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History Hub is...

a crowdsourcing platform for people interested in researching history and genealogy
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ASK QUESTIONS AND FIND ANSWERS

What is your question about?

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Are you just getting started in your research? Have you reached a stumbling block? We can help.

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History Hub is...

★ A platform where people can get answers from multiple sources
★ ...and a community of citizen experts
★ A knowledge base that scales and improves in quality over time
It is also the result of ongoing research into how organizations communicate with and serve their audiences.
History Hub is based on trends in consumer research and powered by the same platform as the Apple Support Community.
The problem
(user perspective)
My laptop started making a disturbing noise.
Help me, Google!
“Why is my laptop making a weird beeping noise?”
Yes, just like that!
Q: My MacBook Pro is making a beeping sound. What's wrong with it?

My MacBook Pro started making a beeping sound. This was pretty random and out of no where. My MacBook has been running fine... Until now. Please help.

MacBook Pro, OS X Mountain Lion (10.8.4)
Posted on Jul 15, 2013 1:30 PM

Reply | I have this question too (3206)
Within minutes: answer from citizen expert (who does not work for Apple)

This was the answer to my problem!

Also helpful, but didn’t show up in my original search
Success!

★ I asked a specific research question
★ I got an answer within minutes
★ People who are knowledgeable (“citizen experts”) helped on the original problem
★ The answer is available to anyone who Googles a similar research question
User expectations

✓ Ask a specific question
✓ Get help immediately, often from “citizen experts”
✓ Ask follow-up questions
✓ Search and find an answer easily
History Hub in Action

You may request a DD 256, **Honorable Discharge Certificate**, by submitting a SF-180 Form. In your request, state that you were never issued this certificate. Nov 12, 2018

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Google Featured Snippet!
Actual top results from Google, finding similar information using different search terms.
Top Google results from a variety of topics using real-world search terms.
What problems can History Hub solve?
NARA answers questions on a 1 to 1 basis (email, phone, consult)

★ Over 38,000 research questions came through NARA’s website in the last year, and over 192,000 written research requests in all.
NARA answers similar questions again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again...
Searching for Naval record of NATO operation Silver Tower conducted in October 1968

This question is Assumed Answered.

Where can I obtain a copy?

I have the same question (0)

25 Views  Tags (edit):

1 HELPFUL

Rebecca Collie

Re: Searching for Naval record of NATO operation Silver Tower conducted in October 1968

Dear Captain D. Smith,

Thank you for posting your request on History Hub!

Logbooks of U.S. Navy Ships and Stations, 1941 - 1983† and located the deck logs of the USS Wasp (CVS-18) for October 1968, which was part of Task Group 87.1. For access to these records, please contact the National Archives at College Park - Textual Reference (RDT2) via email at archives2reference@nara.gov.

Post-WWII U.S. Navy operational records such as those for TG 87.1 are in the custody of the Operational Archives Branch, Naval History & Heritage Command †, 805 Kidder Breese Street, SE, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-5060.

NATO records pertaining to Exercise Silver Tower are in the custody of the NATO Archives. The website is http://archives.nato.int ‡ and email address is nato.archives@hq.nato.int.

We hope this information is helpful. Best of luck with your research!

1 of 1 people found this helpful

1 Helpful Yes | No  1 Like (0)  1 Reply
NARA can’t always provide a complete answer to the questions because the answer may be in records held elsewhere.
Seeking Civil War Service & Medical Records for Frederick Domke

This question is Not Answered.

I am looking for the civil war service record for my great Grandfather Frederick Domke. He had an alias Frederick Tompelkins. Did he enlist under the alias or did he volunteer to service for someone else? I know that he had unresolved eye issues preventing him from working as a carpenter after his discharge.

I have the same question (0)

75 Views Tags:

Re: Seeking Civil War Service & Medical Records for Frederick Domke

Dear Ms. Osborn,

Thank you for posting your request on History Hub!

We searched the National Parks Service’s Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System and located a listing for a Frederick Domke who served in the 1st Regiment, Missouri Light Artillery. A search for Frederick Tompelkins does not turn up with any results.
Need help finding naturalization records.

