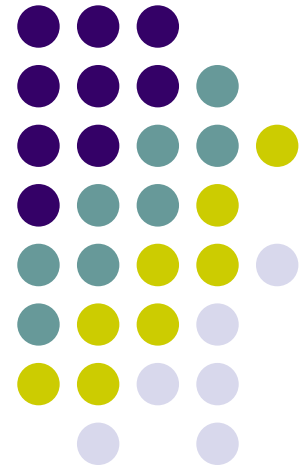




# Genealogical Research in NARA's Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

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**National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)**

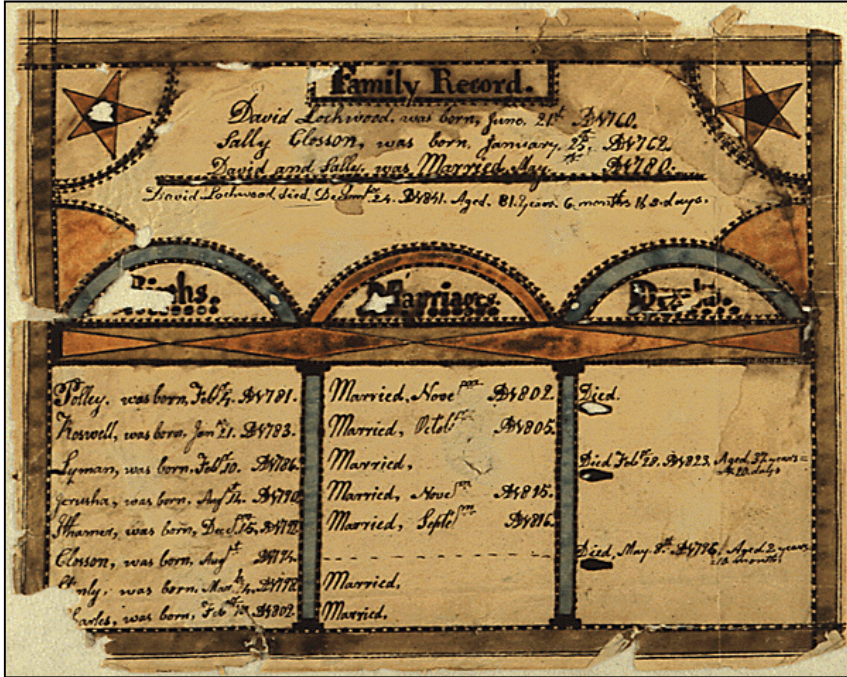
**May 15, 2009**





# About the Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

- The Archival Research Catalog or ARC is the online catalog of NARA's nationwide holdings in the Washington, DC area, Regional Archives and Presidential Libraries.
- ARC is a work in progress. Currently over half of our records are described in ARC. More descriptions are added regularly.
- ARC allows you to search for records in all NARA facilities across the country. ARC contains *descriptions* of NARA records.
- ARC is a **catalog**. It is not a database of records like AAD or Ancestry.com.



Illustrated family record (Fraktur) found in Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application File W26223, for David Lockwood, Connecticut., ca. 1800 - ca. 1900 (ARC Identifier 300182 ).

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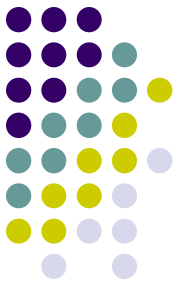


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# ARC Basic Search Screen



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Keywords: Raleigh naturalization

# ARC Brief Results



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### Archival Descriptions Results

6 results retrieved for **raleigh naturalization**

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Results 1 - 6 of 6  results per page

View results by: **Summary** **Hierarchy**

- [Naturalization Certificate Stubs, compiled 1926 - 1991](#)**    
**ARC Identifier 2637974**  
Textual Records from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Raleigh Term. (08/09/1894 - )  
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- [Petitions for Naturalization Transferred from Other Courts, compiled 1987 - 1996](#)**   
**ARC Identifier 2209704**  
Textual Records from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Raleigh Term. (08/09/1894 - )  
NARA's Southeast Region (Atlanta), Morrow, GA  
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# ARC Full Description



## Archival Description

6 results retrieved for **raleigh naturalization**

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### **Petitions for Naturalization, compiled 1912 - 1990**

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**Creator(s):** [U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Raleigh Term. \(08/09/1894 - \)](#)

**Type(s) of Archival Materials:** Textual Records

**Contact(s):** NARA's Southeast Region (Atlanta) (NRCA), 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA, 30260. PHONE: 770-968-2100; FAX: 770-968-2547; EMAIL: [atlanta.archives@nara.gov](mailto:atlanta.archives@nara.gov).

