

# Researcher News



## New Genealogy Programs



Photos by Jermaine Scott

In September 2008, the National Archives Research Support Branch began offering the genealogy programs noted below.

*You are invited to attend new genealogy programs taking place twice a month on select Wednesdays and Saturdays, in Room G-24, Research Center of the National Archives Building, Washington, DC (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue). These programs are free and open to all.*

### DESCRIPTION OF GENEALOGY PROGRAMS:

#### Introduction to Genealogy

On the first Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. and select Saturdays at 10 a.m., staff archivists present one-hour lectures on basic genealogical research and techniques, including an introduction to census, military, and immigration records.

#### "Help! I'm Stuck"

On select Saturday afternoons, an archivist with extensive experience in genealogy and the records of the National Archives will be available to assist with your research questions. Upon arrival, please sign up for a 20-minute appointment in the Research Center.

### GENEALOGY PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

#### 2008

- **Wednesday, December 3, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy

#### 2009

- **Wednesday, January 7, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Saturday, January 24, 10–11 a.m.**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Saturday, January 24, Noon–4 p.m.**  
"Help! I'm Stuck"
- **Wednesday, February 4, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Saturday, February 21, 10–11 a.m.**  
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"Help! I'm Stuck"
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Introduction to Genealogy
- **Saturday, March 21, 10–11 a.m.**  
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"Help! I'm Stuck"

#### 2009 (cont.)

- **Wednesday, April 1, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Wednesday, April 22, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogy Fair**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Wednesday, April 22, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogy Fair**  
"Help! I'm Stuck"
- **Wednesday, May 6, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Saturday, May 16, 10–11 a.m.**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Saturday, May 16, Noon–4 p.m.**  
"Help! I'm Stuck"
- **Wednesday, June 3, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Saturday, June 13, 10–11 a.m.**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Saturday, June 13, Noon–4 p.m.**  
"Help! I'm Stuck"
- **Wednesday, July 1, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Wednesday, August 5, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy
- **Wednesday, September 5, 11 a.m.–Noon**  
Introduction to Genealogy

For information on other *Know Your Records* programs and workshops, see [www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/](http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/). The Customer Services Division's Know Your Records (KYR) program staff may be contacted via e-mail at [KYR@nara.gov](mailto:KYR@nara.gov) or on 202-357-5333.

This newsletter is designed to provide you with the most up-to-date information needed to conduct research at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, and the National Archives at College Park, MD. For more information, please visit [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).

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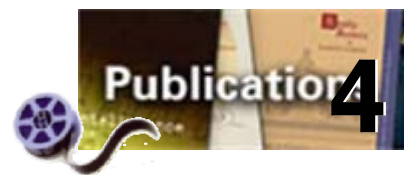
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## Nancy Wing

*Nancy Wing is a reference librarian in the Archives Library Information Center (ALIC). She began working at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, in June 2004 as the primary reference librarian where she assisted researchers in genealogy. In August 2006, she transferred to the regional archives in Laguna Niguel where she worked with original records as an archives specialist.*



Photo by Andrea B. Matney

There she was able to broaden her archival experience through processing original records, entering descriptions of records for the Archives Research Catalog (ARC), preparing exhibits, and providing reference assistance to researchers, including responding to written inquiries. In addition, she gave presentations about the holdings at the National Archives to various organizations in the community.

In July 2008, Nancy returned to the Washington, DC, area working again as a reference librarian in ALIC. She feels her experience at Laguna Niguel has served to broaden her knowledge about archives, enabling her to serve the staff and researchers more effectively. Besides assisting staff and researchers with reference questions, she catalogs books, prepares and gives presentations, and assists in

maintaining ALIC web pages. Her work locations are at both the National Archives Building and the facility in College Park, MD.

Nancy resides in Montgomery County. She received her bachelor's degree in history with honors from California State University, San Marcos, and her masters degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University.



