

## National Archives Building Research Center

**T**he Archives I Research Support Branch (NWCC1) at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, has a multifaceted program, designed to inform researchers about the National Archives' (NARA) holdings pertaining to family and community history, and assist researchers to locate files and develop research strategies.



Photo by Jermaine Scott

Researching family history through microfilm

## Publications



Periodically, NARA staff publishes articles in order to expand research community awareness of NARA's holdings. By targeting state and local historical and genealogical societies with articles about the agency's holdings, we hope to reach people who otherwise would not think of the National Archives as a resource for their research. During the past few months, the staff has published the following:

Deeben, John (accepted for publication):

"Military Bounty-Land Case Files for Hispanic Soldiers, 1812–1855" [*Nuestras Raíces: Journal of the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America* 19: 4 (Winter 2007)]

## Microfilm Publications

Staff members continue to process accessioned microfilm, turning these films into NARA microfilm publications. During the last quarter, staff completed the following National Archives microfilm publication:

- M2096, *Correspondence and Issuances, Headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, 1861–1865* (54 rolls). 35 mm. RG 393.

## Reference Reports

Staff members produce many one-page reference reports, directing researchers to NARA microfilm publications, textual records, NARA's web site, and printed government documents pertaining to numerous research topics. The reports are extremely useful for first-time researchers, explaining the types of records that are available for research, as well as suggesting a research path that can be tailored to the individual's need.

Reports fall into several general categories, including Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, residents of the District of Columbia, Military Service, Citizenship, Hispanics, Immigration, Census, and Civilian Federal Employees. Each category is color-coded for ease of reference.

The following reference reports were completed during the last quarter:

### Citizenship (pink paper)

- Microfilmed Records of the U.S. House of Representatives Relating to Early Congressional Private Claims, 1789–1817
- Microfilmed Records of the U.S. Senate Relating to Early Congressional Private Claims, 1797–1811

## Census Information

*An updated and electronic version of the 1870 Federal population schedule is available at Archives I.*



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Conducting research in the National Archives, Washington, DC

## New Reproduction Fees

### EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007 New Reproduction Fees

Type of Record	Order Form	Fee
Passenger arrival lists	NATF Form 81	\$25
Federal Census requests	NATF Form 82	25
Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims	NATF Form 83	25
Land entry records	NATF Form 84	40
Full pension file more than 75 years old (Civil War and after), up to and including 100 pages.	NATF Form 85	75
Each page for 101 or more pages		0.75
Full pension file (pre-Civil War)	NATF Form 85	50
Pension documents packet (selected records)	NATF Form 85	25
Bounty land warrant application files	NATF Form 85	25
Military service files more than 75 years old	NATF Form 86	25

Mail Order Policy: There is a minimum fee of \$15 per order for reproductions that are sent by mail to the customer.

Certification: \$15

Service	Fee
Paper-to-paper copy made by the customer on a NARA self-service copier in the Washington, DC, area.....	\$0.25
Book-to-paper copy (black and white).....	0.75
Paper-to-paper copy made by NARA.....	0.75
Microfilm-to-paper copy made by the customer on a NARA self-service copier .....	0.50
Kodak Picture Maker copy.....	8



**Press Release**  
**December 28, 2007**

## National Archives Budget Increased for FY08

Washington, DC...The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will receive \$411.1 million in funding for the current fiscal year under the omnibus appropriations bill signed by President George W. Bush on December 26.

The funding level represents an increase of 20.5 percent over the Fiscal Year 2007 level of \$341.1 million, which was a continuation of the FY 2006 funding because of the absence of a regular appropriation for NARA. The FY 2007 funding level also did not include any monies for the larger construction projects for the [Presidential libraries](#).

NARA's funding is part of the \$555 billion Consolidation Appropriations Act of 2007, which funds the parts of the U.S. government that have not received regular appropriations.

The legislation provides \$2.1 million to restore important customer services: \$1.3 million to return to the public research hours that were reduced in October 2006 and \$800,000 to hire more staff archivists to replace those who have left the agency in the past few years. The agency has 30 days to report to Congress on its progress in these two areas.

"I am very pleased that the Congress and the President have recognized the importance of the work of the National Archives and the urgency of our needs for increased staffing and greater public access," said Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States. "We will restore our regular research hours and bring on more trained archivists as soon as possible."

Professor Weinstein added, "The resources being provided to us reflect a recognition of the dedicated and professional work of Archives' staff during this period of fiscal austerity. They not only have worked to maintain access to records of our democracy, but they also have expanded that access."

The new budget provides \$315 million in operating expenses for the National Archives, up from last year's operating expense level of \$279.3 million. Operating expenses include energy, security, and staff costs for operating Archives' facilities around the country.