**Inclusive Dates:** 1912 - 1990

**Part Of:** [Record Group 21: Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685 - 1991](#)

**Arrangement:** Arranged numerically by petition number.

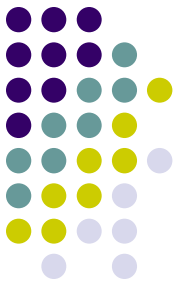
**Function and Use:** Petitions for naturalization or citizenship were instruments by which aliens who had resided in the United States continuously for a set period of time made a formal application to the courts to grant U.S. Citizenship. The courts used the information on the petitions to determine whether the petitions should be granted or denied.

**Access Restriction(s):** Unrestricted

**Use Restriction(s):** Unrestricted



# Advanced Search Features



The screenshot shows the 'Archival Descriptions Advanced Search' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Archives.gov Home', 'ARC Home', 'Research Room', and 'Contact Us'. Below this is the 'ARC - Archival Research Catalog' header. A search bar is located at the top left, with tabs for 'Archival Descriptions', 'Digital Copies', 'People', and 'Organizations'. The main search area is titled 'Archival Descriptions Advanced Search' and includes several sections:

- Find results:** Four radio button options: 'with all of the words', 'with the exact phrase', 'with at least one of the words', and 'without the words'. Each option has a corresponding input field. A 'Search' button and a 'Search Tips' link are also present.
- Search title only:** A checkbox option.
- by description identifier:** A text input field with an example: 'e.g. 28803 OR \*111-M-1342\*'. A 'Basic Search' link is located below this section.
- Limit results to:** A dropdown menu set to '100'.
- Highlight Search Terms:** A checkbox option with the text '(on the results page)'. A 'Basic Search' link is also present.
- Type of Archival Materials:** A section with a 'General Type:' label and a 'Select all' / 'Deselect all' link. It contains a list of material types with checkboxes: Architectural and Engineering Drawings, Artifacts, Data Files, Maps and Charts, Moving Images, Photographs and other Graphic Materials, Sound Recordings, Textual Records, and Web Pages.
- Location of Archival Materials:** A section with a 'Level:' label and a 'Select all' / 'Deselect all' link. It contains a list of levels with checkboxes: Record Group, Collection, Series, File Unit, and Item.
- Date Options:** A section with a 'Date range:' label and a 'Select all' / 'Deselect all' link. It includes a 'Between' field with two input boxes for years (YYYY) and an 'and' separator. Below this is a 'Descriptions Created or Updated Since' field with three input boxes for month (MM), day (DD), and year (YYYY).

At the bottom of the search area, there are 'Search' and 'Clear Settings' buttons.

- Keyword Options:
  - All of the words
  - Exact phrase
  - At least one of the words
  - Without the words
  - Title only
- Description Identifier Search
- Type of Archival Materials
- Location of Archival Materials
- Level of Description
- Date Options
  - Date range
  - Descriptions created or updated since

# Search Within Feature



## Civil Case Files, *compiled 1790 - 1860*

**ARC Identifier 721414**

Series from Record Group 21: Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685 - 1991

Details

Scope & Content

Archived Copies

Hierarchy

**Creator(s):** [U.S. Circuit Court for the District of North Carolina. \(06/04/1790 - ca. 06/04/1872\)](#)

**Type(s) of Archival Materials:** Textual Records

**Contact(s):** NARA's Southeast Region (Atlanta) (NRCA), 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA, 30068-2547; EMAIL: [atlanta.archives@nara.gov](mailto:atlanta.archives@nara.gov).

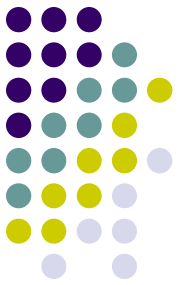
**Inclusive Dates:** 1790 - 1860

**Part Of:** [Record Group 21: Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685 - 1991](#)

**Includes:** [1859 file units described in ARC](#)  **Search within this Series**



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Search within: Civil Case Files, 1790 - 1860  
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Adolphus Yates  [Search Tips](#)

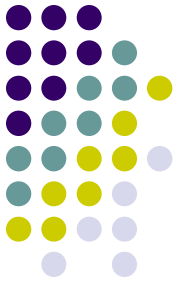
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Limit results to

Highlight Search Terms *(on the results page)*

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# Search Within Continued... and Highlighted Search Terms



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### Archival Descriptions Results

