



# 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)



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# **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:

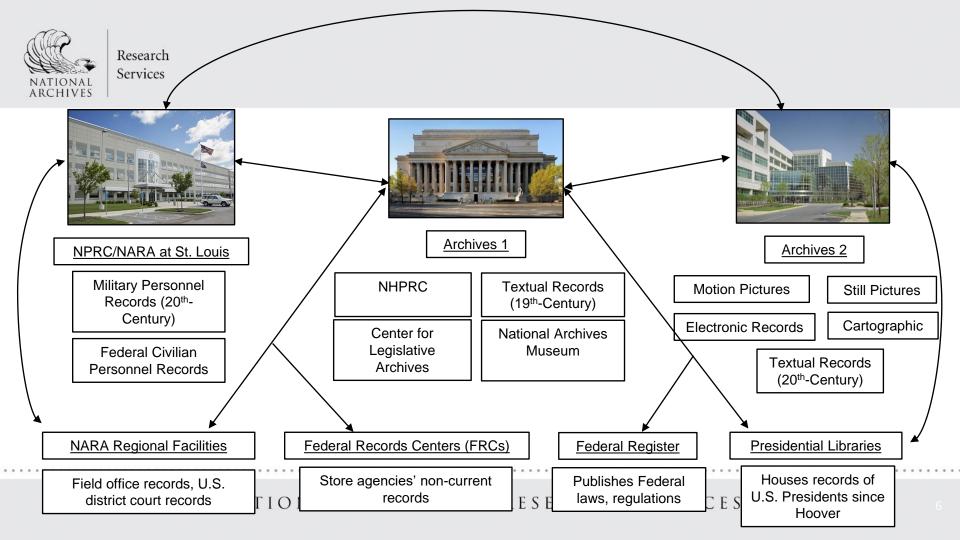
- Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records are found in Record Group 85.
- Record Group 85 includes the series, "Subject and Policy Files, 1906–1957" (Entry A1 9).
- The Subject and Policy Files are arranged numerically by file number.

Record group and series numbers can be obtained from the <u>National Archives Catalog</u>, 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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- . 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:



### Census Resources for Beginners

- Introduction to Census Records video
- Using Pre-1850 Census to Family Family video

### How to Order

Use **NATF Form 82** to order individual pages of Federal population census schedules, 1790-1940, for genealogical research or as evidence of age and place of birth for employment, Social Security benefits, insurance, passports, and other reasons.

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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.



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



Navy/Maritime

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Civilian

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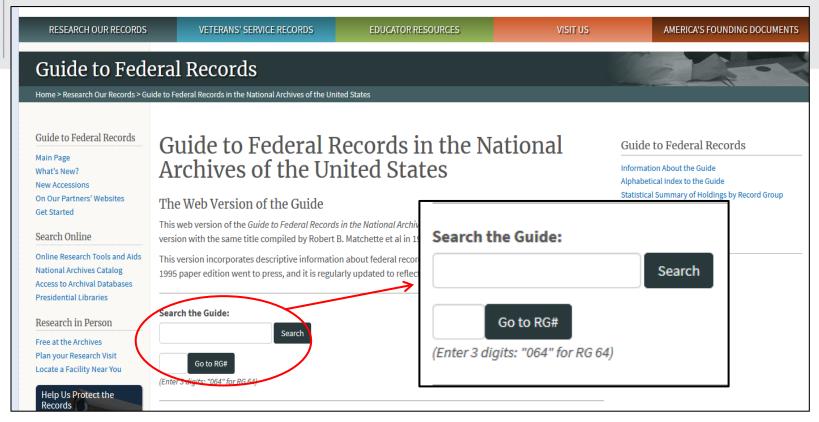


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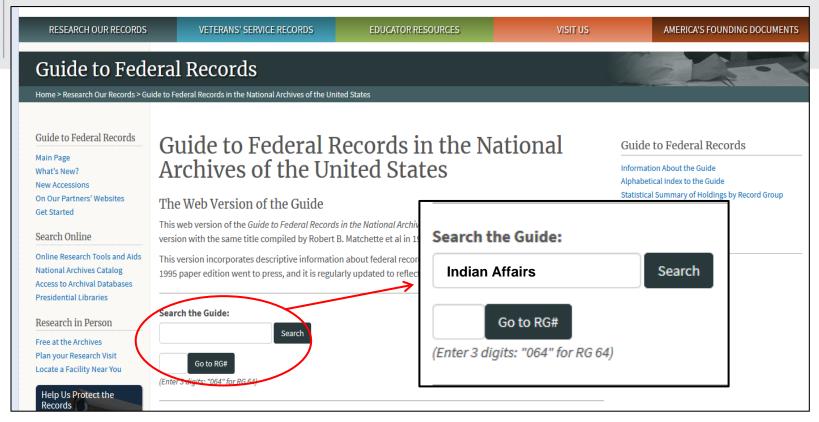




















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**Established:** In the Department of the Interior, effective September 17, 1947, through an exchange of memorandums between the Chief, Budget and Operations Division, Office of Indian Affairs, and the Chief, Division of Budget and Administrative Management, 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.

