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# Blue Paper Pilot Project

by Robert Coren

As one of the increased security measures in the public research rooms of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in the Washington, DC, area, NARA will launch a pilot project beginning Monday, June 6, to determine if changing the color of the copier paper used in public research room copiers and printers improves document security.

The print edition of this Researcher News is on the blue paper used in the pilot project.

During the pilot, which runs through August 26, the standard white copying paper will be replaced by a pastel blue paper so that copies of documents and printouts from public use copiers can be more easily distinguished from actual documents by the research room staff and the security officers. Color photocopiers are exempt from the study.

Mislaid documents can be lost forever. It is not uncommon for a researcher to unintentionally intermingle their personal papers and copies with the archival documents they are using. In order to safeguard the records with which we have been entrusted, we must take whatever measures necessary to prevent their alienation.

The switch to colored paper was first raised at the November 2010 public meeting with DC-area researchers and at subsequent meetings. NARA managers expressed the need to easily differentiate between originals and copies for document-security purposes. Adjustments in the policy were made for color copiers, but the copies will still say "Reproduced at the National Archives."

Certified copies on white paper will still be available and admissible in court. Staff will make copies for certifications with the stamp to show they were reproduced at the Archives, and add the NARA seal and certification form, which will be fastened by a ribbon and grommet. The blue paper is only for self-service and Public Access PC copying. It also includes copies produced by the CREST system, the CIA declassified document collection available in the Archives II Library.

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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 <a href="www.archives.gov">www.archives.gov</a>.

See Blue Paper FAQs at

www.archives.gov/dc-metro/blue-paper-copying-fags.html

# **BLUE PAPER FAQs**

Also available at www.archives.gov/dc-metro/blue-paper-copying-fags.html.

#### 1. Why is NARA making this change?

The change from white to colored copying paper for use in NARA's research facilities in the DC area was a recommendation of NARA's Holdings Protection Team as an enhanced way to clearly delineate which papers were copied on NARA equipment or printed out at one of the Public Use PC printers, and which papers might be actual record material.

#### 2. Why was blue selected?

We experimented with more than a dozen different colors to check for distortion of image and clarity of copy. The particular shade of blue, known as Windsor Blue and made by the Neenah Paper Company, is among the lightest shades of blue that is available to NARA, yet it stands out clearly among documents on white paper. The other options were pink and various shades of yellow. No one supported the idea of pink on aesthetic grounds, and the yellows look too much like other documents. The Windsor Blue paper was pale enough to minimize the distortion of the image and blue enough to be easily detected by research room staff and guard staff. It will also assist researchers in preventing actual records from getting mixed or confused with their copies. The Windsor Blue paper is also readily available through the U.S. Government Printing Office in all three sizes that we use.

#### 3. How will certifications be handled?

The certification process will not change. The staff will continue to make copies on white paper and then certify that they are documents from the National Archives of the United States.

#### 4. I use the color copier on the 5th floor—Still Pictures. How will this change affect copying there?

The color copiers will continue to use white paper.

#### 5. If I order copies from NARA, what color paper will be used?

Copies made by NARA contractors or staff outside of the research room area will continue to use white paper. The blue paper is only for research room self-service copying on blackand-white copiers, and on printers used in connection with Public Use personal computers.

#### 6. What impact will this change have on the CREST (CIA) System in Room 3000? What color paper will be used?

The CREST System is supported by the CIA. The CIA will continue to provide the paper used with that system. The blue paper that they will supply is going to be a somewhat darker shade of blue than the Windsor blue, but they have agreed to provide blue paper in support of the security procedures recommended by the holdings protection team.

#### 7. Can I bring in my own copy paper?

No. NARA must provide the copy paper. We actively discourage researchers from bringing in papers to collect data or other information, and we prohibit anyone trying to bring in their own personal copying paper. By providing wi-fi technology, we are attempting to eliminate as much extra paper from the research process as possible.



# John F. Kennedy Presidential Library

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## **Notice from JFK Presidential Library**

Due to the need to update its archival storage areas, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will provide restricted access to its textual archival collections starting in late summer and extending into the fall of 2011. During that time period, currently estimated to last from August 12 through Nov. 15, 2011, only a select number of collections will be physically available to researchers and to Archives staff members. These include:

- · the National Security Files;
- the Ernest Hemingway Papers; and
- the Audiovisual collections (still images, moving images, and audio recordings).

