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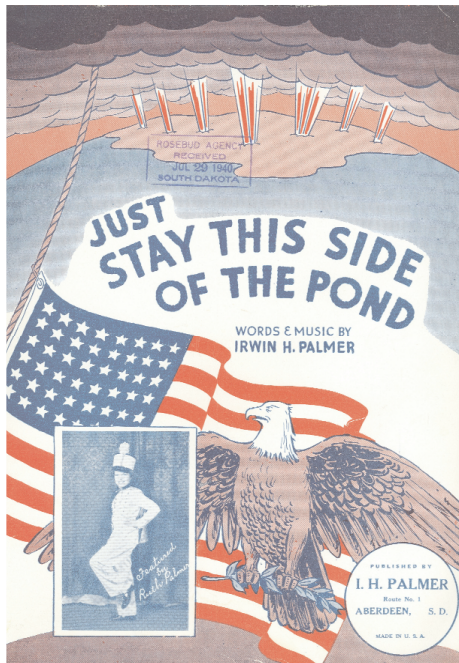
A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

War Protest Through Song

Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, many Americans held a strict isolationist view and did not want America to enter into a second world war. Found in the records of the Rosebud Indian Agency is a colorful piece of sheet music composed in 1938 by Irwin H. Palmer, a farmer from Aberdeen, South Dakota, that expresses this isolationist view. Accompanying the sheet music is a letter dated July 26, 1940, from Mr. Palmer to the Chairman of the Program Committee of the Rosebud Fair. He writes, "Having two sons, war age, and thinking I might help to save them and thousands of other sons from foreign graves I wrote this song 'Just Stay This Side of the Pond' and wherever sung, it meets with approval and many prominent people thinks [sic] it is going to do much to stop 'war fever and hysteria' which is prevalent in these trying times." The lyrics of the song are:

If war is across the
pond,
And submarines are lurking
in the ocean.
Let them be, don't try to
cross the sea
They will surely get you,
Take this message from
me.
The Eagle screams, there's danger drawing nigh.
War clouds are in the sky
Now there is room in the good old U.S.A.
A grand old place for you and me.

If war should come within our border lines,
We'll give our lives to save our flag from harm
We pray for hands, not arms across the sea
Just stay this side of the pond.



And if our boys go over again,
Just let them take our war promoters with them.
They will see what war can really be
They will praise their freedom this side of the sea.

Irwin's daughter Ruth traveled throughout South Dakota and the upper Midwest performing the song, including at the International Kiwanis Convention in Minneapolis, the State Legion Convention at Rapid City, and the "statehood" program at Ft. Pierre, where she performed in front of 14,000 people

and "was received with great applause." In addition promotional materials found with the sheet music, both the song's message and Ruth's performance of it were heartily endorsed by many prominent politicians. Governor Richard C. McMullen of Delaware wrote, "I certainly appreciate the words. . . . It seems especially appropriate during these troubled times." Governor John Moses of North Dakota said, "Certainly you can be proud of the part you and your daughter are playing in the efforts to



keep America out of foreign wars." Representative Frank Carlson of Kansas said, "As a World War veteran myself and one who is much interested in the future of America, I am confident we must keep out of foreign wars." Such public expressions against entering the war quickly faded after December 7, 1941.

National Archives at Kansas City Record Group 75

Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
Records of the Rosebud Indian Agency, Rosebud, South Dakota
General Correspondence Decimal File, 1930-1950 Decimal File 047, "Fairs"

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Survivors Ron Fory and Tom Wilkerson
Sunshine Mine Fire Records, 1977-1983
RG 433, Records of the Mine Safety and
Health Administration, 1911-2001
Courtesy of The National Archives at Seattle

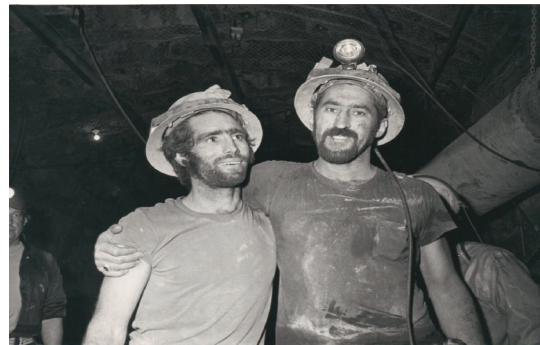


Exhibit:
Seattle, WA
Blue vs. Gray:
The Civil War in
the Pacific NW
9/1/08-Ongoing