Photo by Steve Matney

## Andrea Bassing Matney

*Andrea Bassing Matney views her job as a way to connect people to the treasures in our nation's memory. As a Community Outreach and Programs Specialist in the Customer Services Division, she offers learning opportunities for researchers in the Washington, DC, area, through the Know Your Records programs and Researcher News.*

Andrea joined the National Archives in 1992 after graduating from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She worked for the Facilities Management Division from 1992–2006 and more recently the Special Events and Scheduling office in Washington, DC, within the National Archives Experience Museum Programs.

As an Assistant Manager for Special Events and a Community Outreach Specialist, she helped people access the treasure trove of priceless information at events from private functions to large public festivals.

While working in the Facilities Management Division, she managed the National Wellness Program to

foster healthier lifestyles among her fellow employees. She was the Vice President of the Recreation Association, a morale-boosting Association for the Washington area. As the National Employee Transportation Coordinator, she encouraged use of alternative transportation in commuting. At the same time, Andrea worked as a Community Outreach Coordinator, helping the agency connect with community groups and events.

Andrea is an avid bicyclist and outdoors person. She is a winner of many medals for Randonneuring, ultra-long-distance cycling, and she is a community volunteer. An extrovert, she loves to see you at the *Know Your Records* programs. *Please stop by and say hello!*

## New Microfilm Publications

by Claire Kluskens



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:

- M2102, *Letters Sent and Registers of Letters Received by the Secretary of the Treasury, 1882–1887, Relating to Immigration Matters* (1 roll). 35mm. RG 85.
- A3481, *Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Wilmington and Morehead City, North Carolina, 1908–1958* (18 rolls). 35mm. RG 85.

For a listing of microfilm publications from 2000 to the present, visit [www.archives.gov/genealogy/microfilm/2008.html](http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/microfilm/2008.html).

## New Staff Publications



Periodically, 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:

- Rebecca Crawford (published):  
"The Forgotten Federal Census of 1885" [*Prologue* 40:3 (Fall 2008): 54–59]
- John Deeben (published):  
"Kentucky Families in Congressional Pension Claims: The Cases of Sarah P. Cully and Sarah Maynard" [*Kentucky Ancestors: Genealogical Quarterly of the Kentucky Historical Society* 43:2 (Winter 2007 Issue published August 2008): 105–108]  
  
"War Department Records Document Death" [*The Victorian Times: Quarterly Publication of the Slifer House Museum* 25:2 (Summer 2008): 5–6]
- Claire Kluskens (published):  
"Anatomy of a Union Civil War Pension File" [*NGS NewsMagazine* Vol. 34, No. 3 (July–September 2008): 42–47]  
  
"New Orleans Slave Manifests, 1807–60" [*NGS NewsMagazine* Vol. 34, No. 4 (October–December 2008): 43–47]

These articles are available through the Archives Library Information Center (ALIC) at the National Archives Building, Washington, DC. For more information, see [www.archives.gov/research/alic/](http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/).



## Winter & Holiday Hours

### Rotunda and Exhibit Hall

- Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, NW, Washington, DC

Please note that the Rotunda and Exhibit Hall are on winter hours until March 14, 2009, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Last admission is 30 minutes prior to closing. (Closed Thanksgiving Day and December 25). *Admission is free.*

### Research Centers

- 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
- 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD

The hours for the Research Centers at the Washington, DC, and College Park, MD, buildings keep regular schedules with the exceptions noted below:

### Research Center Regular Schedule

Day	Research Hours	Records Retrieval (Pull) Times
Sunday	Closed	None
Monday	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.–9 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.–9 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.–9 p.m.	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	None

### Research Center Holiday Schedule

2008 Closings	
Wednesday, November 26	Research Center closes at 3 p.m. Last pull time for records at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, December 24	Research Center closes at 3 p.m. Last pull time for records at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day

2009 Closings	
Wednesday, December 31	Research Center closes at 3 p.m. Last pull time for records at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 19	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Tuesday, January 20	Inauguration Day
Monday, February 16	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Friday, July 3	Independence Day
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day



Photo by Jermaine Scott

Scaffolding on Pennsylvania Avenue entrance

## Cleaning of the Exterior Stone Façade

by Tim Edwards

The Facilities staff is overseeing a complete restoration cleaning of all exterior limestone and granite surfaces of the National Archives Building to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the building and identify and repair compromised and vulnerable elements of the stonework. The project is on time and progressing well with expected completion in December 2008.

