

The National Archives at Kansas City



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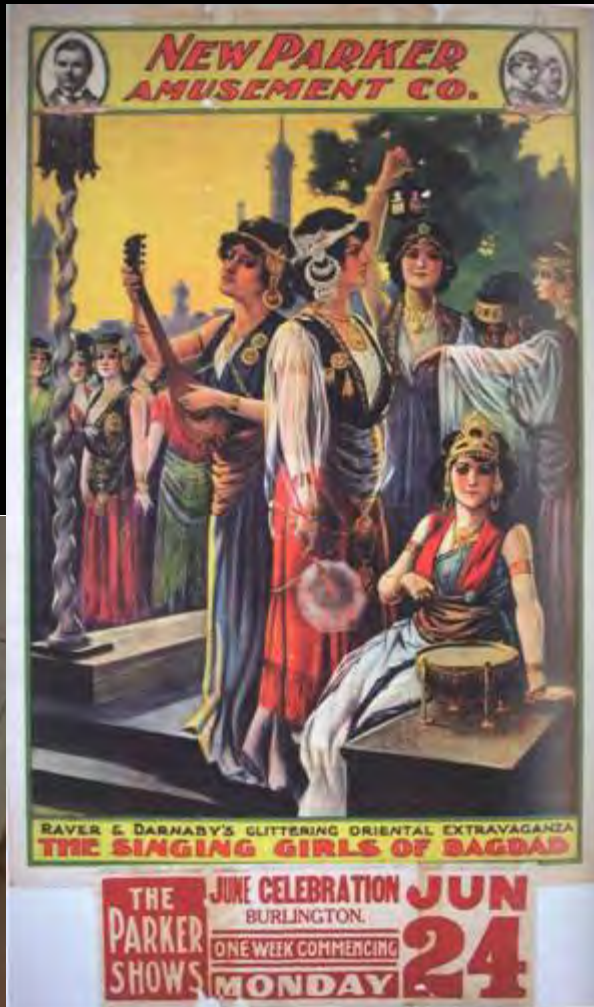
What is the National Archives?



- The Archives preserves the permanent records of the Federal Government for the people of the United States
- The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 13 regional branches of the National Archives