For continued work on the [Electronic Records Archives \(ERA\)](#), the legislation also provides full funding of \$58 million, compared to last year's funding level of \$45.2 million. However, the spending measure requires the agency to submit to Congress a spending plan before any multi-year funds are obligated.

The ERA is being built by the Archives to preserve and make accessible all the electronic records being produced by the Federal government now and in the future. It is to allow access to these records to anyone, anywhere at any time.

The legislation also provides \$28.6 million for repairs and restorations at [NARA facilities](#), including \$8.6 million for general repairs at NARA facilities. This also includes \$7.4 million for construction of an archival addition to the [Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library](#) in Yorba Linda, CA. The Nixon facility was turned over to the National Archives in July by the private foundation that had operated it since 1990.

**Press Release**  
**December 28, 2007** (cont.)

Also included is \$3.7 million to complete the repairs and restoration of the plaza at the [Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library](#) in Austin, TX; \$8 million for the first steps of acquiring land for and building a new addition to the [John F. Kennedy Presidential Library](#) in Boston; and \$750,000 for design work on renovations at the [Franklin D. Roosevelt Library](#) at Hyde Park, NY.

The [National Historical Publications and Records Commission](#), which makes grants to non-Federal entities to preserve and provide access to important and significant non-Federal historical records, will receive \$7.5 million for grants under the spending bill.

Also, the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation will receive, in the Department of Education budget, a \$718,000 grant for the Presidential Timeline, an interactive Internet feature that allows visitors to explore each of the modern Presidents' lives and administrations. This foundation provides support for the Johnson Library.

The National Archives and Records Administration is the record keeper for the Federal government and operates not only major facilities in [downtown Washington, DC](#), and [College Park, MD](#), but also at [locations in 17 states](#) and an additional facility in the District of Columbia. It also publishes the [Federal Register](#) and other official government publications and has on permanent display the nation's founding documents and many other records of importance to the history of the nation.

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For press information, contact the National Archives Public Affairs staff at (202) 357-5300.



**Upcoming Hours Change**

Extended evening and weekend hours in the archival research rooms will be restored effective the week of April 14, 2008.

**Press Release  
 February 1, 2008**

**National Archives Announces Extended Research Room Hours**

Washington, DC...Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein announced today that the National Archives will restore its evening and weekend hours in its [Washington, DC](#) and [College Park, MD](#), research rooms. Effective the week of April 14, 2008, the extended hours will be 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturday. Hours on Monday and Tuesday will continue to be 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

Congress and the President provided a one-time appropriation of \$1.3 million in the National Archives Fiscal Year 2008 budget to restore these hours. The funds will be used to hire new archival research room staff and to cover the costs of utilities, maintenance, and security during the extended hours.

"I am very grateful to the Congress and the President for their recognition of the importance of making our documentary heritage as widely available as possible. Extending the research room hours goes a long way in helping us attain this goal. This increase in hours underlines our commitment to open government," the Archivist said in making the announcement. "I would also like to acknowledge the enthusiastic support of our user communities," he added.

Research room hours at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC and at the College Park facility were reduced in October 2006 as a cost-savings measure. Since then, the National Archives has had extended hours only once a month—on Thursday and Friday evenings and on Saturdays. Prior to October 2006, the National Archives extended hours were Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The change from Tuesday to Wednesday evening late hours was implemented to make it more convenient and cost-effective for out-of-town researchers who travel to the National Archives for research.

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For more information, contact the National Archives Public Affairs staff at 202-357-5300.

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## Dates with Extended Research Hours in Washington, DC, and College Park, MD

On the following Thursdays and Fridays, hours will be 9 a.m.–8:45 p.m.

On the following Saturdays, the hours will be 8:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

### 2008

January 17, 18, 19

February 21, 22, 23

March 13, 14, 15

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- 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday

### Reinstated Hours

April 16, 17, 18, 19

### Pull Times for Records

- 10 a.m.
- 11 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m.

On the weekdays with extended hours, there is an additional pull at 3:30 p.m.

There are no pull times on Saturdays.

facility or location on Indian lands where a tribe elects to allow gaming.

- (4) Hazardous materials;
- (5) Sanitation (both solid waste and

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**Changes in NARA Research Room Hours**  
**Interim Final Rule—Request for Comments**

A tribe a copy of each newly issued or renewed facility license within 30 days of issuance.