In October 2008, the project progressed to the south side (Constitution Avenue) of the building. Scaffolding has been erected at the 9th Street and Constitution Avenue (southwest corner) from the portico to the roof line above the 4th floor.

Additional scaffolding is being added to the Pennsylvania Avenue side to permit cleaning of the gable pediment

above the researcher and staff entrance. The project is expected to be completed and all scaffolding removed from the north side of the building in December 2008.

*Your continued patience and cooperation while this work is underway is greatly appreciated.*

## Lecture Rooms Closed January–February

The lecture rooms in College Park, MD, will be closed for a major audiovisual equipment upgrade from January until the end of February. Events typically held in these rooms have been moved to different locations. *Please note that during January and February 2009, the **Know Your Records** programs will be held in the auditorium rather than in Lecture Room B.*



Photo by Jermaine Scott

Jeff Hartley, NARA Chief Librarian

## Relocated Films

by Rebecca Crawford

The following films have moved from the National Archives Building, Washington, DC, to the National Archives at College Park, MD.

- M235, *Miscellaneous Treasury Accounts of the First Auditor (formerly, The Auditor) of the Treasury Department, September 6, 1790–1840.*
- M497, *Letters Sent by the Commissioner of Customs Relating to Smuggling, 1865–1869.*
- T227, *Civil War Direct Tax Assessment Lists: Tennessee.*
- T899, *Register of Audits of 'Miscellaneous Treasury Accounts' (First Auditor's Office).*
- T964, *Day Book of the Register's Office of the Treasury, 1789–1791.*



Photo by Jermaine Scott

## Access to Some Records in RG 110 Temporarily Unavailable

On August 11, 2008, access to some entries within RG 110 (Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau [Civil War]) were temporarily closed.

The records were relocated from the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, to regional locations for availability

with Federal records of states within those regions. The records will be open for public access at the regional locations as of December 8, 2008.

For further information, see [www.archives.gov/locations/rg-110-move.html](http://www.archives.gov/locations/rg-110-move.html).

## New Images from Digital Scanning Partnership

by Cynthia Fox

The National Archives' partnership with **Family Search** and **Footnote.com** has produced a pilot project to scan the original **Civil War widow's pension application files** for publication on the Internet. The Civil War Conservation Corps (CWCC), an all-volunteer group, does the preparation. Volunteers from the Genealogical Society

NOTE: See upcoming January 6 and January 8 lectures on page 12.

of Utah scan the documents. Footnote.com then publishes the **images online**. On October 14, 2008, Footnote.com launched the first images from the Civil War widow's pensions on their web site at [www.footnote.com/](http://www.footnote.com/).

Footnote.com is free on any NARA computer.



## Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

by Kristen Albrittain

### Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Files

The Archival Research Catalog (ARC) now includes the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) descriptions of 23,973 personnel files, dated between 1941 and 1945 (records released August 14, 2008).

This World War II-era intelligence agency was the predecessor to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and employed such notable individuals as former CIA directors William Casey and Allen Dulles, Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and chef Julia Child. Users can search within the series description (**ARC ID 1593270**) for individual files, which contain such information as training and work assignments, pay and travel records, evaluations, and awards. Records are available for research in the Textual Archives Services Division Reference Section at the National Archives in College Park, MD.