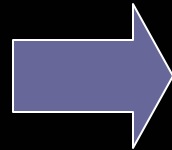
The Archives at KC

- We hold records created by field offices of agencies in our region

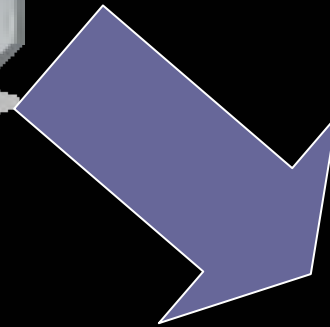


The Life Cycle of Federal Records

Records are created



Stored and used



Old permanent records are sent to the National Archives



Old temporary records are destroyed



In the Stacks

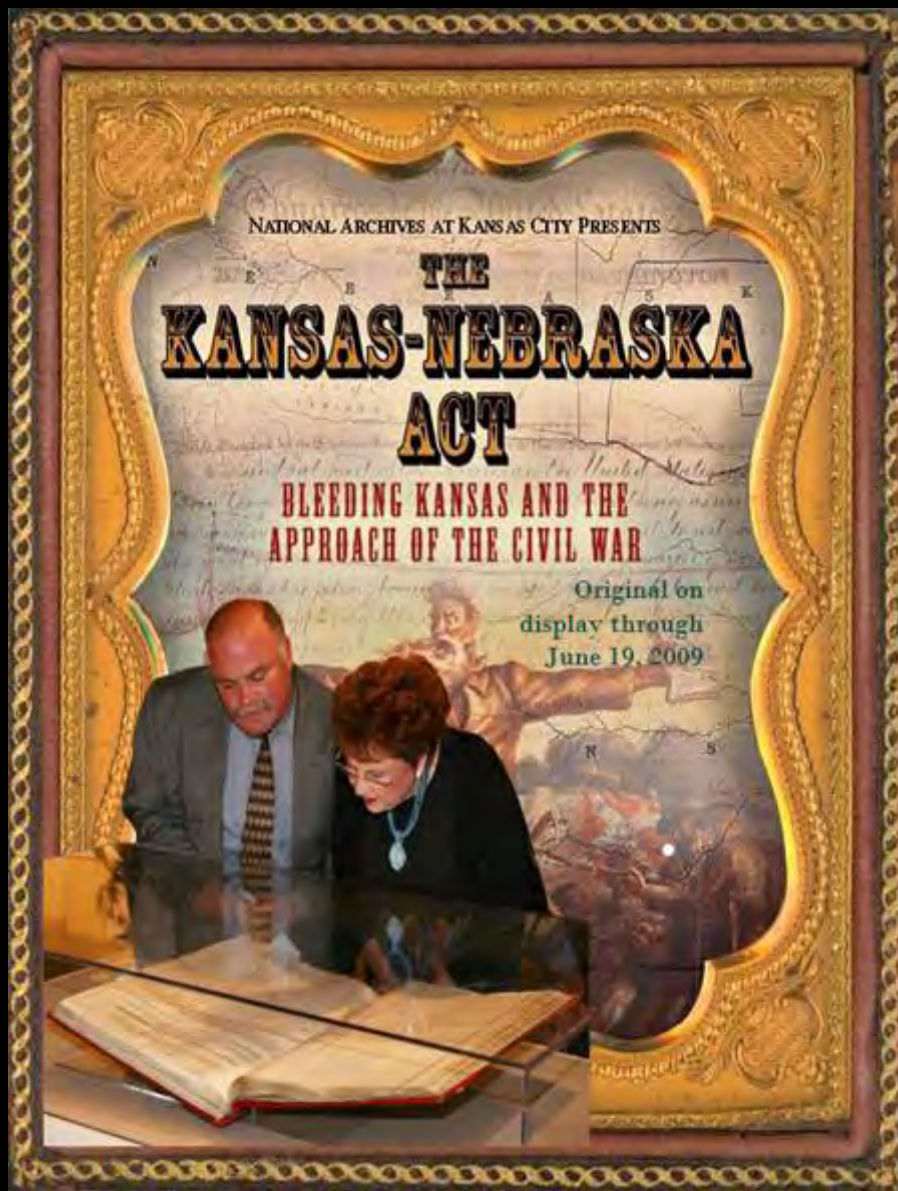
*Over 50,000 cubic feet of original records
from over 90 Federal agencies*

- Iowa
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- South Dakota



What can I do at the Archives?

- Explore our exhibit galleries
 - It's Big (ongoing through January 23, 2010)
 - The Kansas-Nebraska Act (through January 23, 2010)
- Watch *Democracy Starts Here* (11 min film)
- Make rubbings of famous signatures
- Research your family history
- Shop at The Kansas City Store at the Archives



THE CRIME AGAINST KANSAS.
SPEECH
OF
HON. CHARLES SUMNER,
OF MASSACHUSETTS,
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, MAY 22, 1856.



WALT DISNEY CHARACTER MERCHANDISE

1938-1939



IT'S BIG

KAMAMEN
Exclusive Representative
WALT DISNEY ENTERPRISES
1170 SIXTH AVENUE . . . NEW YORK, U.S.A.

CAMPAIGN'S

May 23, 2009 - January 23, 2009

75 NATIONAL ARCHIVES 1934-2009

A highlights exhibit celebrating the 75th anniversary of the National Archives



What's Next? Upcoming Exhibits

- Mapping Missouri (February, 2010)
- Deadly Medicine (March, 2010)
- Documented Rights (July, 2010)
- Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America (Sept, 2010)

Events

- Contact us to set up a tour or arrange to hold a meeting at our facility



Children's Programs

- Tours and activities available on request



Our Research Rooms



- Genealogists
- Teachers
- Students
- Authors
- Historians
- Attorneys
- Film Makers

Public Access Computers & Microfilm Reader-Printers

- Ancestry
- Heritage Quest
- Footnote
- ProQuest
- Microfilm must be requested in advance!
(stored offsite)





Before coming to do research, we suggest you . . .

