

African American Resources Available Online at NARA

Metro-Atlanta AAHGS

Everyone has people in the records of the [National Archives and Records Administration \(NARA\)](https://www.archives.gov) unless all their family lines came into this country very recently. Although the National Archives was not created until 1934 by Congress to preserve and care for the records of the United States government, records date back to the 1700s. Government staff began moving records into the current National Archives Building on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. in 1936. Prior to this, records were kept in a haphazard way wherever various agencies/departments found space to store them. The delay in creating both an archives program and an entity to permanently preserve valuable records is one reason for gaps in some records and the lack of other records.

Information and research facilities are closed to the public until further notice. Our in-person services for the public and other Federal agencies have been suspended almost entirely. We are making every effort to continue providing essential services whenever possible, using online and remote capabilities. Our ability to serve customers in a timely manner may be hampered by the current crisis, and we ask for your understanding and patience. [Read more](#)

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NARA has expanded over the decades and now includes more than [40 facilities](#) throughout the country - Presidential Libraries, Federal Records Centers, the Federal Register, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), the National Declassification Center (NDC), the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), and probably most familiar to us, regional archives like NARA at Atlanta.

Not all government records are transferred to NARA; only about 2 to 5 % of records created each year are considered permanently valuable. Many of today's records are created electronically, but that is a recent development. Records are controlled by the agency, department, entity that created them until they are scheduled to be sent to NARA. These government entities have specific record group numbers for their records. Within record groups there are subgroups and series that help in grouping similar materials together. Once NARA takes possession and gets ownership, the records are to be preserved permanently. Staff at NARA inventory, process, and create finding aids to make the records more accessible.

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! WHEN SEARCHING, DO NOT LIMIT YOUR SEARCHES ONLY TO RECORDS YOU KNOW TO BE AFRICAN AMERICAN.

[Genealogy Resources](#) page

This is a good place to begin browsing and clicking on the NARA website.

The screenshot shows the National Archives website's 'Resources for Genealogists' page. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Blags', 'Bookmark/Share', and 'Contact Us'. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with categories: 'RESEARCH OUR RECORDS', 'VETERANS' SERVICE RECORDS', 'EDUCATOR RESOURCES', 'VISIT US', and 'AMERICA'S FOUNDING DOCUMENTS'. The main heading is 'Resources for Genealogists'. The page content includes a sidebar on the left with sections like 'Getting Started', 'Genealogy Guides', 'Tools for Genealogists', and 'More Ways to Learn'. The main content area is titled 'Genealogy Resources' and features a section 'Using the NARA web site:' with a list of links for starting research, topics on records, reference reports, and the National Archives Catalog. A right-hand box contains a text block about family history research and a list of examples of records that might be found.

Guide to Federal Records at NARA

Because most of what is at NARA is textual (not electronic/digital/ born digital), the [Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States](#) is one way to wade through this mass of data. The last print edition of this was published in 1995 and was three volumes of 2,428 pages. The online searchable *Guide* ... is updated.

Information about the *Guide* and samples of what information is available about records is at [About the Guide to Federal Records](#).

The *Guide* can be searched by entering terms such as:

- colored, Negro, black soldiers, pow camps, slaves, WPA, CCC, Oak Ridge, Land rush
- key words or partial titles of records - census
- Name of agency/department that created the record –examples: Bureau of Land Management, War Department

Or, can be searched by the Record Group Number (RG#) – see the Go to RG# box in image below. When searching the Record Group box, enter a three digit number. A one or two digit RG number needs zeroes added in front of the numbers.

