

National Archives Building Research Center

The Research Support Branch (NWCC1) at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, has a multi-faceted program, designed to inform researchers about the National Archives' (NARA) holdings pertaining to family and community history, as well as to assist researchers to locate files and develop research strategies.



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Textual Records Information Desk at Archives I (Room 203)

Publications



Periodically, NARA staff publishes articles in order to expand research community awareness of NARA's 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:

Deeben, John (published):

"Records of the Porto Rico Regiment, U.S. Volunteers (1899–1901) at the National Archives" (*El Coqui de Ayer* 12:2 (May–June 2007): 3–5)
El Coqui de Ayer is the newsletter of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Genealogical Society.

"Researching Hispanic Volunteers in the Civil War: A Primer for Military Service Records at the National Archives" (*Nuestras Raices: Journal of the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America* 19:2 (Summer 2007): 12–20)

Heger, Kenneth W. (published):

"Personnel and Patients: Marylanders at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, DC, 1855–1905" (*The Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Vol. 48, No. 3 (Summer 2007): 276–295)

McKeithan, Kim (published):

"Documenting Maryland's Merchant Fleet: The Records of the United States Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, 1789–1907" (*The Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Vol. 48, No. 3 (Summer 2007): 267)

Prechtel-Kluskins, Claire (published):

"Canadian Border Immigration Records, 1895–1950s, Part 1: The Records" (*NGS NewsMagazine*, Vol. 33, No. 3 (July–September 2007): 43–48)



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Microfilm Publications



Staff members continue to process accessioned microfilm that documents arrivals into the United States, turning this film into National Archives microfilm publications. During the last quarter, staff completed the following National Archives microfilm publications:

- M1995, *Naturalization Petition and Record Books for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Cleveland, 1907–1946* (260 rolls). 35 mm. RG 21.
- A3441, *Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Port Huron, Michigan, February 1902–December 1954* (41 rolls). 16mm. RG 85.
- M2095, *Lists of Passengers Arriving at and Departing from the District of Fairfield, Connecticut, 1804–1889* (1 roll). 35mm. RG 36.
- M2115, *Lists of Passengers Departing from New Orleans, Louisiana, 1867–1871* (1 roll). 35mm. RG 36.

Reference Reports

Staff members produce many one-page reference reports, directing researchers to NARA microfilm publications, textual records, NARA's web site, and printed government documents pertaining to numerous research topics. The reports are extremely useful for first-time researchers as a method to explain the types of records that are available for research, as well as for suggesting a research path that can be tailored to the individual's need.

Reports fall into several general categories, including Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, residents of the District of Columbia, Military Service, Citizenship, Hispanics, Immigration, Census, and Civilian Federal Employees. Each category is color-coded for ease of reference. The following reference reports were completed during the last quarter:

African Americans (salmon paper)

- Microfilmed Records of the Freedmen's Bureau for Virginia, 1865–72

Citizenship (pink paper)

- Records of the Department of State Relating to Deaths of U.S. Citizens in Foreign Countries, 1789–1974

Native Americans (lilac paper)

- Finding Native American Employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Official Register of the United States, 1849–1925



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Research Center Reference Desk at Archives I

Data Collection Sheets

Staff members produced several new data collection sheets, which correspond to the 1885 State/Territorial Population, Mortality, Agricultural, and Manufacturing censuses. These items will be especially great companions for the following microfilm publications:

- Colorado (M158)
- Florida (M845)
- Nebraska (M352)
- New Mexico (M846)

Carlisle Indian Industrial School Student Files

The student files for the **Carlisle Indian Industrial School** are name-searchable in [ARC](#). The student files include letters received, copies of letters sent, applications for enrollment, cards designated as "Descriptive and Historical Record of Student," promotion certificates (including ratings in subjects), records of "outings," medical and dental records, form reports concerning post-school careers, records from other schools, information forms concerning eligibility for Federal aid, clippings, photographs, and other records concerning individual students. The records relate to enrollment, transportation, progress at school, "outings," health, financial affairs, withdrawals from school, careers after

leaving school, special problems, and other subjects.

Quantity and type of records for individual students vary; there are, in general, more records for the later years than the earlier ones. A few post-1918 records, added after the records were transferred to the Bureau, relate mainly to requests for information. There are separate folders for individual students, which are arranged numerically. Although there is some chronological and alphabetical pattern in the order of the folder numbers, it is necessary to use the [ARC](#) index to locate readily the records for a particular student.



