

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN THE REGIONS...

September

2007

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Alaska Division of the U.S. Bureau of Education, 1885–1931

In 1885, the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education was created within the Department of the Interior to provide education for Native children in Alaska. The Division had a main office in Washington, DC and field offices in Seattle, Washington and, later, Juneau, Alaska. Unlike the Bureau of Indian Affairs program in the western U.S., in Alaska, the Bureau of Education did not construct a network of boarding schools but relied on day schools in every village possible. The Division took on responsibilities beyond education, including the introduction and maintenance of reindeer herding, dental and medical care, the operation of several orphanages after the devastating 1918-1919 influenza epidemic that killed thousands of Natives on Alaska's west coast, a marketing agency for Native arts and crafts in Seattle, and economic help for the Native population of Alaska. The Alaska Division became one of the largest divisions of the Office of Education. The records of the Alaska Division were transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) (Record Group 75) when the division was transferred to the BIA in 1931. The Federal Government provided education

for most Natives in Alaska until the 1980s, when the responsibility for their education was funded by the State of Alaska or the locality.

This photograph, dated 1924-1925, is the girls' sewing class for the U.S. Public School at Wainwright. The older girls made school dresses and underclothes for all the girls in the school. The younger girls hemmed towels and made curtains, handkerchiefs, and other items. Regular sewing classes were held practically every week during the school term.

The U.S. Public School at Wainwright was completed in 1905, with a capacity for sixty students. They had a classroom, a Native store, a shop, a living room, a kitchen, pantry, hallway, and teacher living quarters. The school was heated by gas lamp. There was no indoor plumbing, as no water or sewer connections existed. Wainwright, located on the shore of the Arctic Ocean, was icebound and inaccessible, except in August of each year.



**Class of Older Students at Wainwright, 1925
RG 75, Historical Albums of U.S. Public
Schools and Hospitals in Alaska, 1924-
1933. NARA Pacific Alaska Region,
Anchorage**



Sewing class at U.S. Public School at Wainwright, 1924-1925 RG 75, Historical Albums of U.S. Public Schools and Hospitals in Alaska, 1924-1933. NARA Pacific Alaska Region, Anchorage

NARA West Coast September 2007

Exhibit:
Anchorage, AK
US Citizenship Ceremony
9/28/07

Exhibit:
Homer, AK
*Food and Nutrition in
Alaska's Past*
9/26/07-9/29/07

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Student in Industrial Arts Class, ca. 1943
RG 75, Chemawa Indian School, Oregon; Records
of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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9	10	11 Lakewood, CO Using NARA Records for Genealogical Research Workshop/General Public 303-407-5749 College Park, MD Know Your Records: Early Asian Immigration History Lecture/General Public 650-238-3478	12 Denver, CO Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting Other/General Public 303-407-5749 Washington, DC NARA Regional Records of Early Asian Immigration General Public 202-357-8100	13 Bellevue, WA Native American Records at the National Archives Lecture/Genealogists 206-336-5115 Washington, DC Know Your Records: Early Asian Immigration History Lecture/General Public 650-238-3478		14	15 Anchorage, AK Family History Seminar Anchorage Genealogical Society Workshop General Public 907-261-7820	
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		Carlsbad, CA Little Used Records at NARA Lecture/Genealogists 949-360-2641	Homer, AK Food and Nutrition in Alaska's Past Lecture/General Public 907-261-7820 9/26/07-9/29/07		Anchorage, AK US Citizenship Ceremony Lecture/General Public 907-261-7820	Tacoma, WA Resources for National History Day Symposium K-12 Students 206-336-5115		

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NARA East Coast September 2007

Exhibit:
Philadelphia, PA
*Melting Pot Woes: Ethnic
Suspensions on The
Homefront 1917-1918*



Story time with teacher at Wilson Village School, 1940
RG 142, Records of the Tennessee Valley Authority

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Exhibit:
New York, NY
*New York: An American Capital
12/14/07-12/31/07*

*Murder, Mayhem and Pirates!
7/15/07-9/30/07*

New York, NY
*From NARA's Holdings:
New York Photographs
10/1/05-12/31/07*

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		"This Great Nation Will Endure": Photographs of the Great Depression NARA Southeast Region 6/16/07 - 11/17/07				Philadelphia, PA First Friday Genealogy Open House-Deeds Open House General Public 215-606-0112	Morrow, GA American Association for State and Local History Workshop Archival and Allied Professionals 615-320-3203 Syracuse, NY Using Pre-1850 Census to Find Family Relationships Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604 Syracuse, NY Using Military Records at the National Archives Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604
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	New York, NY Preserving 9/11 Records Lecture/General Public 866-840-1752		New York, NY Finding Family: Using Passenger Arrival Records Workshop/General Public 866-840-1752			Albany, NY Where'd They Go: Migration Info in Federal Records Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604 Albany, NY Vox Pop Radio Show/Genealogists 413-236-3604 www.wamc.org	
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	Philadelphia, PA Constitution Day General Public 215-409-6600			Richboro, PA Preservation Basics Lecture/General Public 215-355-5307		Ellis Island Museum, NY Family History Game Show General Public 866-840-1752	Williamstown, MA Life in the Past Lane IV Conference/Genealogists 413-236-3604
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			Huntington, NY Finding Family: Using U.S. Custom House Records Lecture/Genealogists 866-840-1752				

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NARA Midwest September 2007

Exhibit:
Kansas City, MO
WOWs!: Women
Ordnance Workers
9/4/07-10/31/07

Exhibit:
Chicago, IL
Cinema in the Stacks
9/1/07-1/02/08

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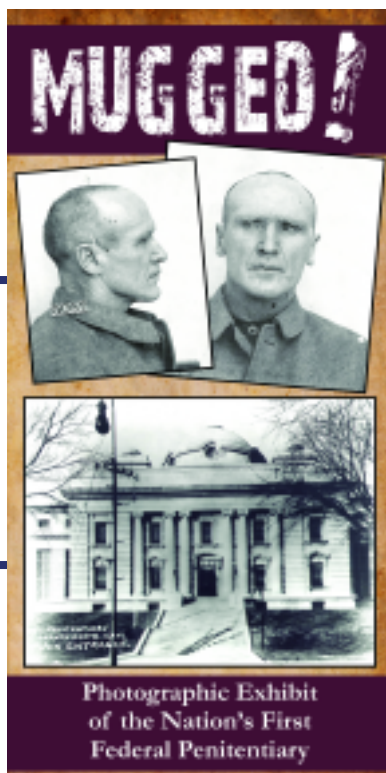


Exhibit:
Kansas City, MO
Mugged
8/4/07-11/24/07

Exhibit:
Jefferson Barracks, MO
WWI Aviation
7/4/07-11/4/07

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Chicago, IL
Devil's Punchbowl:
The Alpha Wreck
Odyssey
 Lecture/General Public
 773-948-9001

Fort Worth, TX
At Your Fingertips
 Lecture/K-12 Teachers
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Kansas City, MO
WOWs!: Women
Ordnance Workers
Reception
 Opening/Dedication
 General Public
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Educator Evening
 Information Booth
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San Antonio, TX
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Workshop
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U.S. Military Records
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Archives
 Lecture/Genealogists
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Lubbock, TX
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 Lecture/K-12 Teachers
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Detroit, MI
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