Finding Aids: Edward E. Hill, comp., Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Volumes I and II, PI 163 (1965); supplement in National Archives microfiche edition of preliminary inventories.

**Related Records:** Record copies of publications of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in RG 287, Publications of the U.S. Government. Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, RG 48.

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.

**Textual Records:** Letters sent, 1800-24. Letters sent by the Revenue Office, Department of the Treasury, relating to the treasury business of the War Department, 1794-96. Letters received, 1800-23.



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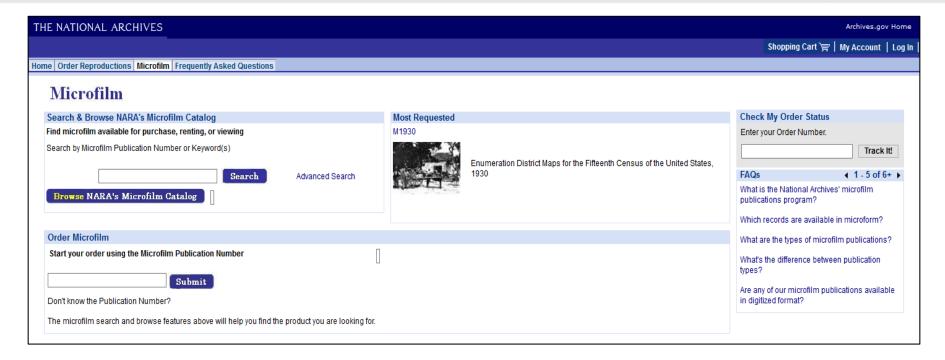
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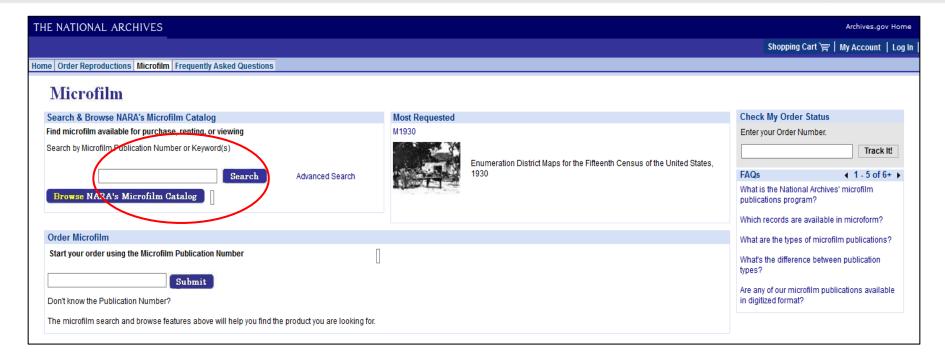


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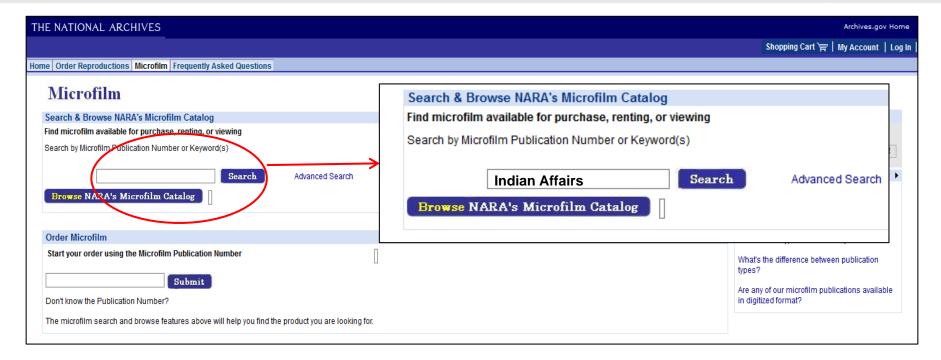






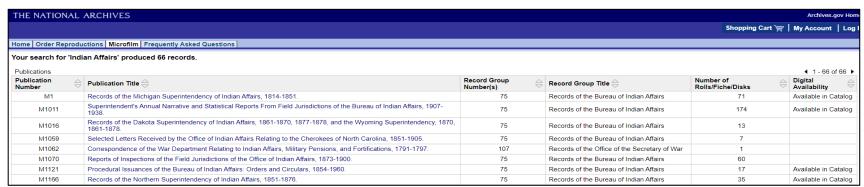
















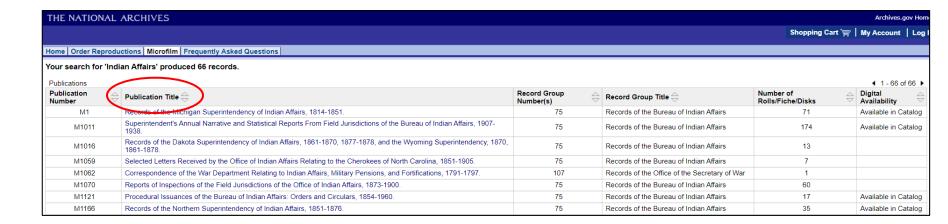
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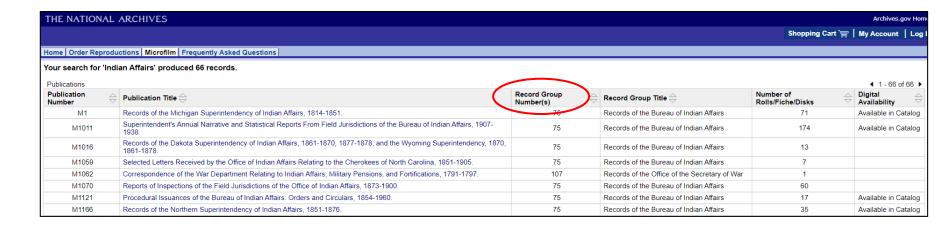