U.S. Coast Guard Records Identified as Permanent

NARA staff members Sue McDonough and Mark Mollan went to the U.S. Coast Guard's Navigation Central Facility in Alexandria, VA, to identify permanent records relating to the OMEGA navigation system, a LORAN-based system used before our current GPS systems. Valuable series were identified, including records relating to international OMEGA stations in Africa and Asia. Mark also assisted Coast Guard historian Bob Browning and Chief John Evans, U.S. Coast Guard Military Personnel Division, and NARA appraisal office's Jennie Guilbaud in securing authority to accession a series of index cards (aka Birthday Cards). These cards index by name every member of the Revenue Cutter Service and the Coast Guard from 1900 to the 1990s, including information such as date of enlistment and special honors.

Civil War Compiled Military Service Records Microfilmed



- M1993. *Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the United States Colored Troops: Infantry Organizations, 36th Through 40th* (116 rolls). 35mm.
- M1994. *Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the United States Colored Troops: Infantry Organizations, 41st Through 46th* (113 rolls). 35mm.
- M2000. *Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the United States Colored Troops: Infantry Organizations, 47th Through 55th* (approx. 165 rolls) **is being filmed.**



New Reproduction Fees

As of October 1, 2007, fixed-fee reproductions of commonly requested genealogical records using the National Archives order forms will be:

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007 New Reproduction Fees

Type of Record	Order Form	Fee
Passenger arrival lists	NATF Form 81	\$25
Federal Census requests	NATF Form 82	25
Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims	NATF Form 83	25
Land entry records	NATF Form 84	40
Full pension file more than 75 years old (Civil War and after), up to and including 100 pages.	NATF Form 85	75
Each page for 101 or more pages		0.75
Full pension file (pre-Civil War)	NATF Form 85	50
Pension documents packet (selected records)	NATF Form 85	25
Bounty land warrant application files	NATF Form 85	25
Military service files more than 75 years old	NATF Form 86	25

Mail Order Policy: There is a minimum fee of \$15 per order for reproductions that are sent by mail to the customer.

Certification: \$15

Service	Fee
Paper-to-paper copy made by the customer on a NARA self-service copier in the Washington, DC, area.....	\$0.25
Book-to-paper copy (black and white).....	0.75
Paper-to-paper copy made by NARA.....	0.75
Microfilm-to-paper copy made by the customer on a NARA self-service copier	0.50
Kodak Picture Maker copy.....	8

Dates with Extended Research Hours in Washington, DC, and College Park, MD

On the following Thursdays and Fridays, hours will be 9 a.m.–8:45 p.m.

On the following Saturdays, the hours will be 8:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

2007

October 18, 19, 20

November 15, 16, 17

December 13, 14, 15

2008

January 17, 18, 19

Pull Time for Records

On the Thursdays and Fridays with extended hours:

- 10 a.m.
- 11 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m.

There are no pull times on Saturdays.

Summer 2007 Researchers Break All Records



Traditionally, the busiest months of the year for the Textual Research Room (Room 2000) at the National Archives in College Park, MD (Archives II), have been June, July, and August. The summer of 2007 was no exception. Room 2000 broke all records for research demand during the summer weeks of extended hours.

Research room staff pulled and refilled unprecedented amounts of textual materials for researchers this summer. Statistics in FY 2007 averaged approximately 123 pulls per day during regular (non-extended) NARA research hours. For several years, the all-time record for the most pulls in a single day

was 217. However, during this year's summer extended hours, the research demand easily eclipsed this mark every month. The new record for pulls now stands at 272, set on July 19. The addition of five much-needed full-time permanent staff members in June—along with several summer

students—greatly helped the Textual Research Room staff meet the summer challenge.

During the entire week of July 16–21, 2007, NARA College Park recorded 1,029 daily visits of textual researchers. This was the first time in NARA history during which over 1,000 people visited the Textual Research Room—or any NARA research room, for that matter—in a single week.

Disruption to Services at The National Archives, UK

If you are planning a visit to The National Archives, UK, between the autumn of 2007 and the spring of 2008, you may want to contact them first at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk or at Tel: +44 (0) 20 8876 3444.



The National Archives, UK

The National Archives, located at Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, London, will be hiring a building contractor to make changes to the existing building. As a result:

- ❖ The on-site services at Kew will be disrupted from autumn 2007 to spring 2008. The National Archives staff will make every effort to maintain full service during this period, but there may be unavoidable delays and disruption.
- ❖ Kew will be closed to the public December 1–16, 2007, and again the week of January 21, 2008.
- ❖ Online services will not be affected.