According to ship arrival lists and census, my great grandfather Giacomo Baudino was naturalized in Oct 12, 1900 in Santa Fe, NM, but I can't find any records to support this either here or on the NARA site. Anyone have any suggestions? Thanks! MICHAEL

Michael LESTER
Jul 8, 2019 10:24 PM

Re: Need help finding naturalization records.

Dear Mr. Lester,

Thank you for posting your request on History Hub!

We asked the National Archives at Denver (RAM-DV) to search for a record for Giacomo but his name does not appear on their New Mexico naturalization list which covers 1850-1935, nor locate him in RAM-DV's Santa Fe or Tucumcari Federal court records.

Prior to 1906, many naturalization proceedings occurred mostly in the state or local court system since any court of record could complete the process. If you have not already, we suggest that you contact the New Mexico State Records Center and Archives and various city, county, and state records centers in New Mexico to confirm whether any record exists.

There have been cases where early naturalization records from New Mexico were filed in Homestead Entry case files. If he received land from the federal government, what you seek may be there. For more information on completing research within land records at the National Archives, please consult NARA's Land Records web pages. We also searched the National Archives Catalog and located 50 series pertaining to Homestead records and New Mexico. Please review the listing and contact the National Archives facility that has custody of those records.

We hope this is helpful. Best of luck with your family research!

[Information provided by Elizabeth Burnes, Subject Matter Expert]
Researchers can’t find what they’re looking for due to misunderstandings, mistakes, and even typos
Research question with totally wrong name

Records at Universities and Library of Congress

National Archives Records

National Archives expert

Why did so many African American leaders protest Marcy Gravy?
This question is Not Answered.

What examples of progress could leaders like Du Bois, James Weldon, A. Philip Randolph, and Marcus Garvey point out in the 1920s?

I have the same question (0)

246 Views @ Tags:

Rebecca G. Jan 29, 2018 1:46 PM (in response to kobo akatchi)

Re: why did so many African American leaders protest Marcy Gravy?

Dear Kobo Akatchi,

Thank you for contacting the History Hub!

To respond to your question, you will need to investigate the leader you listed. We suggest that you begin by exploring the Marcus Garvey papers at the University of California - Los Angeles African Studies Center @, the papers of W.E.B. duBois at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Library Special Collections and Archives @, the papers of James Weldon Johnson at Emory University Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library @, and the papers of A. Philip Randolph at the Library of Congress @.

There are some Federal records that pertain to Garvey @, duBois @, Johnson @, and Randolph @ in the National Archives Catalog.

Other collections that may be of interest are the records of the NAACP @ housed at the Library of Congress and the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA-ACL) @ at UCLA.

We hope this information is helpful. Best of luck with your research!

2 of 2 people found this helpful
Knowledge and **experience** may be held by experts from other institutions
Are Library of Congress employee records available for 1905?

This question is Not Answered.

Good morning –

Setting the scene: Attempts to retrieve an 1887 Washington, D.C. birth certificated were thwarted by three situations: 1st. no mother’s maiden name, 2nd-6 index pages surrounding the surname in question are missing on Family Search (and presumably in D.C.), and 3rd – D.C. birth certificates are not necessarily chronological and a search of thousands 1 year before and after proved futile.

As it happens, the mother and the son both (according to newspaper article and city directory) worked at the Library of Congress. Is there any way to access records to determine mother’s maiden name?

Thanks!

Dianne Holley

Library of Congress

There is a collection of Library of Congress records held by the Manuscript Division at LC, which include a limited amount of personnel records. A specialist in the Library’s records is available to respond to inquiries submitted via the Ask-A-Librarian page at http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalibrask-mss.html?locl=hhub®. General information about the Manuscript Division is available at http://www.loc.gov/mss/?locl=hhub®.

2 people found this helpful
Research Question

Researcher Appreciates Suggestion

Another “Citizen Expert” Researcher Responds
What are our goals?

