study difficult, according to the plaintiff's memorandum brief.

In August 1948, G.W. McLaurin filed a complaint against the University of Oklahoma over segregation within the university. (Civil Action 4039,



"Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, Civil Action 4039, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, RG 21, NARA's Southwest Region (Fort Worth).

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma) On October 25, 1948, Thurgood Marshall, one of the attorneys for G.W. McLaurin, questioned the plaintiff before the three-judge panel in Oklahoma City. The judges in the case included Alfred P. Murrah from the U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit; Edgar S.

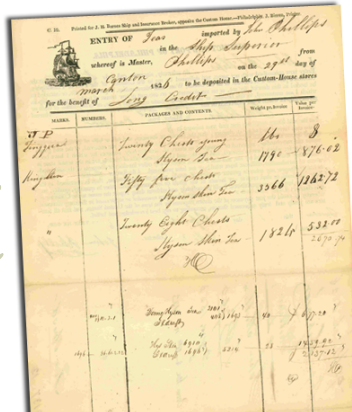
Vaught of the Western District of Oklahoma; and Bower Broaddus, a senior judge who served as a visiting judge in the three federal judicial districts of Oklahoma. The judges denied relief to the plaintiff by citing that the "odious conditions" of segregation within the university did not violate the Fourteenth Amendment's provision on equal protection of the laws.

McLaurin and his attorneys appealed the lower court's judgment to the U.S. Supreme Court. On June 5, 1950, the Supreme Court reversed the lower court's decision in case 34. (70 S.Ct. 851, 339 U.S. 637, 94, L.Ed. 1149) Chief Justice Vinson delivered the majority opinion in which he referred to the Court's decision in *Sweatt v. Painter*. The humiliating incidents of isolation

that G.W. McLaurin experienced were violations of the Fourteenth Amendment. The two cases, *McLaurin v. the Board of Regents* and *Sweatt v. Painter*, mark the beginning of the end for segregated college facilities and are cited in *Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, et al.* on segregated secondary schools.

NARA East Coast February

Citation: Permit for Tea,
29 March 1826;
Inward Foreign Manifests;
Port of Philadelphia,
Records of the U.S. Customs
Service; RG 36; NARA's
Mid-Atlantic Region (Philadelphia).



Exhibits:
Mid-Atlantic Region
Philadelphia, PA
Tea & the Constitution
An Exhibit to Mark Constitution Day
Education in Black & White
The Constitution at
Ground Level

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Exhibits:
Southeast Region
Morrow, GA
Firsthand History

Martin Luther King, Jr
National Historic Site
Of Ballots Uncast



Philadelphia, PA
Night Voices
Radio Show/General Public/215-606-0103
New York, NY
On-Line Resources of the National
Archives of England/866-840-1752
Philadelphia, PA
African-American Resources
Workshop/Genealogists/215-606-0103

Pittsfield, MA
Beginning Your
Genealogy at the
National Archives
Workshop/Genealogists
413-236-3604
Philadelphia, PA
First Friday
Genealogy Open House
Open House/Genealogists
215-606-0103

Police Report
on Arrest of
Rosa Parks,
December 1, 1955.

Citation: Records of the
District Courts of the
United States,
RG 21; NARA's
Southeast Region
(Atlanta).

Philadelphia, PA
The Road to Brown
Film Screening/Noon
Gen. Public
215-606-0103

Philadelphia, PA
A Separate Place:
The Schools that
P.S. Dupont Built
Film Screening/1pm
Gen. Public
215-606-0103

New York, NY
Revolutionary War
Records
Lecture
General Public
866-840-1752

Philadelphia, PA
Exploring the Census
Workshop
Genealogists
215-606-0103

Philadelphia, PA
Finding Your
Immigrant Ancestors
Workshop/Genealogists
215-606-0103

Waltham, MA
Archival Researches &
Document Analysis
Workshop/Educators
866-406-2379

Pittsfield, MA
Using Federal
Census Records
Workshop
Genealogists
413-236-3604

Morrow, GA
Civil Rights Holdings in
the Southeast Region
Workshop & Tour
General Public
770-968-2100
New York, NY
Greater Metro NY
Social Studies Conference
Info Booth/K-12 Teachers
866-840-1752

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Waltham, MA
Freedmen's Bureau Records
Workshop
Genealogists
866-406-2379

Philadelphia, PA
Who is Max Einstein?
Lecture
General Public
215-606-0103

Pittsfield, MA
Using Military Records
Workshop
Genealogists
413-236-3604

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Avenue of Allies &
Benny Goodman
plays a hero's
horn.