All other collections will be unavailable for research during the approximately 12-week period and research visits should be planned, accordingly. Without access to materials for research, Archives staff members will be limited in their ability to respond to off-site requests during this period, as well.

Please note that all digitized collections, including the President's Office Files, the John F. Kennedy Personal Papers, the John F. Kennedy Oral History Collection, and the White House Photographs, will remain accessible via our website: www.jfklibrary.org.

We urge all researchers to contact the JFK Library's research room before planning on-site visits: 617.514.1629 or <u>Kennedy.Library@nara.gov</u>.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation during this period of restricted access.

A Presidential Library Administered by the National Archives and Records Administration





#### Accessioned Microfilm



# Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)

by Rebecca Crawford

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) holds the microfilm of immigrant arrivals from the 1800s to the 1980s, but not all records have been processed and made available for researchers. The unprocessed records are known as accessioned microfilm. Once these records are processed, and after they are digitized, they will be transferred to Lenexa, KS, for storage.

Since much of this film is the original negative or positive copy and is often the only existing copy of the passenger manifest, it must be protected from scratches or other types of damage. For this reason, these records will not be used for reference and will be unavailable during your visit to NARA.

#### Prior to May 1, 1951

Researchers who are looking for records prior to 1951 that are not available online or on microfilm should contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Fill out a Genealogy Index Search Request, form G-1041. The form can be found at www.uscis.gov.

#### Mail requests to:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Genealogy Program P.O. Box 805925 Chicago, IL 60680-4120

#### Post May 1, 1951

Researchers who are looking for records post-1951, please fill out form G-639 FOIA/PA to request the immigrant's file, which will contain the individual's official entry record. The form can be found at www.uscis.gov.

#### Mail requests to:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office P.O. Box 648010 Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010

Additional information about USCIS or its genealogy program can be found at www.uscis.gov.



by Kristen Albrittain

This Fall, the National Archives is piloting a new reference channel. Ask an Archivist instant messenger (IM) chat, to help researchers as they start their investigations into the records. Users will be able to chat online with Archives employees in real time, providing a quick, oneon-one approach to ready reference and Archives orientation. Stay tuned for more information, coming soon!

## "I Found It in the Archives" Contest

by Kristen Albrittain

You, the National Archives researchers, have discovered some pretty amazing stories over the years. That's why the National Archives is proud to be participating in the Society of American Archivists' "I Found It in the Archives" contest this spring and summer in an effort to raise awareness about the meaningful records in our holdings. Whether you're in Philadelphia or Atlanta, Riverside or Washington, DC, if you've visited a National Archives facility to do research or have been helped by our archivists to find records that you need, we want to hear about it. There are two ways to enter the contest: either submit a

400-word written essay or a video of no more than two minutes.

Either way, the goal is to describe your quest for information and

explain why finding it has made a difference for you.



The contest dates are:

- · Submissions accepted: June 9 (International Archives Day)-August 9
- · Semi-finalists announced: August 23
- Public voting: August 23–September 13
- Final winner announced: September 16, 2011 (in honor of Constitution Day)

For more information, please visit www.archives.gov/contest/found-it.html. We look forward to hearing about what you've found in the Archives!

# Interesting

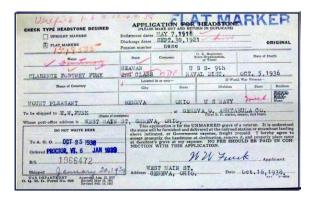
# **Facts and Tips About the National Archives**

## **Did You Know?**

## **Burial Locations** of Veterans

by Claire Prechtel-Kluskens

You can locate the burial locations of more than 621,000 veterans of the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and other wars using National Archives Microfilm Publications M1916, Applications for Headstones for U.S. Military Veterans, 1925–1941 (134 rolls), and M2113, Applications for Headstones for U.S. Military Veterans, 1941–1949 (278 rolls). These records are arranged alphabetically by name.



## PRESERVATION TIPS



by Lisha Penn

To help us protect the records and to ensure their future research availability by others...

- Please remember to remove copy tabs from your boxes prior to releasing them for refile to the stacks. Copy tabs (if there are too many) can often cause archival boxes to expand beyond their normal storage capacity, which could physically damage the records.
- Be sure to turn around any backwards-facing boxes—to the frontward position on your cart.
- Check to see if your boxes are in the same order that they were pulled for your use. By returning carts of requested records to us this way, this ensures that they will be refiled correctly in the stacks, and will also help us to find them for other future researchers.