### Rosenberg Transcripts

On September 11, 2008, NARA posted to its online Archival Research Catalog (ARC) 65 transcripts of the grand jury testimonies of 40 witnesses in the Julius and Ethel Rosenberg atomic treason case. During the summer, NARA's Northeast Region, New York, NY, released the testimony in response to court orders by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Users can access digital copies of the records via the file unit Transcripts of Grand Jury Testimony (**ARC ID 2321340**) or through the chart located at [www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/courts/rosenberg-jury.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/courts/rosenberg-jury.html). Witnesses include Vivian Glassman, Michael Sidorovich, and Ethel Rosenberg.



Search the Archival Research Catalog

## Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

by Lynn Goodsell



This past summer, the AAD staff added the **Viet Cong Initiated Incidents Files** for the years 1965–68 to the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) resource. These records contain data on enemy initiated incidents during the Vietnam War. For example, there are records of incidents that occurred on the first day of the Tet Offensive, January 31, 1968.

In addition to the Viet Cong Initiated Incidents Files, NARA has other electronic records series related to the Vietnam War for searching and viewing online at [www.archives.gov/aad](http://www.archives.gov/aad). Other Vietnam War series on AAD include records

about air sorties flown from 1970 through 1975, naval gunfire support, and Army ground combat operations. The Department of Defense compiled these electronic records of military operations to create reports, evaluate efforts, and collect data for military decisions. NARA also makes **Vietnam War casualty records**, including for those missing in action or prisoners of war, available via AAD.

Staff also added an updated version of the **World War II Prisoners of the Japanese Data Files**, donated by the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor.

For a list of all the records available on AAD and to search the records, please visit the AAD main page at [www.archives.gov/aad](http://www.archives.gov/aad).



FROM THE

**ALIC**

## Archives Library Information Center

by Jeff Hartley

The ALIC staff is pleased to offer *ProQuest Obituaries* to researchers visiting NARA facilities in the Washington, DC, area. This database contains over 10.5 million obituaries and death notices from such geographically diverse newspapers as the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Atlanta Constitution*, and others, as far back as 1849. Obituaries are a valuable resource to researchers and genealogists because they can provide important biographical clues such as full name (including maiden name), occupation, family members, place of birth, military service, and more.

The database has an interface similar to that of *HeritageQuest*, and is easy to use, whether you are an experienced researcher or a new genealogist. You can search by name, date range, publication name, and keyword. Wildcard searching is available, which helps uncover variations in spelling. When searching by name, use either the name of the deceased or the name of anyone that appears within the obituary. This is a handy feature if one knows the child's name, for instance, but not the parent's name. The Search Results page provides a list of entries that match the search criteria, and gives the name of the deceased, publication name and date, location, and title of obituary. Clicking on an entry's link brings up a PDF image of the obituary with a complete citation.



One of the most interesting features of *ProQuest Obituaries* is the Notebook, which also appears on *HeritageQuest*. With the Notebook, you can make a list of the obituaries and death notices that are of interest and can add notes that may be referenced later. View images from the Notebook and remove entries that do not fit your needs. You can e-mail it to yourself to look at later. Although one cannot view images from this e-mail, the complete citations and research notes are available. The Notebook is emptied at the end of a session or if the database is not used for more than 30 minutes.

*ProQuest Obituaries* is an exciting addition to the resources already available in the library. The resource can be accessed via the ALIC web site at [www.archives.gov/research/alic](http://www.archives.gov/research/alic). We welcome people to come in and try it out, and we'll be glad to help with any questions.



## Know Your Records!

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**T**he **Know Your Records** program offers opportunities for staff, volunteers, and researchers to learn about NARA's records through lectures and genealogy programs, symposiums, the annual genealogy fair, quarterly editions of *Researcher News*, a genealogy tutorial, and **From the Records Book Group** discussions.



We publicize our offerings in NARA's *Calendar of Events* at [www.archives.gov/calendar/](http://www.archives.gov/calendar/) and on our home page at [www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/](http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/)

**Lectures** describe NARA's records; explain how and where to locate the records; and demonstrate how to use the records for research. Each one-hour lecture is 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.

