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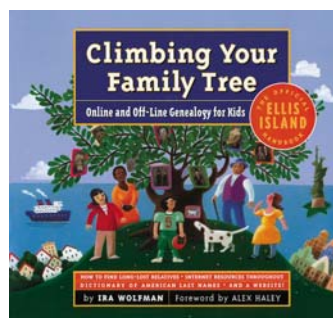
## National Archives Shop Presents Holiday Gifts with a History Twist

The National Archives Shop, located on the National Mall between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets, Northwest, is a unique shopping destination for out-of-town visitors and area residents alike.

The staff at the National Archives Shop works hard to develop products inspired by the vast holdings of the National Archives. Gifts from the National Archives Shop engage and capture the imagination of not only history lovers, but everyone on your shopping list.

Sample offerings include:

*Climbing Your Family Tree: Online and Off-line Genealogy for Kids* by Ira Wolfman. A 208-page genealogy primer just for kids (ages 9-12), with chapters on tracking down birth and marriage certificates, as well as ships' manifests, naturalization papers and other records in the National Archives. One chapter is devoted to online research, \$10.93.



The Charters of Freedom Boxed Set is the ultimate collection for aspiring historians and politicians. This set contains the Declaration of Independence, all four pages of the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, authentically recreated on parchment paper (approx. 14 x 16 inches each). We've added a feather quill, a packet of dry ink, a glass inkwell with stopper, and a blank sheet of parchment paper. Set includes instructions for the quill and ink, and a sample alphabet for guidance. Need portable inspiration? There's even a pocket-sized booklet on the Constitution, \$21.95



With the recent elections, patriotism is hotter than ever. The National Archives gift shop abounds with affordable and meaningful patriotic gifts for the holidays, including:

- “America the Beautiful” glass ornaments, mouth blown into final form, then hand painted. Each a unique work of art, \$13.95.
- A 14-inch “Uncle Sam” nutcracker, \$23.95.





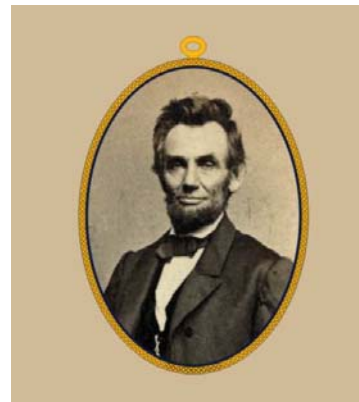
- National Archives’ own leather items branded with iconic words from the Declaration of Independence. Key chain, \$8.50. Wrist cuff, \$15. Bookmark, \$7.95. All available in black or brown.

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- A simple Sterling silver bracelet with your choice of a proclamation: “Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness” or “Freedom,” \$56.95.

The year 2009 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s birth. The National Archives Shop celebrates with dozens of books and gifts inspired by the 16th President, such as:

- An elegantly framed ornament featuring a photograph of Lincoln’s solemn countenance. Affixed with a burgundy ribbon, \$12.
- Silk ties depicting the words of the Emancipation Proclamation in Lincoln’s longhand. In gold with black print, \$37.95. [Note: The original Emancipation Proclamation will be on view during the Presidents’ Day holiday, February 12–16, at the National Archives.]



- An eight-inch glass bowl etched with Lincoln’s words, “It’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years,” \$27.50.



Give a gift with a gift. All proceeds support the Foundation for the National Archives’ mission of increasing public awareness and appreciation of the National Archives as an essential resource in American Democracy.

The shop is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Give us a call at 202-357-5271. Some items are available online through the National Archives eStore at <http://www.estimate.archives.gov/>.

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