The screenshot shows the NARA website interface. At the top, the title 'Guide to Federal Records' is displayed. Below it, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Research Our Records > Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States'. The main content area is titled 'Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States' and includes a sub-header 'The Web Version of the Guide'. A search bar is present with a 'Search' button and a 'Go to RG#' button, which is circled in red. Below the search bar, there is a note: '(Enter 3 digits: "084" for RG 84)'. The sidebar on the left contains various navigation links such as 'Main Page', 'What's New?', 'New Accessions', 'On Our Partners' Websites', 'Get Started', 'Search Online', 'Online Research Tools and Aids', 'National Archives Catalog', 'Access to Archival Databases', 'Presidential Libraries', 'Research in Person', 'Free at the Archives', 'Plan your Research Visit', 'Locate a Facility Near You', 'Help Us Protect the Records', 'Free at National Archives Facilities', 'Ancestry', and 'Fold3'. The right sidebar contains links for 'Information About the Guide', 'Alphabetical Index to the Guide', 'Statistical Summary of Holdings by Record Group Number', 'Record Groups by Topic Clusters', and 'Go to Record Group #'. The main content area also includes a 'Go to Record Group #' section with a 'Go to RG#' button and a note: '(Enter 3 digits: "084" for RG 84)'. A bibliographic note at the bottom of the main content area states: 'Bibliographic note: Web version based on Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States. Compiled by Robert B. Matchette et al. Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 1995. 3 volumes, 2428 pages. Ordering information'. A footer note at the bottom of the page reads: 'This Web version is updated from time to time to include records processed since 1995.'

[Reference Reports for Genealogy](#)

Reference reports are one to four page compilations of research strategies in certain categories.

Reference Reports for Genealogy

Reference Reports are brief (one to four page) descriptions of research strategies for frequently used records of genealogical interest held at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. Although some textual records are discussed, most of the records described are on microfilm. Many of these are also available on Ancestry, Fold3 (formerly Footnote), or Family Search, however, the reference reports generally do not indicate which records are online. These reports are also available in hard copy in the Microfilm Reading Room (MRR) at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC.

The Reference Reports are arranged by general subject headings. The reports are listed by individual topic. Please check back soon for updates.

- African Americans
- Asian Americans
- Census
- Citizenship
- District of Columbia
- Federal Employees
- Hispanic Americans
- Immigration
- Military
- Native Americans

Example of first part of one Reference Report from the African American category

National Archives and Records Administration
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20408-0001

**Federal Court and Commission Records
Relating to Slavery in the District of Columbia, 1820-1863**

Slavery existed in the District of Columbia when Congress created the Federal territory in 1790 from lands held by the slave states of Virginia and Maryland. Slavery remained legal in the District until April 16, 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed into law an act abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia (12 Stat. 376). The law provided for immediate emancipation, compensation to loyal Union masters of up to \$300 for each slave, and voluntary colonization of former slaves to colonies outside the United States.

Records of the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia
M433, *Records of the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia Relating to Slaves, 1851-1863*. 3 rolls. This microfilm reproduces records relating to slavery kept by the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, including emancipation papers, 1862; manumission papers and affidavits of freedom, 1857-63; and fugitive slave case papers, 1851-63. **The National Archives has a searchable database of the names of individuals in these records.**

Emancipation Papers, 1862
Section 2 of the act of April 16, 1862, required that owners claiming compensation for their slaves freed as a result of this act file schedules of their slaves by July 15, 1862. A supplementary act of July 12, 1862 (12 Stat. 538) permitted submission of schedules by slaves whose owners had neglected to file and it granted freedom to slaves whose owners lived outside of the District of Columbia if the slave had been employed with the owner's consent in the District any time after April 16, 1862. The emancipation records consist of the schedules and supporting documentation submitted as a result of these two acts. The records are organized by act of Congress and then generally by last name of slave owner (act of April 16, 1862) or slave (act of July 12, 1862).

Manumission Papers & Affidavits of Freedom, 1857-62
The manumission papers record the voluntary freeing of slaves by their owners and generally contain schedules similar to the emancipation schedules as well as accompanying documentation, such as will extracts and letters. The affidavits of freedom consist of an affidavit sworn by a free individual testifying to the freedom of a black resident of the District. The manumissions and affidavits are organized by date.

Fugitive Slave Case Papers, 1851-63
As part of the Compromise of 1850, the act of September 18, 1850 (9 Stat. 462), provided that claimants to fugitive slaves could recover the slaves either by applying to Federal judges and commissioners for warrants for the arrest of the fugitives or by arresting the slaves and taking them before the judges or commissioners to establish ownership. The fugitive slave case records are organized by date and can contain warrants for arrest and documentation of proof of ownership.