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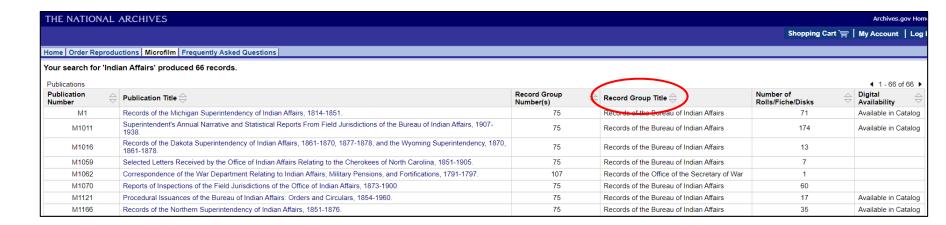




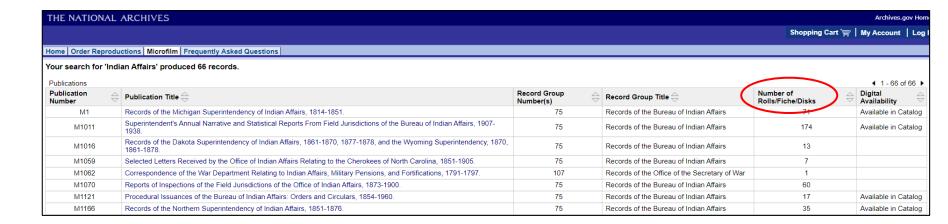




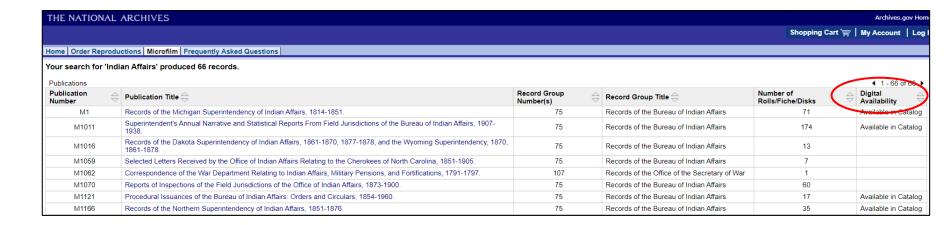






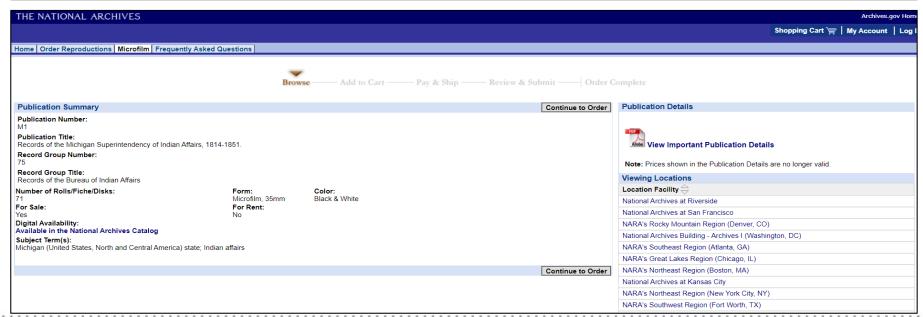






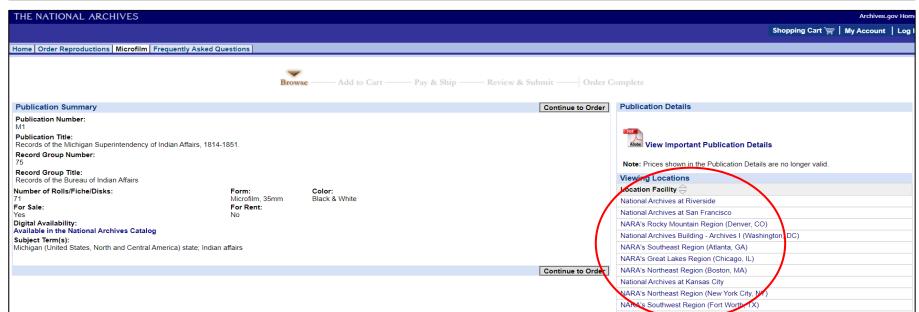


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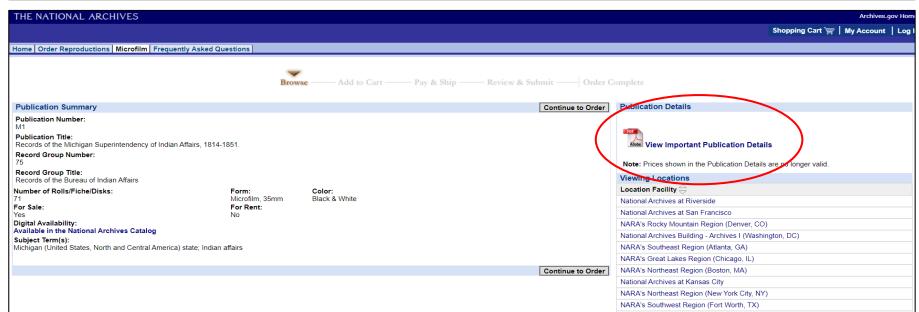


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Date Published: 1976

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From 1789 to 1824 Indian affairs were administered in the Office of the Secretary of War. In 1824 a separate Office of Indian Affairs (OIA) was created in the War Department. In 1849 the OIA was transferred to the Department of the Interior, and in 1947 it was renamed the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

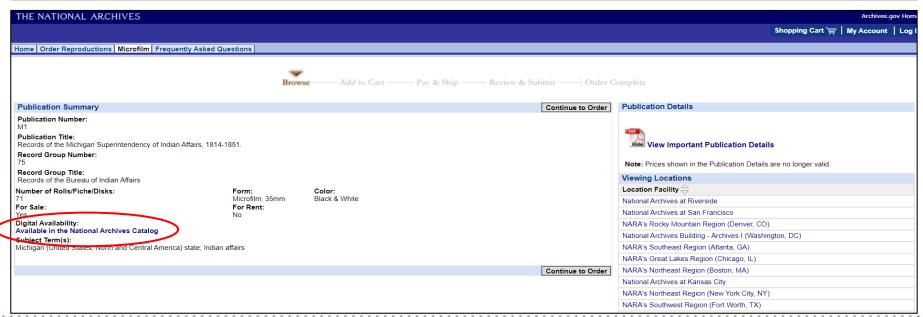
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The Michigan Superintendency was established in 1805 when Michigan Territory was organized (2 Stat. 309) from the northern part of Indiana Territory. The Territorial Governor at Detroit served as ex-officio superintendent. This dual position was held from 1813 to 1831 by Lewis Cass, who subsequently was Secretary of War, Minister to France, a U.S. Senator, an unsuccessful Presidential nominee, and Secretary of State. As Territorial Governors, Cass and his predecessor presided over a Territory that originally consisted of only the Lower Peninsula and the eastern tip of the Upper Peninsula. In 1818 the Territory's boundaries were extended to include the present States of Wisconsin and Minnesota east of the Mississippi River. The jurisdiction of the Michigan Superintendency, however, did not coincide with the Territorial boundaries. At times the superintendency had charge of agencies and Indians in Illinois, Indiana, New York, and Ohio, while some agencies in the West, either located in or having charge of