- Contact us to confirm that we have the records you need
- Bring your information—but not your originals!
- Come early—research takes time

A Few of Our Treasures . . .



- Leavenworth Penitentiary inmate files and mugshots
- Naturalization records
- Federal land records
- Bureau of Indian Affairs records
- WWII “old men’s” draft cards

Leavenworth Penitentiary

- About 70,000 prisoners from all over the United States arrived at Leavenworth Penitentiary between 1895 and 1952
- Name index, 1895-1931, on our website
- Most files contain mugshot, information on sentence, background of prisoner, medical records, record of letters sent and received, work record, etc.

One of four men sentenced to life for robbing a mail train in Richardson County, Nebraska in 1909, Frank Grigware escaped and fled to Canada. Identified 24 years later, he was never extradited.

\$100 REWARD \$100

FRANK GRIGWARE, No. 6768
 Aliases James Gordon, E. E. Hollingshead
 Escaped from the United States Penitentiary,
 Leavenworth, Kansas, April 21, 1910.



DESCRIPTION: White, age 23 (in 1909), height 5 feet 8½ inches in bare feet, weight 161 pounds, fair complexion, light brown hair, blue eyes, light brown beard. Scar ¼ inch oblique inner at 3d phalanx left 3d finger front. Small scar of ¼ inch vertical at 2d phalanx right thumb rear. Pit scar at ½ inch below right eye; 2d and 3d toes of each foot web.

RECEIVED November 19, 1909, from Omaha, Nebraska, under sentence of life for robbing U. S. mail train. Occupation, carpenter. Residence, Spokane, Washington.

BERTILLON	174.8, 182.0, 93.5, 19.7, 16.4, 14.0, 6.4, 25.7, 11.5, 9.3, 47.8.
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Finger print classification: $\frac{25}{9} \frac{10}{00} \frac{14}{00}$

\$100.00 Reward will be paid for his delivery, after identification has been made, to an authorized officer of this Penitentiary.

Arrest and wire:
A. V. ANDERSON, Warden

Naturalization Records

- No central index exists
- Records of naturalizations in Federal Courts are at the National Archives
- Many indexes are posted on our website

TRIPPLICATE
This form is subject to inspection at any time and should be preserved as a permanent record of the naturalization process. It is the responsibility of the petitioner to see records of the court.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 DECLARATION OF INTENTION No. 87
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

United States of America In the United States District Court
 District of Nebraska, of Nebraska, North Platte, Nebr
 North Platte Division

Chin Wing Sew (Ping Chin)
 501 Dewey St. North Platte, Lincoln Co. Nebr. Cook
 January 25, 1913 Wong Tsung, Canton China
 Male Chinese Yellow Brown
 5 2 118 right eyebrow
 oriental Chinese
 XXXXX Yee Yonn Gin 4/1932
 Wong Tsung, China Tol Shan, Canton China
 donot know
 Tol Shan Canton, China
 Chin, Yee Guan (female) about 1905- Tol Shan, Canton China
 lives at Wong Tsung, China
 Wong Tsung, Canton, China
 Hong Kong, China
 San Francisco, California Chin Wing Sew
 April 16, 1924 SS President Wilson

DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES			RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES		
Date	Place	Reason for Departure	Date	Place	Reason for Return
San Francisco Cal.	3/11/32	Pres: Hoover	Hong Kong China	3/7/33	Pres: Jackson

not

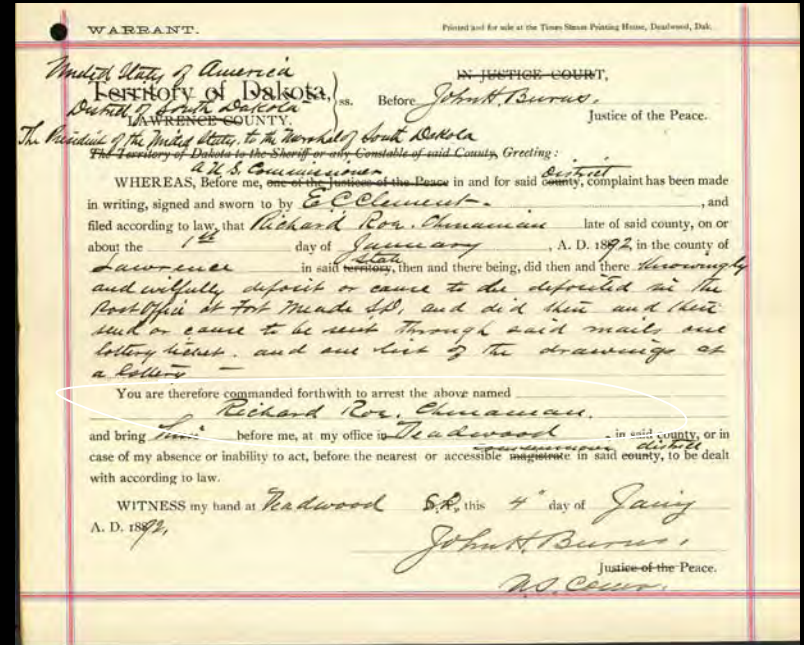
114. In all cases the petitioner must be a citizen of the United States and a member of one of the religions mentioned in the Constitution of the United States. (115) It will be the duty of the court to determine whether the petitioner is a citizen of the United States and a member of one of the religions mentioned in the Constitution of the United States. (116) It will be the duty of the court to determine whether the petitioner is a citizen of the United States and a member of one of the religions mentioned in the Constitution of the United States. (117) It will be the duty of the court to determine whether the petitioner is a citizen of the United States and a member of one of the religions mentioned in the Constitution of the United States.

Chin Wing Sew
 North Platte, Nebraska
 4th December 18-2416 2-1816
 MARY A. MULLEN
 U.S. District
 Edith Kitzer

JAMES T. HILL
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
 Form No. 1-2-32

Federal Court Cases

- Over 25,000 cubic feet of federal court records
- These records involve many individuals and they can be useful for family or community history
- Civil cases are often filed in federal court because the parties live in different states.



WWII 4th “Old Men’s” Draft

- Men born between 1877 and 1897 registered for the draft in 1942
- This was known as the “Old Men’s” draft
- We have cards for Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2185	1. NAME (Print) Wilbur (name) Rogan		ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 2016 Harrison, K.C. Jackson - Mo.			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS same			
4. TELEPHONE none	5. AGE IN YEARS 53	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Oklahoma City	
DATE OF BIRTH July 21 1889		Oklahoma	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Beatrice Mappins 1132 Fremont K.C. Mo.			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS General Post Office			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS General Post Office			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 2-4-42)		16-51620-2 Wilbur Rogan	

Wilbur “Bullet” Rogan, Kansas City Monarchs player, filled out this card in 1942

Federal Land Records

- Cancelled land entry files for some KS and NE land offices (early 1900s)
- Kansas and Missouri land tract books
- Some Kansas land office records



Bureau of Indian Affairs

- Records vary widely in date range and content
- Name indexes do not exist for most series
- Extensive finding aids have been created by staff to assist researchers

Letter from James McLaughlin directing the arrest of Sitting Bull.

