

About the Central Plains Region

The National Archives Central Plains Region holds the retired records of federal agencies in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Our 42,000



cubic feet of records range in date from the 1820s to the 1990s. We hold records of many agencies, including United States District Courts, the National Park

Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Prisons, to name but a few.

In addition to making original textual and audio-visual records available for research, we are a center for genealogical research with a vast microfilm collection. We sponsor public programs, history conferences, and exhibits. NARA's Central Plains Region partners with universities, genealogical societies, and veterans groups on a regular basis. We also offer training to interns and others interested in archival methodology.

We work to preserve and make available the historical documents created by federal agencies. One of the goals of NARA's Central Plains Region is to assist teachers in using these records in the classroom. If you have any questions about locating primary sources, please contact archival staff.

Educational Trunks

The Central Plains Region has two educational trunks available for classroom use. A World War II US Army footlocker and a US Navy seabag provide artifacts for hands-on use by students. Included with the contents are teachers guides to aid in classroom instruction.



Speakers Bureau

National Archives staff and volunteers are available for lectures and presentations. Topics are tailored to our constituents needs. Please call to reserve a speaker.

Film Series



Annually the Central Plains Region sponsors a history film series in partnership with other local institutions. Qualified speakers provide commentary to supplement film series. To see when the next film series is scheduled, visit our website at:

http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/kansas_city.html

Below is a list of previous film series:

- ?? Black History
- ?? World War II
- ?? Korean Conflict
- ?? American Indians
- ?? Cold War

Workshops

Special workshops are available on a variety of topics. Listed below is a small sample of what the Central Plains Region has to offer.

- ?? *Just What Is the National Archives and What Do They Do There?*
- ?? *Locating and Using Naturalization Records*
- ?? *On the Trail of the First Americans*
- ?? *The Internet and the Genealogist*
- ?? *Teaching with Documents in the Classroom*
- ?? *Writing Your Family's History*

Resources for Schools and Teachers

Supporting, assisting, and encouraging the use of primary source materials in the classroom is an important part of our mission. We encourage school districts and educators in our area to make use of the **free** resources listed below. Please contact our staff for addition information and scheduling.



- ?? *My Family History and Me* is a workshop designed to introduce students to the use of primary source materials through family history research
- ?? Video and print teaching units on specific subject areas such as: *Civil War Era, Civil Rights/Civil Liberties, World War II, and the Korean Conflict*, some with original film footage
- ?? Teaching guides available for check-out, such as: *Federal Census, Teaching with Documents, and Genealogical and Biographic Research*
- ?? Specific education programs tailored to fit state standards and curriculum
- ?? Tours of the Central Plains Region archives stack area
- ?? History Day workshops
- ?? Teacher workshops, in-services, and training via partnerships with local universities and colleges
- ?? Teaching American History grant partnership



Exhibits

The Central Plains Region offers small, temporary exhibits in its main lobby area.



Exhibit topics are varied and showcase the wide variety of records we hold. Exhibits bring to life the stories of our nation's history and teach the public about the value of research and historical events.

The Central Plains exhibits are changed approximately every two to three months. For more information about exhibits call: 816-268-8071.



Interactive Distance Learning

The Central Plains Region has begun teaching interactive distance learning workshops for teachers who are pursuing graduate degrees and other forms of continuing education. This is through a partnership with the **Southeast Kansas Education Service Center, Greenbush, and Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS.** Students are provided content from the Central Plains Region's holdings. Items include various records, such as copies of photographs, original documents, and teaching units to use in the classroom. The overall goal is to familiarize teachers with primary resources and to incorporate documents into their classroom curriculum.



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About the National Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration is America's records keeper, a public trust on which our democracy depends.

The records we hold play a vital role in our democracy. These records and millions of others give shape to the ideals outlined in the Declaration of Independence, the foundations of democracy laid down in the Constitution, and the freedoms guaranteed to American citizens by the Bill of Rights.

Not only do they document the actions of Government, making accountability possible, they document individual rights and entitlements. They tell the story of who we are as a people. They reveal the courage, determination, and spirit that have shaped our democracy throughout history.



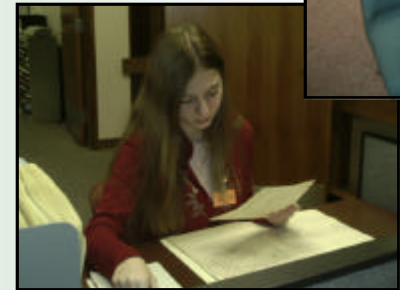
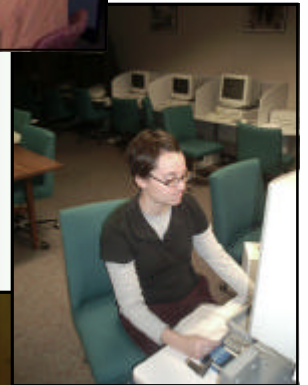
For more information about any of the education programs mentioned in this brochure please contact:

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