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### **New Microfilm Publications**

by Claire Prechtel-Kluskens

The National Archives continues to process accessioned microfilm that provides information about arrivals into the United States and to make available new microfilm publications. Staff recently completed the following National Archives microfilm publications.

These are listed by Record Group (RG) then by microfilm publication number.

#### Record Group 85. Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service

- A3490, Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Baudette, Warroad, and International Falls, Minnesota, March 1910-July 1923 [1 roll, 16mm]. Contains more than 900 manifests.
- A3626, Shipmaster Statements Regarding Changes in Crew of Vessels Departing from Mobile, Alabama, July 1925-December 1931 [4 rolls, 35mm].
- A3641, Alien (Nov. 1904–Nov. 1939) and Citizen (Sept. 1923-Nov. 1939) Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Brunswick, Georgia [1 roll, 35mm]. ARC Identifier 2838591.
- A3647, U.S. Citizen Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Charleston, South Carolina, November 1919-December 1948 [1 roll, 35mm]. ARC Identifier 2723261.
- A3969, Shipmaster Statements Regarding Changes in Crew of Vessels Departing from Gulfport, Mississippi, May 1917-November 1945 [5 rolls, 35mm]. ARC Identifier 2771918.
- A4040, Mortuary Records of Chinese Decedents in California, July 1870-April 1933, Compiled by the San Francisco, California, Immigration Office [1 roll, 35mm].
- A4234, Passenger Manifests of Airplanes Arriving at Boca Chica, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Key West, Miami, Orlando, Pensacola, and Tampa, Florida, and Charleston, South Carolina, April 1944-December 1945 [1 roll, 35mm]. ARC Identifier 4477137.

#### Record Group 41, Records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation

M1877, Master Abstracts of Registers and Enrollments Issued for Merchant Vessels at Selected District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Ports, January 1815-June 1811 [2 rolls, 35mm].

#### Record Group 21, Records of United States District Courts

- P2041, Minutes of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi 1853-1860 and 1866, and Minutes of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, 1866–1874 [1 roll, 35mm].
- P2042, Calendar of Petitions for Decrees in Bankruptcy of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, 1842-1843 [1 roll, 35mm].

#### Record Group 77, Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers

- P2059, Selected Correspondence and Financial Records from the Engineer Offices at Fort Taylor and Key West, Florida, 1845–1908 [4 rolls, 35mm]. ARC Identifiers 2805993 (part) and 2805997 (part).
- P2063, Letters Received at the Engineer Office at Fort Clinch, Amelia Island, Florida, October 1865-September 1866 [1 roll, 35mm]. ARC Identifier 2805991.

For a listing of microfilm publications from 2000 to the present, visit www.archives.gov/research/microfilm/.

Through Order Online! you can request reproductions of certain types of records and pay for your order with most major credit cards. Visit www.archives.gov/research/order/.



# **New Publications** by Staff

Periodically, staff publishes articles in order to expand research community awareness of the National Archives' 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:

#### John Deeben (published):

- "By Way of the Chesapeake: Maryland Passenger Arrival Records at the National Archives, 1820–1957," Maryland Genealogical Society Journal 51:3 (December 2010): 395–410.
- "Last Rites for the Honored Dead: Records of Military Burials in National Cemeteries," NGS Magazine 37:1 (January-March 2011): 17-20.

#### Claire Prechtel-Kluskens (published):

Prechtel-Kluskens, Claire. "Researching Volunteer Soldiers of the War of 1812," NGS Magazine 37:1 (Jan.-Mar. 2011): 36-41.

## Social Media at the National Archives

by Meredith Doviak

We want to hear from you! The National Archives continues to expand our presence on various social media communities. We invite you to connect with us, join the conversation, and share your story. Here are just a few of the ways you can connect with us online:





Research at the National Archives Facebook Page: Learn more about newly described or digitized records, ask guestions to National Archives staff members, provide tips, and engage with other researchers. www.facebook.com/researchatusnationalarchives



Today's Document Facebook Page: Explore the holdings of the U.S. National Archives as we feature a new document or photograph each day. We invite you to view the documents, comment, and suggest new ideas for featured documents. www.facebook.com/TodaysDoc