2 results retrieved for **Adolphus Yates** with filters applied

Refine Search **Highlight Search Terms** Add all Results to My List Sorted by Relevance

Results 1 - 2 of 2 10 results per page

View results by: Summary Hierarchy

- Adolphus B. Yates v. Michael Fennell, 1798 - 1798**  
ARC Identifier 851043  
Textual Records from the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of North Carolina. (06/04/1790 - 1799)  
NARA's Southeast Region (Atlanta), Morrow, GA  
File Unit from Record Group 21: Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685 - 1991
- Henry Bettner v. Adolphus Yates, 1791 - 1791**  
ARC Identifier 849384  
Textual Records from the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of North Carolina. (06/04/1790 - 1799)  
NARA's Southeast Region (Atlanta), Morrow, GA  
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### Archival Description

2 results retrieved for **Adolphus Yates** with filters applied

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Description 1 of 2 Descriptions page: 1 2

#### Adolphus B. Yates v. Michael Fennell, 1798 - 1798

ARC Identifier 851043  
File Unit from Record Group 21: Records of District Courts of the United States, 1685 - 1991

Email Print Add to My List

Details Scope & Content Archived Copies Hierarchy

Creator(s): U.S. Circuit Court for the District of North Carolina. (06/04/1790 - ca. 06/04/1872)

Type(s) of Archival Materials: Textual Records

Contact(s): NARA's Southeast Region (Atlanta) (NRCA), 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA, 30260. PHONE: 770-968-2100; FAX: 770-968-2547; EMAIL: atlanta.archives@nara.gov.

Coverage Dates: 1798 - 1798

Date Note: The coverage date is the date of the case. File contents may be dated before or after this coverage date.

Part Of: Series: Civil Case Files, compiled 1790 - 1860

Access Restriction(s): Unrestricted

Use Restriction(s): Unrestricted

# My List Feature



- Save descriptions individually or as a group to My List
- Save up to 2,000 descriptions to My List
- ARC will save your My List for your entire search session or up to 30 minutes of inactivity
- When you leave ARC, My List is cleared

The screenshot shows the ARC - Archival Research Catalog interface. The top navigation bar includes links for "Archives.gov Home", "ARC Home", "Research Room", and "Contact Us". Below this is a search bar and several filter tabs: "Archival Descriptions", "Digital Copies", "People", and "Organizations". A green oval highlights the "My List Results" section, which contains two search results. Each result includes a title, an ARC Identifier, and a brief description of the records. Action buttons for "Email" and "Print" are visible next to each result, along with a "Remove from My List" button.

Links: BB, Dson, Google, LCDRG, ARC site map, S C & R, ARC, Locations, Dictionary, MLR, PMRS, AAD, Wiki, Guide, Traveler, weather, GPO

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Remove all Results from My List | Email all Results | Print all Results