Meet Our Staff

John Deeben



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John P. Deeben is a genealogy archives specialist with the Research Support Branch (NWCC1) at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. John provides research orientations for visiting genealogy and student groups, and frequently lectures and writes about Federal records of genealogical interest. He has spoken at conferences of the National Genealogical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, National Institute on Genealogical Research, and the National War of 1812 Symposium. His articles have appeared in numerous genealogical journals and magazines, including *Prologue*, *New England Ancestors*, *NGS NewsMagazine*, *New*

Mexico Genealogist, and *Nuestras Raices* (Journal of the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America). He also serves as a board member of the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic, and has transcribed and published several volumes of church records from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

John joined the staff of NWCC1 in January 2003 as an archives technician. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in American History from Gettysburg College and The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to joining NARA, John worked as a senior data facilitator for the Geisinger Health System in Danville, Pennsylvania.

Tom Fortunato



Source: 2003 Archivist's Special Achievement Awards

Tom Fortunato joined the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in 1988 as the Sales Operations Manager for the National Archives Museum Shop in Washington, DC. Prior to coming into government service, Tom worked in the private sector in sales and as an owner/manager of four natural food restaurants. He is currently the customer service coordinator for the Customer Service Division.

The Customer Service staff and Customer Service Centers are responsible for researcher registration and orientation, and answer and refer written and telephone inquiries and

those received through NARA's online requests. They are the initial point of contact for all on-site and remote researcher-related services and, in that capacity, are also the focus of any customer-service issues that arise.

Tom is a member of GSA's Citizen Service Levels Inter-agency Committee (CSLIC), responsible for recommending customer service guidelines to Federal agencies. He has received several customer service achievement awards through the years, including the 2003 Archivist's Special Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to NARA External Customers.



Know Your Records

In the fall of 2004, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) introduced the **Know Your Records** program. The initial program offered weekly lectures and monthly genealogy workshops to staff, volunteers, and the public. Featured speakers described NARA's records, explained how and where to locate the records, and demonstrated how to use the records for research.

Currently, each one-hour lecture is usually delivered twice within the same week—on Tuesdays at the National Archives Building 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. Some, but

not all, of the genealogy workshops are offered on Saturdays.

In addition to providing opportunities for staff, volunteers, and researchers to learn about NARA's records through lectures and genealogy workshops, we offer symposia, the annual genealogy fair, quarterly editions of **Researcher News**, and the **From the Records Book Group** discussions.

For book group news, see page 14.



We publicize our offerings in NARA's *Calendar of Events* at www.archives.gov/calendar/

and on our web page at

www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/

See this quarter's schedule below.

OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2007

Genealogy Workshops

- **Revolutionary War Records in the National Archives.** Marie Melchiori, CG, CGL, will look at the more commonly used service and pension records, and the lesser-used special manuscript collection and Papers of the Continental Congress. **Wednesday, November 28**, 10:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m., Madison Room. (Enter on Constitution Avenue)

Reservations are required. A fee of \$20 is payable at the door by cash or check to NATS. Call 202-357-5333.



Lectures/Video Series *free*

- **Governing the Philippines: Records of the Department of the Interior, 1898–1971.** Kenneth Heger will provide an overview of the records of the two Federal agencies that administered the Philippines—the Bureau of Insular Affairs and the Office of Territories—focusing on their value to local historians. **Tuesday, October 2**, at **11 a.m.**, Room G-24, Research Center. (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue.)
(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, October 4**, at 11 a.m.)
- **What's New in NARA's Archival Research Catalog (ARC)?** Jill James will review general records of genealogical interest described in ARC and will present new ARC descriptions of and web pages related to the Philippine Archives Collection. **Tuesday, October 9**, at **11 a.m.**, Room G-24, Research Center. (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue.)
(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, October 11**, at 11 a.m.)
- **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act.** The General Counsel's access staff is responsible for processing FOIA and Privacy Act requests for NARA's operational records (records the agency creates or receives in carrying out its mission). Ramona Branch Oliver will discuss NARA's FOIA and Privacy Act issues and give information and advice on access issues. **Tuesday, October 16**, at **11 a.m.**, Room G-24, Research Center. (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue.)
(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, October 18**, at 11 a.m.)
- **War Relocation Authority Camp Newspapers.** Rebecca Sharp will examine War Relocation Authority camp newspapers that shed light on the experiences of Japanese internees during World War II. **Tuesday, October 23**, at **11 a.m.**, Room G-24, Research Center. (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue.)
(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, October 25**, at 11 a.m.)
- **Records Relating to the B&O Railroad in the National Archives: A Photographic Journey.** David Pfeiffer will discuss the records of the B&O railroad, consisting of photographs of railroad stations found in the Interstate Commerce Commission's (ICC) valuation records. **Tuesday, October 30**, at **11 a.m.**, Room G-24, Research Center. (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue.)
(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room D, on **Thursday, November 1**, at 11 a.m.)



