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*Beginning Your Genealogical Research at the National Archives and Records Administration*

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## National Archives Genealogy Tutorial

By Nancy Fortna

Researcher education is a principal function of the National Archives Customer Services Division under the *Know Your Records* (KYR) program. To meet the needs of beginning researchers, a **free tutorial** was developed to introduce the National Archives' genealogical holdings, *Beginning Your Genealogical Research at the National Archives and Records Administration*.

This online tutorial describes major records of interest to those doing family research at the National Archives. The table of contents (see image) has hyperlinks to these various topics grouped into three columns. The first column has the records for census, passenger arrival (immigration), naturalization, land, and military records. The second column has search topics grouped by Native, African, Japanese, Chinese, and Hispanic Americans. The third column includes the Customer Service Division's contact information and descriptions of the records in the



The online tutorial's table of contents

Washington, DC, area and regional research facilities. You will also find links on this page on how to begin research at the National Archives and rules for using records.

Interactive features in the tutorial include user-friendly navigation "buttons," photographs, illustrative images of records, and hyperlinks to numerous sources of information of interest to genealogists.

Educators, staff, volunteers, and researchers are encouraged to use the tutorial. You may use the online tutorial at [www.archives.gov/genealogy/tutorial/beginning-research-2008.ppt](http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/tutorial/beginning-research-2008.ppt) on the public access computers in the National Archives Building Research Room, Washington, DC, or request a compact disc from the *Know Your Records* staff with an e-mail to [KYR@nara.gov](mailto:KYR@nara.gov).

This newsletter is designed to provide you with the most up-to-date information needed to conduct research at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, and the National Archives at College Park, MD. For more information, please visit [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).

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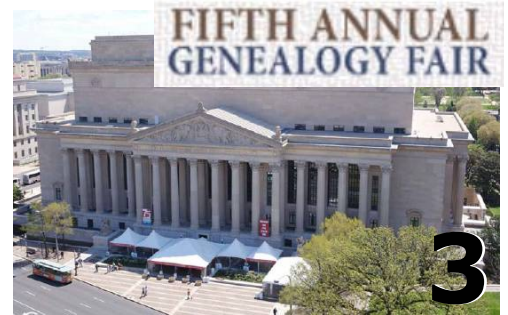
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## Fifth Annual Genealogy Fair

# Genealogy Fair Draws Record 1,500 Over Two Days

By James Worsham



Photo by Earl McDonald

The fifth annual genealogy fair in Washington, DC, expanded outside the walls of the National Archives Building into tents on the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance

Some 1,500 visitors passed through the exhibition tents and session lecture areas at NARA's fifth annual Genealogy Fair in April—the largest turnout to date for this event.

"Countless people who were beginning genealogists who had never come to the National Archives Building prior to the fair showed up," said Diane Dimkoff (NWC). "All in all, a huge success."

This year's fair theme was "Identity at the Crossroads, Discovering Who You Are." The fair showcased both Federal records located at the National Archives and the resources offered by professional genealogy organizations by providing information and guidance for experienced genealogy professionals and beginners.

This free event was presented in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives and Ancestry.com.



Photo by Jermaine Scott

In the Welcome Tent at the entrance to the building, NARA staff greeted those coming to the genealogy fair and directed them to the various activities

Because of the Foundation's generous backing and that of Ancestry.com, we were "bigger and better" in four major areas, Dimkoff said.

This support helped us to enlarge the size of the fair by increasing the physical size (the tents outside) and creating a lecture area inside, including guest genealogy exhibitors, expanding the fair to two days, and increasing the marketing with paid advertising, multiple tent and building banners outside, and more advertising through online organizations.



Photo by Jermaine Scott

A participant seeks assistance with a research problem at the "Help! I'm Stuck" table

**Save the date!**

**Next year's fair will be held April 14 & 15, 2010**

## Nancy Fortna

Photo by Andrea B. Matney



*Nancy Fortna began her career at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in 1987 after serving as an archivist at the Pennsylvania State Archives for nine years. During Nancy's career at NARA in the Washington, DC, area, she has worked in the Regional Records Services central office, the Professional Development Office, and Life Cycle Management program office.*

Currently, she educates customers as the Training Development Specialist for the National Archives' Customer Services Division (NWCC), where she develops, implements, and oversees programs for NARA staff, volunteers, and researchers using NARA holdings.

Arriving at the NWCC office in 2004, she was assigned with facilitating the expansion of several Division programs. Under the *Know Your Records* program, she added weekly lecture series, symposia, the annual Genealogy Fair, and the From the Records Book Group to the existing genealogy workshops. In addition, she expanded this newsletter, *Researcher News*, and currently serves as one of the editors.