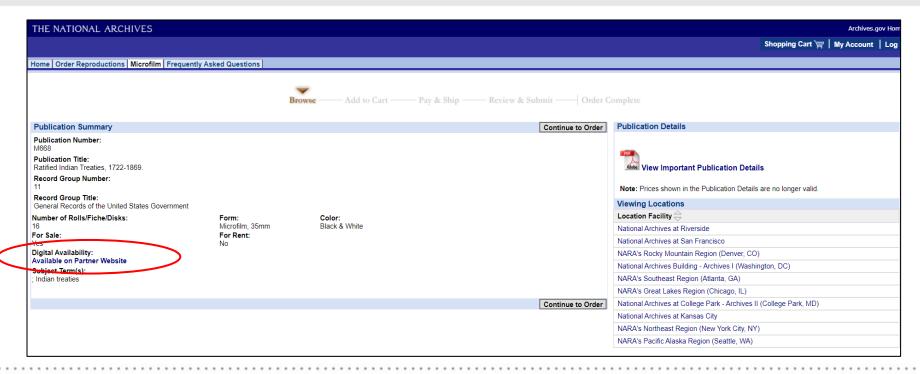
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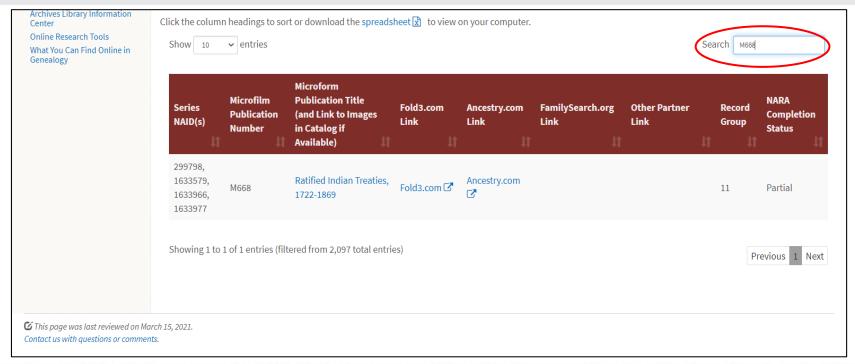
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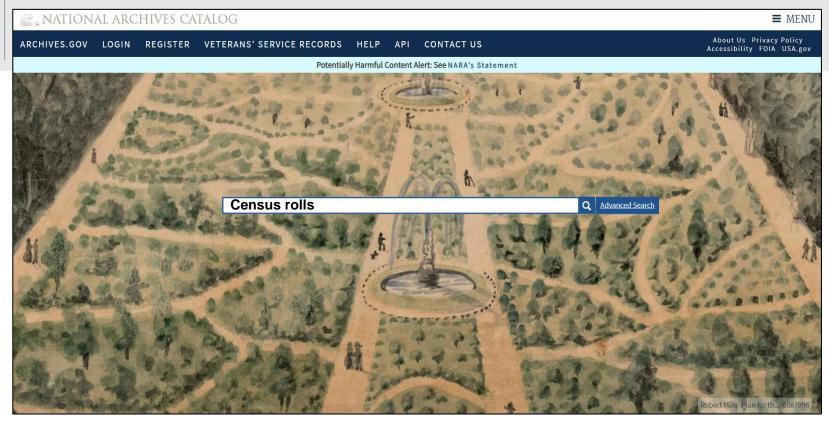
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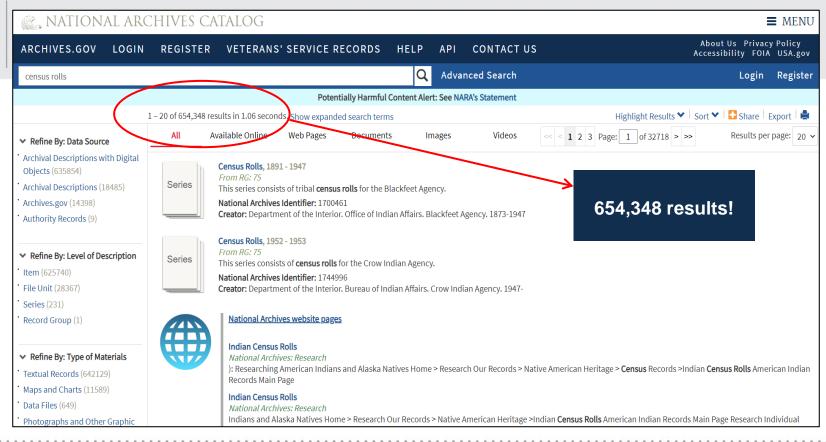