Results 1 - 2 of 2

View results by: Summary

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# Email Feature



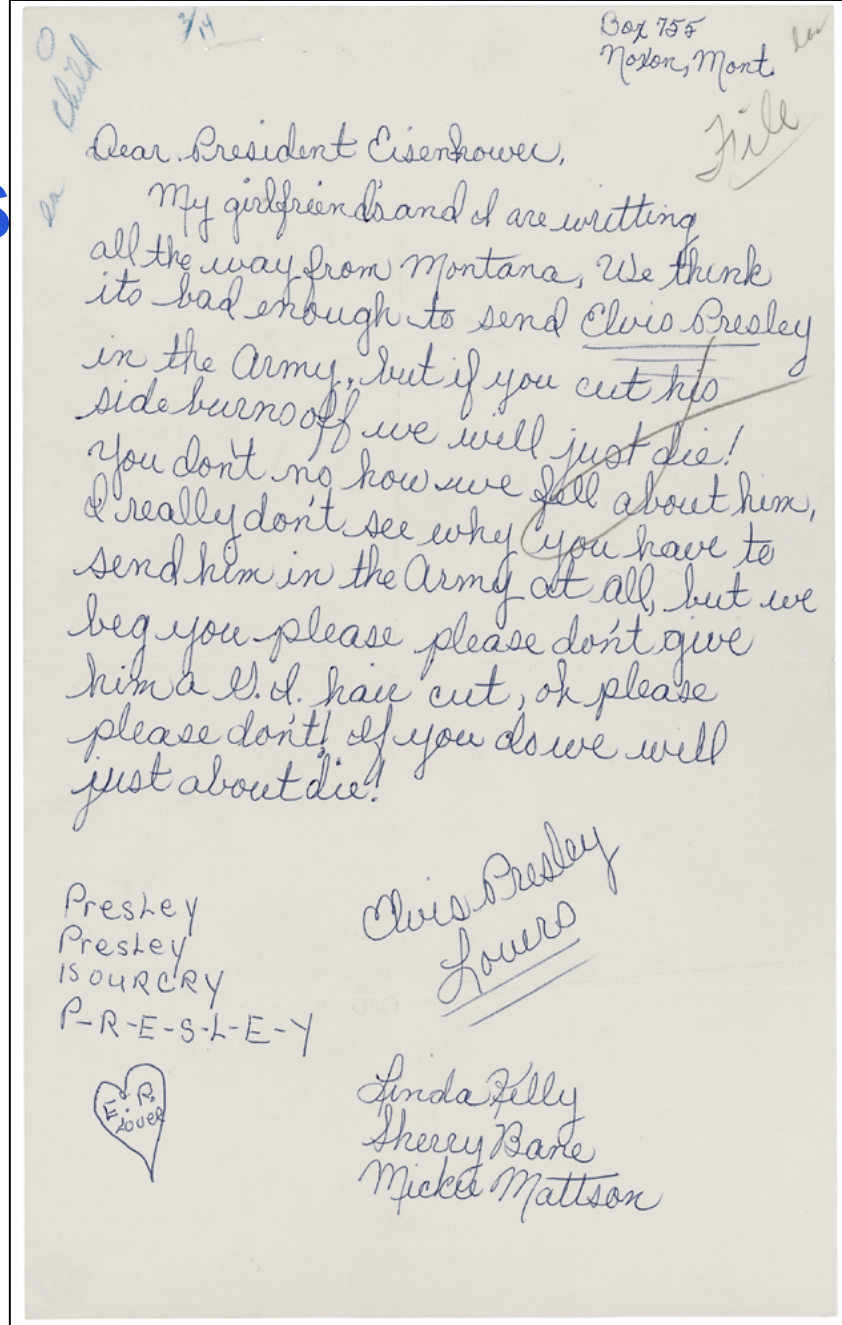
- Email individual descriptions
- Email all descriptions in My List
- Send email to up to five valid email address
- Use links in email to return to full details in ARC

A screenshot of the ARC - Archival Research Catalog website. The page title is "ARC - Archival Research Catalog". Below the title are navigation tabs: "Search ARC for", "Archival Descriptions", "Digital Copies", "People", and "Organizations". There are also links for "View My List", "Glossary", and "Help". The main content area is titled "My List Results". It shows two search results. The first result is "Henry Bettner v. Adolphus Yates, 1791 - 1791" with ARC Identifier 849384. The second result is "Adolphus B. Yates v. Michael Fennell, 1798 - 1798" with ARC Identifier 851043. Each result has an "Email" link and a "Print" link. The "Email all Results" link at the top right of the results list is circled in green. The "Email" link for the first result is also circled in green.

A screenshot of the ARC - Archival Research Catalog website showing the "Email Results" page. The page title is "ARC - Archival Research Catalog". Below the title are navigation tabs: "Search ARC for", "Archival Descriptions", "Digital Copies", "People", and "Organizations". There are also links for "View My List", "Glossary", and "Help". The main content area is titled "Email Results". It shows a form with a "To" field containing "john.doe@email.com". Below the form is a message: "Up to five email addresses may be provided." There are also links for "Summary" and "Email Tips". The "Send" button is highlighted in green.

# Digitized Records

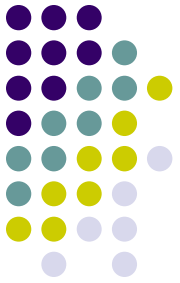
- ARC contains approximately 150,000 digitized records.
- ARC also contains links to digitized records on our partner's web sites.



Letter from Linda Kelly, Sherry Bane, and Mickie Mattson to President Dwight D. Eisenhower Regarding Elvis Presley (ARC Identifier 594359)



# Glossary and Help



- Glossary defines the labels and archival terminology used in ARC
- Roll-over definitions appear when you hover your mouse over an underlined label, such as Inclusive Dates
- Help features search help and navigation hints

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### My List Description

Return to My List Results

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**Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television Coverage of the John F. Kennedy Assassination, compiled 1992 - 1992, documenting the period 11/22/1963 - 11/25/1963** Email Print

ARC Identifier 596131 / Local Identifier 541-CBS Remove from My List

Series from Record Group 541: Records of the Assassination Records Review Board, 1992 - 1999