As part of the Division's expanding role in researcher education, Ms. Fortna collaborated with the National Archives Old Military and Civil Records Licon

staff (NWCTB), regional archives staff (NR), and the National Archives in Washington, DC, Research Support Branch staff (NWCC1) to develop a user-friendly, computerized tutorial introducing researchers to our genealogical holdings (see article on page 1). Please see the online version at

[www.archives.gov/genealogy/tutorial/beginning-research-2008.ppt](http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/tutorial/beginning-research-2008.ppt)

Present staff development activities by Nancy include developing curriculum and teaching. She is currently leading a class entitled "Oral Presentation Skills: The Road to Successful Public Speaking." Originally designed for *Know Your Records* presenters, the class has successfully grown and expanded to other NARA staff. Staff, volunteers, and researchers are greatly benefiting from Nancy's expertise in customer service training.

## Paul McKissick

Photo by Latoya Bryant



*Paul McKissick is a native Washingtonian and has served our country for many years as a Federal employee. He first began his career in the military. After a three-year enlistment in the U.S Army, which included a tour of Vietnam, Paul started his career at the National Archives in July 1973.*

In the early years of his National Archives career, Paul gained experience in serving our customers as an archives aide in the Old Military and Civil Reference Branch. Part of his work entailed answering the large volume of requests that come to the National Archives from people conducting genealogical research. In order to answer these requests, Paul searched books and articles within our holdings, thus becoming very familiar with our records.

Since that time, Paul has worked in different offices within the National Archives. For a short period of time, he worked in the Records Relocation Branch. This work included prepping and citing the current location of record groups to be moved to the National Archives at College Park (Archives II). Once the records arrived at Archives II, he inventoried and identified the records' new locations for inclusion in the Master Location Register (MLR).

In 1997, Paul started working in the Archives II Research Support Branch (NWCC2) as the lead archives technician. In this position, he was responsible for the quality control auditing and on-the-job training to ensure the high degree of excellence required by management for all reference service operations.

He presently works as the supervisory archives specialist at NWCC2. In this position, he monitors research room activities and continues to answer research questions. His specific duties include supervising a team of archives technicians/aides and overseeing the picking up, receiving, and delivering of records to and from Federal agencies and Congress. For this article his supervisor stated, "Paul has been a dependable and committed NARA employee. His work in the research room has contributed to NWCC2's ongoing success, in the area of customer services, for at least a decade."



## New Microfilm Publications

by Rebecca Crawford and Claire Pretchel-Klusens

The National Archives continues to process microfilm that documents arrivals into the United States, turning this film into National Archives microfilm publications. Staff recently completed the following National Archives microfilm publications:

These are listed by Record Group (RG) then by microfilm publication number.

### Record Group 85, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service

- A3451. *Records of Aliens Pre-Examined at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 1922–1954, Prior to Admission at the U.S.-Canada Border.* 11 rolls. 16mm.
- A3452. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin, 1922–1958.* 33 rolls. 35mm.
- A3463. *Records of Aliens Pre-Examined at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 1923–1933, Prior to Admission at the U.S.-Canada Border.* 3 rolls. 16mm. Contains over 16,000 records.
- A3480. *Alien Certificates Issued to Aliens Pre-examined at Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1922–1929, prior to Admission at the U.S.-Canada Border.* 4 rolls. 16mm. Contains over 25,000 records.
- A3678. *Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels and Airplanes Arriving at Davisville, Melville, Newport, and Quonset Point, Rhode Island, March 1955–March 1957.* 1 roll. 35mm.
- A3679. *Index to Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files, INS Office, Helena, Montana, ca. 1899–ca. 1933.* 1 roll. 16mm.
- A3683. *Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Ranier and International Falls, Minnesota, January 1909–December 1952.* 2 rolls. 16mm. Contains 6,100 manifests.

- A4001. *Index and Register of Vessels Arriving at Portland, Oregon, August 1949–September 1955.* 1 roll. 35mm.

### Record Group 101, Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

- C213, *The Freedman's Savings and Trust Company: Letters Received by the Commissioners, 1870–1914, Part 1: Correspondence, Loans, and Bank Books.* 24 rolls.

### Record Group 120, Records of the American Expeditionary Forces (World War I)

- M2130. *Stars and Stripes: Newspaper of the American Expeditionary Forces, 1918–1919.* 1 roll. 35mm.

### Record Group 217, Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury

- M2127. *Settled Accounts and Claims of Quartermaster Officers, 1817–1850, Relating to Fort Mackinac, Michigan.* 9 rolls. 35mm.