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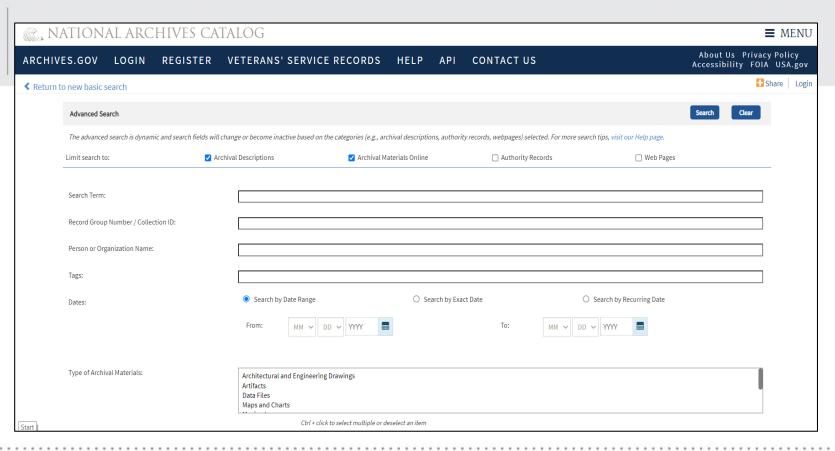
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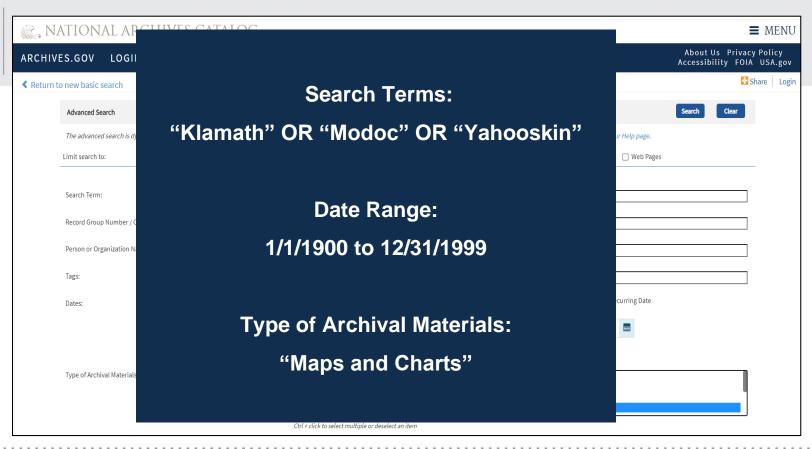
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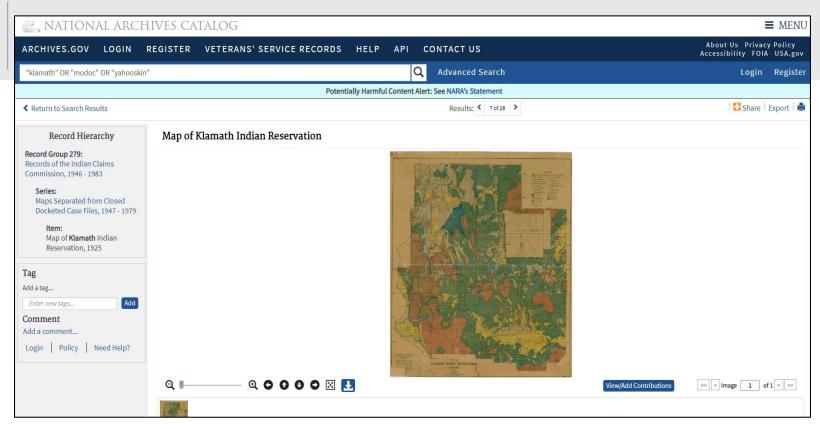