Lectures/Video Series (cont.) **Free**

- **Researching Electronic Records via the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) Resource.** Lynn Goodsell will offer an introduction to electronic ("digitally-born") records of interest to genealogists and how to access the records online via the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) resource. **Tuesday, November 6, at 11 a.m.**, Room G-24, Research Center. (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue.)
(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, November 8, at 11 a.m.**)
- **John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.** James Mathis will give an overview of the JFK assassination records collection. **Wednesday, November 14, at 11 a.m.**, Room G-24, Research Center. (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue.)
(NOTE: One session only. This session precedes the November book group discussion; see page 14 for details.)
- **December 7th.** The 35-minute version of John Ford's classic documentary, *December 7th*, will be shown in honor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. **Tuesday, December 4, at 11 a.m.**, Room G-24, Research Center. (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue.)
(This film will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, in Lecture Room B, on **Thursday, December 6, at 11 a.m.**)



For further information on lectures and workshops, visit www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/

FROM THE
ALIC Archives Library
Information Center

Now available:

Videotapes of the NARA Author/Lecture Series

The author/lecture series, held between 2000–5, are now available on videotape at the Archives II Library. The following is a sample of some of the lectures that are available; a more complete list can be found by searching the online catalog at www.archives.gov/research/alic/tools/online-public-access-catalog.html.



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Archives Library Information Desk at Archives II

- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Col. Tony Echevarria** on his book *After Clausewitz: German Military Thinkers before the Great War*. 1 videocassette (40 min.) U 43 G3 N38 2001
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with **Thomas Lowry** as he discusses *Don't Shoot That Boy! Abraham Lincoln and Military Justice*. 1 videocassette (45 min.) E 457.2 N38 2001
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Jim Roberts** on his book *Hardball on the Hill: Baseball Stories from our Nation's Capital*. 1 videocassette (55 min.) GV 863 W18 N38 2001
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Mary Gunderson** on her book *Cooking on the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. 1 videocassette (40 min.) TX 715.2 W47 C66 2001
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series: **Edward Steers: Blood on the Moon: the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln**. 1 videocassette (48 min.) E 457.5 B56 2001
- [The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Brig. Gen. Ed Simmons** as he discusses books in print and books in progress about the US Marine Corps]. 1 videocassette (49 min.) VE 23 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Wilbur Jones** on his book *Gyrene: the World War II United States Marine*. 1 videocassette (48 min.) D 769.369 N38 2002

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Sample list of NARA author/lecture series: (cont.)

- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Jim Dickenson** on his book ***We few: the Marine Corps 400 in the War Against Japan.*** 1 videocassette (55 min.) D 767.99 I9 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Lt. Col. Jon T. Hoffman** on his books ***Chesty*** and ***Once a Legend.*** 1 videocassette (50 min.) VE 24 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents the author lecture series featuring **Harvey Meyerson**, ***Nature's Army: When Soldiers Fought for Yosemite.*** 1 videocassette (54 min.) F 868 Y6 N38 2001
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Claudia Dreifus** on her book ***Scientific Conversations: Interviews on Science from the New York Times.*** 1 videocassette (70 min.) Q 141 N38 2001
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Donna Lucey** on her book ***I Dwell in Possibility: Women Build a Nation.*** 1 videocassette (approx. 60 min.) HQ 1410 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Robert Rush** on his book ***Hell in Hurtgen Forest.*** 1 videocassette (42 min.) D 756.5 H8 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **James Jay Carafano** on his book ***After D-Day: Operation Cobra and the Normandy Breakout.*** 1 videocassette (46 min.) D 756.5 N6 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **David Sullivan** on his book ***The United States Marine Corps in the Civil War.*** 1 videocassette (50 min.) E 591 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Ed Ruggero** on his book ***Duty First: West Point and the making of American Leaders.*** 1 videocassette (29 min.) U 410 L1 N38 2002

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Sample list of NARA author/lecture series: (cont.)

- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Edgar F. Puryear, Jr.**, on his book ***American Generalship***. 1 videocassette (50 min.) UB 210 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **David Hogan** on his book ***A Command Post at War: First Army headquarters in Europe, 1943–1945***. 1 videocassette (45 min.) D 769.25 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Greg Robinson** as he discusses Franklin Roosevelt and the postwar dispersion of minorities. 1 videocassette (53 min.) E 806 N38 2002
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with guest author **Brig. Gen. J. Kemp McLaughlin** on his book ***The Mighty Eighth in WWII: A Memoir***. 1 videocassette (45 min.) D 790 N38 2001
- The National Archives and Records Administration presents an author lecture series with **Jay Mulvaney** as he discusses ***Jackie: The Clothes of Camelot***. 1 videocassette (45 min.) CT 275 O552 N38 2002

Donations from any researchers who have extra copies of their doctoral dissertations or masters' theses that are based in some part on records held by NARA are welcome. Please contact Jeffery Hartley at jeffery.hartley@nara.gov or at 301-837-1795.

The *Know Your Records Program* launched its book group in September 2006.

From The Records Book Group

Please check the Archives Shop (202-357-5271) for book availability and a 15-percent discount for book group participants.

i Beginning in October 2007, in order to provide an introduction to the topic of that month's book, we will be **holding a lecture or film at 11 a.m. immediately prior to the book group discussion, which begins at noon.**

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Washington, DC, Room G-24
(Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

Free

11 a.m. – Related lecture or film
Noon – Book Group discussion

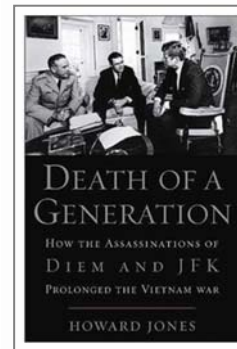
Fall 2007 Schedule

November 14, 2007

11 a.m. *An Overview of the JFK Assassination Records Collection*, James Mathis (Speaker)

Noon *Death of a Generation: How the Assassinations of Diem and JFK Prolonged the Vietnam War*, by Howard Jones (Ken Kato, Moderator)

Based on recently declassified hearings by the Church Committee on the U.S. role in assassinations, newly released tapes of Kennedy White House discussions and interviews with those in the president's inner circle, the author maintains that Kennedy firmly believed that the outcome of the war depended on the South Vietnamese. In 1962, Kennedy instructed Secretary of Defense McNamara to draft a withdrawal plan aimed at having all special military forces home by the end of 1965. Jones maintains that if Kennedy had lived, his withdrawal plan would have spared the lives of 58,000 Americans and countless Vietnamese.



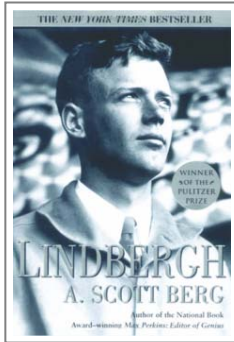
December 2007, January 2008 – No Book Group

2008 Schedule



In 2008, the **From the Records Book Group** will **meet on the third Tuesday** of February, March, April, September, October, and November. We will meet at 11 a.m. in Room G-24, National Archives Building, for a lecture or film relating to the book and then, at noon, for the book discussion.

2008 Schedule (cont.)

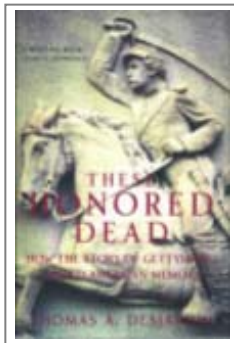


February 19, 2008

Lindbergh, by A. Scott Berg

From the moment he landed in Paris on May 21, 1927, Lindbergh found himself thrust into the limelight of the media. Berg casts a new light on Lindbergh's childhood; his astonishing flight; the kidnapping of his son; his fascination with Hitler's Germany; and his unsung work in his later years.

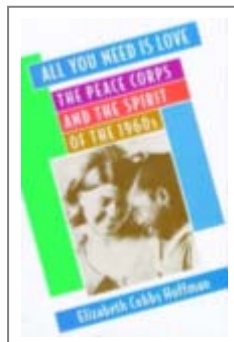
Author A. Scott Berg is the first and only writer to have been given unrestricted access to the massive Lindbergh archives—more than 2,000 boxes of personal papers, including reams of unpublished letters and diaries. He also was allowed to freely interview Lindbergh's friends, colleagues, and family members, including his children and his widow, Anne Morrow Lindbergh. The result is a story of a life long blurred by myth and half-truth.