### Record Group 260, Records of U.S. Occupation Headquarters, World War II

- M1921. *Records Relating to Monuments, Museums, Libraries, Archives, and Fine Arts of the Cultural Affairs Branch, OMGUS, 1946–1949.* 14 rolls. (Descriptive pamphlet available)

### Record Group 319, Records of the Army Staff

- A3698. *Situation Maps of the European Theater of Operations for U.S. Army Air Forces and Ground Forces, September 1943–June 1945.* 3 rolls.

For a listing of microfilm publications from 2000 to the present, visit [www.archives.gov/genealogy/microfilm/2008.html](http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/microfilm/2008.html). To order publications, see [www.archives.gov/research/order/orderonline.html?microfilm](http://www.archives.gov/research/order/orderonline.html?microfilm).

NEW PUBLICATIONS

## New Publications by Staff

Periodically, staff publishes articles in order to expand research community awareness of the National Archives' 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:

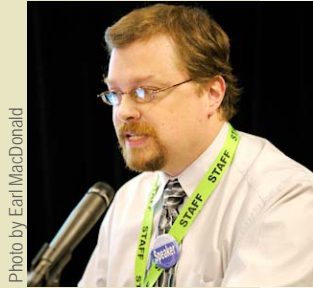


Photo by Earl MacDonald

John Deeben

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### John Deeben (published):

- "Finding Lutherans at the National Archives: The 1926 Census of Religious Bodies," *Newsletter of the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic* 20:1 (Spring 2009): 46.
- "Hispanic Texans in Blue and Gray: Civil War Service and Regimental Records at the National Archives," *Stripes: Texas State Genealogical Society Quarterly* 49:1 (March 2009): 22-31.

## Upcoming NARA Staff Presentations

### John Deeben

- "Genealogy and New Deal Relief," National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR), National Archives, Washington, DC, on July 17, 2009.
- "Beginning Genealogical Research at the National Archives," *Know Your Records* program, National Archives, Washington, DC, September 2, 2009.
- "Documenting Death in the Civil War: Records from the National Archives," *Know Your Records* program, National Archives, Washington, DC (on October 6, 2009), and College Park, MD (on October 8, 2009).

### Rebecca Sharp and Katherine Vollen

- "Civil War Medicine," *Know Your Records* program, National Archives, Washington, DC (on October 27) and College Park, MD (on October 29).



Photo by Earl MacDonald

Katherine Vollen (left) and Rebecca Sharp

## New National Archives Publications and Materials

by Nancy Mottershaw

During the past few months, the staff has published the following:

- *Emancipation Proclamation* booklet (Image 1)
- GIL 49, *National Archives at Kansas City Central Plains Region* (Image 2)
- *Finding Information on Personal Participation in The Civil War* brochure (Image 3)

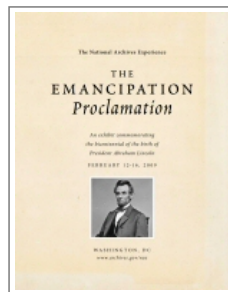


Image 1



Image 2

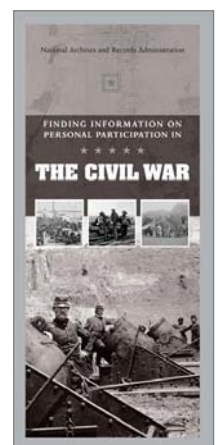


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## Digital Partnerships

by Mary Rephlo

The Internet presents an unprecedented opportunity for the National Archives to make our holdings available to researchers and others unable to visit in person. To take advantage of the exciting possibilities, the National Archives has developed a strategy for digitizing archival materials. See <http://archives.gov/digitization/>.

The National Archives' digitization strategy includes this statement: "Partnerships present an opportunity for increased access to historical

Government information through the increased availability of information technology products and services. Partnerships will enable the National Archives to make more digitized holdings available than we could on our own, because the partner will bear most of the expense of digitizing."

Two of our digitization partners operate the web sites Ancestry.com and Footnote.com.

Some of the records appearing on these web sites have been available in the past as National Archives microfilm publications, though others currently being digitized could only be viewed until this time in a single National Archives research room.

In September, these two partners will each offer a program that focuses on some of the records now available because of this partnership initiative.



As a result of a May 2008 partnership agreement, Ancestry.com and the National Archives can collaborate in providing immediate worldwide access to digital images of selected National Archives records. The images on Ancestry.com are available to individual Ancestry.com subscribers and may also be seen at the many libraries and other institutions where Ancestry.com is available free to users.

Ancestry.com is available free at all National Archives computers in our research rooms nationwide. Please view National Archives records on Ancestry at [www.ancestry.com/nara/](http://www.ancestry.com/nara/).

