Introduction to Research at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

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Overview
The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) houses the historical, non-current records of the U.S. (federal) government.

About 2–5% of records created are deemed permanent (~12.5 billion pages plus electronic records).

Includes records from each branch of government:

- **Executive** (e.g., Bureau of Indian Affairs)
- **Judicial** (Federal court system, U.S. Supreme Court)
- **Legislative** (U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives)
Records Arrangement

NARA records are arranged by the federal agency or court that created them.

Records are divided into numbered **record groups** (usually one per agency/office) and then into numbered entries or **series** (usually reflective of a particular activity or function of the agency/office).

**Example:**
- Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records are found in Record Group 85.
- Record Group 85 includes the series, “Subject and Policy Files, 1906–1957” (Entry A1 9).
- The Subject and Policy Files are arranged numerically by file number.

Record group and series numbers can be obtained from the [National Archives Catalog](https://catalog.archives.gov), from finding aids on site, or by writing to our staff.
Essential questions to ask when. . .

- Researching an **individual**:
  - What was the person’s relationship to the federal government?
  - How (and when) did they interact with a federal agency or court?
- Researching an **event**:
  - When did the event occur?
  - Which federal agency or court would have had jurisdiction or otherwise been involved?
- Researching a **place**:
  - Was the place ever part of the federal public domain?
- Researching a **court case**:
  - Was the case filed in a federal court? If so, which one?
NARA Sources

- Archives.gov
- Guide to Federal Records
- NARA Microfilm Catalog
- National Archives Catalog

→ Free to access from any location

Institutional Partners

- Ancestry.com ($) 
- Fold3.com ($) 
- Familysearch.org (account)

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Research in the National Archives Catalog

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- Catalog Newsletter

Other Online Research Tools

- Guide to Federal Records
- Online Tools / Ways to Search Online
- Access to Archival Databases (AAD)
- Microfilm Catalog
- Free Databases at NARA facilities
- Links to Records Digitized by our Partners

Research Your Ancestry

Learn about our records and how to use them to research and discover your family history.

Research Military Records

Research military records at the National Archives from the Revolutionary War to the present.

Research a Specific Topic

Perform research on people, places, events and other popular topics of interest.

Operating Status

Check the Facebook pages and Twitter or call 301-837-9000 in the DC area. Nationwide Federal government operating status updates are available on the OPM website.

What's New?

Research Rooms will be closed on Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Researcher News
2018 Research Room Closings

Research Events

9/11 Community Day of Remembrance and Scout Salute - September 11, 2018, 7:00 a.m. EDT
ArtPrize Preview Week: First Look at Artists Installing Their Entries - September 12, 2018, 9:00 a.m. EDT
Law and Order in the Archives: Bootleggers, Counterfeiters, Privateers, and Everything in Between - September 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m. EDT

https://www.archives.gov/research
Resources for Genealogists

Start Your Family Research

Learn how you can use the resources at the National Archives to explore your family’s ancestry.

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- Genealogy Resources
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- Free Databases at National Archives Facilities
- NARA Genealogy Videos (YouTube)

Popular Topics

- Census Records
- Military Service Records
- Immigration Records
- Naturalization Records
- More Topics and Record Types

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About Census Records

Introduction to Census Records

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- The name of your relative or ancestor, and
- The state where he or she resided.

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What can the Census tell me?

Census records can provide the building blocks of your research, allowing you both to confirm information and learn more.

From 1850 to 1940, details are provided for all individuals in each household. Details can include:

https://www.archives.gov/research/census/about
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Email: archives1reference@nara.gov

Research Room Hours
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Museum and Rotunda Hours
Please see the National Archives Museum website for the latest information.

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Find directions to our

Visit the Museum
The Rotunda of the National Archives Building displays the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and other foundational documents of the United States.

https://www.archives.gov/dc
Textual Records at the National Archives at Washington, DC

The National Archives at Washington, DC (Archives 1) Reference Branch provides information to on- and off-site researchers about records housed here.

We can suggest record groups and series for researchers to consult, assist researchers in using our finding aids, and help researchers order copies. We are not staffed to provide general research or genealogical services.

Overview of Our Records:

Textual records housed at Archives 1 can be grouped into three broad categories: Army, Navy/Maritime, and Civilian. Records of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives are housed with the Center for Legislative Archives.

Army

Includes records of U.S. Army soldiers and units from the

Navy/Maritime

Includes records of the U.S. Navy (prior to World War II, Coast

Civilian

Includes records of select non-military Federal agencies, Federal

https://www.archives.gov/dc/research/textual-records
Guide to Federal Records
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We're including results for Indian Affairs from www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/ only.
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www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/075.html
75.4 general records of the bureau of Indian Affairs 1801-1952 History: Office of Indian Affairs transferred from War Department to Department of the ... 

Records of the United States Senate | National Archives
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https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/075.html
75.1 ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Established: In the Department of the Interior, effective September 17, 1947, through an exchange of memorandums between the Chief, Budget and Operations Division, Office of Indian Affairs, and the Chief, Division of Budget and Administrative Management, Office of the Secretary of the Interior, September 10 and 17, 1947, as part of a plan to standardize departmental nomenclature.