NARAtions DC-area Researchers Channel: The NARAtions blog provides a forum for researchers to learn more about NARA's holdings, online public access, news and events at the National Archives, our employees, and more. Our DC-area Researchers category captures posts specific to news and meetings at the Washington, DC-area facilities. <a href="http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?cat=62">http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?cat=62</a>



The Text Message Blog: Want to hear from the processing archivists at the National Archives? The Text Message is a blog from the Textual Archives Services Division at the National Archives. Learn more about the discoveries made by archivists, specialists, and staff as they process records and make them available to the public. http://blogs.archives.gov/TextMessage/



Our Archives Wiki: Our Archives is an online space for researchers, educators, genealogists, and Archives staff to share information and knowledge about the records of the National Archives and about their research. Have you made a great find in NARA's records? Or do you have a story to tell related to our records? Come share it on the Our Archives Wiki! www.ourarchives.wikispaces.net/



Flickr: The U.S. National Archives Flickr photostream (www.flickr.com/photos/usnationalarchives) features select photographs from the collection of the National Archives including photos from the DOCUMERICA Project, Mathew Brady Civil War photos, and some of our most popular and most requested photographs and documents.





Inside the Vaults Videos on YouTube: "Inside the Vaults" is part of the ongoing effort by the National Archives to make its collections, stories, and accomplishments more accessible to the public. "Inside the Vaults" gives voice to Archives staff and users, highlights new and exciting finds at the Archives, and reports on complicated and technical subjects in easily understandable presentations. Topics include the conservation of the original Declaration of Independence, the new Grace Tully collection of documents at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library, and the transfer to the National Archives of the Nuremberg Laws. www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives#p/c/5F66D151A2D578AA

View our Social Media Strategy at www.archives.gov/social-media/strategies/.

We welcome your comments on our strategy at socialmedia@nara.gov, or comment on our blog post on NARAtions: <a href="http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?p=3755">http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?p=3755</a>.

Our social media presence is always expanding. To find a complete listing of our social media initiatives, please view our directory at www.archives.gov/social-media/.

Archives Library Information Center (ALIC) blog coming soon.



# Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

# Mine Warfare Operations Files (MINEA)

By Andrea Shahmohammadi

The National Archives has recently added the Mine Warfare Operations Files (MINEA) to the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) online resource at www.archives.gov/aad. These records were created by the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (OJCS), Operations Directorate (J-3) to document the entire mine seeding operations in interior waterways and harbors conducted by the United States Navy in North Vietnam during the period from May 1972 to January 1973. This was the only period of the war during which the United States was engaged in extensive mine laying activities north of the demilitarized zone (DMZ). Data from two operations, Pocket Money and Linebacker, is included in the files. Each record includes the location of the mine seeding, the activation and safe date of each string of mines laid, the number of mines of each type and sensitivity of each string, geographic coordinates of the end of each string, and the type of aircraft that delivered the string. After the Paris Peace Accords, the agency used the information within these files to determine where the United States needed to remove the remaining mines.

In addition to MINEA, the National Archives has 17 other electronic records series relating to the Vietnam War accessible for online searching through AAD. These electronic records series contain a variety of records ranging from casualty records, including those missing in action or prisoners of war, to records about foreign allies such as units in the Cambodian Armed Forces (Forces Armees Nationales Khmeres). Most of the Vietnam War series available online contain data on combat operations of different branches of the military. enemy initiated incidents, and contracts awarded by military services and agencies.

You can search MINEA, or other records concerning the Vietnam War at www.archives.gov/aad under the link "Vietnam" War" under the Wars/International Relations category.

> Please contact the electronic records staff at cer@nara.gov with any questions about AAD.



## **National Archives Records Digitized** and Available

Our digitization partners, Ancestry.com and Footnote.com, have digitized select NARA microfilm publications and original records and made them available on their web sites for a fee. See the current listing at www.archives.gov/digitization/digitized-by-partners.html.



# Resources for Genealogists



# Reference Reports Now Online

by John Deeben

For a number of years, researchers visiting the Robert M. Warner Research Center at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, have been able to access a specific "onsite" finding aid—color-coded reference reports produced by the staff of the Research Support Branch. These reference reports are one- to four-page outlines that describe microfilmed (and some textual) records and research strategies for specific topics of interest to genealogists, including the Federal census, immigration, military service in various wars, African Americans, Native Americans, and the District of Columbia, among others. Until now, these reference reports were only available in paper copy at the National Archives Building (although at least one organization, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, made copies of the reports available on their own web site).