**Genealogy programs** include monthly workshops and lectures from our staff archivists with extensive experience in genealogy. We provide lectures on basic genealogical research and techniques and one-on-one assistance. Programs take place on the first Wednesday and one Saturday a month at the National Archives Building.

**Symposiums** are one to two, full-day programs on specific genealogy research topics. Past topics included Hispanic and African American genealogy information and guidance for seasoned professionals and novices alike.

### Save the Date!

The **Annual Genealogy Fair** will take place on **April 22, 2009**. The fair is an all day open house with guidance on a wide variety of genealogical research topics with NARA staff and volunteers.

The **2009 From the Records Book Group** will meet the third Tuesday of February, March, May, September, October (**College Park\***), and November. We meet at 11 a.m., in Room G-24 of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, for a discussion or film relating to the book and then, at noon, to discuss the book. Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue. The books may be purchased anywhere; the Archives Shop offers a discount to those who are participating in the book group.

\* **College Park:** 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001, Lecture Room B. Visit our web site for directions at [www.archives.gov/dc-metro/college-park/index.html#transp](http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/college-park/index.html#transp).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Genealogy Programs

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Free**

- DEC. ● Wednesday, December 3, 11 a.m.  
**Introduction to Genealogy.** Archives staff will present a lecture on basic genealogical research in Federal records. This lecture occurs on the first Wednesday of the month and select Saturdays.
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- JAN. ● Wednesday, January 7, 11 a.m.  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
- Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
- Saturday, January 24, Noon–4 p.m.  
**“Help! I’m Stuck”.** Not sure where to begin your research? Is there a genealogical or historical problem that has stumped you? Would you like to explore new directions in your research? On select Saturdays, an archivist will be available from noon to 4 p.m. to answer questions. Look for the sign at the Research Center desk reading, “Help! I’m Stuck.”
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- FEB. ● Wednesday, February 4, 11 a.m.  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
- Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m.  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
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- MAR. ● Wednesday, March 4, 11 a.m.  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
- Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.  
**Introduction to Genealogy**
- Saturday, March 21, Noon–4 p.m.  
**“Help! I’m Stuck”.** There will be a break in April and the Saturday programs will resume on May 16.

## Know Your Records **Free**

### LECTURES

- DEC. ● Tuesday, December 9, 11 a.m.  
 Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)
- People to People – Archival Trip to China.** National Archives Customer Services Division Director, Diane Dimkoff, will discuss and show slides from her People to People International (PTPI) trip taken to China in October. Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, PTPI is dedicated to enhancing cross-cultural communication within each community and across communities and nations.
- (This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, on Thursday, December 11, at 11 a.m.)

# UPCOMING EVENTS (Cont.)

**Know Your Records** *free*

## LECTURES

**JAN.** 🌿 **Tuesday, January 6, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Civil War Pension Files at Footnote.com.** Beau Sharbrough from Footnote.com will discuss the Civil War pension files recently scanned and published online through the partnership between the National Archives, Family Search, and Footnote.com.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, January 8, at 11 a.m.)

🌿 **Tuesday, January 13, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Digital Vaults.** Suzanne Isaacs will present features in the National Archives "Digital Vaults" exhibit. With a database of some 1,200 documents, photographs, drawings, maps, and other materials and a keywording system that visually links records, the Digital Vaults enables visitors to customize their exhibit experience and to create posters, movies, and games that can be shared via e-mail.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, January 15, at 11 a.m.)

🌿 **Tuesday, January 27, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).** Ramona Branch Oliver will discuss provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and how the statutes affect public access to both archival and operational records at the National Archives.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, January 29, at 11 a.m.)

