

Accessibility/Access for Persons with Disabilities

We are committed to ensuring that Online Public Access (OPA) is accessible to all its users. This Web site has been developed to comply with [Section 508](#) of the Rehabilitation Act (as amended). Listed below are several of the capabilities provided for accessibility in the OPA system.

Skip to Links

Located at the top left of each page of the Web site, "skip to" links allow users to quickly skip to the content or navigation sections of the page. This feature may be helpful if you are using a screen magnifier or speech browser, or are viewing the site on a small screen.

Text Size

If you find the text on this site too small or too big, you can change it using your browser menu. The default size of most browsers is "medium" or "normal". The text on our pages can be made larger by doing the following on each of our supported browsers:

Internet Explorer v7.0 and v8.0:

1. Select the **Page** menu
2. Select **Text Size**
3. Select your choice of **Largest, Larger, Medium, Smaller, Smallest** text sizes

Firefox v3.5.x and v3.6.x:

1. Select the **View** menu
2. Select **Zoom**
3. Select the **Text Size Only** option
4. Select the **View** menu again
5. Select **Zoom In** or **Zoom Out** to get the desired text size or, alternatively, select and hold the '**Ctrl**' button on your keyboard along with '+' to increase the text size or '-' to decrease the text size. '**Ctrl**' and '0' returns the text to the default size.

Chrome v5:

Chrome v5 does not provide a means to change only text size. The entire page can be made larger by doing the following:

1. Select the **Document** icon on your browser
2. Select the **Zoom** option
3. Select **Larger** or **Smaller** to get the desired text size or, alternatively, select and hold the '**Ctrl**' button on your keyboard along with '+' to increase the text size or '-' to decrease the text size. '**Ctrl**' and '0' returns the text to the default size.

Keyboard Controls

Some versions of the Microsoft Windows Media Player installed with Windows XP are limited in their keyboard control accessibility. A newer [version of the plugin](#) is known to have more accessible keyboard controls.

Accessible Rich Internet Application

To provide an accessible user experience to people with disabilities, assistive technologies need to be able to interact with these controls. The Online Public Access search interface uses the [WAI-ARIA](#) (Accessible Rich Internet Applications or ARIA) W3C Web standard for enhancing and supporting accessibility of dynamically visible (“aria-hidden”) content. Newer browsers such as Internet Explorer 8 or later and Firefox 3 or later are required by ARIA.

Limitations of Archival Content

The National Archives’ Online Public Access system both links to and collects electronic records in a variety of formats from a variety of sources. Some of the archival content may not be fully accessible. Where NARA provides digital copies of records (e.g., documents, photographs, films, etc.), we also provide archival catalog descriptions of those records. If you require a transcript of a film or sound recording, or additional information about the records, please contact us.

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