### UPCOMING LECTURE

Thursday, September 17, 11 a.m.  
Lecture Room B, National Archives at College Park, MD

#### National Archives Records on Ancestry.com

Sabrina Petersen, business operations manager from Ancestry.com, will discuss National Archives files recently scanned and published online through the partnership between the National Archives and The Generations Network. The presentation topic will focus on the United States Constitution in celebration of its signing anniversary.

(This lecture will be videotaped and made available at the National Archives library.)



The National Archives and Footnote.com are partnering to bring unprecedented access to selections of the vast holdings of the National Archives. Footnote.com is a subscription web site that features searchable original documents, providing users with an unaltered view of the events, places, and people that shaped the American nation and the world. An interesting aspect of the Footnote.com presentation of documents is that it incorporates social networking tools. All are invited to come share, discuss, and collaborate on their discoveries with friends, family, and colleagues. For more information, visit [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com).

Footnote.com is available free at all National Archives computers in our research rooms nationwide. Please view National Archives records on Footnote at [www.footnote.com/nara/](http://www.footnote.com/nara/).

### UPCOMING LECTURE

Tuesday, September 29, 11 a.m.  
Room G-24, Research Center, National Archives in Washington, DC (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

#### Using Footnote.com for Jewish Records Research

Laura Prescott, content editor at Footnote.com, will give a presentation that explores recently scanned and published Jewish records made available by the National Archives partnership with Footnote. Attend this session to learn how to effectively use the site and discover fascinating records pertinent to your research.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Lecture Room B on Thursday, October 1, at 11 a.m.)

## Select Passenger Arrival Records

by Lynn Goodsell

There are approximately six million records of selected 19th-century passengers who arrived at the ports of Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia available online via the National Archives' [Access to Archival Databases \(AAD\)](#) resource. The Center for Immigration Research at the Balch Institute transcribed these records into electronic databases from a selection of original ship manifests. The Center donated the digital records to the National Archives. The records are part of the following series:

- Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Russians to the United States, 1834–1897
- Records for Passengers Who Arrived at the Port of New York During the Irish Famine, 1/12/1846–12/31/1851
- Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Germans to the United States, 1850–1897
- Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Italians to the United States, 1855–1900

More than 100 unique "country" codes appear in these records. In each of the respective series, more than 90 percent of the passengers identified their country of origin or nationality as Russia or part of the Russian empire, Ireland, Germany or a German state or city, or Italy or a part of Italy. The remaining passengers identified other countries of origin.

For example, in the Data Files Relating to the Immigration of Germans to the United States there is a record for Lillian Nordica, a prominent American opera singer, who returned to the United States in 1895 after a trip abroad. There is also a record for Carl Laemmle, a German who immigrated to the United States in 1884, and later co-founded the Universal Pictures Company, Inc. (also known as Universal Studios).

Each series includes two files. One file contains passenger records, including information such as name, age, town of last residence, country of origin, destination, and other details. Information on each ship is in a separate file and includes the name of the ship, date of arrival, and port of departure. Both the passenger records and the ship manifest records contain a manifest identification number, which links the two records. The manifest identification number also indicates the port of arrival.

These passenger records are available online for searching and viewing at [www.archives.gov/aad](http://www.archives.gov/aad). More details about the records series and files are also available via AAD. Please contact the electronic records staff at [cer@nara.gov](mailto:cer@nara.gov) with any questions about AAD.

For a list of all the records available on AAD and to search the records, please visit the AAD main page at [www.archives.gov/aad](http://www.archives.gov/aad).