**FEB.** 🌿 **Tuesday, February 3, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Declassifying Secrets: Opening Classified Records for Public Disclosure.** Archivist Neil Carmichael will discuss the declassification process at the National Archives, past executive orders, present initiatives, and the future of declassification in the executive branch.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, February 5, at 11 a.m.)

🌿 **Tuesday, February 10, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Abraham Lincoln.** Trevor Plante will discuss Federal records relating to Abraham Lincoln.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, February 12, at 11 a.m.)

🌿 **Wednesday, February 18, 11 a.m.**

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Passport Applications.** Rebecca Sharp and Katherine Vollen will highlight and discuss records relating to passport applications.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, February 19, at 11 a.m.)

# UPCOMING EVENTS (Cont.)

## Know Your Records *free*

### LECTURES

FEB. 🌿 Tuesday, February 24, 11 a.m.

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**New Deal.** John Deeben will discuss Federal records relating to the New Deal.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, February 26, at 11 a.m.)

MAR. 🌿 Tuesday, March 3, 11 a.m.

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Tips & Strategies on the Updated Archival Research Catalog (ARC).** Members of the ARC team will show researchers how to find records in the National Archives' updated online Archival Research Catalog (ARC).

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, March 5, at 11 a.m.)

🌿 Tuesday, March 10, 11 a.m.

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Footnote.com.** Beau Sharbrough, vice president of content for Footnote.com, will discuss National Archives records found at Footnote.com.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, March 12, at 11 a.m.)

🌿 Tuesday, March 31, 11 a.m.

Room G-24, Research Center (Enter on Pennsylvania Avenue)

**Privacy Act.** Ramona Branch Oliver will discuss provisions of the Privacy Act and how the statutes impact public access to both archival and operational records at the National Archives.

(This lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, Auditorium on Thursday, April 2, at 11 a.m.)

## From The Records Book Group

### 2009 SCHEDULE



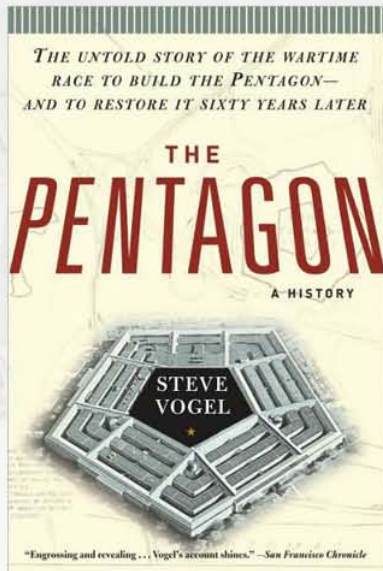
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# From the Records Book Group