★ Facilitate research and connect with new audiences
★ Enable contributions from other institutions, the public and from subject matter experts (of all types)
★ Create a knowledge base that continually improves
★ Improve customer service for an audience accustomed to immediacy
★ Decrease workload (over time) by increasing transparency
Responding to a changing world

Continue engagement with your customer base while you telework

★ **Removes** barriers of physical location
★ **Enables** remote staff and experts to serve the public
Some lessons learned

★ Adapt current work flows to new technologies (which can be a challenge)
★ Collaborative work, with less bureaucracy
★ Partnerships between internal offices (NARA records facilities nationwide, archival staff, and IT staff) are vital
★ Determine the best division of labor and play to your strengths
Growth & Trends
History Hub Cumulative Use

History Hub Growth in Questions and Users

- **Total Questions Asked**
- **Questions with Replies**
- **New Registered Users**

- 2016 Total: 378
- 2017 Total: 373
- 2018 Total: 759
- 2019 Total: 1880
- 2020 (Projected): 2400

Total: 7854
History Hub Growth in Web Traffic

History Hub Growth in Web Traffic

- Visitors
- New Visitors
- Pageviews
- Sessions

Yearly Traffic Comparison:
- 2016 Total
- 2017 Total
- 2018 Total
- 2019 Total
- 2020 (Projected)
History Hub Growth in Searches vs. Emails

History Hub Questions & Searches vs. "Contact Us" Emails

Cumulative Questions vs. Searches vs. "Contact Us" Emails

Month


No data
Growth in Google Search Impressions

- Total clicks: 166K
- Total impressions: 4.76M
- Average CTR: 3.5%
- Average position: 25.2

Graph showing impressions from 12/23/18 to 2/22/20, with a spike on Monday, Feb 24 to 24,531.
Can this work for you?
Security and Privacy

Security

★ The site is on a FedRAMP-certified hosting environment
★ Meets federal security standards

Privacy

★ All posts are moderated and PII is removed
★ Reference staff can use group office accounts to protect their own privacy
How to get started

★ MOUs or agreements are not necessary for partner institutions
★ Participation is open to anyone
★ “Expert” badge for institutions available upon request
★ We can post your FAQs as questions as a low-risk way to get started
★ You can write a blog post to highlight something more complicated or information of interest to the public
★ We can work with you to experiment with the platform on a short term pilot
conducted business in her own name throughout her entire life.

3 people found this helpful

Gina Strack
Northeastern Ohio
(In response to Darren Cole)

Re: Could women vote anywhere before the 19th Amendment?

The Legislative Assembly in the Utah Territory passed a law to give women the vote in February 12, 1870 (a few months after Wyoming Territory had done the same). There was a municipal election in Salt Lake City February 14, 1870 and several women took advantage of the new law. Woman suffrage was removed from Utah Territory as part of Anti-Polygamy laws in 1887, and then restored in the State Constitution, which was ratified by the people of the new State of Utah in 1896.

You can find more information and several primary sources at [https://www.utahwomenshistory.org/](https://www.utahwomenshistory.org/). At the [Utah State Archives](https://www.utah.gov/utahstatearchives) we are getting ready to post a collection online in the next few months that includes many of these legislative documents as well.

2 people found this helpful
Example of FAQ

Thousands of views, answering the question before it comes to us.

How do I obtain military dog tag replacements?

This question has been Answered.

My dog ate my dog tag. How do I get a replacement?

Correct Answer
by mary.king on Jan 7, 2016 2:54 PM

Identification tags (dog tags) are only issued for identification and casualty reporting purposes in the event of the death of a current member of the armed services. The armed services have no provisions for replacement of dog tags after someone has left the military.

There are many private companies that sell custom made, replica dog tags. You can find these companies through an internet search engine or through military/veterans magazines. Please remember that none of these companies are connected to the military or the federal government.
Blog posts can also help make information available

The National Archives recently launched a new pathway to view and explore our records: the Record Group Explorer. This data visualization allows you to browse NARA’s holdings by Record Group. You can use it to get a sense of the scale and organization of records at the National Archives and to explore what is available online via the National Archives Catalog.

We now invite you to give the Record Group Explorer a try while contributing as a citizen archivist. To celebrate the launch of the Record Group Explorer, we’ve created special missions for each Record Group. Our first set of missions invite you to help tag and transcribe Records from the U.S. Secret Service and the Records of the Government of the District of Columbia. We’ll feature additional Record Groups for future missions.