### Washington, DC, Building

## What's that Noise?

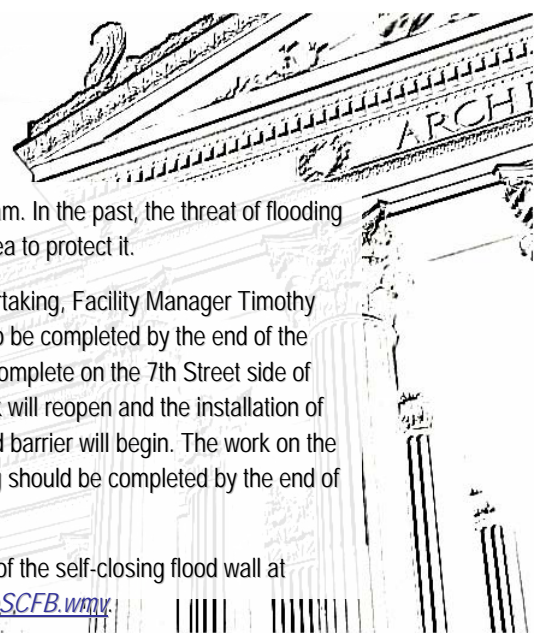
by Andrea B. Matney

Starting in May 2009, you might have noticed strange noises when on the Ground floor of the National Archives Building. The noises are the sounds of construction work overseen by our Facilities office. They are doing major changes to the loading dock on the 7th Street side of the building. The work is disruptive enough to necessitate closing the loading dock completely, so deliveries are temporarily taking place on the 9th Street side. The construction work includes removal of the loading dock turntable and the installation of a new Self-Closing Flood Wall (SCFW). The SCFW will sense water seeping into the loading dock area and automatically raise a flood barrier to

keep the water back like a dam. In the past, the threat of flooding required sandbagging the area to protect it.

Although this is a huge undertaking, Facility Manager Timothy Edwards, expects the work to be completed by the end of the summer. Once the work is complete on the 7th Street side of the building, the loading dock will reopen and the installation of the 9th Street automatic flood barrier will begin. The work on the 9th Street side of the building should be completed by the end of 2009.

See an animated illustration of the self-closing flood wall at [www.floodbarrier.nl/AnimatieSCFB.wmv](http://www.floodbarrier.nl/AnimatieSCFB.wmv).





FROM THE

**ALIC**

# Archives Library Information Center

by Jeff Hartley

Photo by Jermaine Scott



National Archives Library, Washington, DC

The following is a partial list of items recently acquired by the Archives Library Information Center. Additional titles can be found by searching the 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)

\* Shelled at the library at the National Archives Library, Washington, DC

- Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. **Brothers in arms: the epic story of the 761st Tank Battalion, WWII's forgotten heroes.** New York: Broadway Books, 2004. xv, 302 p. D 769.306 761st A24 2004
- Beaubouef, Bruce Andre. **The strategic petroleum reserve: U.S. energy security and oil politics, 1975–2005.** College Station: Texas A&M University Press, c2007. xiv, 334 p. HD 9566 B28 2007
- Bon Tempo, Carl J. **Americans at the gate: the United States and refugees during the Cold War.** Princeton: Princeton University Press, c2008. xii, 264 p. JV 6601 B66 2008
- Bringham, Newell G. **The Mormon quest for the presidency.** Independence, MO: John Whitmer Books, 2008. 318 p. BX 8643 P6 B75 2008
- Bruce, David Kirkpatrick Este. **Window on the forbidden city: the Beijing diaries of David Bruce, 1973–1974.** Hong Kong: Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong, c2001. 653 p. E 183.8 C5 B73 2001\*
- Clay, Steven E. **Iroquois warriors in Iraq.** Fort Leavenworth, Kan.: Combat Studies Institute Press, [2007]. ix, 276 p. DS 79.76 C587 2007
- Coats, Stephen D. **Gathering at the Golden Gate: mobilizing for war in the Philippines, 1898.** Fort Leavenworth, Kan.: Combat Studies Institute Press, 2006. 302 p. E 717.7 C63 2006\*
- Coel, Margaret. **Chief Left Hand, Southern Arapaho.** Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, c2000. xiv, 338 p. E 99 A7 C63 2000\*
- Coleman, Bradley Lynn. **Colombia and the United States: the making of an inter-American alliance, 1939–1960.** Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press, c2008. xix, 303 p. E 183.8 C7 C65 2008\*
- Costa, Dora L. **Heroes & cowards: the social face of war.** Princeton: Princeton University Press, c2008. xxvi, 315 p. E 468.9 C67 2008\*
- Edsel, Robert M. **Rescuing da Vinci: Hitler and the Nazis stole Europe's great art: America and her allies recovered it.** Dallas: Laurel Pub., c2006. xvi, 302 p. N 8795.3 E85 E37 2006
- Ellis, Richard. **Presidential travel: the journey from George Washington to George W. Bush.** Lawrence, Kan.: University Press of Kansas, c2008. ix, 317 p. E 176.1 E47 2008\*
- Glusman, John. **Conduct under fire: four American doctors and their fight for life as prisoners of the Japanese, 1941–1945.** New York: Viking, 2005. xviii, 588 p. D 805 P6 G68 2005
- Goldstein, Robert Justin. **American blacklist: the attorney general's list of subversive organizations.** Lawrence, Kan.: University Press of Kansas, c2008. xix, 361 p. JC 599 U5 G57 2008
- MacArthur, Brian. **Surviving the sword: prisoners of the Japanese in the Far East, 1942–45.** New York: Random House, c2005. xxx, 458 p. D 805 M23 2005
- Mach, Thomas S. **"Gentleman George" Hunt Pendleton: party politics and ideological identity in nineteenth-century America.** Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press, c2007. ix, 307 p. E 415.9 P4 M33 2007\*
- Majd, Mohammad Gholi. **From Qajar to Pahlavi: Iran, 1919–1930.** Lanham: University Press of America, 2008. 462 p. DS 317 M255 2008
- Moreo, Dominic W. **Riot at Fort Lawton, 1944.** New York: IUniverse, c2004. xx, 183 p. D 805.5 F66 M67 2004
- Parcels, Ross. **Onward through hell: Company L of Menominee, 125th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Division, at Hill 212 in World War 1.** Menominee, Mich.: Aurora Books, 2007. ix, 104 p. D 570.33 125th P37 2007
- Pasquill, Robert G. **The Civilian Conservation Corps in Alabama, 1933–1942: a great and lasting good.** Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, c2008. xiii, 242 p.; 1 CD-ROM (4 3/4 in.). S 932 A2 P37 2008
- Skirbunt, Peter D. **The illustrated history of American military commissaries.** Fort Lee, Va.: Defense Commissary Agency, Office of Corporate Communications, 2008. 2 v. UC 753 S55 2008
- Topping, Simon David. **Lincoln's lost legacy: the Republican Party and the African American vote, 1928–1952.** Gainesville: University Press of Florida, c2008. xi, 309 p. E 185.6 T67 2008\*