Details Scope & Content Archived Copies Hierarchy

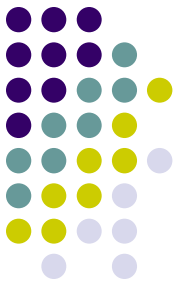
Creator(s): Assassination Records Review Board. (10/26/1992 - 09/30/1998)

Type(s) of Archival Materials: Moving Images

Contact(s): Motion Picture, Sound, and Video Records LICON, Special Media Archives Services Division (NWCS-M), National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD, 20740-6001. PHONE: 301-837-3540; FAX: 301-837-3620; EMAIL: [mopix@nara.gov](mailto:mopix@nara.gov)

Inclusive Dates: 1992 - 1992

Coverage Dates: 11/22/1963 - 11/25/1963



# Requesting Records

To request copies of records described in ARC or to arrange a visit to review the records, contact the NARA office listed under Contact(s).

Details	Scope & Content	Archived Copies	Hierarchy
Creator(s):	<a href="#">War Department. Office of the Judge Advocate General. (1884 - 09/18/1947)</a>		
Type(s) of Archival Materials:	Textual Records		
Contact(s):	Archives I Reference Section, Textual Archives Services Division (NWCT1R), National Archives Building, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20408. PHONE: 202-357-5385; FAX: 202-357-5936; EMAIL: <a href="mailto:Archivesreference@nara.gov">Archivesreference@nara.gov</a> .		

If provided, cite the Local Identifier when requesting records.

**Motion Picture Newsreel Films Used for a Documentary Series on World War I, compiled ca. 1908 - ca. 1930**

ARC Identifier 89117 / Local Identifier **NWDNM(M)-CBS-CBS-WWI**

Series from Collection CBS: Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., Collection, 1953 - 1982

If provided, cite the Master Location Register Number when requesting records.

**Court Martial Case Files, compiled 1890 - 1891, documenting the period 1861 - 1865**

ARC Identifier 591718 / **MLR Number PC29 18**

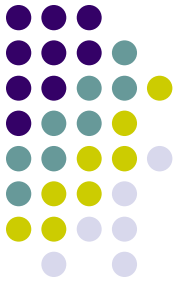
Textual Records from the War Department. Office of the Judge Advocate General. (1884 - 09/18/1947)

Archives I Reference Section, Textual Archives Services Division, Washington, DC

Series from Record Group 153: Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army), 1792 - 1981



# Tips for Searching for an Individual's Name



Chun Jan Yut at 22 years of age. Photograph from Immigration Service form 430, "Application of American-born Chinese for Preinvestigation of Status," filed upon departure from San Francisco for a trip abroad. (ARC Identifier: 296486)

- Search on **the person's full name** in first name-last name and then last name-first name order. Also try versions with the middle initial or middle name. Put the search term OR in all caps. Try quotes to make it an "exact phrase" search, for example: "Walter Fahey" OR "Fahey, Walter" OR "Walter P. Fahey" OR "Walter Paul Fahey".
- Search on **the surname only**. The records might only include a first initial or a variant spelling of the first name.
- Search on **variant spellings of the surname**, for example: Luchetti OR Lucetti.
- Search on **variant spellings of the first name**, for example: "Joseph Maggio" OR "Guiseppe Maggio".
- Keep in mind that every description isn't indexed by name and that ARC does not contain descriptions for all file units and items that include individuals' names. However, the National Archives still might have records about your ancestors.



# Use the clues in records you have to locate more records . . .



Ask, how might my ancestor have interacted with the Federal government?

- A **drop in income** between Censuses
  - Bankruptcy records
- **Occupation**
  - Farmers - Records of loans from the Farmers Home Administration
  - Postal workers – Records of the U.S.P.S.
- A **military veteran**
  - Service and pension records
  - Records of stays in National Homes for Disabled Soldiers or the Philadelphia Naval Asylum
  - Records of rehabilitation and vocational training

Consider what was happening in the world and how it might have impacted your ancestors

- **War**
  - Military service and pension records
  - Draft records
  - Records about internees
  - Records about refugees and displaced persons
  - Records about civilian war efforts
- **Western expansion**
  - Land records
- **Slaves and Former Slaves**
  - Fugitive Slave case files
  - Petitions to Congress
  - Freedmen's Bureau records



Photograph of a Family with Their Covered Wagon During the Great Western Migration, 1866 (ARC Identifier 518267)