March 18, 2008

These Honored Dead: How the Story of Gettysburg Shaped American Memory
by Thomas A. Desjardin, Robert Pigeon (Editor)

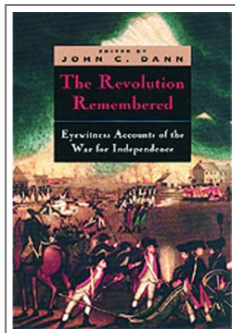
Ever since the battle of Gettysburg ended and Lincoln delivered his famous two-minute speech remembering those who had given their lives, this three-day conflict in 1863 has become an American legend. We remember Gettysburg as, perhaps, the biggest, bloodiest, and most important battle ever fought in the Civil War. How much truth is behind the legend? Desjardin, a prominent Civil War historian and a perceptive cultural observer, demonstrates how flawed our knowledge of this enormous event has become, and why. He examines how Americans have shaped and altered our national memory, fashioning the story of Gettysburg as a reflection of, and testimony to, our culture and our nation.



April 15, 2008

All You Need Is Love: The Peace Corps and the Spirit of the 1960s, by Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman

Everyone has heard of the Peace Corps, and that's no accident. When the agency was started in the early days of the Kennedy Administration, one of the top priorities was making it known virtually overnight, and some of the most talented advertising professionals in America donated their expertise to publicizing it. With John F. Kennedy's brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver, as director, the Peace Corps represented the high ideals of a crucial decade in American history. Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman, a professor of American foreign relations at San Diego State University, details the first decade of the Peace Corps, focusing on the struggles to create the agency, the political skill that made it flourish, and the influence of the Vietnam War.

2008 Schedule (cont.)**September 16, 2008**

Revolution Remembered: Eyewitness Accounts of the War for Independence
by John C. Dann (Editor)

A fascinating selection of information based on the testimony of embattled farmers who tell us in their own words what they saw with their own eyes. The *Revolution Remembered* uses 79 firsthand accounts from veterans of the war to provide the reader with the feel of what it must have been like to fight and live through America's bloody battle for independence. The military pension records at the National Archives provide an important source for this book.

October 21, 2008

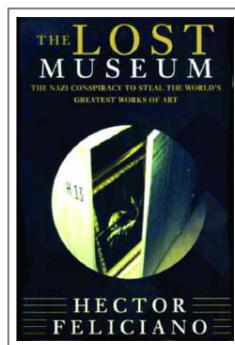
Spying on the Bomb: American Nuclear Intelligence from Nazi Germany to Iran and North Korea, by Jeffrey T. Richelson



Richelson traces the evolution of U.S. nuclear intelligence efforts—both successes and failures—from the early days of World War II to the 21st century. The author focuses on the early nuclear programs of 15 nations and the U.S. effort to determine if they were trying to acquire nuclear weapons, how far they had gotten, and their attempts to improve those capabilities. Thus, the book examines the work of the CIA and other intelligence agencies in identifying and providing the details about those nuclear programs, as well as the agencies' efforts to monitor and evaluate nuclear testing—rather than their efforts to gather information on the nuclear arsenals. Each of the 14 chapters focuses on the nuclear activities of one or a small number of nations. Richelson draws on recently declassified documents and interviews with scientists and spies involved in nuclear espionage. His analysis of our nation's nuclear espionage includes spy-satellite photographs from the National Archives.

November 18, 2008

Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Works of Art, by Hector Feliciano



During the occupation of Paris, the Nazis confiscated nearly 100,000 artworks from more than 200 collectors, transporting most of the spoils to Germany. The most extensive and valuable collections belonged to five renowned Jewish families: Rosenberg, Rothschild, Schloss, David-Weill and Bernheim-Jeune. After the war, many works that were found were returned to their owners. But a large number had disappeared, been destroyed, or spirited out of Europe into the underground art market.

Drawing on recently declassified government archives and information provided by the heirs of the collections, Feliciano traces the fate of the artworks. Two thousand of these stolen artworks have been identified in the Louvre and other French national museums, fomenting a scandal that has received front-page coverage throughout Europe and spurred a series of new claims and suits by heirs. In this updated and enlarged American edition, he reveals the location of stolen works hanging in major U.S. museums, as well.