Record Groups

NARA is the repository for official records created by arms of the federal government. Federal government documents are materials published by and created by the United States government, but are not considered official records and are not housed at NARA. State governments also produce government documents. Many of the publications created by NARA are government documents (aka gov docs).

An important thing to remember when searching for records at NARA is that names of departments have changed over time and so records that we think would be in one RG may actually be organized under several. This same principle applies to government documents.

For instance, War Department was replaced by Department of Defense. General Land Office (GLO) and United States Grazing Service were combined and placed under Department of Interior in 1946 as Bureau of Land Management.

[Current list](#) of U.S. government agencies

[Independent agencies](#)

The [Record Group Explorer](#) can be changed to a list view (as shown below), can be searched, and columns can be sorted..

Record Group Explorer Data

This table provides the full set of data powering the Record Group Explorer ([Learn more about these numbers](#)). Clicking on the column headers sorts the data and the entire table is searchable. Record Group titles only have an active link when there is material online in the National Archives Catalog.

Record Group Explorer Tools Search Record Group Titles or Numbers Show 100 entries [Switch to explorer view](#)

Record Group	Title	Number of Textual Scans Online	Estimated Total Textual Pages	Percent Online
1	Records of the War Labor Policies Board	0	42,840	0.000%
2	Records of the National War Labor Board (World War I)	0	430,480	0.000%
3	Records of the U.S. Housing Corporation	0	1,120,201	0.000%
4	Records of the U.S. Food Administration	12,058	8,886,594	0.139%
5	Records of the U.S. Grain Corporation	0	630,712	0.000%
6	Records of the U.S. Sugar Equalization Board, Inc	0	126,718	0.000%
7	Records of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine	0	4,224,723	0.000%
8	Records of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering	63	1,669,915	0.004%
9	Records of the National Recovery Administration	15	16,010,851	<0.001%
10	Records of the National Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement	36	285,423	0.013%
11	General Records of the United States Government	42,954	9,006,126	0.477%
12	Records of the Office of Education	21	8,625,669	<0.001%
13	Records of the National Mediation Board	950	7,197,343	0.013%
14	Records of the U.S. Railroad Administration	0	4,567,676	0.000%
15	Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs	10,162,152	323,431,827	3.142%
16	Records of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture	32	27,435,377	<0.001%
17	Records of the Bureau of Animal Industry	302	3,633,638	0.008%
18	Records of the Army Air Forces	11,442	31,797,167	0.036%
19	Records of the Bureau of Ships	159,034	100,899,946	0.158%

This list of [Record Group Clusters and Locations](#) can help you find information about records that may show your ancestor. For instance, under RG24 Old Navy > Records of the Bureau of Navy Personnel might be found records of Frederick Douglass' service in Navy.

Below is an image showing a snippet of results from the [Alphabetical Index](#) to RGs under Virginia. The digits to the left of the first decimal point comprise the RG number, the numbers following are subgroup numbers. Please note the variety of RG numbers that are in this excerpt.



Learning to use Record Groups can help you discover records that are not online (textual, microfilm, and other formats) that you need to access.

Searching information at NARA

[The Online Research Tools and Aids page](#) lists multiple tools and aids.

Research Our Records

- Main Page
- What's New?
- New Accessions
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- Get Started

Search Online

- Online Research Tools and Aids
- National Archives Catalog
- Access to Archival Databases
- Presidential Libraries

Research in Person

- Free at the Archives
- Plan your Research Visit
- Locate a Facility Near You

I Want to...

- Get Started
- Find a Topic
- Order Copies
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- Contact National Archives

Orientation for on-site Researchers

Free at National Archives Facilities

- Ancestry
- Folds
- More Online Databases

Learn why Democracy Starts Here

Online Research Tools and Aids

Find Records and Information about Records

Our website contains answers to many of the preliminary research-related questions you might have.

- To find copies of Federal records on our website and/or information about the records and their historical context, you will have to look in several places.
- Some sources listed below are databases while others are online guides, publications, and exhibits.