Predecessor Agencies:

In the War Department:
- Office of the Secretary of War (1789-1824, except supervision of Indian trade, 1806-22)
- Office of Indian Trade (supervision of Indian trade, 1806-22)
- Office of Indian Affairs (1824-49)

In the Department of the Interior:
- Office of Indian Affairs (1849-1947)

Functions: Develops and implements, in cooperation with tribal governments, Native American organizations, other federal agencies, state and local governments, and other interested groups, economic, social, educational, and other programs for the benefit and advancement of Indian and Alaska Native peoples.


- Records of the Indian Health Service, RG 513.

75.2 RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR RELATING TO INDIAN AFFAIRS 1794-1824

History: Responsibility for administration of federal policy toward Indians initially vested in the War Department, under the immediate Office of the Secretary of War by an act of August 20, 1789 (1 Stat. 54). Separate Office of Indian Trade, established in 1806 to administer the factory system, was abolished, 1822 (SEE 75.3). Bureau-level Office of Indian Affairs established in the War Department by order of Secretary of War John C. Calhoun, March 11, 1824, headed by the former Supervisor of Indian Trade.

Position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to head Office of Indian Affairs, established by an act of July 9, 1832 (4 Stat. 564). Office of Indian Affairs transferred to the Department of the Interior, 1849. SEE 75.4.


Letters received, 1800-23.
What the Guide **CAN** do:

- Help identify record groups related to particular topics
- Help identify record group numbers for specific federal agencies/courts
- Provide a basic administrative history of agencies/courts and their functions
- Provide an overview of the general types of records found in record groups

What the Guide **CAN’T** do:

- Provide specific series titles, series numbers, or other information needed to pull or request records
- Provide the location of specific series in NARA’s holdings
- Provide the most up-to-date information on NARA’s holdings
- Indicate which records have been digitized
Microfilm Catalog
https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline
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### Search & Browse NARA's Microfilm Catalog

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## Scope & Content

This series includes oversized petitioners, plaintiffs and defendants cartographic exhibit materials separated from the closed docketed case files. Some of these items were intended for wall or table display purposes. Included are manuscript and photoprocessed maps, annotated plastic relief models, annotated published...
Sample Search (Specific Topic)
Search #1:
Washington v. United States
385,772 total results!
Search #2: “Washington v. United States”
11 total results – none are relevant
Tip

Check the **Guide to Federal Records** for the Supreme Court record group number.
Records of the Supreme Court of the United States

(Record Group 267)
1772-1997 (bulk 1790-1984)

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- 267.5 Records of the Office of the Marshal 1864-1940
Tip: Try searching for generic terms related to court cases.

Case file, petition, docket

Tip: Consider how the case reached the Supreme Court.

Appellate courts or original jurisdiction

Tip: Limit search results by Level of Description.

Series
Search Terms: Appellate case files

Record Group Number/Collection ID: 267

Level of Description: Series
Appellate Jurisdiction Case Files, 1792 - 2007
From RG 267
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National Archives Identifier: 301668
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Appellate Jurisdiction Case Files, 1792 - 2017

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To obtain a copy or view the records, please contact or visit the National Archives and Records Administration location(s) listed in the Contact information below.

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Includes: 126 file unit(s) described in the catalog

Other Title(s): Appellate Case Files

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National Archives in Washington, DC Closed

The research room at the National Archives in Washington, DC, is closed due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in Washington, DC. Once public health conditions improve and we are able to reopen the research room we will update our website with additional information.

Notice to NARA Researchers and FOIA Requesters

Due to the continued impact of COVID-19, you may experience a delay in receiving an initial acknowledgment as well as a substantive response to your reference or FOIA request or appeal. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding and patience as we balance mission-critical work and the safety of our staff during the pandemic. Read more on how NARA is addressing COVID-19 (coronavirus): archives.gov/coronavirus.
COVID-19 Updates

On October 18, we began to recall more staff to our facilities. The number of recalled staff depends on the transmission level (substantial, moderate, or low) of the county in which the facility is located. The expansion of operations for each level is detailed in our Reentry and Post-Reentry Plan.

You can still explore our online research resources, exhibits, and educational resources and participate in our Citizen Archivist Missions.

- Where possible, we are hosting public events and outreach activities online and through virtual meetings. All in-person public programs, tours, school group visits, public meetings, external conferences, and facility rentals are cancelled until further notice.
- Follow the National Archives on Facebook (USNationalArchives) and on Twitter (@USNatArchives) for immediate updates.

Research Rooms and Museums

Research Rooms

As local public health metrics allow, our research rooms will open on a limited basis and by appointment only.

- Research Room opening details are in this Frequently Asked Questions page.
- Please check the specific facility page for updates and how to make an appointment.

National Archives staff continue to serve the public remotely by responding to emailed requests for records and History Hub inquiries.

Museums

Most of our museums have reopened with limited hours and timed tickets. Reopenings and continued operation rely on local public health metrics.

- National Archives Museum in Washington, DC | Monday–Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Herbert Hoover Library in West Branch, IA | Tuesday–Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, NY | Monday–Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, KS | Wednesday–Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, MA | Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin, TX | Monday–Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, CA | Monday–Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, MI | Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.
- Jimmy Carter Library in Atlanta, GA | Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, CA | Monday–Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- George H.W. Bush Library in College Station, TX | Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

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