**§ 559.5 What must a tribe submit to the Chairman with the copy of each facility license that has been issued or renewed?**

(a) A tribe shall submit to the Chairman with each facility license an attestation certifying that by issuing the facility license:

(1) The tribe has identified and enforces the environment and public health and safety laws, resolutions, codes, policies, standards or procedures applicable to its gaming operation;

(2) The tribe is in compliance with those laws, resolutions, codes, policies, standards, or procedures, or, if not in compliance with any or all of the same, the tribe will identify those with which it is not in compliance, and will adopt and submit its written plan for the specific action it will take, within a period not to exceed six months, required for compliance. At the successful completion of such written plan, or at the expiration of the period allowed for its completion, the tribe shall report the status thereof to the Commission. In the event that the tribe estimates that action for compliance will exceed six months, the Chairman must concur in such an extension of the time period, otherwise the tribe will be deemed noncompliant. The Chairman will take into consideration the consequences on the environment and the public health and safety, as well as mitigating measures the tribe may provide in the interim, in his or her consideration of requests for such an extension of the time period.

(3) The tribe is ensuring that the construction and maintenance of the gaming facility, and the operation of that gaming is conducted in a manner which adequately protects the environment and the public health and safety.

(b) A document listing all laws, resolutions, codes, policies, standards or procedures identified by the tribe as applicable to its gaming facilities, other than Federal laws, in the following areas:

(1) Emergency preparedness, including but not limited to fire suppression, law enforcement, and security;

(2) Food and potable water;

(3) Construction and maintenance;

adopted by the tribe in light of climate, geography, and other local conditions and applicable to its gaming places, facilities, or locations.

(c) After the first submission of a document under paragraph (b) of this section, upon reissuing a license to an existing gaming place, facility, or location, and in lieu of complying with paragraph (b) of this section, a tribe may certify to the Chairman that it has not substantially modified its laws protecting the environment and public health and safety.

**§ 559.6 Does a tribe need to notify the Chairman if a facility license is terminated or not renewed or if a gaming place, facility, or location closes or reopens?**

A tribe must notify the Chairman within 30 days if a facility license is terminated or not renewed or if a gaming place, facility, or location closes or reopens.

**§ 559.7 May the Chairman request Indian lands or environmental and public health and safety documentation regarding any gaming place, facility, or location where gaming will occur?**

A tribe shall provide Indian lands or environmental and public health and safety documentation that the Chairman may in his or her discretion request.

**§ 559.8 May a tribe submit documents required by this part electronically?**

Yes. Tribes wishing to submit documents electronically should contact the Commission for guidance on acceptable document formats and means of transmission.

**PART 573—ENFORCEMENT**

■ 7. The authority citation for part 573 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 25 U.S.C. 2705(a)(1), 2706, 2713, 2715.

■ 8. Amend § 573.6 by revising paragraph (a)(4) to read as follows:

**§ 573.6 Order of temporary closure.**

(a) \* \* \*

(4) A gaming operation operates for business without a license from a tribe, in violation of part 522 or part 559 of this chapter.

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Dated: December 31, 2007.

Philip N. Hogen,  
Chairman.

Cloyce V. Choney,  
Vice-Chairman.

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

36 CFR Part 1253

RIN 3095-AB57

[Docket NARA-08-0001]

**Locations and Hours; Changes in NARA Research Room Hours**

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Interim final rule; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** NARA is revising its regulations to increase the number of hours its archival research rooms are open in the Washington, DC, area. At the beginning of fiscal year (FY) 2007, NARA reduced the extended hours that these research rooms were open to the public because of fiscal constraints. For the FY 2008 NARA budget, the Congress has provided funding to increase the hours. This regulation will affect individuals who use our archival research rooms in the National Archives Building and National Archives at College Park facility. This rule also adds the Nixon Presidential Library and revises the address of our Fort Worth facility to our list of research facilities.

**DATES:** This interim final rule is effective April 14, 2008. Comments on this interim final rule must be received by March 17, 2008 at the address shown below. Any changes to the rule resulting from this comment period will be made as soon as practicable after the April 14, 2008 effective date.

**ADDRESSES:** NARA invites interested persons to submit comments on this interim final rule. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* Submit comments by facsimile transmission to 301-837-0319.
- *Mail:* Send comments to Regulations Comments Desk (NPOL), Room 4100, Policy and Planning Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.



• *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Allard at 301-837-1477 or Jennifer Davis Heaps at 301-837-1801 or via fax number 301-837-0319.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A discussion of the changes we are making in this rule follows.

#### Research Room Hours in DC Area Facilities

The FY 2008 NARA Budget in the Consolidation Appropriations Act of 2007 signed by President Bush on December 26, 2007, includes \$1.3 million to restore evening and Saturday hours in the research rooms in the National Archives Building and the National Archives at College Park (Archives II). Prior to October 1, 2006, these research rooms were open three evenings per week (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) and every Saturday. Under this interim final rule, the research rooms will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday they will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. We decided to make this adjustment to the previous schedule so that out-of-town researchers will have consecutive evenings along with Saturday to work. This schedule will also make staffing the rooms easier for managers. We set the effective date of the new hours as April 14, 2008 to allow time to hire and train the additional research room staff and to adjust the terms of the security guard contract.

