

# THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN THE REGIONS...

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A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## Shipping Scene at Bivalve, New Jersey

The photograph featured here was taken by a Mr. Harvey W. Porch of Bridgeton, NJ, ca. 1926, and was used by the Philadelphia District office (at Wilmington, DE) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to chronicle the workings of the oyster industry in the region. The photo is part of an extensive photographic survey of the oyster industry located at the mouth of the Maurice River in Southern New Jersey. The survey was undertaken by the Corps of Engineers as required by the River and Harbor Act of 1925 which authorized the Corps to examine and survey specifically designated waterways to determine whether improvements to navigation were needed. The Maurice River was one of the waterways slated to be examined as designated by the Act. The photographs were used to document the environmental and economic impact dredging and other improvements would have on the oyster industries in the area.

Access to the Maurice River was governed by its tides and the draft of its sailing vessels. Certain barges with deeper drafts were denied access to the Maurice River at low tide.

It was the recommendation of the Philadelphia District office that the entrance channel of the Maurice River be dredged to a depth of 8 feet and widened to 150 feet to allow continuous access by barges and ships with deeper drafts. The oyster industry in South Jersey was devastated in the 1950s by a sea-borne virus that destroyed the oyster population in the Delaware River. Global warming has also added to the destruction of the oyster beds in the Delaware River and has

reduced the oyster industry of South Jersey to a shell of its former self.

The photo is drawn from the records holdings of Record Group 77, Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers, from the Mid Atlantic Regional branch of the National Archives and Records Administration. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established by an Act of Congress in 1802 and had combined military and civil responsibilities. Part of its civil responsibilities was the maintenance and improvement of inland water-

ways and harbors, formulating and executing plans for flood control, operating dams and locks, and approving plans for the construction of bridges, wharves, piers, and other works over navigable waters.

After the end of the Civil War in 1865, the Corps of Engineers expanded its river and harbor improvement work and its administrative functions. Corps of Engineers established district offices throughout the United States. Each district had an engineer officer in charge who reported directly to the Chief of Engineers in Washington, DC. This changed in 1888 when

engineer divisions were created with administrative jurisdiction over the district offices.

The National Archives–Mid Atlantic Region has records from the following district and sub-district offices of the Corps of Engineers: Baltimore, MD; Huntington, WV; Norfolk, VA; Pittsburgh, PA; Philadelphia, PA; Delaware City, DE; Fort Delaware, DE; and Fort Mott, NJ.



**Shipping Scene at Bivalve, NJ, ca.1926**

Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers, RG 77;  
Entry 77-10-44-30-H.2; Correspondence Relating to Exams & Surveys; NARA's  
Mid Atlantic Region

# NARA West Coast March 2008

**African American Women During World War II**  
RG 188, Records of the Office of Price Administration  
NARA's Rocky Mountain Region, Denver