430 P. M.,
United States Indian Service,
Standing Rock Agency,
December 14, 1890.
Lieut. Bull Head or Shave Head,
Grand River,
From reports brought by scout
"Hawk Indian" I believe that the time
has arrived for the arrest of Sitting
Bull and that it can be made
by the Indian Police without much
risk, — I therefore want you to
make the arrest before day light
tomorrow morning, and try and
get back to the Sitting Bull road
crossing of Oak Creek by daylight
tomorrow morning as soon
after as possible. The Cavalry
will leave here tonight and
will reach the Sitting Bull crossing
on Oak Creek before daylight
tomorrow (Monday) morning, where
they will remain until they

National Recovery Administration

- New Deal agency established in 1933 to rehabilitate industry and trade, expand employment, and improve labor conditions
- Our records include files on various companies subject to investigations

Account
NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION
JAN 14 A.M. Lincoln, Nebraska
NATIONAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
REC'D FEB 2 1934
JAN 11 1934
Honorable Mr. Hugh Johnson,
Pres. N.R.A. Board, National Commission
Washington, D.C.
JAN 15 A.M.
Kind Sir,
I do not know the proper board to write to. I know that you will place this letter where it belongs.
I am a young unmarried man working to support myself and younger brother at a cafe washing dishes.
The manager of the cafe known as the Blackstone Cafe pays me only \$3.00 a week working me about 7 1/2 to 12 hrs. He is a member of the N.R.A. He pays all the other help more but says he cause I'm not married.



Farm Ownership Case Files

- The Farm Security Administration's functions provided low-interest loans to farmers
- Case files from KS, NE, ND, and SD dating from 1937-47
- Name index is available online

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Hushtville, Nebraska
April 16, 1940

IN REPLY REFER TO:

S U B J E C T
Joe J. Buckfeldt

Family Background

The Buckfeldt family is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Buckfeldt, aged 38 and 40 respectively, 4 daughters, 12, 9, 6 and 10 months, and one son, E. There are no other dependents or anyone else living in the home. Mr. Buckfeldt was born in south central Nebraska, while Mrs. Buckfeldt was born in Denmark, her mother bringing her and three sisters to America when Mrs. Buckfeldt was ten years old. She was naturalized in 1928. All of this family but Mrs. Buckfeldt have spent their entire lives on a farm; she has lived on a farm the past thirty years. These people have always farmed near Hastings, Nebraska, until a year or so ago when they came to Sheridan County on the advice of Mr. Buckfeldt's brother who was County Agent here at that time. They have done well here.

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FAMILY LIVING AND FARM OPERATING EXPENSES

	ESTIMATED IN FARM AND HOME PLAN (1)	ACTUAL AS IN RECORD BOOK (2)
G.-FAMILY LIVING EXPENSES:		
1. Food	\$ 223.00	\$ 203.30
2. Clothing	150.00	119.63
3. Personal care	72.00	57.19
4. Medical care	135.00	21.10
5. Household operating	114.00	143.42
6. Minor housing	23.00

Judging from the appearance of the home, it would seem that this family is leading the economic scale. They have always been self-sufficient and have never depended on assistance of any kind.

They are raising a particularly fine family; the children are intelligent, good in their school work, and church and Sunday School are a big influence and cooperative. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Buckfeldt are ambitious and certainly their chief interest is in the well-being and happiness of their family.

They live in a progressive neighborhood. Mrs. Buckfeldt is very happily situated in a neighborhood where she is unable to buy the place they are on they would like to own is so desirable.

The home is well furnished and is always clean. Good taste is shown in the decoration. The yard is fenced and neat; no doubt this is a very attractive home. The buildings are all well kept and in good repair.

The yard is well drained. It is on a well hill and this could easily be done. At times it is impossible to enter

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Narrative---Joe J. Huckfeldt

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this will be remedied as she is much interested in it. She certainly cans "everything in sight", as she put it.