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				San Bruno, CA Seminar on the Underground Railroad for Teachers Conference/K-12 Teachers 650-238-3478		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Seattle, WA Brick Wall Discussion Group Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115	Fresno, CA Early Asian American Immigration History/Records Lecture/Federal Agencies 650-238-3478	Seattle, WA Methods of Searching For and Finding NARA Records Workshop/General Public 206-336-5115 Seattle, WA The National Archives Online Workshop/General Public 206-336-5115
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Seattle, WA Disaster Preparedness and Response Workshop/General Public 206-336-5115 Seattle, WA Managing E-mail and Electronic Records as Documents Workshop/General Public 206-336-5115		San Bruno, CA Federal Land Records Workshop and Tour/Genealogists 650-238-3478	San Bruno, CA NARA Japanese American Genealogical Records Workshop General Public 415-921-5007
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Denver, CO Primarily Teaching Workshop and Tour K-12 Teachers 303-407-5749 7/20-7/24/2009		Seattle, WA Developing Your Records Management Program Workshop/General Public 206-336-5115			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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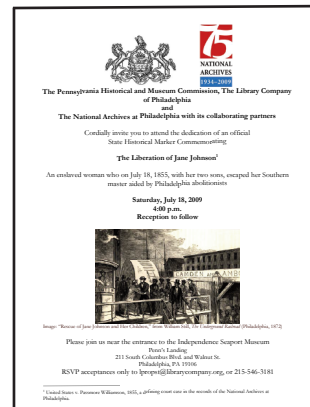
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Exhibit:
Morrow, GA
Documented
Rights
6/13/09-2/23/10

Exhibit:
Waltham, MA
RG 110 "Civil War
at Home"
4/24-6/30/09



July 18, Philadelphia, PA
The Liberation of Jane Johnson
Reception to follow at 4 P.M.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Exhibit: Philadelphia, PA Hidden City Philadelphia! 5/29-6/30/09	Exhibit: New York City, NY The National Archives at 75! 6/15-12/30/09		Pittsfield, MA Beginning Your Genealogy at NARA Workshop Genealogists 413-236-3600	Philadelphia, PA Lincoln 200 Festival Other/General Public Festival Grounds Open to the Public http://lincoln200philly.org 7/2-7/5/2009		Morrow, GA Naturalization Ceremony Open House General Public 770-968-2555
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Waltham, MA Facility Tours 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 4 P.M. and 6 P.M. Tour/General Public 781-663-0144 Waltham, MA Census Passenger Lists and Naturalization Records, 2-4 P.M. Workshop General Public 781-663-0144		Federal Hall National Memorial, NY New York's National Treasures and the Reading of the Declaration of Independence Noon-3 P.M. General Public 866-840-1752		
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			Pittsfield, MA Using Pre-1850 Census to Find Family Relationships Workshop Genealogists 413-236-3600	Ellis Island Museum, NY Family History Game Show Other/General Public 866-840-1752		Pittsfield, MA Using Federal Census Records Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600 Pittsfield, MA Genealogy on the Internet Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600 Pittsfield, MA Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Pittsfield, MA Researching African American Ancestors Workshop Genealogists 413-236-3600	Pittsfield, MA Finding the Correct Ancestor Workshop Genealogists 413-236-3600		Pittsfield, MA Beginning Your Genealogy at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600 Philadelphia, PA Jane Johnson Historial Marker Dedication Penns Landing Open to the Public 215-546-3181
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Morrow, GA Cobb County Genealogy Society Lecture Genealogists 770-968-2555				Exhibit: Philadelphia, PA Elusive Freedom 8/1/08-9/30/09

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NARA Midwest July 2009

**Girl Scout Group Lowering Flag at
Cass Lake, 1962**
RG 95, Records of the Forest Service,
1870-2000
Courtesy of The National Archives at
Chicago



**Exhibit:
Chicago, IL
Celebrity Draft
Registration Cards
4/1/09-12/31/10**

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Exhibit: Kansas City, MO Kansas-Nebraska Act 5/21/09-1/9/2010		Exhibit: Kansas City, MO It's Big 5/21/09-1/23/10				
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		Kansas City, MO Museum Educator's Roundtable Tour/Archival and Allied Professionals 816-268-8017		Kansas City, MO New Volunteer Orientation and Training 816-268-8071		Kansas City, MO Indian Study Group: Indians and the Buffalo Soldiers Workshop/General Public 816-268-8071
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Kansas City, MO Primarily Teaching Workshop K-12 Teachers 816-268-8017 7/13-17/2009	Kansas City, MO Author Robert Collins discusses his book on Jim Lane Lecture/General Public 816-268-8072	Kansas City, MO Genealogy Workshop Series: Preserving Family Paper Workshop/General Public 816-268-8072			Kansas City, MO Genealogy Workshop Series: The Archival Research Catalog Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8072
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Kansas City, MO Indian Study Group: Indians in the Military Workshop/General Public 816-268-8071	Kansas City, MO 75th Anniversary Celebration Diamond Jubilee Carnival 10 A.M.-4 P.M. General Public 816-268-8000	
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				Kansas City, MO Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Lecture/General Public 816-268-8072		Exhibit: Edgerton, MO Mugged! 7/6-7/20/09

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