

Spring 2008

National Archives Building Research Center

The 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.



Rebecca Crawford speaks at the Genealogy Fair

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:

John Deeben (published):

"To Protect and To Serve: The Records of the D.C. Metropolitan Police, 1861–1930" [*Prologue* 40:1 (Spring 2008): 50–57]

Rebecca Sharp (accepted for publication):

"An Introduction to Passport Application Research, 1906–1925" [Voyage: The Official Journal of the Titanic International Society]



Upcoming NARA Staff Presentations

John Deeben

 Seaman's Certificates – National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR), July 18, 2008

Diane Dimkoff

 Welcome and Orientation to Archives II Research Areas – NIGR, July 17, 2008

Kenneth Heger

- National Archives Research Center NIGR, July 14, 2008
- Paying the Veterans... NIGR, July 16, 2008
- American Indian Research: an Introduction NIGR, July 18, 2008

Claire Kluskens

- Using NARA Finding Aids for Archival Research NIGR, July 14, 2008
- Canadian Border Crossing Records NIGR, July 19, 2008

Constance Potter

- NARA Before and After NIGR, July 14, 2008
- Tour of Research Area NIGR, July 14, 2008

Jermaine Scott

• Digital Camera Workshop - NIGR, July 16, 2008

Reginald Washington

- Records of the Southern Claims Commission NIGR, July 15, 2008
- African American Research NIGR, July 18, 2008

New Microfilm Publications



Staff members continue to process accessioned microfilm that documents arrivals into the United States, turning this film into National Archives microfilm publications. During the last quarter, Claire Prechtel-Kluskens completed the following National Archives microfilm publications:

A3461, Supplemental Manifests of Alien Passengers and Crew Members Who Arrived on Vessels at New York, New York, 1887–1952, Who Were Inspected for Admission, 1915– 1952, and Related Index (21 rolls). 35 mm. RG 85.

- A3462, Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Porthill, Idaho, 1923–1952 (2 rolls). 16 mm. RG 85. Contains over 13,000 arrivals.
- A3469, Nonpopulation Census Schedules for New Jersey, 1880: Supplemental Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes (5 rolls). 35mm. RG 29.
- A3470, Chinese Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Diego, California, October 1905–July 1923 (1 roll). 35mm. RG 85.
- A3471, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Diego, California, 1904–1952 (15 rolls). 35 mm. RG 85.

Additional Microfilm Publications Online

footnote footnote.com has placed the following microfilm publications on their web site:

Publication Number	Title
NARA C72	Navy JAG Case Files of Pacific Area War Crimes Trials, 1944-1949
NARA C73	Army JAG Case Files of Pacific Area War Crimes Trials, 1944–1949 (Including Iwanami Case)
NARA M0040	Domestic Letters of the Department of State, 1784-1906
NARA M0061	Foreign Letters of the Continental Congress and Department of State, 1785-1790
NARA M0246	Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783
NARA M0247	Papers of the Continental Congress
NARA M0266	Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Georgia
NARA M0270	Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of North Carolina
NARA M0311	Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Alabama
NARA M0323	Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Texas
NARA M0324	Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Virginia
NARA M0332	Miscellaneous Papers of the Continental Congress
NARA M0346	Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms, 1861-65
NARA M0570	Copybooks of George Washington's Correspondence with Secretaries of State, 1789–1796
NARA M0599	Investigation and Trial Papers Relating to the Assassination of President Lincoln
NARA M0668	Ratified Indian Treaties, 1722-1869
NARA M0804	Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files
NARA M0835	Select List of Photographs of Harry S. Truman, 1885-1953
NARA M0865	Selected Photographs of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1913-1945
NARA M0866	Records from the Constitutional Convention of 1787
NARA M0867	Selected Photographs of Calvin Coolidge, 1917-1943
NARA M0868	Selected Photographs of Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1943-1961

footnote footnote.com has placed the following microfilm publications on their web site:

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NARA M0881	Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War
NARA M0923	Records of the American Section of the Supreme War Council, 1917-19
NARA M0924	Historical Files of the U.S. Expeditionary Force, North Russia, 1918-19
NARA M0928	Prize and Related Records for the War of 1812 of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1812–16
NARA M0930	Cablegrams Exchanged Between General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, and the War Department, 1917–19
NARA M0990	Gorrell's History of the American Expeditionary Forces Air Service, 1917-1919
NARA M0995	Papers and Minutes of Meetings of Principal World War II Allied Military Conferences, 1941–1945
NARA M1003	Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons ("Amnesty Papers"), 1865–67
NARA M1085	Investigative Case Files of the Bureau of Investigation 1908–1922
NARA M1148	General Photographs of the Fine Arts Commission (Series G), CA. 1650-1950
NARA M1164	Index to the Naturalization Petitions of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1865–1957
NARA M1164	Index to the Naturalization Petitions of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1906–Nov 1925
NARA M1164	Index to the Naturalization Petitions of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Jul 1865-Sep 1906
NARA M1168	Indexes to Naturalization Petitions to the U.S. Circuit and District Courts for Maryland, 1797–1951
NARA M1279	Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War and Later Navy Veterans (Navy Widows' Certificates), 1861–1910
NARA M1360	Admiralty Final Record Books of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (Key West), 1829–1911
NARA M1368	Petitions and Records of Naturalizations of the U.S. District and Circuit Courts of the District of Massachusetts, 1906–1929
NARA M1380	Missing Air Crew Reports (MACRs) of the U.S. Army Air Forces, 1941-1948
NARA M1401	Territorial Case Files of the U.S. District Courts of Utah 1870-1896
NARA M1407	Southern Claims Commission
NARA M1442	Records of the Department of State Relating to Internal Affairs of France, 1930– 1939
NARA M1469	Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Civil War and Later Navy Veterans (Navy Survivors' Certificates), 1861–1910
NARA M1518	Ratified Amendments XI-XXVII of the U. S. Constitution
NARA M1522	Naturalization Petitions for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1795-1930
NARA M1524	Naturalization Petitions for the Southern District Of California, 1887-1940
NARA M1526	Naturalization Index Cards from the Superior Court of San Diego, CA, 1868-1958
NARA M1537	Naturalization Petitions of the U.S. District Court, 1820–1930, and Circuit Court, 1820–1911, for the Western District of Pennsylvania
NARA M1545	Index to Petitions and Records of Naturalizations of the U.S. and District Courts for the District of Massachusetts, 1907–1966
NARA M162	The Revolutionary War Prize Cases: Records of the Court of Appeal in Cases of Capture, 1776–1787
NARA M1626	Naturalization Petitions of the U.S. Circuit and District Courts for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 1906–1930
NARA M1640	Naturalization Petitions of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, 1906–1930



Newly Issued Reference Reports

(Available at Archives I Only)

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 as a method of explaining the types of records that are available for research, as well as for 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, and Civilian Federal Employees. Each category is color-coded for ease of reference.

The following reports were completed during the last guarter:

Military (green paper)

- Carded Medical Records for Volunteer Soldiers and Regular Army and Naval Personnel, 1821–1912
- Textual and Microfilmed Records of Troop Movements and Activities of Volunteer Units in the U.S. Army, 1775–1902

Citizenship (pink paper)

- Passport Applications, 1795-1925 (Revised)
- How to Order Copies of Passport Applications



New Database

The Research Support Branch (NWCC1) announces the arrival of a new database, for use in the Microfilm Research Room.

The **Building Permits database** consists of records of permits issued in Washington, DC. Data was collected for this database from the reels of microfilmed permits located at the National Archives and Records Administration and the Washingtoniana Division of the DC Public Library. The earliest record of a permit dates from February 17, 1877, although permits were issued by the City beginning in early 1872. All permits issued through September 1949 were microfilmed.



Do you have a topic you would like us to cover in the newsletter?

Please send your ideas to Nancy.Fortna@nara.gov



At the Genealogy Fair, volunteer Jim Collins offers assistance on how to begin researching one's family

New Mailing Address for Veterans Affairs (VA) Pension FOIA Requests

Have you ever submitted a request for a Civil War or later pension application file with a "C" or "XC" number and had the slip returned telling you the file was in the custody of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)?

That is because the pension application files in our custody were considered "closed" in about 1929. Because someone drawing a pension based on your soldier's service was still alive, the file remained in the custody of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

We recognize that we should have these files in the National Archives, and we are working with the Department of Veterans Affairs to have them transferred to us.