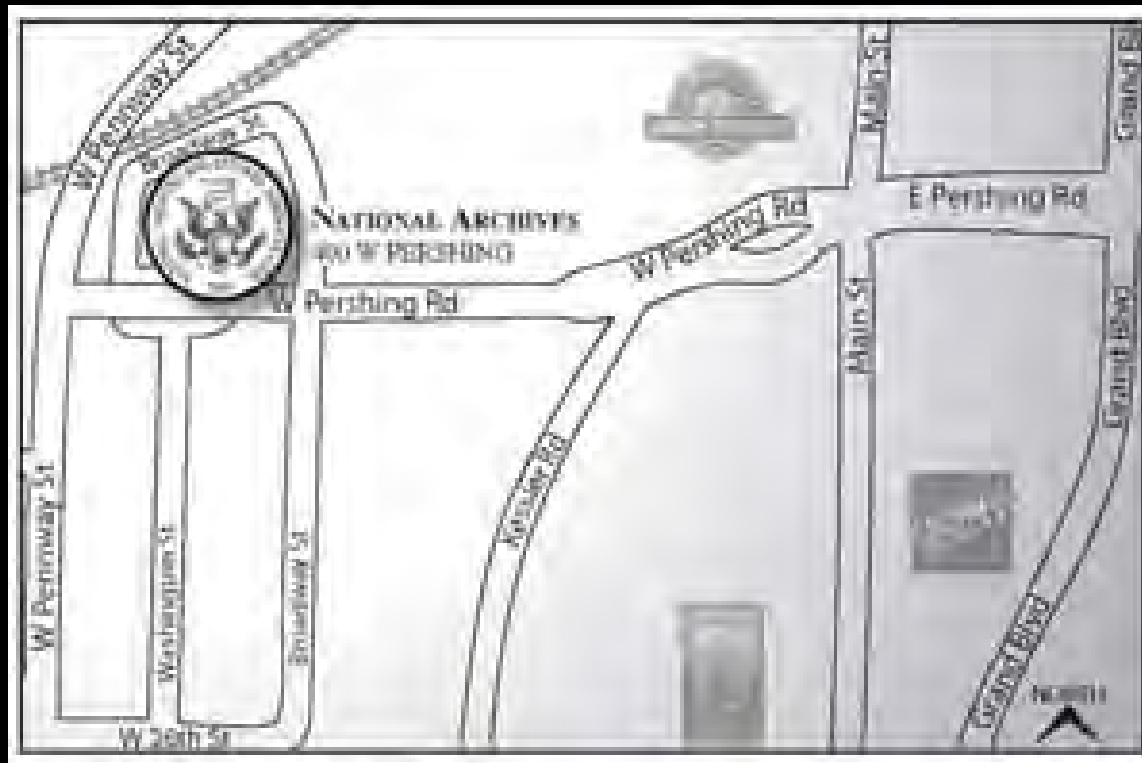
In the long time plan it will be noticed that the amount of meat is somewhat higher than average. Meat is a very popular item in this family's food, so much so that it is doubtful if more of a reduction between 1940 and 1945 than is planned can be accomplished. The amount of 500# of meat too high for average use, moreover, is offset to some extent in that less protein is consumed in eggs and legumes, as will be noticed in the long time plan. All possible supervision will be given along this line.

All other foods approach good nutritional standards by the time the peak year, 1945 is reached. Coffee is too high, but this is a food custom difficult to break, due to nationality. Mr. Huckfeldt is German and his wife Danish. The use of coffee is limited to Mr. and Mrs. Huckfeldt and their friends; the children use none at all and since quite frequent neighborhood entertaining is done, much is used in this way.

A Final Note on Research--What You Won't Find at the National Archives

- Birth, marriage, and death records
- Wills & probate records
- Newspapers
- Family histories
- Land ownership records (with a few exceptions)
- County court records
- Church records

Where Is the Archives?



Questions?

- Main telephone: 816-268-8000
- Research Rooms: 8am – 4pm, Tuesday thru Saturday
- Exhibits: 9am – 5pm, Tuesday thru Saturday
- Online: www.archives.gov/central-plains