Each of your contributions to these records will help unlock history and make them easier to find in our Catalog for other users.

Have questions about the Record Group Explorer? Ask questions and contribute to the conversation here on History Hub. We’d also love to hear your input on how this new tool might be beneficial to you in your research, and your ideas about how we could further refine this data visualization for future projects.

The data powering the Record Group Explorer is updated regularly. Be sure to check back to see what we have added and what changes we have made.

Almost 80K views in less than 5 months
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Navigating History Hub
History Hub remains open and available for remote research inquiries and requests during the current public health situation. Get started with How to post a question on History Hub and How to create an account on History Hub.

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Recent Blog posts

- World War II Submarine War Patrol Reports
- Introducing the Record Group Explorer: a new pathway to view and explore records at the National Archives
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- Suffrage centenary! 100 years since women got the vote
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- Immigration and Naturalization Records: Where are they?
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  Help for civilians and veterans seeking information and military records, past and present.

- Genealogy
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- Women’s Rights and Suffrage
  We can help answer your questions about the 19th Amendment and the history of the rights of women.

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  There is a wealth of information to be found. Share your successes and find help to get past roadblocks.

- American Indian Records
  Ask questions and share information about locating and retrieving federal American Indian Records.

- Legislative Records
  Records of the House of Representatives, Senate, and legislative branch organizations and commissions.

- Presidential Records
  Many materials from the Executive Office are preserved, maintained, and available to the public.

- Technical Help and Support
  Not sure how to start? We're here to help.

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Where can I find naturalization records?

Similar questions already asked:

1. Where can I find naturalization records for upstate New York (Albany-Troy)?
   asked by esmith555 on May 25, 2016 at 4:05:23 PM
   Where can I find naturalization records for upstate New York (Albany-Troy)?

2. Where can I find naturalization records?
   asked by ksmith23 on January 7, 2018 at 1:40:00 PM
   I'm pretty sure my family from Ireland arrived in New York in the 1890s but I don't know whether the original immigrants ever became citizens. How...

3. Seeking Naturalization records in 1840
   asked by JulieKopitz on November 2, 2019 at 10:03:43 AM
   Where can I find naturalization records for my ancestor who emigrated from Germany in 1832? He came in through Baltimore and settled in Allen C...

4. I'm looking for citizenship records
   asked by Timcady100 on August 26, 2017 at 2:04:34 PM
   Where can I find citizenship or naturalization records?

Search all results in History Hub →
Where can I find naturalization records?

I'm pretty sure my family from Ireland arrived in New York in the 1890s but I don't know whether the original immigrants ever became citizens. How can I find out whether/when they were naturalized? Thanks!

Correct Answer
by mary.king on Jan 7, 2016 2:20 PM

The National Archives and Records Administration maintains some naturalization records, which usually consist of a petition, and sometimes, in addition a declaration of intention, and a certificate of arrival. These records may or may not contain an official certificate of Naturalization.

NATURALIZATION RECORDS BEFORE 1906:
Before September 27, 1906, an alien could seek citizenship through any federal, state, or local court. To obtain copies of naturalization records before this date, you must know the court in which a person was naturalized.
Asking a Question
Didn’t find an answer?

(Create an account first)

Type your question

Click the “Ask” button

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My question doesn’t have an answer

Similar questions already asked:

Don’t see your question?

Ask
Key details to include in a genealogy question

1. Who are you researching?
2. What do you already know about them?
   1. Where did they live?
   2. When did they live?
   3. Who were their relations?
3. Where have you already searched?
4. Helpful images or links?
5. No Personally Identifiable Information (PII) (Social Security #, etc.)

What NOT to include (No PII!)

Use a succinct, descriptive title

Add relevant images and links
Choose a Place to post your question (defaults to “Researchers Help”)

All content is moderated:
  • Questions are moderated in the order they come in.
  • Moderation may take 1-2 days based on volume.
  • No moderation over weekends.
  • Questions may be edited for clarity or to remove PII, etc.
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★ Submit your FAQs
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★ Help answer a new question or contribute to an existing question
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