Currently, to obtain the file, you need to:

- 1 Write a letter to the VA Freedom of Information Officer.
- 2 State that you are requesting access to the pension file under the Freedom of Information Act.
- **3** Give them the soldier identification information that you have.
- 4 Request a BIRLS (Beneficiary Information and Records Locator System) search for the file and ask that they retrieve it for your use.
- **5** Go to their web site for additional instructions at www.va.gov/foia/.

- 6 The VA requires that a FOIA request be in writing and signed by the requester. The request must reasonably describe the records so that it may be located with a reasonable amount of effort.
- 7 State your willingness to pay applicable fees or provide a justification to support a fee waiver.
- 8 Please include a daytime telephone number in case someone needs to contact you.
- **9** Write Freedom of Information Act Request on the envelope.
- 10 Mail your request to the FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Veterans Benefits Administration. The address is:

FOIA/Privacy Act Officer
Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

New Online Catalog Features Coming Soon

A new version of the National Archives' Archival Research Catalog (ARC) will be released on the NARA web site this spring. The ARC database will undergo a technical upgrade to the coding and hardware. It also will get a new look and enhanced search and display features.



Streamlined Search Screen

ARC's redesigned Basic Search screen emulates familiar search engines like Google and Ask. Basic search offers a keyword search box with options to search all archival descriptions, those with digital copies, or those related to particular people or organizations.

The new advanced search features are more user-friendly. Expanded keyword search options and a title only filter will help researchers reduce the number of irrelevant search results. Collapsible filter options will provide a more streamlined view of search options and

reduce scrolling. A new search feature, "Search Within...," allows researchers to conduct a search within a particular Record Group, Collection, Series, or File Unit.

Intuitive Browse Options

Browsing through search results will be easier with new features such as highlighting search terms and an enhanced hierarchy view. A checkbox option allows the researcher to highlight his or her search terms within summary search results and archival descriptions details pages.

The improved hierarchy view features intuitive graphical icons to illustrate a Record Group or Collection as a file cabinet, a Series as a drawer in that cabinet, a File Unit as a file folder, and an Item as a page from that folder. Search hits in the hierarchy view will link to the descriptions' full details.

The full details view of archival descriptions will be better organized with separate tabs for archived copy information, shot lists, digital copies, and archival hierarchy information. The tabular display will reduce the need for scrolling and make it easier for researchers to pinpoint specific information in a description.

"My List" and E-mail

An ARC user will be able to save up to 2,000 archival descriptions during an active session to "My List" for reference, printing, or e-mailing. "My List" will allow users to save time by identifying descriptions of interest while continuing to search. Individual descriptions can also be e-mailed or printed.

Please visit the ARC main page at www.archives.gov/research/arc/ for additional information about the upcoming ARC features.



Jill James and Rebecca Warlow provide assistance on ARC at the Genealogy Fair

Damani Davis



Damani Davis is a reference archivist at NARA's Research Support Branch in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of Coppin State College in Baltimore, MD, and received his M.A. in American/African-American history at the Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. Damani is a native of Philadelphia, PA, and currently resides in Baltimore, MD.

Mr. Davis is a subject matter expert on Black Migration records. His research has taken him into records of an 1880 Senate investigation into the migration as well as other Federal records on this topic. His research has shown him how disfranchised and oppressed African Americans living in the post-Reconstruction South attempted to achieve their version of the American dream by migrating to Kansas.

He has given talks on **Exodusters: the First Black Migration** at both NARA's
2006 African American Genealogy
Symposium and at the 2008 National

Genealogical Society's 2008 conference in Kansas City. In addition, Damani will be speaking at the upcoming Federation of Genealogical Society's annual conference in Philadelphia in September. His article on the **Exodusters** will be published in next issue of NARA's magazine, *Proloque*.

Currently, his involvement in the archivists' training program takes him on rotational assignments to various offices within NARA. Within the past quarter, he has worked with NARA's records manager and has completed rotational assignments in the Still Pictures and Motion Pictures offices.

Rebecca Sharp



Rebecca K. Sharp, a genealogy archives specialist with the Research Support Branch (NWCC1), began her professional career at the National Archives in 2005. Rebecca answers passport application search requests as well as other genealogical reference questions.