Citation:
WWII Bond
Drive; General Records
of the Dept. of the
Treasury; RG
56; NARA's
Northeast Region
(New York).

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Local History in
Federal Records
Workshop
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Immigrant Ancestors
Workshop
Genealogists
215-606-0103

Waltham, MA
Local History in
Federal Records
Workshop
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866-406-2379

Philadelphia, PA
Oh Freedom
After While
Film Screening/Noon
General Public
215-606-0103
Philadelphia, PA
The Strange Demise
of Jim Crow
Film Screening/1pm
General Public
215-606-0103
Pittsfield, MA
Finding Your Immigrant
Ancestors
Workshop
Genealogists
413-236-3604

Morrow, GA
LDS Atlanta
Black Family History
Symposium 2006
Symposium
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770-968-2100

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Exhibits:
Northeast Region
New York, NY

From NARA's Holdings: New York Photographs

Coming to America in 1820-1850:
Select Passenger Arrival Records

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Pittsfield 413-236-3600
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Philadelphia 215-606-0100
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NARA's Southeast Region
Morrow, GA 770-968-2100
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NARA Midwest February

**Exhibit:
Great Lakes Region
Chicago, IL
Windy City Sports**

World War II draft registration card of George Halas, owner of the Bears football team.

Contract for NFL football player, Ralph M. Anderson

World War II draft registration card of George Buck Weaver.



Naturalization petition for baseball player Rafael Palmeiro.

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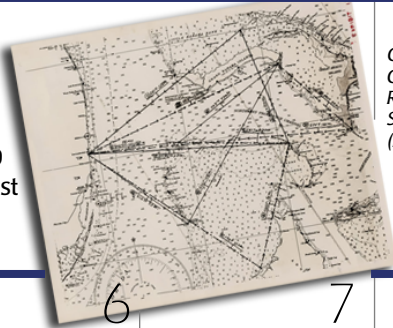
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Navigation Chart Relating to Flight 19

After fifty-nine years, the disappearance of Flight 19 remains one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle.



Citation: Navigation Chart, Exhibit One; RG 181; NARA's Southwest Region (Fort Worth).

Kansas City, MO
Preserving Your Genealogical Documents & Photos
Lecture/Genealogists
816-268-8014

Liberty Memorial Museum
Kansas City, MO
"The Big Parade"
Film Screening
General Public
816-268-8017

Shawnee Mission, KS
Oral History & the Genealogist
Lecture/Genealogists
816-268-8071

Ft. Worth Public Library
Ft. Worth, TX
Researching Local Black History
Lecture/General Public
817-871-READ

Telegram sent to the Deadwood Pioneer, dated December 20, 1890

Citation: Records of Controversies, 1867-1907, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, RG 75; NARA-Central Plains Region (Kansas City, MO).



This telegram was sent nine days before the last armed conflict between the Great Sioux Nation and the United States of America. The Wounded Knee Massacre took place at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on December 29, 1890.