## Know Your Records!

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The **Know Your Records** program offers opportunities for staff, volunteers, and researchers to learn about the National Archives' records through lectures and genealogy programs, symposia, the annual genealogy fair, editions of **Researcher News**, a genealogy tutorial, and the **From the Records Book Group** discussions.



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

**Lectures** describe National Archives' records, explain how and where to locate the records, and demonstrate how to use the records for research. Each one-hour lecture is delivered twice within the same week—on Tuesdays at the National Archives Building (Archives I) 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.

**Genealogy programs** include monthly workshops and lectures from our staff archivists with extensive experience in genealogy. We provide lectures on basic genealogical research and techniques and one-on-one assistance. Programs take place each month on the first Wednesday and select Saturdays at the National Archives Building.

The **Annual Genealogy Fair** is held every April at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. The fair is a free, two-day open house, with guidance on a wide variety of genealogical research topics.

**Save the date!**

**April 14 & 15, 2010**

**Symposia** are one to two full-day programs on specific genealogy research topics. Past topics included Hispanic and African American genealogy information and guidance for seasoned professionals and novices alike.

The **2009 From the Records Book Group** will meet the third Tuesday of September, October (**College Park location**), and November. We meet at 11 a.m. in Room G-24 of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, for a discussion or film relating to the book and then, at noon, to discuss the book. *Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue*. The books may be purchased anywhere; the Archives Shop offers a discount to those who are participating in the book group.

\* **College Park location:** 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740–6001, Lecture Room B. Visit our web site for directions at [www.archives.gov/dc-metro/college-park/index.html#transp](http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/college-park/index.html#transp).

**Know Your Records** *Free*

LECTURES

SEPT. ● Tuesday, September 1, 11 a.m.

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

**World War II: Guide to Records Relating to U.S. Military**

**Participation.** Tim Mulligan will discuss the new award-winning, *World War II: Guide to Records Relating to U.S. Military Participation*. September 1, 2009, will be the 70th Anniversary (1939) of the start of World War II with Germany's invasion of Poland.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, September 3, at 11 a.m.)

● Tuesday, September 8, 11 a.m.

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

**The Freedmen's Savings and Trust: A Gold Mine for Black and White**

**Genealogists.** Susannah E. Brooks will present information on both African American and white depositors at the Freedmen's Savings and Trust. A majority of the examples for white depositors are for accounts held by immigrants from German-speaking Europe, but American-born whites and immigrants from other countries will be included.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, September 10, at 11 a.m.)

● Wednesday, September 2, 11 a.m.

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

**Introduction to Genealogy.** Archives staff will present a lecture on basic genealogical research in Federal records. This lecture occurs on the first Wednesday of the month. The next monthly lecture will take place on Wednesday, October 7.

● Thursday, September 17, 11 a.m.

Lecture Room B, National Archives at College Park, MD

**National Archives Records on Ancestry.com.** Sabrina Petersen, Business Operations Manager from Ancestry.com, will discuss National Archives files recently scanned and published online through the partnership between the National Archives and The Generations Network. The presentation topic will focus on the United States Constitution in celebration of its signing anniversary. (This lecture will be videotaped and made available at the library.)