When we restore evening hours our researchers will need to have records provided to them late in the afternoon. We will provide the additional service of pulling records from the stacks at 3:30 p.m. on the three weekdays that we are open in the evening. As was the case prior to October 2006, there will be no records pulled on Saturday.

#### Other Changes in This Rule

In § 1253.3, we are adding the address and contact information for the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, which became a NARA Presidential Library on July 11, 2007. In § 1253.6(i), we have revised the address and contact information for the Fort Worth Federal Records Center, which moved to a new location in 2007.

#### Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

The issuance of an "interim final rule" may be followed under the "good-cause" exemption of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) as "impracticable" or "contrary to the public interest." In this instance, good cause exists because

delay in implementation of the new hours would be contrary to the public interest and the intent of the Congress.

#### Regulatory Impact

This rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, I certify that this rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because it affects individual researchers. This regulation does not have any federalism implications.

#### List of Subjects in 36 CFR Part 1253

Archives and records.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, NARA amends chapter XII of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

#### PART 1253—LOCATION OF NARA FACILITIES AND HOURS OF USE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1253 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 2104(a).

■ 2. Amend § 1253.1 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

##### § 1253.1 National Archives Building.

(a) The National Archives Building is located at 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20408. Business hours are 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays when the building is closed. Hours for the Research Center and the Central Research room are as follows:

- (1) Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- (2) Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and
- (3) Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ 3. Amend § 1253.2 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

##### § 1253.2 National Archives at College Park.

(b) Research complex hours are as follows, except Federal holidays:

- (1) Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- (2) Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and
- (3) Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ 4. Amend § 1253.3 by redesignating paragraphs (g) through (k) as paragraphs (h) through (l) respectively, and adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

##### § 1253.3 Presidential Libraries.

(g) Richard Nixon Library, California is located at 18001 Yorba Linda Boulevard, Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3903. The phone number is 714-983-9120 and the fax number is 714-983-9111. The e-mail address is *nixon@nara.gov*. The Richard Nixon Library, Maryland is located at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. The phone number is 301-837-3290 and the fax number is 301-837-3202. The e-mail address is *nixon@nara.gov*.

■ 5. Amend § 1253.6 by revising paragraph (i) to read as follows:

##### § 1253.6 Records Centers.

(i) NARA—Southwest Region (Fort Worth) is located at 1400 John Burgess Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76140. The hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 817-551-2000.

Dated: January 28, 2008.

Allen Weinstein,

Archivist of the United States.

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#### POSTAL SERVICE

#### 39 CFR Part 20

#### Priority Mail® Large Flat-Rate Box—International

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule revises the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM®), to add a new Priority Mail® Large Flat-Rate Box that has been approved by the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service for domestic and international Priority Mail shipments.

The new Priority Mail large flat-rate box is approximately 50 percent larger than the regular flat-rate boxes currently available. Two prices will apply to the large flat-rate box when mailed to international destinations:

- \$29.95 for Priority Mail International™ service to Canada and Mexico.
- \$49.95 for Priority Mail International service to all other countries.

The larger flat-rate box is identified by the words "Large Flat-Rate Box" printed on the packaging.

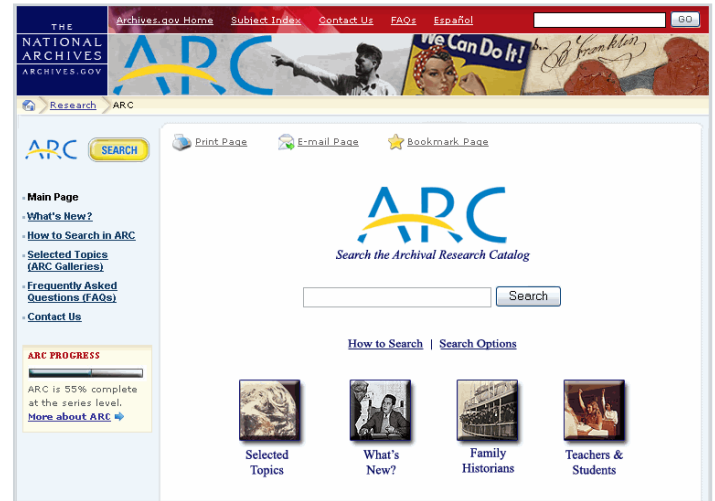
DATES: *Effective Date:* March 3, 2008.



