

# More resources from NARA

During 2005, new research sources and tools became available from the National Archives and Records Administration. This article will describe online and microfilm products of critical interest to genealogists.

## NARA Web site

The NARA Web site was redesigned in 2005, and it continues to grow with more information and other research tools. It is a very large site, so it is helpful to have a guide to some of the best places to start research.

## NARAhome page

<http://www.archives.gov> is a splash page with links to the most popular parts of the Web site.

## Genealogy

<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy> links you to information about great genealogy resources available from NARA.

## How to obtain copies of records

<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/#genie> explains your options: online, by mail, in person, by hiring a private researcher.

## Order Online!

<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/orderonline.html>

“Made to order” reproductions of original records are done in

response to information you provide during the ordering process for census pages, immigration records, land files, military service and pension records, and Native American records.

## Microfilm catalog (part of Order Online!)

<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/orderonline.html> or more directly at <https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline/start.swe?SWECmd=Start> and click on “Microfilm”

The NARA Microfilm Catalog is now (almost) fully online. Using advanced search, you can search for microfilm by publication number, title, keyword, record group, and other features. When you find a title of interest, you’ll learn which NARA facilities have the microfilm. When you click on important publication details, you can download a PDF file of the descriptive pamphlet or roll list. Newer microfilm publications may not yet be online. You do *not* have to register to use the microfilm search functions.

## New NARA microfilm publications issued 2000–05

<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/microfilm/2005.html> gets you to the 2005 page; click on links to previous years. These pages will help you get information that may not yet be in “Order Online!”

## Guide to Federal Records

*Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States* (Washington, D.C., 1995), 3 volumes, is \$95 when you buy the print version, but there is a free online version at <http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records>.

## Citing records

*General Information Leaflet 17, Citing Records in the National Archives of the United States* at <http://www.archives.gov/publications/general-info-leaflets/17.html> will help you craft a citation to help future researchers find that great nugget you found.

## Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc>

This is the online catalog of NARA’s nationwide holdings in the Washington, D.C. area, Regional Archives, and Presidential Libraries. ARC allows you to perform a keyword, digitized image, and location searches. ARC’s advanced functions also allow you to search by organization, person, or topic. Links to digital images are included for selected items. The content continues to grow, so visit again and again. ARC includes the “Index to the Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory

The screenshot shows the National Archives website homepage. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Archives.gov Home', 'Subject Index', 'Contact Us', and 'FAQs'. A search bar is on the right. The main content area is divided into several sections:
 

- THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ARCHIVES.GOV**: A large header with the tagline 'Democracy Starts Here.'
- WHAT WE DO**: A list of services including 'About the National Archives', 'Locations/Visit Us', 'Calendar of Events', 'National Archives News', and 'Support the Archives'.
- EXPLORE & INTERACT**: Links to 'National Archives Experience', 'America's Historical Documents', 'Online Exhibits', and 'Presidential Libraries'.
- RESEARCH & ORDER**: Links to 'Start Your Research', 'Publications', 'Order Copies', and 'Forms'.
- FEDERAL RECORDS**: Links to 'Legislative Branch', 'Executive Branch', and 'Judicial Branch'.
- PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT**: Links to 'Federal Register', 'Electoral College', and 'Your Voice Matters'.
- APPLY FOR...**: Links to 'Jobs, Internships & Volunteering' and 'Grants'.

 Featured content includes:
 

- Explore the Lifecycle of Records**: A video player showing hands writing on a document, with text explaining how records are created, organized, stored, and preserved.
- News and Events**: A section for 'Released Nov. 30: More records relating to Supreme Court Justice nominee Samuel A. Alito's career are available online. Additional records are available from the Reagan and Bush Presidential Libraries. See the latest press release.'
- Most Requested**: A list of popular records including 'Military Service Records', 'Declaration of Independence', 'Constitution of the United States', 'World War II Photos', and 'Genealogy/Getting Started'.
- State of the Archives**: A section about the staff of the National Archives and Records Administration, led by Allen Weinstein.
- Hurricanes**: Guidance for records recovery and preservation, including information on locating federal civilian and military personnel records.
- System Maintenance**: A notice that the website will be unavailable on Thursday, December 15, and Friday, December 16.
- National Archives Locations**: A section titled 'VISIT THE ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON, DC' with a map and a list of locations by type (Regional Archives, Presidential Libraries, Research Centers, Federal Records Centers, Record Management, Washington, DC Area, Antiquated Archives, and Visitor All Locations). It includes a 'Choose a Specific Location' dropdown menu.
- Online Databases and Tools**: Promotions for 'ARC' (Archival Research Catalog), 'AAD' (Access to Archival Databases), and 'eVetRecs' (Copies of Veteran's service records).