The genealogy staff has long wanted to make the reference reports available digitally via NARA's web site, so that researchers across the country could access the same resource enjoyed by onsite patrons at the research center in downtown Washington. After a two-year (and still ongoing) editing project to recheck facts and standardize language and formatting, the first batch of reference reports in PDF (Portable Digital Format) version went live on the NARA web site in March 2011. Located under "Resources for Genealogists" in the "Research Our Records" section of the web site at www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/referencereports.html, the initial release includes reference reports relating to the Military and African Americans. Future releases will include reports about Asian Americans, Census, Citizenship, Civil Service, District of Columbia, Hispanic Americans, Immigration, and Native Americans.

- The military reference reports cover a variety of topics relating to military service from 1775 to the mid-20th century, including how to research enlisted men and officers in the Regular Army and Navy, available draft registration cards, and electronic enlistment files and casualty records from World War II.
- Reports about volunteer service are arranged by war or conflict, ranging from the Revolutionary War (1775–1783) to the Philippine Insurrection (1899–1902).
- Other topics of interest include carded medical records, 1821–1912; U.S. military post returns, 1800–1916; bountyland warrants, 1775–1855; Revolutionary and Civil War veterans and pensioners enumerated in Federal censuses: and troop movement and activities of volunteer units in the U.S. Army, 1775-1902.
- The African American reference reports cover ways to research African American families in the Federal censuses during and after slavery, military service with the United States Colored Troops and the Buffalo Soldiers, and the various records of the Freedmen's Bureau (separate reports arranged by state) and the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company.
- Other reports devoted to slavery issues include the WPA Slave Narratives, and Federal court records relating to slavery in the District of Columbia, 1820–1863.

With the release of these finding aids online, the hope is that the reference reports will spark new interest in the longstanding records of genealogical interest held by the National Archives, and offer patrons an inviting way to obtain useful information about these records before they even set foot in the door.

FROM THE

# **Archives Library Information Center**

by Jeffery Hartley



National Archives Library, Washington, DC

# **Fiscal Year 2012 Changes** to ALIC

As a result of budget cuts for fiscal year 2012, the following changes will be made to the operations of the Archives Library Information Center (ALIC).

- At the National Archives Building in Washington, DC (Archives I), the Information Center will remain open with reduced services. Customer Service staff will provide reference help from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The published and online resources currently available will remain, including public access PCs; the book collection related to genealogy, the U.S., and world history prior to World War I; and the U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection. However, there will be no new purchases for the collection at this site.
- ALIC at the National Archives at College Park (Archives II) will also remain open, but with reduced staff and hours. ALIC materials will be available to staff and researchers from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Government publications collection, the remainder of the general collection, and access to various online resources will remain. CREST and the CIA Records Search Tool will continue to be available. ALIC will remain a U.S. Government documents depository library, but with a limited amount of new purchases for the general collection. Telephone, e-mail, and letter-reference request services for the public and staff will continue.

#### **Recent ALIC Acquisitions**

National Archives Building, Washington, DC (Archives I) AII National Archives at College Park, MD (Archives II)

The following is a list of some of ALIC's recent acquisitions and donations.

- Book of Names: The United States Colored Troops. Washington, DC: African American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation & Museum. 3 v. F 93 A458 2009 AT
- Aldrich, Richard J. Witness to War: Diaries of the Second World War in Europe and the Middle East. London: Doubleday, 2004. xi, 720 p. D 811 A2 W56 2004 AII
- Andrade, Dale. Surging South of Baghdad: the 3d Infantry Division and Task Force Marne in Iraq, 2007-2008. Washington, DC: Center of Military History, United States Army, 2010. xvii, 429 p. DS 79.765 U6 A53 2010 AII
- Doyle, Robert C. The Enemy in Our Hands: America's Treatment of Enemy Prisoners of War, From the Revolution to the War on Terror. Lexington, Ky.: University Press of Kentucky, c2010. xx, 468 p. UB 803 D689 2010 AII
- Ferrell, Robert H. Unjustly Dishonored: An African American Division in World War I. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, c2011. ix, [8], 123 p. D 639 N4 F47 2011 AII
- Fleek, Sherman L. Place the Headstones Where They Belong: Thomas Neibaur, WWI Soldier. Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, c2008. xxiv, 222 p. D 548 F52 2008 AII
- Foote, Lorien. The Gentlemen and the Roughs: Manhood, Honor, and Violence in the Union Army. New York: New York University Press, c2010. x, 237 p. E 491 F66 2010 AT
- Edsel, Robert M. The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes. Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History. New York, NY: Center Street, 2009. xvi, 473 p. D 810 A7 E23 2009 AII
- Schifferle, Peter J. America's School for War: Fort Leavenworth, Officer Education, and Victory in World War II. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, c2010. xi, 295 p. UA 26 L4 S35 2010 AII
- Sharp, John G. African Americans in Slavery and Freedom on the Washington Navy Yard 1799–1865. Concord, CA: Morgan Hannah Press, 2011. iv, 127 p. F 205 N4 S53 2011 AII