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>Amelia Earhart Visiting Carlsbad Caverns National Park</b> RG 79, Records of the National Park Service NARA's Rocky Mountain Region, Denver</p>					1
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	<p>Denver, CO <b>Workshop and Tour for University of Colorado Graduate Students</b> Workshop and Tour Graduate Students 303-407-5749</p>	<p>Denver, CO <b>Using NARA Forest Service and DOI Records</b> Workshop and Tour Federal Agencies 303-407-5749</p>	<p>Wrangell, AK <b>Food Will Win the War</b> Lecture General Public 907-261-7820</p>	<p>Oakland, CA <b>California Council for Social Studies Conference</b> Information Booth and Exhibit K-12 Teachers 650-238-3478 3/7/-3/8/08</p> <p>Denver, CO <b>Primary Source Workshop and Tour</b> Workshop and Tour K-12 Students 303-407-5749</p>	<p>Oakland, CA <b>Dust Bowl Daze, Discrimination, &amp; Democracy (CCSS)</b> Lecture K-12 Teachers 650-238-3478</p>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<p>Seattle, WA <b>Introduction to the National Archives</b> Lecture and Tour General Public 206-336-5115</p>	<p>Lakewood, CO <b>Researching Military Records at NARA</b> Workshop Genealogists General Public 303-407-5749</p>	<p>Seattle, WA <b>Brick Wall Discussion</b> Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115</p>	<p>San Bruno, CA <b>Census Records 1790-1930</b> <b>Genealogical Research</b> Workshop Genealogists 650-238-3485</p>	<p>Escondido, CA <b>Escondido Genealogical Society</b> Information Booth Genealogists 949-360-2641</p> <p>Kent, WA <b>Pacific Northwest Indian Records at NARA</b> Lecture/General Public 206-336-5115</p>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Las Vegas, NV <b>Las Vegas Jewish Genealogical Society</b> Lecture/Genealogists 949-360-2641</p>	<p>Anchorage, AK <b>Alaska State Competition</b> K-12 Students 907-261-7820</p>	<p>Shoreline, WA <b>History Day Competition-North Sound</b> K-12 Students 206-336-5115</p>		<p>San Francisco, CA <b>Film and Television-Related Research</b> Conference Academics 517-355-6660</p> <p>Includes presentation by National Archives-Great Lakes Region.</p>	<p>San Bruno, CA <b>Asian American Immigration Research/Roots Program</b> Lecture and Tour K-12 Students 650-238-3478</p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>Bremerton, WA <b>National History Day Competition-Olympic</b> K-12 Students 206-336-5115</p>			<p>Auburn, WA <b>History Day Competition-South Sound</b> K-12 Students 206-336-5115</p>	<p>Anchorage, AK <b>Citizenship Ceremony</b> Exhibit/General Public 907-261-7820</p>	<p>San Bruno, CA <b>Asian American Immigration Research/Roots Program</b> Lecture and Tour K-12 Students 650-238-3478</p>
30	31					
						<p>Seattle, WA <b>Civil War Genealogy</b> Lecture/Genealogists 206-336-5115</p>

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# NARA East Coast March 2008

**Richmond, VA**  
*Lee and Grant*  
**Touring Exhibit**  
10/20/07-3/31/08

**New York, NY**  
*New York: An*  
**American Capital**  
12/14/06-6/1/08

**New York, NY**  
*Mickey Mouse Goes*  
**To Court**  
10/9/07-3/30/08



**She's a WOW, Woman Ordnance Worker**  
**RG 69**, photographs of WPA/NYA Activities  
in New York and New England, ca. 1935-42