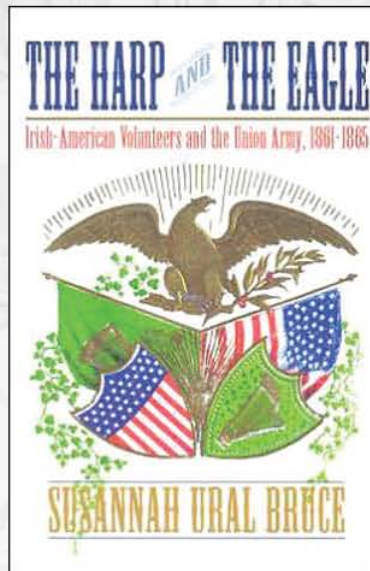
## 2009 SCHEDULE

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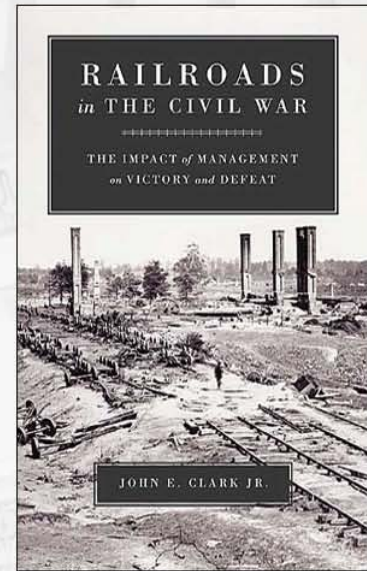
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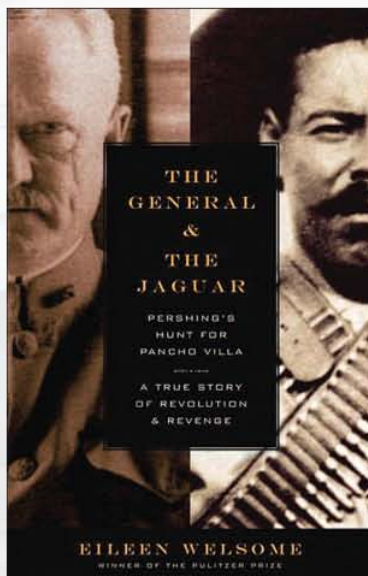
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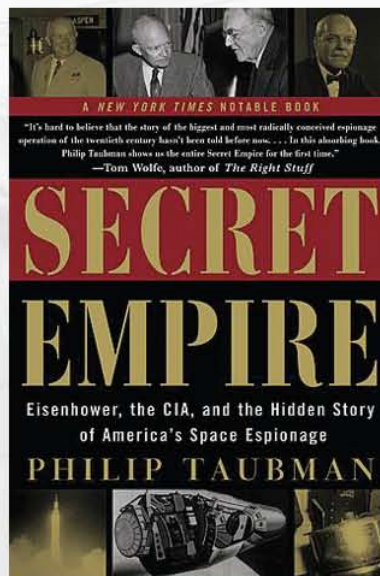
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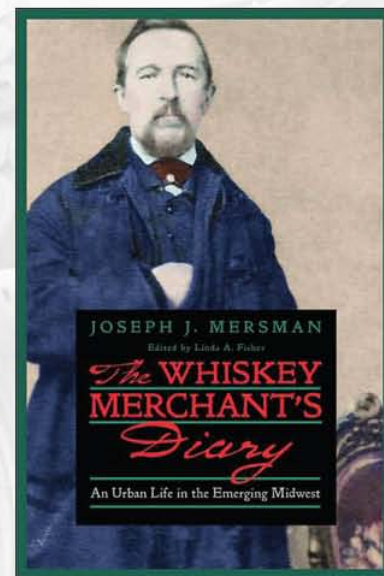
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**OCTOBER 20**

**COLLEGE PARK LOCATION**

*Secret Empire: Eisenhower, the CIA, and the Hidden Story of the America's Space Espionage*  
by Philip Taubman



**NOVEMBER 17**

*The Whiskey Merchant's Diary: An Urban Life in the Emerging Midwest*  
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## National Archives Creates Awards for Excellence in Genealogy

*Two awards to be granted for articles based on National Archives records*

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, the National Archives announces two awards to recognize significant achievements in genealogy research, based on records from the National Archives.

The National Archives is known worldwide as a treasure chest of genealogical information. Each year, millions of people use Federal records in the National Archives to search for their family roots. Census schedules, ship passenger arrival lists, citizenship papers, military pension files, land patents, and court records offer detailed evidence to flesh out family histories. This competition provides an opportunity for students to share their research "treasures" with the public.

The awards are \$1,000 for first place; \$500 for second place. Winning articles may be published in *Prologue*, the quarterly magazine of the National Archives, and/or on the National Archives web site.

To be eligible, an applicant must be either an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning; have completed at least one semester; and have not yet advanced to candidacy, if in a Ph.D. program. An applicant does not have to be an American citizen, but must be attending an American college or university. Permanent National Archives employees are not eligible.

Awards will be announced at the National Archives annual Genealogy Fair on April 22, 2009.

### More Information

Additional information about the awards can be viewed at [www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2009/nr09-18.html](http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2009/nr09-18.html).

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