Visit us at www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-record

#### About The Program

The National Archives Customer Services Division presents the Know Your Records Program. These are free events about our holdings in Washington, DC, and College Park, MD. The Know Your Records Program offers opportunities for staff, volunteers, and researchers to learn about the National Archives' records through lectures, ongoing genealogy programs, workshops, symposia, the annual genealogy fair, an online genealogy tutorial, and editions of Researcher News.

#### **Program Locations**

- National Archives Building (Archives I) 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408
- · National Archives at College Park (Archives II) 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740

#### Contact Know Your Records Staff

KYR@nara.gov 202.357.5333 National Archives and Records Administration **Customer Services Division** 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20408-0001

## JUNE-AUGUST 2011 SCHEDULE

# Know Your Records Weekly Lectures Room G-24, Research Center (Pennsylvania Ave. Entrance)

TUESDAY, June 7, at 11 a.m.

#### **Department of State Records**

David Langbart, archivist, provides an overview of the records of the Department of State in the National Archives. He explains how the Department's central files have changed over time and as well as the several record groups that include Department's records. (The lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, Wednesday, June 8, at 11 a.m.)

TUESDAY, June 14, at 11 a.m.

#### **National Declassification Center**

Neil Carmichael, Director of the Indexing and Declassification Review Division for the National Declassification Center at the National Archives, discusses the work of the NDC over the past year in opening millions of previously classified national security information. (The lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room D, Thursday, June 16, at 11 a.m.)

TUESDAY, June 28, at 11 a.m.

#### Online Resources: Military Casualty Records on Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

Kathryn Fleming, archivist, will discuss the electronic records available in our Access to Archival Databases online resource. She will demonstrate how to use AAD by highlighting one of the newest series available: Defense Casualty Analysis System Files, 1950–2006. (The lecture will be repeated at the National Archives at College Park, MD, in Lecture Room B, Thursday, June 30, at 11 a.m.)



After a summer break, the Know Your Records lectures will return in September.



# JUNE-AUGUST 2011 SCHEDULE

#### **Genealogy Programs**

Room G-24, Research Center (Pennsylvania Ave. Entrance)



■ Wednesday, June 1, at 11 a.m.

#### Introduction to Genealogy

Archives staff present a lecture on basic genealogical research in Federal records. This lecture is offered on the first Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday, June 15, at 11 a.m.

#### Beyond the Basics: Introduction to the 1940 Census

Archives staff teach "beyond the basic" archival research skills for genealogists on the third Wednesday of the month. Constance Potter, staff archivist, presents an introduction and discussion of the new questions found in the 1940 census.

Saturday, June 18, at 10 a.m.

#### Beyond the Basics: Researching War of 1812 Military Service

Archives staff teach "beyond the basic" archival research skills for genealogists on the third Saturday of the month. This month's topic is researching military service in the War of 1812.

Saturday, June 18, noon-4 p.m.

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

Not sure where to begin? Has a genealogical problem stumped you? An archivist is available from noon to 4 p.m. to answer genealogy research questions. Sign up for a 20-minute appointment at the Microfilm Research desk in room G-26 that Saturday.



Wednesday, July 6, at 11 a.m.

#### Introduction to Genealogy

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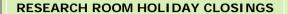


Wednesday, August 3, at 11 a.m.

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- Monday, July 4 Independence Day
- Monday, September 5 Labor Day
- Monday, October 10 Columbus Day
- Friday, November 11 Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day
- Monday, December 26 Christmas Day



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#### **USER GROUP MEETING DATES**

Mark your calendar for the following:

- July & August summer break
- September 16 Archives I, Room G-24, at 1 p.m.

See meeting notes at

www.archives.gov/dc-metro/researcher-users-group/.

ALL ARE WELCOME!