# ARC Galleries

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Galleries Include

ARC Genealogy Guide

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/genealogy/>

African American Records

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Native American Records

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/native-americans/>

Immigration and Naturalization

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/immigration/>

Regional Archives in ARC

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/regions/>

The screenshot shows the ARC Galleries website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Archives.gov Home', 'Subject Index', 'Contact Us', 'FAQs', and 'Español'. The main header features the ARC logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are several sections:

- ABOUT ARC**: A list of links including 'Main Page', 'What is in ARC?', 'Policies and Procedures', 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)', 'How to Search in ARC', 'For Genealogists and Family Historians', and 'For Educators and Students'.
- ARC GALLERIES**: A section with 'All Galleries' and sub-sections for 'American People & Family History', 'Government & Social Studies', 'Military & Wars', and 'Science & Environment'.
- RESOURCES**: Links for 'Tips for AOL Users', 'Technical Problems?', 'Adjust Your Monitor', and 'Contact Us'.
- OTHER RESOURCES**: Links for 'Online Research Tools and Aids', 'Order Copies', and 'Hire a Researcher'.

The main content area is titled 'ARC GALLERIES' and features a grid of gallery thumbnails. Below this, there are sections for 'Featured Galleries' and 'Regional Archives'. The 'Featured Galleries' section includes thumbnails for 'ARC Calendar', 'African Americans', 'Japanese American Internment', 'ARC Maps', 'World War II', 'ARC Guide for Educators and Students', 'Primary Sources for Educators and Students', 'National History Day Topics in ARC', 'ARC Genealogy Guide', and 'ARC Galleries A to Z List'. The 'Regional Archives' section includes thumbnails for 'Northeast Region at Boston', 'Northeast Region at New York City', 'Mid Atlantic Region at Philadelphia', 'Southeast Region at Atlanta', 'Great Lakes Region at Chicago', 'Central Plains Region at Kansas City, MO', 'National Personnel Records Center at St. Louis, MO', 'Southwest Region at Fort Worth, TX', 'Rocky Mountain Region at Denver', 'Pacific-Alaska Region at Anchorage', 'Pacific Alaska Region at Seattle', 'Pacific Region at Laguna Niguel, CA', and 'Pacific Region at San Bruno, CA'.

# More Information



- ARC on the Web:
  - <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>
- ARC Guide for Genealogists and Family Historians
  - <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/genealogy.html>
- ARC Galleries
  - <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/>
- ARC Mailbox:
  - [arc@nara.gov](mailto:arc@nara.gov)

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In the matter of Lev Kotz, alias Lebe Nissinoff, Russian Hebrew;	Inspector J. P. Lawler, Chairman
Ex. S. S. "Persia Maru" # 127515 For admission to the UNITED STATES	Inspector Henry Weiss, Inspector H P L Beck, (acting) Stenographer H P L Beck Interpreter Henry Weiss (acting) testimony written and filed...../6.....1916

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Medical certificate Released

Held for SPECIAL INQUIRY by Inspector Swassy as I.P.O.

Alien, being first duly sworn, testifies:

Q By Chairman: What is your name and age? A Lev Kotz, age 24 years

Q Is that your right name? A No, my right name is Lebe Nissinoff; I was born in Russia, arrived at this port from Yokohama, Japan, on the s/s "Persia Maru" December 25, 1915, accompanied by no one; I am single; at home in Lods, Russia I was a merchant; I can read and write; paid own passage; never in the United States before; coming to San Francisco, Cal., to join Abraham Kent; I don't know his address; I have \$15.00; (Produce 20 yen, 12 rubles, and \$1.80 in American money; name and address of nearest relative in Russia, General Nissinoff, brother, lives at 16 Passage Scholtz, Lods, Russia.

Q What do you expect to do in the United States if admitted? A I understand a little about tailoring, inasmuch as we used to keep clothing also in our store, and it was necessary to make alterations, to do hushelung, and I learned it from other people there; however, I am ready and prepared to do any kind of work, hard labor or anything.

Q Have you any relatives in the United States whose addresses you can give? A No, but I have a Mr. Altmanberg, living somewhere in the United States, who is a distant relative of mine.

Q Have you any friends whose addresses you can give? A No, my idea was to go to some workman of mine and ask him to locate Mr. Abraham Kent.

Q Have you any trade of any kind other than you have mentioned, tailoring, at which you could earn a living? A No.

Q Have you any other funds than what you have already produced here? A Personally I have nothing more than I have produced here just now; however, I have a cousin in Berlin who has offered to send me money should I require same, and he told me to ask for it.

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