# What's New in the Archival Research Catalog?

## ❖ About the Catalog

*The Archival Research Catalog (ARC), the National Archives' online catalog, contains descriptions of archival materials held in the Washington, DC, area, the regional archives, and the presidential libraries. ARC is a work in progress—currently about 56 percent of our traditional holdings at the series level and over a million file units are described in ARC. The pace of description at NARA continues to accelerate, thanks to the hard work of describers across the agency.*



ARC Home Page

## ❖ Extreme Home Makeover

Using technology developed in 2007 and incorporating user feedback, we gave the ARC home page a brand new look in October 2007. On the old home page, researchers entered the catalog via a yellow search button. This page grew to include a great deal of text and images. The new home page has a streamlined

look and prominently features a new keyword search box. Four icons introduce researchers to options to browse by selected topics in the ARC Galleries; learn more about what's new; read our guide for family historians and genealogists; or visit resources for teachers and students.

The yellow search button is still available on the left navigation bar, and we added a new ARC Progress tracker to show our progress at a glance. Much of the text previously included on our home page is now available on the reorganized About ARC page.

## ❖ Easy Access

Last year we began working on a site map project that allows users to search in the Google search box and retrieve ARC description hits in the Google hit list.

We are working closely with the archival units and the Office of Information Services as we roll out slowly. We expect a full rollout by the end of 2008. Note that the site maps

are standardized, and useable by Yahoo, MSN, and other major search engines.

*Want to see how this works? Type "Chin Wing Sew" (including quotation marks) into the Google search engine.*

## ❖ New ARC Subject Web Pages



Click on any image to browse one of the ARC Galleries. See [Tips for ARC Search Links](#) for more instructions.

We have always had topical subject web pages surrounding the ARC online database, but the new technical enhancements we received in 2007 have caused a revolution in the look and feel of these pages. In the past, our subject web pages were primarily dedicated to instructions on how to form searches for particular subjects. With the advent of technology that allows us to add links directly into the database, the pages actually provide the searches for the user. We have updated over 13 web pages during the last year and organized them around a main gallery page. See it at [www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/](http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/).

## What's New in ARC?

### ❖ New ARC Web Interface Coming in 2008

A significant upgrade to the ARC web database will debut in spring 2008. While updating the code for the database, we took the opportunity to enhance the ARC web interface as well. Several rounds of usability studies informed the new interface, which will have a new, sleeker look. Tabular displays for descriptions and search results will make it easier for

researchers to pinpoint specific information. Among the search improvements will be a more user-friendly advanced search screen, a search by title only filter, highlighting search terms, and a new search within parent (e.g., record group, collection, series, or file unit) filter.

The new version of ARC will also allow researchers to save up to 2,000 descriptions during an active session to "My List." Individual or multiple descriptions (in a hit list or in "My List") can be printed or e-mailed. Stay tuned for more information about the release of new ARC.

### ❖ New Year's Resolution

Thanks again to recent technical updates, ARC is now capable of providing high-resolution images. Some new items from the Center for Legislative Records are now available with digital copies and higher resolution PDFs in ARC. Check out:

- the "Bill for the Admission of Vermont into the Union, 2/10/1791" (ARC Identifier 1151205),
- the "Resolution of Impeachment of President Andrew Johnson, Adopted by House of Representatives, ca. 1967-ca. 1869" (ARC Identifier 1151186), and
- the "House Journal of the First Session of the 96th Congress, 1/15/1979" (ARC Identifier 1150939).

Read more about the latest in ARC at [www.archives.gov/research/arc/whats-new.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/whats-new.html) or contact us with questions at [arc@nara.gov](mailto:arc@nara.gov).

### Read more about the latest in ARC

The screenshot shows the ARC website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Archives.gov Home, Subject Index, Contact Us, FAQs, and Español. Below that is the ARC logo and a search bar. The main heading is "What's New in ARC". The content area includes a "Print Page", "E-mail Page", and "Bookmark Page" option. The main text describes the new ARC Gallery: "Environmental Studies, and find items on topics such as pollution, environmental education, and the Clean Air Act. The gallery also features photographs from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Documerica Project* (1971-1977)." It is dated 1/7/2008. A sidebar on the right titled "ARC Highlights" lists several items: "ARC Galleries", "Firsthand History Exhibit from our Southeast Region", "Instructions for Creating ARC Search Links", "Native American Tribes: Guion-Miller Roll Index and Index to the Dawes Rolls", and "WWI Casualty Lists". At the bottom, there's a "Previous 'What's New'" section with links for 2007, 2006, and 2005. A progress bar at the bottom left shows "ARC is 56% complete at the series level. More about ARC".

## Meet Our Staff

### Mary Beth Linné

Mary Beth Linné is an archives supervisor specialist with the Research Support Branch (NWCC1) at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. Mary Beth received her B.A. degree in American history in 1982 from George Mason University. She also began her 26-year career with the Federal Government in 1982 at the Smithsonian where she worked taking inventory of their collections.