Chicago, IL
Lights! Cameras! Action!
African-Americans in Film
Film Screening
General Public
773-948-9001

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Kansas City, MO
"I am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang"
Film/General Public
816-268-8017

Blue Springs, MO
The Founding Documents
Lecture/General Public
816-268-8071

Liberty, MO
Liberty School District Curriculum Fair
Info Booth/Exhibit
K-12 Teachers
816-268-8072

Chicago, IL
TAH Review
Lecture/K-12 Teachers
312-255-3569

Kansas City, MO
Who We Are & What We Do
Lecture/Genealogists
816-268-8012

Kansas City, MO
African-American Military History
Lecture/Genealogists
816-268-8072

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Kansas City, MO
The National Archives & Its Regional Branches
Lecture/Grad Students
816-268-8013

Public Library
Stephenville, TX
Basic Introduction to Genealogical Records
Lecture/Genealogists
817-563-6309

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Citation: Records of the National Park Service, 1936-1952, George Washington Carver National Monument, RG 79; NARA's Midwest Region (Kansas City).

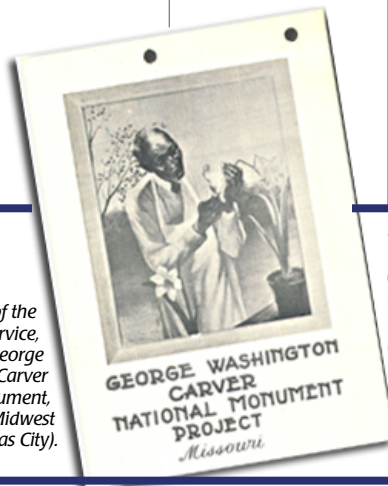


Exhibit: Central Plains Region Kansas City, MO George Washington Carver

A Black American's life journey from slavery to respected scientist.

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NARA's Southwest Region
Fort Worth 817-831-5620
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NARA West Coast February

Exhibit:
San Bruno, CA
Eyewitness:
1906 San Francisco
Earthquake & Fire
Photographs from the catastrophic 1906 earthquake/fire, mostly by significant Federal "first responders."
2/10-2/15 San Bruno Archives
2/15-3/15 The Rotunda of the Oakland Federal Building

"Looking north towards City Hall," from RG 181
Records of Naval Districts and Shore Establishments
(Mare Island).



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Fitzsimons' Grey Ladies

This photograph shows Red Cross Nurses at Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver, Colorado during 1927.

Citation: Historical Documents from the Public Affairs Office, Fitzsimons Army Medical Center 1874-1997. Accession NRG-338-98-031 Box 16; Records of the U.S. Army Commands, RG 338, NARA-Rocky Mountain Region (Denver).

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Seattle, WA
American Indian Records-Northwest Tribes
Workshop/Gen. Public
206-336-5115

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Denver, CO
Colorado National History Day Meeting
K-12 Teachers
303-407-5749

Seattle, WA
Brick Wall Workshop
Workshop
Genealogists
206-336-5115

Vancouver, WA
Teaching American History-Grant Workshop
Workshop
K-12 Teachers
206-336-5115

Seattle, WA
Searching Family-Related Photos Online
Workshop/Gen. Public
206-336-5115

Seattle, WA
Federal & "Other" Land Records
Workshop/Gen. Public
206-336-5115

San Francisco, CA
Chinese New Year Street Fair
Info Booth/Gen. Public
650-238-3478

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Plat Showing Location of Chief Johnson Totem; Ketchikan, Alaska, 1930s



Citation: Correspondence Relating to Civilian Conservation Corps Activities, c. 1937-1942, RG 95; NARA- Pacific Alaska Region (Anchorage).

Yorba Linda, CA
Introduction to NARA
Workshop
Genealogists
949-360-3427

Laguna Niguel, CA
Teaching American History Workshop
Workshop
K-12 Teachers
949-360-2640

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During the Great Depression, the CCC in Alaska undertook a project to catalog and restore where possible the surviving totems of the Native Alaskan culture.

Denver, CO
Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies
Conference
Academics
303-407-5740

Anchorage Hilton
Anchorage, AK
Alaska Library Assoc. Annual Meeting
Info Booth
General Public
907-261-7820

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Marlene Dietrich's Declaration of Intention to become a United States citizen

Citation: Petition Number 63,218; Petitions for Naturalization; US District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division (Los Angeles); Records of District Courts of the US, RG 21; NARA- Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel, CA).



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