She conducts workshops, lectures, and writes articles about Federal records of genealogical interest.

Rebecca and her colleague, Katherine Vollen, provide passport application research lectures and workshops. She is the author of the *Prologue* article entitled "'[T]heir... Bedding is wet Their floors are damp': 'Pre Bureau' Records and Civil War African-American Genealogy." Rebecca's article, "An Introduction to Passport Application Research, 1906–1925," will appear in an upcoming issue of *Voyage: The Official Journal of the Titanic International Society*.

Rebecca graduated summa cum laude with departmental honors in History from McDaniel College (established as Western Maryland College). She is a member of two academic honor societies, Phi Alpha Theta and Phi Beta Kappa.

Prior to joining the staff at the National Archives, she worked as a veterinary technician and as a retail sales associate where she gained valuable customer service experience. Rebecca's job as a research assistant to her former McDaniel College advisor and professor, Dr. Paul B. Miller, helped her to further develop her research and writing skills.



Know Your Records!

In the fall of 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 interlibrary 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 symposia, 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 11.



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

JUNE EVENTS:

Lectures 🙌

Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 11 a.m.

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

Revolutionary War Records at Footnote.com Beau Sharbrough, Vice President of Content for Footnote.com, will discuss Revolutionary War records at *footnote.com*.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, June 5, 11 a.m.)

Tuesday, June 24, 2008, 11:30 a.m.

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

Heroes and Cowards: The Social Face of War. Dora L. Costa and Dr. Robert Fogel will discuss the book Heroes and Cowards: The Social Face of War, written by Dora Costa and Matthew Kahn. They will discuss the paths taken to research this subject, using data from the Union Army pension records.

(One session only)

2008 Genealogy Fair

National Archives Hosts Fourth Annual Genealogy Fair



On April 23, 2008, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) held a day-long genealogy fair in the Research Center at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. This year's fair focused on three themes: Basic Genealogy, World War I (WWI), and the New Deal. The program offered concurrent lectures on these three topics.





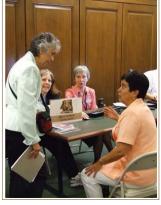
A record-breaking 450 people attended the fair, taking advantage of the many sessions, exhibits, demonstrations, expertise, and handouts offered. In addition to an introductory session on genealogy, lectures included information on records relating to the following topics:

- Access to Archival Databases (AAD);
- birth information in Federal records;
- the Archival Research Catalog (ARC);
- · land entry papers at NARA;
- marriage records in the Freedmen's Bureau files:
- civil war pension files;
- · WWI gold star mothers;
- merchant seamen in WWI;
- passport applications;

- immigration and naturalization records of WWI;
- WWI draft registrations;
- Civilian Conservation Corps;
- Federal Emergency Relief Administration;
- · DNA testing;
- Works Progress Administration (WPA) State Guides:
- · Virginia Slave Births Indexes; and
- · publications of the WPA.

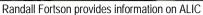


In addition to the NARA staff and volunteers who spoke on a variety of topics of interest to researchers, featured guest speakers included Dr. Thomas Shawker (National Institutes of Health), Leslie Anderson Morales (History/Special Collections in the Alexandria Library, Alexandria, VA), and Marian Smith (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security).



The Customer Services Division and the Center for the National Archives Experience partnered to host a special book lecture by author Raff Ellis, who discussed his book, *Kisses from a Distance: An Immigrant Family Experience*. He discussed his research as he chronicled a Lebanese immigrant experience based on a cache of more than 200 letters discovered after the death of his mother.