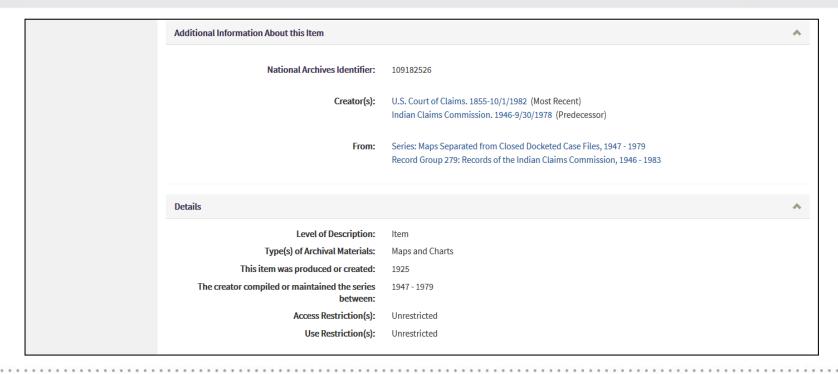




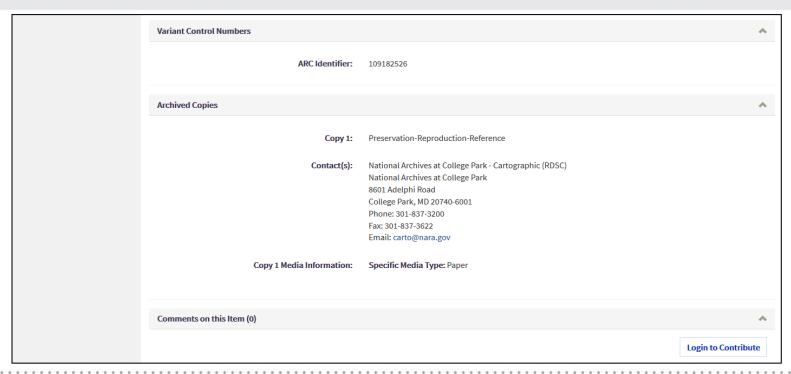
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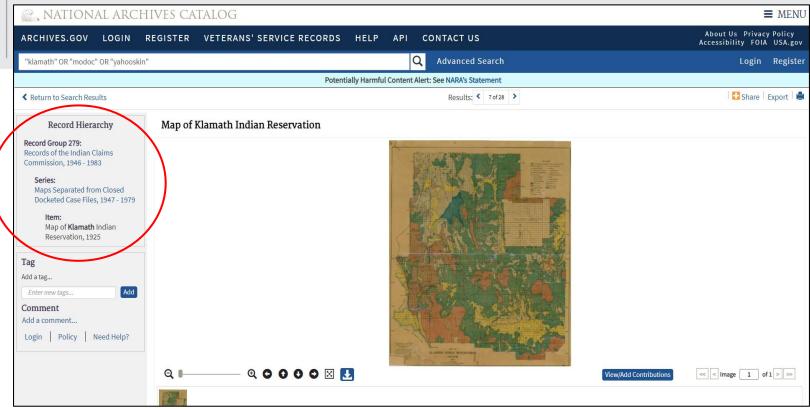