Photo by Jermaine Scott

Mary Beth joined the National Archives in 1985 when she was hired as an archives technician for the Microfilm Research Room. In 1995 she was promoted to a lead archives technician for the Central, Microfilm,

and Bulk Copy Research Rooms, and in 1996 she became an archives specialist. In September 2004, she was promoted to an archives supervisory specialist.

Mary Beth's job as an archives supervisory specialist includes supervising the Microfilm, Central, and Bulk Copy Research Rooms. She schedules staffing, trains new employees, maintains supplies, and resolves researcher issues and questions in the research rooms. Mary Beth is the evening and Saturday supervisor on duty. She also prepares agency records for storage in the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, MD.

### Jay (Arnold) Bellamy



Photo by Thanay Jackson

Jay Bellamy began his career as an archives technician with the National Archives and Records Administration in April 2000, when he was assigned to the textual research room at our College Park, MD, facility. He retrieved records placed on hold for researchers, monitored research room activities, and answered questions that researchers might have about the records or research room policies.

In July of 2003, Jay was promoted to lead technician in the research room, where, in addition to his previous duties, he handled questions on the research room floor, adjusted staff schedules, and monitored the work of our student employees.

In April 2007, Jay moved to the pull/refile department as lead technician to assist in the reorganization of the department and to help make it operate more efficiently. His duties there consist of entering pull/refile information into the database, assigning work to employees, helping with pulls and refiles, correcting pulls, and monitoring employee work.

Previous to coming to the archives, Jay worked in sales and spent a number of years working in various bill-collecting jobs. In 2007, Jay, in addition to the rest of the textual pull/refile team and textual research room team, won the Archivist's Award for "extraordinary efforts in providing mission-critical customer service under the extreme research demand of NARA's monthly extended hours."

Jay and his wife, Millie, live in Greenbelt, MD. He enjoys baseball, fishing, and reading. In addition to collecting historical newspapers, he just completed writing and hopes to someday publish his first novel, which centers on the battle of Gettysburg.





## Know Your Records

In fall 2004, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) introduced the **Know Your Records** program. The initial program offered weekly lectures and monthly genealogy workshops to staff, volunteers, and the public. Featured speakers described NARA's records; explained how and where to locate the records; and demonstrated how to use the records for research.

Currently, each one-hour lecture is delivered twice within the same week—on Tuesdays at the National Archives Building at 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC; and on Thursdays, at the National Archives (Archives II), located at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD. Most of these sessions are videotaped and made available for inter-library loan through NARA libraries and our regional facilities throughout the United States. Some, but not all, of the genealogy

programs are offered on Saturdays.

In addition to providing opportunities for staff, volunteers, and researchers to learn about NARA's records through lectures and genealogy programs, we offer symposiums, the annual genealogy fair, quarterly editions of *Researcher News*, a genealogy tutorial, and the monthly *From the Records Book Group* discussions. *For book group news, see page 17.*



We publicize our offerings in NARA's *Calendar of Events* at [www.archives.gov/calendar/](http://www.archives.gov/calendar/) and on our web page at [www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/](http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/). See this quarter's schedule below.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Genealogy Programs

- **Saturday, February 16, 2008, 10:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**

Jefferson Room (Enter on Constitution Avenue at the Special Events entrance)

**Who's on Your Family Tree? Beginning Your Family Genealogy.** How can you get started on your family genealogy? Marie Melchiori, CG, CGL, of Melchiori Research Services, LLD, will take a look at home, local, county, and Federal sources as well as what might be on the Internet. She will also discuss how to organize and document what you find.

Reservations are required, and a fee of \$20 is payable by cash or check (payable to NATF) at the door. Call 202-357-5333.

## Genealogy Workshops

- **Saturday, February 23, 2008, 10:15 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
Jefferson Room (Enter on Constitution Avenue at the Special Events entrance)  
**Using Federal Records for African American Genealogical Research.** Reginald Washington, archivist at the National Archives in Washington, DC, will give a workshop on using Federal records for African American genealogical research. He will discuss census records, military service and pension files, Freedmen’s Bureau records, and other records.  
Reservations are required, and a fee of \$20 is payable by cash or check (payable to NATF) at the door. Call 202-357-5333.
- **Friday, March 7, 2008, 10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**  
Jefferson Room (Enter on Constitution Avenue at the Special Events entrance)  
**But Grandma Never Carried a Gun: Locating Women Using Records Created by the Military.** Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL, will provide an overview of records created by the military which will help researchers locate information on the women who were the mothers, wives, and sisters of soldiers.  
Reservations are required, and a fee of \$20 is payable by cash or check (payable to NATF) at the door. Call 202-357-5333.
- **Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 10:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**  
Washington Room (Enter on Constitution Avenue at the Special Events entrance)  
**Effective Internet Searching.** Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens will provide instruction on how to search the Internet when conducting research. Participants will learn ways to creatively and effectively search the Internet for hidden tidbits that will help them progress in their family history research.  
Reservations are required, and a fee of \$20 is payable by cash or check (payable to NATF) at the door. Call 202-357-5333.
- **Friday, March 14, 2008, 10:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.**  
Jefferson Room (Enter on Constitution Avenue at the Special Events entrance)  
**Beginning Your Irish Research in U.S. Sources.** Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens will cover the basics of finding the origin of Irish ancestors using resources available in the United States. Strategies will be presented for working in passenger lists, immigration records, military records, census records, city directories, and other original sources of value in tracking down the origin of Irish immigrants.  
Reservations are required, and a fee of \$20 is payable by cash or check (payable to NATF) at the door. Call 202-357-5333.