The National Archives rolled out a new Web design last summer. More options are

(Dawes Roll),” the “Index to the Applications Submitted for the Eastern Cherokee Roll of 1909 (Guion Miller Roll),” “World War II Casualty Lists,” and much more.

**Access to Archival Databases (AAD) system**

<<http://www.archives.gov/aad>> has approximately 400 data files. AAD gives you online access to nearly 50 million historic electronic records created by more than twenty federal agencies on a wide

available to users right from the Archives’ home page.

range of topics. It includes various series about military personnel in World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Conflict. You’ll also find the Irish Famine Immigrants (1840s) database.

**Prologue: Quarterly of the National Archives and Records Administration**

<<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue>>  
*Prologue* is a full-color, glossy magazine packed with a great deal

of information about unique and useful records at the National Archives. If you don’t subscribe to it, or read it, you are missing a great deal for \$20 per year. The *Prologue* Genealogy Notes Page <<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/genealogy-notes.html>> links you to articles directly related to genealogy.

**Archives Library Information Center (ALIC)**

<<http://www.archives.gov/research/alic>>  
 NARA’s Archives Library Information Center (ALIC) is more than a traditional library. ALIC’s Web pages give convenient access to content beyond the physical holdings of NARA’s two traditional in-house libraries in Washington, D.C., and in College Park, Maryland. ALIC specializes in information on American history and government, archival administration, information management, and government documents.

**Guides to research by selected topic**

<<http://www.archives.gov/research/topics.html>> links to information about selected topics in NARA records. Please note that this represents only a small fraction of possible research topics in the records of the National Archives.

**Regional Archives selected guides and research aids**

<<http://www.archives.gov/locations/finding-aids>> links to information to records held by NARA’s thirteen Regional Archives.

## NARA publications

<<http://www.archives.gov/publications>> links you to information about free and fee publications from NARA.

## NARA digital classroom (educators and students)

<<http://www.archives.gov/education>>

The “Teaching with Documents” link gets you to lesson plans on various aspects of U.S. history. Brush up on your own education and see some great historical records here.

## NARA calendar of events

<<http://www.archives.gov/calendar>>

Genealogy workshops in NARA facilities nationwide, as well as movies and other events in Washington, D.C.

## NARA online exhibit hall

<<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits>>

If you can't get to Washington to see current (or past) exhibits, see them online here!

## Center for Legislative Archives

<<http://www.archives.gov/legislative>>

If you need information about the current or historical records of the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives, this is the place to start.

## Microfilm publications

The National Archives continues to have an active microfilm program that both preserves our documentary heritage and helps make those records more widely available for researchers. Records relating to immigration, naturalization, and the Freedmen's Bureau were among those made available on microfilm in 2005.

## Census and government publications

M1919. *List of Selected African Americans from the 1890 and 1900 Federal Population Censuses of Delaware and Related Census Publications “Agriculture in the State of Delaware” (1901) and “Negroes in the United States” (1904).* 1 roll.

## Freedmen's Bureau

M1909. *Records of the Field Offices for the State of North Carolina, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872.* 78 rolls.

M1910. *Records of the Field Offices for the State of South Carolina, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872.* 106 rolls.

## Holocaust-era assets

M1940. *Records Concerning the Central Collecting Points (“Ardelia Hall Collection”): Miscellaneous Property Reports, 1945–1948.* 7 rolls.

## Immigration

A3379. *Nonstatistical Manifests and Statistical Index Cards of Aliens Arriving at Laredo, Texas, May 1903–November 1929.* 112 rolls.

A3385. *Lists of Passengers Who Arrived at San Pedro/Los Angeles, California, 1920–1949, in Transit to their Final Destinations.* 30 rolls.

A3394. *Passenger Lists of Vessels and Airplanes Arriving at Port Everglades, Florida, February 1932–May 1951.* 4 rolls.

A3397. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Green Bay, Wisconsin, October 1925–November 1969.* 5 rolls.

A3398. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Aransas Pass and Port Aransas, Texas, 1912–1921, and 1959–1965.* 2 rolls.

A3399. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 1922–December 1956, and Records of Selected Airplane Passengers, 1956–1963.* 8 rolls.

A3400. *Manifests of Alien Arrivals at International Falls, Baudette, Duluth, Mineral Center, Pigeon River, Pine Creek, Roseau, and Warroad, Minnesota, January 1907–December 1952.* 2 rolls.