● Tuesday, September 22, 11 a.m.

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

**"Documented Rights" Exhibit.** Lisa Royse, National Museum Programs Coordinator, will discuss the new traveling exhibit, "Documented Rights": Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the National Archives. The exhibit's selected documents, photographs, and original testimonies exemplify the range and depth of National Archives holdings chronicling the evolution of human and civil rights in the United States.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in the Auditorium, on Thursday, September 24, at 11 a.m.)

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LECTURES

SEPT. ● Tuesday, September 29, 11 a.m.

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

**Using Footnote.com for Jewish Records Research.** Laura Prescott, content editor at Footnote.com, will give a presentation that explores recently scanned and published Jewish records made available by the National Archives partnership with Footnote Attend this session to learn how to effectively use the site and discover fascinating records pertinent to your research.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, October 1, at 11 a.m.)

OCT. ● Tuesday, October 1, 11 a.m.

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

**Using Footnote.com for Jewish Records Research.** Laura Prescott, content editor at Footnote.com, will give a presentation that explores recently scanned and published Jewish records made available by the National Archives partnership with Footnote Attend this session to learn how to effectively use the site and discover fascinating records pertinent to your research. (This lecture is a repeat of the September 29 program.)

● Tuesday, October 6, 11 a.m.

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

**Documenting Death in the Civil War.** John Deeben, genealogy archives specialist, will explore death records created during and after the Civil War by the War Department, examining how they documented personal circumstances of a soldier's death in various situations, including deaths on the battlefield and in military hospitals and prisons.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, October 8, at 11 a.m.)

● Tuesday, October 13, 11 a.m.

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

**WWII Enemy Aliens Program.** Lynn Goodsell, archivist, will discuss various aspects of the World War II enemy alien control programs and the related records available at the National Archives. The presentation will focus on those programs affecting individuals of German, Italian, and Japanese ancestry living throughout the United States and Latin America.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, October 15, at 11 a.m.)

● Tuesday, October 27, 11 a.m.

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

**Civil War Medicine.** Archives Specialists Rebecca Sharp and Katherine Vollen will discuss *The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion, 1861–1865*. This published source contains details about Civil War medical and surgical procedures, and may provide information about individual patients.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, October 29, at 11 a.m.)

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NOV. 🌿 Tuesday, November 10, 11 a.m.  
Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Panoramic Photographs of the Alaskan Frontier, 1911–1932.** Richard Schneider, National Archives analyst with Preservation Programs, will discuss the preservation project to reformat deteriorating nitrate film negatives of various Alaskan regions in the early 20th century taken by U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) surveyors and topographers. The project was recently completed in 2008, so this will be the first public viewing of these panoramas. The discussion will cover preservation, textual records, cartographic records, and access.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, November 12, at 11 a.m.)

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

*Free* GENERAL GENEALOGY PROGRAMS:

**Introduction to Genealogy**

On the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. and select Saturdays at 10 a.m., staff archivists present one-hour lectures on basic genealogical research and techniques, including an introduction to census, military, and immigration records.

**“Help! I'm Stuck”**

On select Saturday afternoons, an archivist with extensive experience in genealogy and the records of the National Archives will be available to assist with your research questions. Upon arrival, please sign up for a 20-minute appointment in the Research Center.

AUG. ● Wednesday, August 5, 11 a.m.–Noon  
**Introduction to Genealogy**

SEPT. ● Wednesday, September 5, 11 a.m.–Noon  
**Introduction to Genealogy**

● Saturday, September 19  
10 a.m.–11 a.m. **Introduction to Genealogy**  
Noon–4 p.m. **“Help! I'm Stuck”**



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

- OCT. ● Wednesday, October 7, 11 a.m.–Noon  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
- Saturday, October 24  
10 a.m.–11 a.m. **Introduction to Genealogy**  
Noon–4 p.m. **“Help! I’m Stuck”**
- NOV. ● Wednesday, November 4, 11 a.m.–Noon  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
- Saturday, November 21  
10 a.m.–11 a.m. **Introduction to Genealogy**  
Noon–4 p.m. **“Help! I’m Stuck”**
- DEC. ● Wednesday, December 2, 11 a.m.–Noon  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
- Saturday, December 12  
10 a.m.–11 a.m. **Introduction to Genealogy**  
Noon–4 p.m. **“Help! I’m Stuck”**



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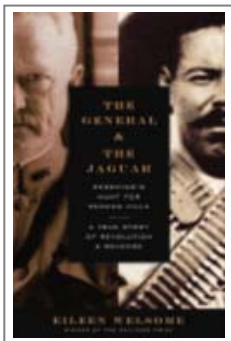
Rebecca Crawford

**From The Records Book Group and Lectures** **Free**



In order to provide an introduction to the topic of the month’s book, we will hold a related program at 11 a.m. before the book group discussion, which begins at noon. Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue). See [www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/](http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/) for entire 2009 schedule.