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>New York, NY</b> <i>From NARA's Holdings: New York Photographs</i> 10/1/05-6/1/08  <i>Camp Kilmer: Entertaining the Troops!</i> 11/14/07-6/1/08		<b>Philadelphia, PA</b> <i>Melting Pot Woes: Ethnic Suspicions on the Home Front, 1917-1918</i> 9/24/07-8/31/08		<b>Waltham, MA</b> <i>Massachusetts 54th Infantry Regiment Records of NARA</i> 1/22/08-4/1/08		1 Waltham, MA <b>Girl Scout Day Open House</b> 9 A.M.-3 P.M. Open House General Public 781-663-0121
2	3 Waltham, MA <b>Local History in Federal Records</b> Lecture/General Public 781-663-0121  Chelmsford, MA <b>Chelmsford Genealogy Club</b> Lecture/Gen Public 7-9 P.M. 781-663-0121	4 New York, NY <b>What Else Is Here</b> Workshop and Tour NYG&B Members 866-840-1752  Morrow, GA <b>FDR and the New Deal</b> Information Booth General Public 706-655-5870 3/4-4/12/08	6 Waltham, MA <b>TAH Grant Seminar</b> Seminar/General Public 781-663-0121	5 Pittsfield, MA <b>Beginning Your Genealogy Research at NARA</b> Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600  Waltham, MA <b>World War I on the Home Front</b> PDP Lecture General Public 781-663-0121	7 Philadelphia, PA <b>First Friday Genealogy Open House</b> Open House General Public 215-606-0112	8 Fitchburg, MA <b>TAH Grant Conference</b> Lecture/General Public 781-663-0121
9	10 Waltham, MA <b>Facility Tour 1:30 P.M.</b> General Public 781-663-0121	11 Abington, PA <b>Roots in the Rhineland 1560-1900</b> Lecture/General Public 215-885-5180	12 Philadelphia, PA <b>National History Day Philly!</b> K-12 Students 215-305-2002 3/12-3/13/2008	13 Pittsfield, MA <b>Using Federal Census Records</b> Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600	14 Waterbury, CT <b>Beginning Your Genealogy at NARA</b> Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604	15
16	17 New York, NY <b>Finding Family: NARA's Online Databases</b> Workshop/General Public 866-840-1752	18 Waltham, MA <b>Metro West Librarians Site Visit/Facility Intro/Tour</b> 781-663-0121  Andover, MA <b>Offsite Genealogy Lecture</b> Lecture/General Public 781-663-0121	19 Philadelphia, PA <b>Exploring the Census</b> Workshop General Public 215-606-0112	20	21 Pittsfield, MA <b>Finding Italian Ancestors Part 1</b> Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600  New York, NY <b>Educ Resources at NARA Workshop and Tour</b> NYC Dept. of Education Teachers PDP K-12 Teachers 866-840-1752	22 Morrow, GA <b>Genealogical Society of Henry and Clayton Counties</b> Lecture and Tour Genealogists 770-968-2555
23	24	26 Augusta, ME <b>National History Day Judge Contest/General Public</b> 781-663-0121  New Haven, CT <b>NE Regional Conf. on Social Studies</b> Educator Conference 781-663-0121 3/26-3/28/08	27 Pittsfield, MA <b>Finding Family Migrations in Federal Records</b> Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600  Essex, MA <b>Using Essex History</b> Professional Seminar 781-663-0121	28 Pittsfield, MA <b>Finding Italian Ancestors Part 1</b> Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600  Newport, RI <b>New England Archivists Professional Conference</b> 781-633-0121 3/28-3/29/08	29	
30 New York, NY <b>National History Day Competition!</b> K-12 Teachers 866-840-1752	31					Franklin, MA <b>Franklin Family History Center Conference</b> Genealogy Lecture General Public 781-663-0121

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# NARA Midwest March 2008

**Exhibit:**  
Raytown, MO  
*George Washington  
Carver*  
2/19/08-3/2/08

**Exhibit:**  
Chicago, IL  
*Cinema in the Stacks*  
9/1/07-6/30/08

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p><b>Photograph of Craig Turner and His Dog, Vefford, Returning Home With a String of Bream Caught in a one-acre Fish Pond in Clemson, SC (July 21, 1942)</b> RG 114, Records of the Office at Fort Worth, Texas; NARA's Southwest Region, Fort Worth, Texas</p>				
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		11	12	13	14	15
			<p>Decatur, IL <b>How to Find and Use 19th Century Documents</b> Conference Academics General Public 217-525-2781 3/13-3/15/08</p>		<p>Kansas City, MO <b>Film Nite at WWI Museum: Fly Boys</b> Film Screening 7 P.M. General Public 816-268-8017</p>	<p>Belton, MO <b>Internet and the Genealogist</b> Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8072</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					<p>San Francisco, CA <b>Film and Television-Related Research</b> Conference Academics General Public 517-355-6660</p> <p>Kansas City, MO <b>Code Talkers</b> Lecture/General Public 816-268-8071</p>	
23	24	25	26	27		29
30	31				<p>Arlington, TX <b>Genealogy Conference</b> Conference/Genealogists Open to the Public contact # TBD</p>	28

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