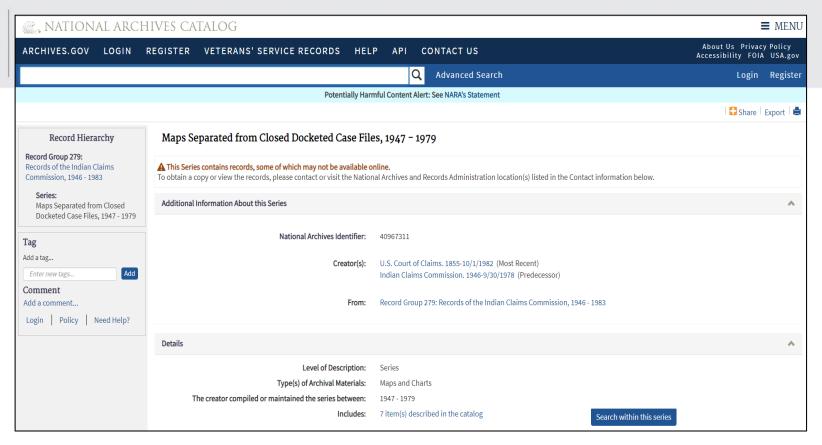




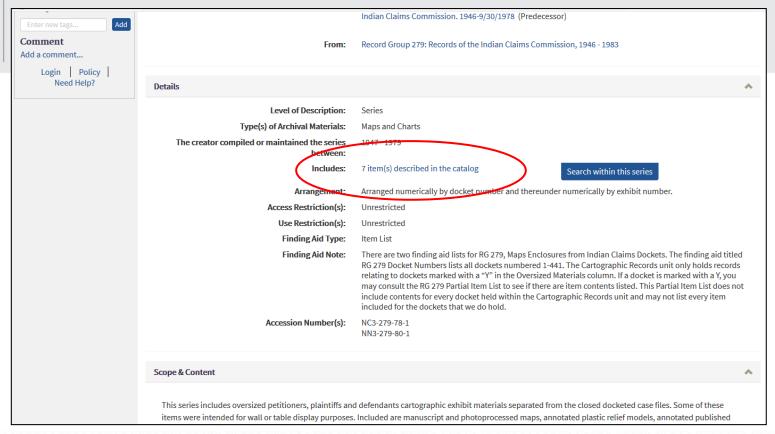




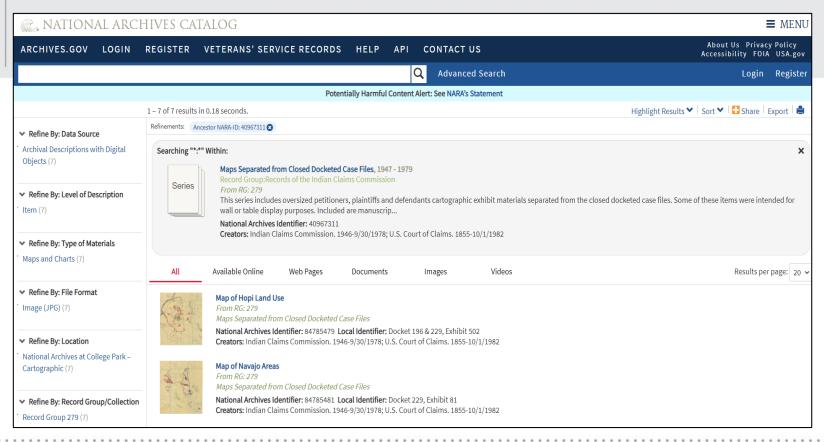














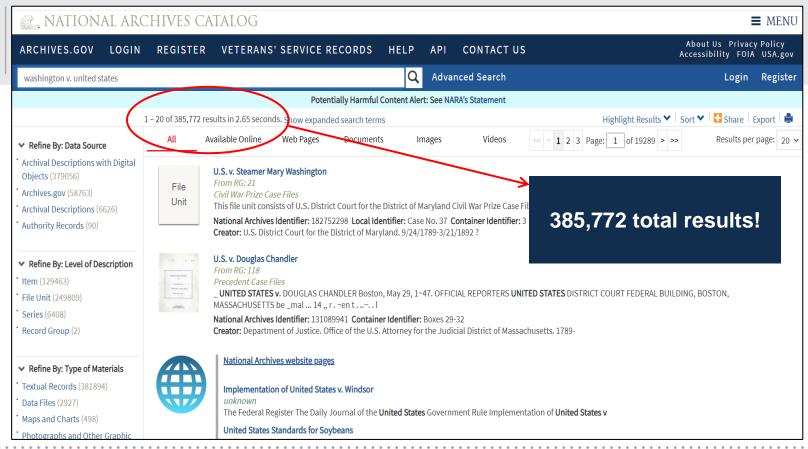
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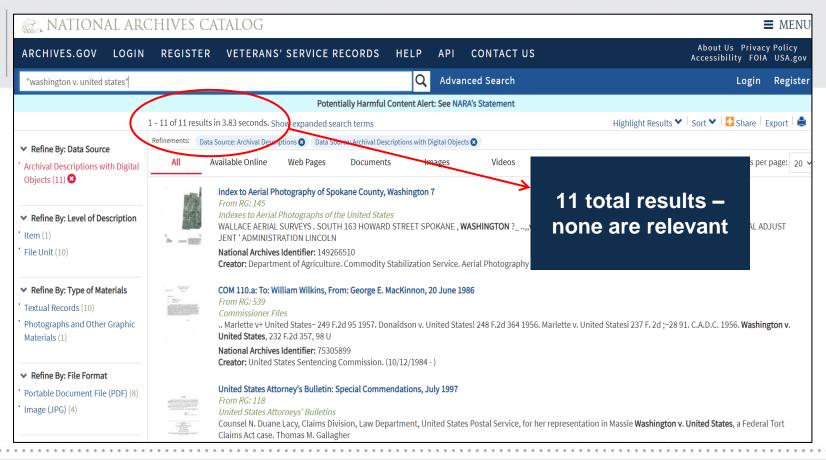