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

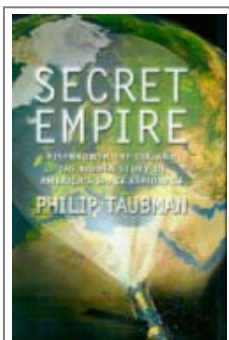


**Tuesday, September 15, at 11 a.m. and Noon**  
Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

*The General and the Jaguar: Pershing’s Hunt for Pancho Villa: A True Story of Revolution and Revenge*, by Eileen Welsom

*The General and the Jaguar* takes a detailed look into the early morning of March 9, 1916, when Pancho Villa launched an attack on Columbus, NM, an action that took the lives of 18 American civilians and soldiers. The American government responded by dispatching troops, led by Gen. John Pershing, into Mexico in pursuit of Villa, while tensions continued to escalate between the two countries, bringing them to the brink of war.

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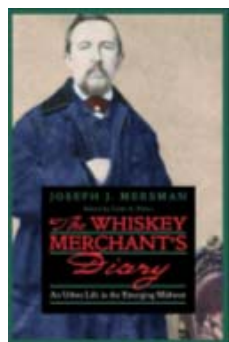


**Tuesday, October 20, at 11 a.m. and Noon**

National Archives at College Park, MD, Lecture Room D

*Secret Empire: Eisenhower, the CIA, and the Hidden Story of America's Space Espionage*, by John Elwood Clark

During the early and most dangerous years of the Cold War, a handful of Americans, led by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, revolutionized spying and warfare. In great secrecy and beyond the prying eyes of Congress and the press, they built exotic new machines that opened up the Soviet Union to surveillance and protected the United States from surprise nuclear attack. *Secret Empire* is the dramatic story of these men and their inventions. Veteran *New York Times* reporter and editor Philip Taubman interviewed dozens of participants and mined thousands of previously classified documents to tell this hidden, far-reaching story.



**Tuesday, November 17, at 11 a.m. and Noon**

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

*The Whiskey Merchant's Diary: An Urban Life in the Emerging Midwest*, by Joseph J. Mersman (edited by Linda A. Fisher)

Joseph J. Mersman was a liquor merchant, a German American immigrant who aspired—with success—to become a self-made man. The diary he kept from 1847 to 1864 provides an intriguing account of life in Cincinnati and St. Louis—America's emerging frontier. Outside of Gold Rush diaries and emigration journals, few narrative records of the antebellum period have been published. As a record of both the man and the time in which he lived, *The Whiskey Merchant's Diary* is a valuable resource for social historians, providing significant details about bachelorhood, whiskey making, ballroom dancing, circus history, card games, steamboat transportation, gender roles, theater history, and Victorian etiquette. The diary is also the story of a man who confronted serious disease, and his descriptions of cholera and syphilis are exceptional. The late Linda A. Fisher was a public health physician, and a trained documentary editor.



## Hours

### Museum (Rotunda and Exhibits)

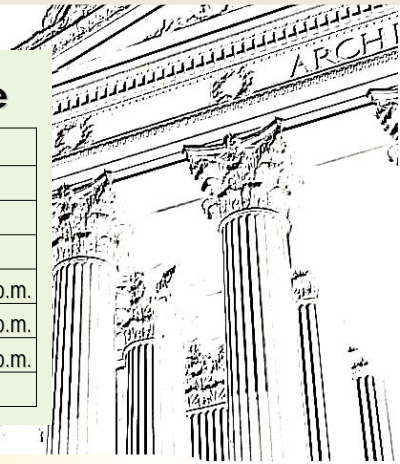
- Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, NW, Washington, DC, 20408

### Research Centers

- 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20408
- 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD, 20816

## Research Center Regular Schedule

Day	Research Hours	Records Retrieval (Pull) Times
Sunday	Closed	None
Monday	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.–9 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.–9 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.–9 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	None



## Research Center 2009 Holidays


Date	Holiday
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 19	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, February 16	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Friday, July 3	Independence Day
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day

## Museum Schedule

Spring and Summer	Autumn and Winter
March 15 – Labor Day	Day after Labor Day – March 14
10 a.m.–7 p.m.	10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Last admission is 30 minutes prior to closing. (Closed Thanksgiving Day and December 25) <i>Admission free</i>	





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**What's that Noise?**  
Construction for self-closing flood wall (see article on page 9)



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