ALC Archives Library Information Center

ALIC has added the following volumes to its collections in both buildings:

All National Archives Building, Washington, DC (Archives I)

All National Archives at College Park, MD (Archives II)

- Banner, Stuart. How the Indians Lost Their Land: Law and Power on the Frontier. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2005. 344 p. E 98 L3 B36 2005
- Batvinis, Raymond J. The Origins of FBI
 Counterintelligence. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, c2007. xii, 332 p. HV 8144 F43 B48 2007
- Browne-Marshall, Gloria J. The Constitution: Major Cases and Conflicts. Boston, Mass.: Pearson Custom Publishing, c2006. xl, 425 p. KF 4550 B76 2006
- Burnstein, Daniel Eli. Next to Godliness: Confronting Dirt and Despair in Progressive Era New York City.
 Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, c2006. x, 200 p.
 TD 819 N6 B87 2006 AII
- Dallek, Robert. Nixon and Kissinger: Partners in Power. New York: HarperCollins Pub., c2007. xii, 740 p., [16] p. of plates. E 856 D35 2007
- DeRosa, Christopher S. Political Indoctrination in the U.S. Army from World War II to the Vietnam War. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, c2006. xiv, 328 p. UA 25 D42 2006
- Dunbar, William. The Forgotten Expedition, 1804–1805: The Louisiana Purchase Journals of Dunbar and Hunter. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, c2006. xxxvi, 248 p. F 353 D86 2006
- Engel, Jeffrey A. Cold War at 30,000 Feet: The Anglo-American Fight for Aviation Supremacy. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007. xi, 351 p., [8] p. of plates. E 183.8 G7 E49 2007
- Fry, Joseph A. Debating Vietnam: Fulbright, Stennis, and their Senate Hearings. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, c2006. xi, 199 p. DS 558 F79 2006 AII
- Graham, Thomas. Spy Satellites and other Intelligence Technologies that Changed History. Seattle: University of Washington Press, c2007. xvi, 171 p. JZ 5665 G73 2007
- Hall, Richard. Women on the Civil War Battlefront.
 Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, c2006. x, 397 p. E
 628 H35 2006
- Hamilton, Daniel W. The Limits of Sovereignty: Property Confiscation in the Union and the Confederacy During the Civil War. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007. 231 p. KF 7221 H36 2007 AII

- Hess, Earl J. Field Armies and Fortifications in the Civil War: The Eastern Campaigns, 1861–1864. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, c2005. xix, 428 p. E 470.2 H47 2005
- Holton, Woody. Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution. New York: Hill and Wang, 2007. xi, 370 p. KF 4541 H58 2007 AII
- Jacobs, Seth. Cold War Mandarin: Ngo Dinh Diem and the Origins of America's War in Vietnam, 1950–1963.
 Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, c2006. xi, 207 p. DS 556.9 J34 2006
- LaFeber, Walter. The Deadly Bet: LBJ, Vietnam, and the 1968 Election. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, c2005. x, 217 p. E 851 L33 2005
- Langston, Thomas S. The Cold War Presidency: A Documentary History. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, c2007. xxi, 596 p. E 176.1 L265 2007
- Latimer, Jon. 1812: War With America. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2007. xiv, 637 p. E 354 L36 2007
- Lowry, Thomas P. Confederate Heroines: 120
 Southern Women Convicted by Union Military
 Justice. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press,
 c2006. xvii, 212 p. E 628 L69 2006
- Majd, Mohammad Gholi. Oil and the Killing of the American Consul in Tehran. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, c2006. 350 p. HD 9576 I62 M27 2006
- Monahan, Evelyn. And If I Perish: Frontline U.S. Army Nurses in World War II. New York: Knopf, 2003. x, 514 p. D 807 U6 M66 2003
- Owens, Robert M. Mr. Jefferson's Hammer: William Henry Harrison and the Origins of American Indian Policy. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, c2007. xxx, 311 p. E 392 O94 2007
- Pacalo, Patrick J. Cold Warfare: A Compact History.
 Baltimore: PublishAmerica, c2004. 279 p. D 843 P23
 2004x AII
- Prados, John. Safe For Democracy: The Secret Wars of the CIA. Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2006. xxxv, 696 p. JK 468 I6 P715 2006

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- Stone, Geoffrey R. Top Secret: When Our Government Keeps Us in the Dark. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, c2007. xvi, 139 p. KF 5753 S76 2007
- Weiner, Tim. Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA. New York: Doubleday, c2007. 702 p., [8] p. of plates. JK 468 I6 W44 2007 AII
- Wheeler, James Scott. The Big Red One: America's Legendary 1st Infantry Division from World War I to Desert Storm.
 Lawrence, Kan.: University Press of Kansas, c2007. xiv, 594 p. UA 27.5 1st W485 2007
- Wright, Lawrence. The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11. New York: Knopf, 2006. 469 p., [16] p. of plates. HV 6432.7 W75 2006