A3401. *Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Eastport, Fort Kent, Lubec, and Madawaska, Maine, ca. 1906–December 1952.* 2 rolls.

A3402. *Manifests of Alien*

The screenshot shows the National Archives website page for Genealogists/Family Historians. The page features a navigation bar with links to Home, Subject Index, Contact Us, and FAQs. The main content area includes a search bar, a list of links for various services (Forms, Tools & Aids, Start Your Genealogy Research, Research Topics for Genealogists, Genealogy Links, FAQs), and a section for Genealogy Sources (Caring for Your Family Archives, Publications, Genealogy Workshops). There is also a section for Genealogists/Family Historians with a description of the National Archives' role in preserving family history and a link to the online research tools. The page is designed with a clean, professional layout and includes a footer with the National Archives logo and contact information.

*Arrivals at Newport, Vermont, ca. 1906–June 1924.* 8 rolls.

A3404. *Index to Passenger Arrivals in the U.S. Virgin Islands, ca. 1906–ca. 1947.* 7 rolls.

A3409. *Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at (1948–1972) and Departing from (1960–1968) Ogdensburg, New York.* 2 rolls.

A3410. *Index to Passengers, not Including Filipinos, Arriving at Honolulu, Hawaii, ca. 1900–ca. 1952.* 37 rolls.

A3411. *Index to Filipino Contract Laborers and Their Wives and Children Arriving at Honolulu, Hawaii, 1946.* 1 roll.

A3413. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Escanaba, Michigan, May 1946–November 1956.* 1 roll.

A3414. *Passenger Lists of Chinese Arrivals at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, January 1906–June 1912.* 2 rolls.

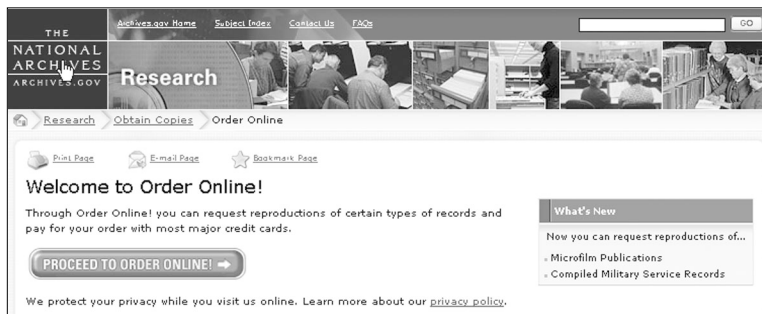
A3416. *Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Portal, North Dakota, 1915–1921.* 4 rolls.

A3418. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Algonac, Marine City, Marysville, and Roberts Landing, Michigan, May 1937–January 1957.* 3 rolls.

A3420. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Sodus Point, New York, 1945–1957.* 15 rolls.

A3421. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at DeTour, Michigan, 1946–1956.* 1 roll.

A3424. *Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Robbinston, Maine, August 1947–June 1954.* 3 rolls.



## **Military**

M1976. *Lists of Officers of Vessels of the United States Navy, August 1860–December 1877.* 34 rolls.

M1999. *Index to Quartermaster Claims, 1839–1894.* 1 roll.

## **Naturalization**

M1917. *Index Cards to Naturalization Petitions for the United States District for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Detroit, 1907–1995.* 280 rolls.

M1952. *Index to Naturalizations of World War I Soldiers, 1918.* 4 rolls.

M1972. *Petitions for Naturalization from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1897–1942.* 1,457 rolls.

## **Postal**

M1918. *Stamp Bill Books of the Post Office Department, September 30, 1870–July 10, 1897.* 2 rolls.

## **Southern Claims Commission**

M1762. *Southern Claims Commission Approved Claims, 1871–1880: West Virginia.* 3 rolls.

## **Tax**

M1775. *Internal Revenue Service Tax Assessment Lists for Colorado and Wyoming, 1873–1918.* 8 rolls.

M1776. *Internal Revenue*

*Service Tax Assessment Lists for New Mexico and Arizona, 1883–1917.* 5 rolls.

## **Weather**

M1958. *Climatological Observations Made Outside the United States, 1821–1892.* 8 rolls.

NARA microfilm publications are available at the National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. (“genealogy”), National Archives at College Park, Maryland (“non-genealogy”), NARA’s thirteen Regional Archives, and at libraries with genealogical or historical microfilm collections.

## **Make use of NARA’s records this year**

A genealogical researcher can make good use of the unique federal records in NARA’s custody by reading about what is available, considering how those records may relate to his or her own family, and then by delving into the records either at a research facility or online. I hope you find something new about your ancestors in 2006! 🌳

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