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A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

"Old Fort Laramie"

Fort Laramie in central Wyoming was the most important trading and military post in the American West. Originally constructed in 1834 as a private fur trading post known as Fort William and later Fort John, it was purchased by the Federal Government in 1849, reconfigured, and functioned as a military post until its closure in 1890. During its long period of occupation, Fort Laramie was an integral part of the development of the American West: fur trading, the Oregon Trail, Indian wars, peace treaties, the Pony Express, the telegraph.

One image shows the former cavalry barracks at Fort Laramie in the spring of 1909. This barracks building was constructed in 1874 and, at times, housed infantry as well as cavalry troops stationed at the fort. It is one of the few remaining complete structures at the Fort Laramie National Historic Site. It has undergone some refurbishment and currently features reconstructed and authentically furnished sleeping and living areas.

The other image, also photographed in 1909, is of the bachelor officer's quarters, known as "Old Bedlam" for the sometimes raucous activities that occurred there. Built in 1849, it is the oldest structure at the site and one of the oldest buildings in Wyoming. It has also been refurbished and now houses period furnishings.

Following the closure of the fort, equipment and some of the buildings were sold at auction, and the surrounding land was opened

for homesteading. Building materials and abandoned equipment were hauled away by locals. Livestock grazed among the ruins. Beginning in 1937, the State of Wyoming took steps to preserve the site, and in 1938 the Federal Government also took interest in the permanent preservation of Fort Laramie. It is now part of the National Park System and a popular tourist destination.

These photographs appear with others depicting Fort Laramie as it appeared in the early 1900s when engineers from the Bureau of

Reclamation were working their way along the North Platte River gathering data for future irrigation and water storage projects. The North Platte Project constructed dams and water diversion and storage facilities in

Nebraska, Kansas, eastern Colorado, and central Wyoming. This photograph album is part of a series that contains several hundred albums and many thousands

of images relating to the location, construction, and operation of dams, canals, and irrigation projects throughout the western United States. The photographs were mostly taken by photographers working for the Bureau of Reclamation and collected by the Office of Chief Engineer in Denver, Colorado. These records and others are available for research at the National Archives' regional archives in Denver.



Old Fort Laramie Cavalry Barracks, 1909
Construction Photograph Albums, 1903-66
Office of the Chief Engineer
RG 115, Records of the Bureau of Reclamation
NARA-Rocky Mountain Region, Denver



NARA West Coast September 2008

Margaret Christensen Welding at the Puget Sound Navy Yard
 Commandant's Central Subject Files,
 1936-1961 Puget Sound Navy Yard
 RG 181; Records of Naval District and
 Shore Establishments
 NARA Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Seattle, WA Brick Wall Discussion Group Workshop/Genealogists 206-336-5115		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						Lancaster, CA Annual Kin Dig Conference General Public www.avgenealogy.org
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Denver, CO Genealogical Research Using Census Records Workshop General Public 303-407-5749	Anchorage, AK Introduction to Genealogical Research 6 P.M. Lecture/General Public 206-336-5151 <hr/> Denver, CO Naturalization Records at NARA Workshop/General Public 303-407-5749	Denver, CO Finding Confederate Ancestors Workshop/Tour General Public 303-407-5749 <hr/> Denver, CO Using Federal Land Records at NARA Workshop/Tour General Public 303-407-5749	Denver, CO Using BIA Records for Genealogy Research Workshop/Tour General Public 303-407-5749 <hr/> Santa Clara, CA California Council For Higher Education Conference Booth/Exhibit K-12 Teachers 650-238-3478 9/25/-9/27/08		Santa Clara, CA Archival Vintages for The Grapes of Wrath (CCE) Lecture K-12 Teachers 650-238-3478
28	29	30	Exhibit: Seattle, WA Picturing the Century in the Pacific Northwest 5/6/08-Ongoing		Exhibit: Seattle, WA Blue vs. Gray: The Civil War in the Pacific Northwest 7/1/08-Ongoing	

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NARA East Coast September 2008

Exhibit:
New York, NY
Communism Goes to Court
7/1-9/30/08

Shells & Men, May 1919
RG 156, Office of the Chief of Ordnance
Watertown Arsenal, Prints and Negatives
NARA Northeast Region, Boston



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Waltham, MA U.S. Constitution Exhibit/General Public 866-409-2379	2	3 Philadelphia, PA FGS Annual Conference Conference Genealogists 215-606-0101 9/3-9/6/08	4	5	6
7 Waltham, MA Labor Day Event Info Booth General Public 866-406-2379	8	9 New York, NY Finding Family: Using Court Records Workshop General Public 866-840-1752	10	11	12 Federal Hall National Memorial, NY New York's National Treasures General Public 866-840-1752	13
14 Pittsfield, MA Freedmen's Bureau General Public 413-236-3600	15 Philadelphia, PA Elusive Freedom Exhibit Opening/Dedication General Public 215-606-0112	16 Troy, NY Beginning Your Genealogy at NARA Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604	17 Morrow, GA Celebrating the Constitution Public Reading General Public 770-968-2555	18 Philadelphia, PA NPS Network to Freedom Conference The Story of Slavery and Resistance Conference/Lecture General Public 740-597-3069 9/18 -9/20/08	19	20 Broomall, PA Valley Forge History Center Genealogy Conference Conference/Genealogists 610-356-8507
21	22 Waltham, MA Election Day Exhibit Exhibit/General Public 866-406-2379	23 Troy, NY Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors at NARA Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604	24 Federal Hall National Memorial, NY Naturalization Ceremony General Public 866-840-1752	25 New York, NY Constitution Training for the Federal Employee Workshop/Federal Agencies 866-840-1752	26 Williamstown, MA Life in the Past Lane Conference/Genealogists 413-236-3604	27 Pittsfield, MA Life in the Past Lane Conference General Public 866-406-2379
28	29 Troy, NY Navigating the Bureaucracy; Federal Internet Webs Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604	30 Troy, NY Finding Family Migrations in Federal Records 9/30-9/30/2008 Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604	30 Troy, NY Finding Family Information In Federal Pension File 9/30-9/30/2008 Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604		27 Bensalem, PA Buck's County Genealogical Fair Conference Genealogists 215-639-0300 9/27/-9/28/2008	

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Students at the Pierre Indian School
RG 75, NARA Central Plains Region,
Kansas City



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Exhibit: Independence, MO Fashion Court 9/1-9/30/08	2	3 Exhibit: Lee's Summit, MO And Justice For All 9/3-9/17/08	4 Exhibit: Independence, MO Mugged! 8/21-9/4/08	5	6 Marquette, MI Genealogy Research at the National Archives Lecture/Genealogists mqtcgs@aol.com
7	8	9 Exhibit: Riverside, MO Mugged! 9/9-9/23/08	10	11	12	13
14	15 Exhibit: Independence, MO A Far Greater Evil 9/15-9/26/08	16	17	18	19 Kansas City, MO Little Known Tribes Lecture General Public 816-268-8071	20
21	22	23	24	25 Independence, MO Basic Genealogy Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8072	26	27 Kansas City, MO The Little American Film Screening 2 P.M. General Public 816-268-8017
28	29	30 Exhibit: Cinema in the Stacks: The Man and His Dream The Great White Hope Anatomy of a Murder 9/1/07-1/1/09	Exhibit: Leavenworth, KS Mugged! 8/16-11/30/08			

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