NARA-Northeast Region

The region is comprised of regional records services facilities in Waltham, Massachusetts; New York, New York; and Pittsfield, Massachusetts. In addition to microfilmed records of genealogical interest, our Waltham and New York offices also offer public access to a variety of historical records useful for scholarly research.

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A Federal agency offering public access to U.S. Census records, New York passenger lists, and much more. 10 Conte Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201-8230 413-236-3600

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Web site: www.archives.gov/northeast/pittsfield

Pittsfield Facility Hours

Weekdays, 8 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

First Saturday of each month, 8 A.M.-4 P.M.

First and third Wednesdays, 8 A.M.-9 P.M. (June-August only)

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What Is the National Archives and Records Administration?

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) safeguards records of all three branches of the Federal Government. Our mission is to ensure that all Americans have ready access to essential evidence that documents the rights of American citizens, the actions of Government officials, and our national history.

NARA–Northeast Region (Pittsfield) was established in 1994 to provide greater access to microfilm copies of Federal records with high research value. The facility has over 85,000 rolls of microfilm publications created to allow access to information while preserving original documents from deterioration and damage from handling. Through its microfilm holdings, research services, public programs, and affiliation with other NARA regions, it is a national resource in a local setting.



Resources We Have...

Census Records

Microfilm holdings include the existing Federal population census schedules, taken every 10 years for all states from 1790 to 1930 (nearly all 1890 schedules were destroyed by fire in 1921). The facility also has Soundex indexes to the 1880, 1900, and 1920 censuses and partial Soundex indexes to the 1910 and 1930 censuses.

Military Service, Pension, and Bounty Land Warrant Records

Microfilm publications include the compiled military service records and pension and bounty land warrant application files of the Revolutionary War. In addition, there are indexes to compiled military service records of volunteer soldiers who served between 1784 and 1811; the War of 1812; the Mexican War; New England volunteers in the Civil War, 1861–65; the Spanish-American War of 1898; and the Philippine Insurrection, 1899–1902.

For the Regular Army, there are registers of enlistment, 1798–1914. There are also pension indexes for service in the regular military forces, 1815–61, and regulars and volunteers in the War of 1812, Mexican War, Indian Wars, and Civil War and later service. The World War I (1917–18) Selective Service draft registration cards for New England and New York as well as the historical registers of national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers for Togus, Maine (1866–1934), Bath, New York (1876–1934), and Leavenworth, Kansas (1885–1934), are also available.

Naturalization Records

Microfilm holdings include an index to New England naturalization petitions, 1791–1906; an index to naturalization petitions and records of the U.S. District Court, 1906–66, and the U.S. Circuit Court,

1906–11, for the District of Massachusetts; petitions and other naturalization records of the U.S. District Court and Circuit Courts of the District of Massachusetts, 1906–29; and indexes to Federal District Courts in New York, 1827–1966.

Passenger Arrival Lists

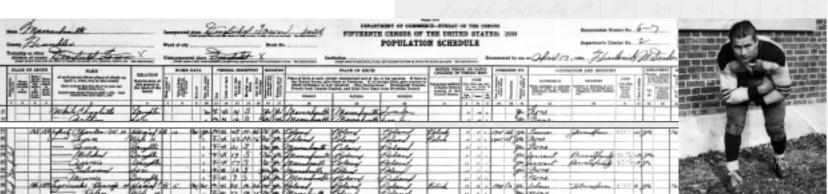
Microfilm holdings include ship manifests of passengers into the ports of Baltimore, 1820–91; Boston, 1820–1943; New Orleans, 1820–1902; New York, 1820–1957; and Philadelphia, 1800–1945. Records of miscellaneous Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports (1820–74) as well as manifests of passengers arriving in the St. Albans, Vermont, District through Canadian Pacific and Atlantic ports (1895–1954). There are also records for the New England ports of New Bedford, Massachusetts; Providence, Rhode Island; and Portland, Maine.

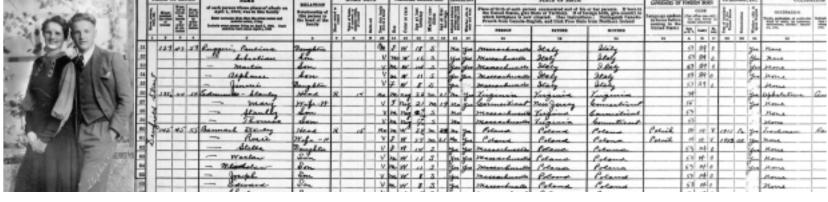
Other Records of Interest

Holdings relating to African American genealogical research include records of the U.S. District and Circuit Courts of the District of Columbia relating to slaves, 1820–63; registers of signatures of depositors and indexes to deposit ledgers in branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Co., 1865–74; and the index to the compiled service records of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War.

Holdings include microfilm publications useful for genealogical research of Native Americans: Eastern Cherokee Applications of the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906–09; Enrollment Cards for the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914; Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes; and Indian Census Rolls, 1885–1924, for eastern tribes.

The facility also has appointments of postmasters, 1832–1950, and post office reports of site locations, 1837–1950; and Russian consulate records in the United States, 1861–1922.





Directions

From Eastern Massachusetts

Take the Mass Pike west to Exit 2 in Lee. After the toll booth, bear right and follow Route 20 West through Lee and Lenox (where it joins Route 7 North) for 8.7 miles. Turn left onto Dan Fox Drive, and follow the signs to the Silvio O. Conte National Records Center and Regional Archives (approximately a quarter mile to Conte Drive; first right off Dan Fox Drive).

From Albany, NY

Take NY I-90 to the Mass Pike and follow above directions, or take Route 20 (exit 11E) in Albany east to Pittsfield (West Housatonic Street). At light where Route 20 joins Route 7 South, turn right and go about 2 miles to Dan Fox Drive. Turn right onto Dan Fox Drive, and follow the signs to the Silvio O. Conte National Records Center and Regional Archives.

Public Programs

Tours, student internships, lectures, and workshops on genealogy, using Federal records for research, and using historical documents as teaching tools are available.

Volunteers and Gift Fund

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