- Xia, Yafeng. Negotiating with the Enemy: U.S.-China Talks
 During the Cold War, 1949–1972. Bloomington: Indiana University
 Press, c2006. xv, 326 p. E 183.8 C5 X53 2006 I
- Yaqub, Salim. Containing Arab Nationalism: The Eisenhower Doctrine and the Middle East. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, c2004. x, 377 p. DS 63.2 U5 Y37 2004
- Yu, Maochun. The Dragon's War: Allied Operations and the Fate of China, 1937–1947. Annapolis, Md.: Naval Institute Press, c2006. x, 242 p. DS 777.532 Y8 2006 AII
- Zumbro, Derek S. Battle for the Ruhr: The German Army's Final Defeat in the West. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2006.
 viii, 447 p. D 756.5 R8 Z97 2006

These volumes are available for viewing on the new acquisitions shelf at the appropriate location. For more information on these or other titles in ALIC's collections, please see the online catalog at www.archives.gov/research/alic/tools/online-public-access-catalog.html.

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

From The Records Book Group



In order to provide an introduction to the topic of the month's book, we will be holding a lecture or film at 11 a.m. before the book group discussion, which begins at noon.

Former Peace Corps Employees Reunite

On April 15, 2008, 20 former Peace Corps employees came together for a lively panel discussion on their experiences while serving in the Peace Corps. In conjunction with their discussion, Joe Byrnes (NWM) moderated the Book Group's April selection, *All You Need is Love*.

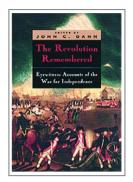


Joe Byrnes, moderator



Peace Corps panel

Our book group will not meet again until September 16, 2008. Our Fall schedule follows:



September 16, 2008

The Revolution Remembered: Eyewitness Accounts of the War for Independence, by John C. Dann (Editor)

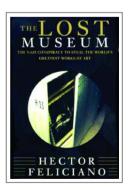
A fascinating selection of information based on the testimony of embattled farmers who tell us in their own words what they saw with their own eyes. *The Revolution Remembered* uses 79 firsthand accounts from veterans of the war to provide the reader with the feel of what it must have been like to fight and live through America's bloody battle for independence. The military pension records at the National Archives provide an important source for this book.

October 21, 2008

Spying on the Bomb: American Nuclear Intelligence from Nazi Germany to Iran and North Korea, by Jeffrey T. Richelson



Richelson traces the evolution of U.S. nuclear intelligence efforts—both successes and failures—from the early days of World War II to the 21st century. The author focuses on the early nuclear programs of 15 nations and the U.S. effort to determine if they were trying to acquire nuclear weapons, how far they had gotten, and their attempts to improve those capabilities. Thus, the book examines the work of the CIA and other intelligence agencies in identifying and providing the details about those nuclear programs, as well as the agencies' efforts to monitor and evaluate nuclear testing—rather than their efforts to gather information on the nuclear arsenals. Each of the 14 chapters focuses on the nuclear activities of one or a small number of nations. Richelson draws on recently declassified documents and interviews with scientists and spies involved in nuclear espionage. His analysis of our nation's nuclear espionage includes spysatellite photographs from the National Archives.



November 18, 2008

The Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Works of Art, by Hector Feliciano

During the occupation of Paris, the Nazis confiscated nearly 100,000 artworks from more than 200 collectors, transporting most of the spoils to Germany. The most extensive and valuable collections belonged to five renowned Jewish families: Rosenberg, Rothschild, Schloss, David-Weill and Bernheim-Jeune. After the war, many works that were found were returned to their owners. But a large number had disappeared, was destroyed, or was spirited out of Europe into the underground art market.

Drawing on recently declassified government archives and information provided by the heirs of the collections, Feliciano traces the fate of the artworks. Two thousand of these stolen artworks have been identified in the Louvre and other French national museums, fomenting a scandal that has received front-page coverage throughout Europe and spurred a series of new claims and suits by heirs. In this updated and enlarged American edition, he reveals the location of stolen works hanging in major U.S. museums, as well.