## Lectures *Free*



**Note:** Lectures are held at the National Archives Building, Washington, DC, in Room G-24. Enter on the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building.

- **Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Let No Man Put Asunder: Freedmen's Bureau Marriage Records.** To celebrate African American Heritage Month and Valentine's Day, NARA archivist Reginald Washington will give a presentation on marriage records located in the Freedmen's Bureau records.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, February 7**, at 11 a.m.)

- **Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act.** The General Counsel's Access staff is responsible for processing FOIA and Privacy Act requests for NARA's operational records (records the agency creates or receives in carrying out its mission). Ramona Branch Oliver, NARA's FOIA and Privacy Act Officer, will discuss NARA's FOIA and Privacy Act issues and give information and advice on access issues.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, February 14**, at 11 a.m.)

- **Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, National Archives Building

**Note:** The lecture downtown will be on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., since the Book Group lecture and discussion will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19.

**What's New in the Archival Research Catalog (ARC)?** Jill Reilly James, archives specialist with the National Archives' Lifecycle Coordination Staff, will review general records of genealogical interest described in ARC and will present new ARC descriptions of web pages related to African American history. In addition, she will give a preview of the new ARC, which will be released in spring 2008.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, February 21**, at 11 a.m.)





## Lectures *Free*

- **Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 11 a.m.**  
Room G-24, National Archives Building

**Clifford K. Berryman Political Cartoon Collection.** Jessie Kratz, an archives specialist with the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives in Washington, DC, will discuss the Clifford Berryman political cartoon collection housed in the Center for Legislative Archives. She will also give a brief introduction to the exhibit "Running for Office: Candidates, Campaigns, and the Cartoons of Clifford Berryman," which opens in the O'Brien Gallery of the National Archives in Washington, DC, on February 8, 2008, and runs through August 17, 2008.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, February 28**, at 11 a.m.)

**TWO LECTURES:**

- **Footnote**
- **Civil War Records at Footnote.com**

- **Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.**  
Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Footnote** (at 10 a.m.) Jeffery Hartley, NARA Librarian, will discuss how the National Archives and *Footnote.com* are working as partners to bring unprecedented access to selections of the vast holdings of the National Archives. He will focus on what is currently available and how to access and use *Footnote.com*.

**Civil War Records at Footnote.com** (at 11 a.m.) Beau Sharbrough, Vice President of Content for *Footnote.com*, will discuss Civil War records on *footnote.com*.

(These lectures will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, March 6**, at 10 and 11 a.m.)

- **Tuesday, March 13, 2008, 11 a.m.**  
Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Irish History.** Through displays and lecture, Fintan Mullan, Executive Director, Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, will give attendees a feel for different aspects of Irish research and Irish migration to America.

(One lecture only)

- **Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 11 a.m.**  
Room G-24, National Archives Building

**Note:** The lecture downtown will be held on Wednesday, March 19; the Book Group lecture and discussion will be held on Tuesday, March 18.

**Researching Electronic Records via the Access to Archival Databases (AAD).** Lynn Goodsell will offer an introduction to electronic ("digitally-born") records of interest to genealogists and how to access the records online via AAD.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, March 20**, at 11 a.m.)



For further information on lectures and workshops, visit [www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/](http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/)

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**ALIC Archives Library Information Center**

**World War II Ship Histories**

ALIC has added to two series of individual ship histories this past year. One series is a set of destroyer histories compiled by E. Andrew Wilde, Jr. Mr. Wilde's histories are based heavily on NARA records, often reproducing documents and photographs from NARA's holdings. Mr. Wilde has been donating the products of his research to ALIC for years. The vessels covered in this series include:

- USS *Aaron Ward* (DD-483)
- USS *Corry* (DD-463)
- USS *Barton* (DD-599)
- USS *Borie* (DD-215)
- USS *Cushing* (DD-376)
- USS *DeHaven* (DD-469)
- USS *Douglas H. Fox* (DD-779)
- USS *Duncan* (DD-485)
- USS *Emmons* (DD-457/DMS-22)
- USS *Fiske* (DE-143)
- USS *Glennon* (DD-620)
- USS *Halligan* (DD-584)
- USS *Hammann* (DD-412)
- USS *Jacob Jones* (DD-130)
- USS *Laffey* (DD-459)
- USS *Lansdale* (DD-426)
- USS *McFarland* (AVD-14) and (DD-237)
- USS *Meredith* (DD-726)
- USS *Monssen* (DD-436)
- USS *Peary* (DD-226)
- USS *Perry* (DD-340/DMS-17)
- USS *Preston* (DD-379)
- USS *Seminole* (AT-65)
- USS *Spence* (DD-512)
- USS *Strong* (DD-467)
- USS *Walke* (DD-416)

In 2007 ALIC also received a large number of published damage reports for World War II vessels. These war damage reports were created by the Navy's Bureau of Ships, and through text, photos, and drawings detail the damage sustained by the vessel. The reports cover various types of vessels and include the following:

- USS *Canberra* (CA70)
- USS *Capella* (AK13)
- USS *Cassin* (DD372)
- USS *Chester* (CA27)
- USS *Chincoteague* (AVP24)
- USS *Franklin* (CV13)
- USS *Helena*
- USS *Honolulu* (CL48)
- USS *Houston* (CL81)
- USS *Independence* (CVL22)
- USS *Kearny* (DD432)
- USS *Marblehead* (CL12)
- USS *Nevada*
- USS *New Orleans* (CA32)
- USS *North Carolina* (BB55)
- USS *O'Brien* (DD415)
- USS *Portland* (CA33)
- USS *Reno* (CL96)
- USS *Salinas* (AO19)
- USS *Salt Lake City* (CA25)
- USS *San Francisco* (CA38)
- USS *Saratoga* (CV3)
- USS *Savannah* (CL42)
- USS *Shaw* (DD373)
- USS *South Dakota* (BB57)
- USS *Tennessee*
- USS *Yorktown*



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Volumes in both series are catalogued in ALIC's online catalog at [www.archives.gov/research/alic/tools/online-public-access-catalog.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/tools/online-public-access-catalog.html), and are shelved at Archives II.

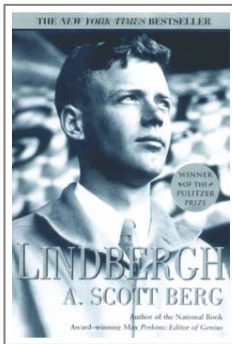
The *Know Your Records Program* launched its book group in September 2006.

# From The Records Book Group

**National Archives Building  
 Washington, DC, Room G-24  
 (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)**

**Free**  
 11 a.m. – Related lecture or film  
 Noon – Book Group discussion

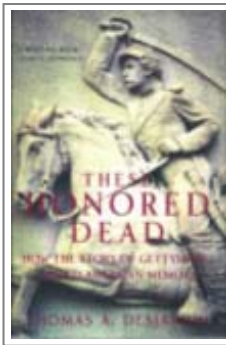
## 2008 Schedule



**Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 11 a.m. and Noon**  
 Room G–24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

Following the lecture at 11 a.m. by Charles Downs on aviation records at the National Archives and Records Administration, the From the Records Book Group will discuss *Lindbergh* by A. Scott Berg.

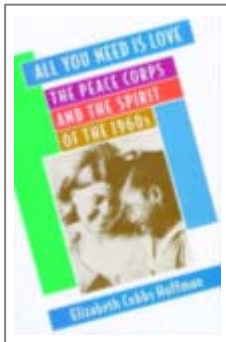
Please check the Archives Shop (202-357-5271) for book availability and a special discount for participants.



**Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 11 a.m. and Noon**  
 Room G–24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

Following the lecture at 11 a.m. on records relating to *Gettysburg*, the From the Records Book Group will discuss *These Honored Dead: How the Story of Gettysburg Shaped American Memory* by Thomas A. Desjardin.

Please check the Archives Shop (202-357-5271) for book availability and a special discount for participants.



**Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 11 a.m. and Noon**  
 Room G–24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

Following the panel discussion on the Peace Corps, the From the Records Book Group will discuss *All You Need is Love: the Peace Corps and the Spirit of the 1960s* by Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman.

Please check the Archives Shop (202-357-5271) for book availability and a special discount for participants.





## THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

**Wednesday, April 23, 2008**

**9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) presents its fourth annual genealogy fair. This year's program will include three tracks of sessions: general genealogy, World War I, and the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Speakers will encourage family historians to research their families using the records of the National Archives. Demonstrations and ongoing exhibits will be available all day.

*This event is free and open to the public.*

*No registration is required.*