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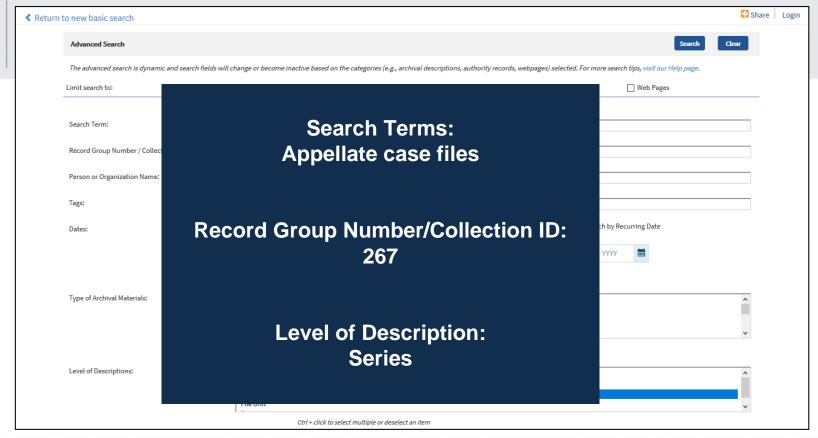
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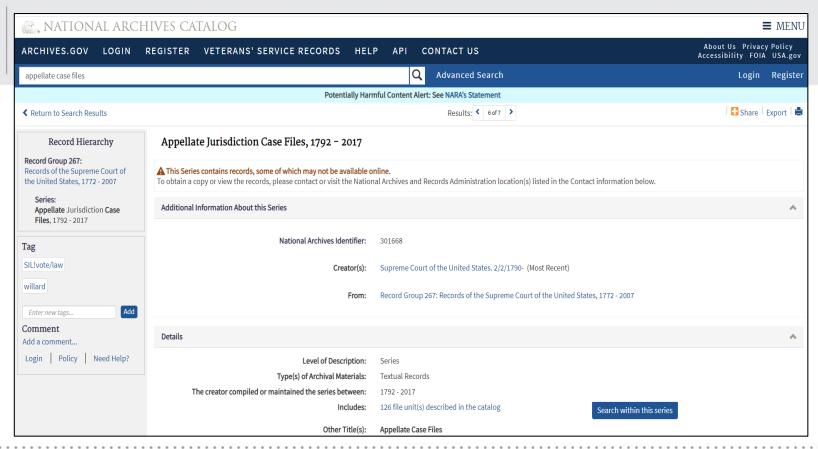
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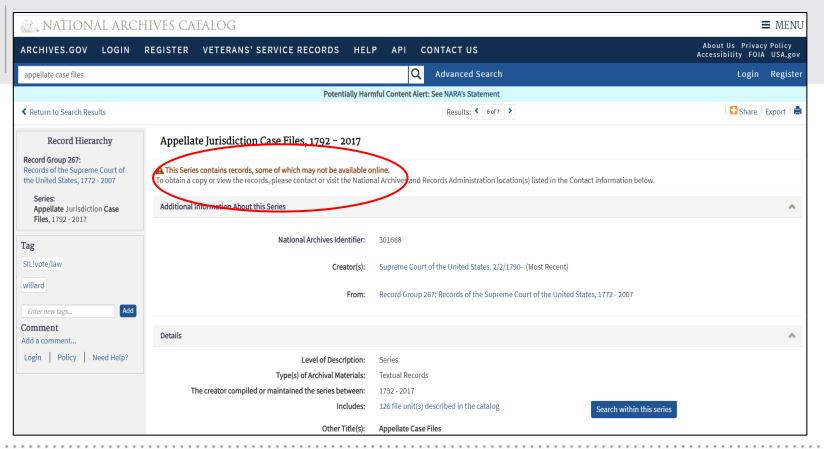
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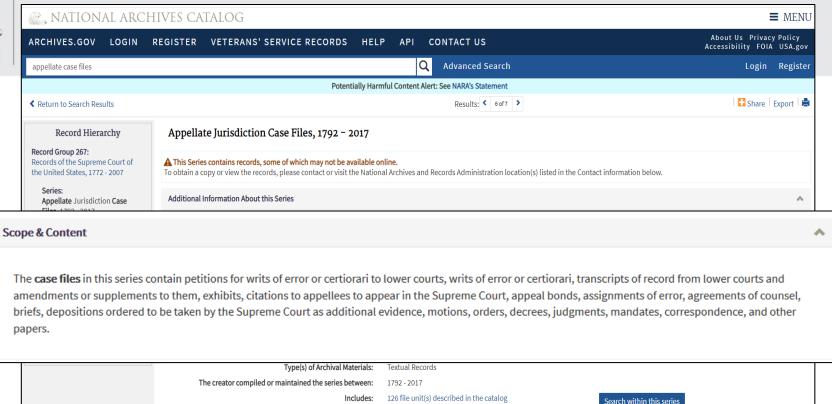












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## On-Site Research



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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 (USNational Archives) 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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# Questions?



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