Ways to Search Online

National Archives Catalog

Our National Archives Catalog is the online portal to our records and information about our records. It provides access to data, digitized records, selected series from Access to Archival Databases (AAD), over one million electronic records from the Electronic Records Archives (ERA), all of the web pages from Archives.gov, and all of the web pages from the Presidential Libraries.

[Go to the National Archives Catalog](#)

History Hub

Get help with your research and find answers to your questions at History Hub, a crowdsourcing platform sponsored by the National Archives. Experts from the National Archives as well as other experts, history enthusiasts, and citizen archivists are available to help with your research.

[Go to History Hub](#)

Microfilm Catalog

This is a searchable database of more than 3,400 numbered microfilm. The described microfilm include those created by or purchased by NARA for researcher use. Determine which rolls of microfilm may be the most relevant for your research at NARA. You can search for microfilm by keyword, microfilm number, Record Group number, and/or location of our nationwide research facilities. Researchers at our research facilities may use this material for free.

[Go to the Microfilm Catalog](#)

Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

AAD is a search engine into some of NARA's holdings of electronic records. There are databases and indexes from more than 30 archival series, including over 350 data files totaling well over 50 million unique records; this number will continue to grow. Search by person, geographic areas, organizations, or dates.

History Hub Find answers to your research questions at [History Hub](#)

Looking for Documents on Archives.gov?

View the [Constitution](#), the [Declaration of Independence](#), and the [Bill of Rights](#)

National Archives Catalog Search among more than 126,300 digitized historical documents, photographs, and images.

Access to Archival Databases (AAD) Search or browse some of NARA's electronic records. Search by person, geographic areas, organizations, or dates.

America's Historical Documents - a sample

Federal Register - Federal laws, Presidential documents, administrative regulations and notices.

Online Exhibits

Our Documents - 100 milestone documents of American history.

The two tools that will probably be used most often are the National Archives Catalog and Access to Archival Databases (AAD). Take the time to learn how to use these.

[National Archives Catalog](#)

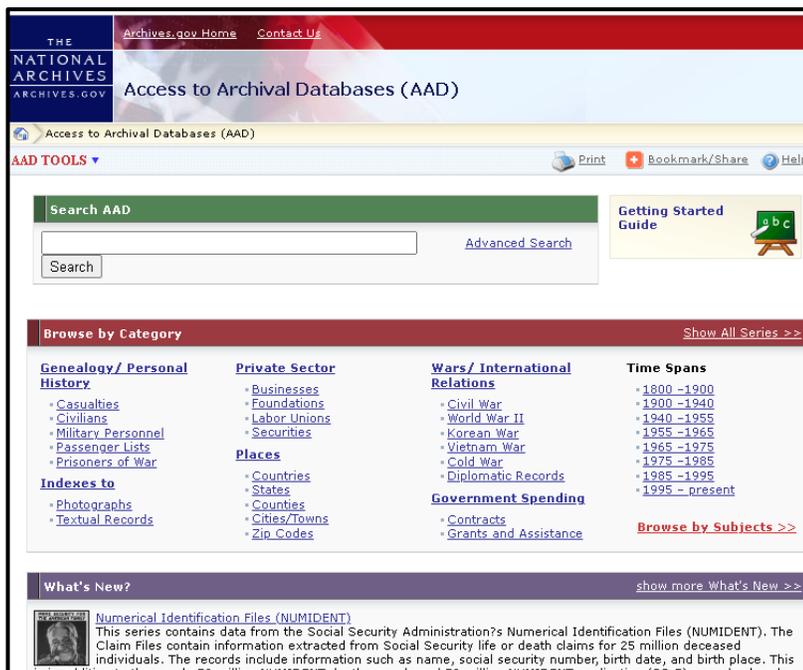
This is the portal to locating records and information about the records in NARA. The catalog searches all webpages in archives.gov and provides results on those as well as finding aids and access to electronic records at NARA.

As you read articles, notes from past conferences and presentations, and even on the NARA website, you may find mention of using ARC (Archival Research Catalog), ERA (Electronic Records Archives), and OPA (Online Public Access) tools. The catalog replaced all of these tools.

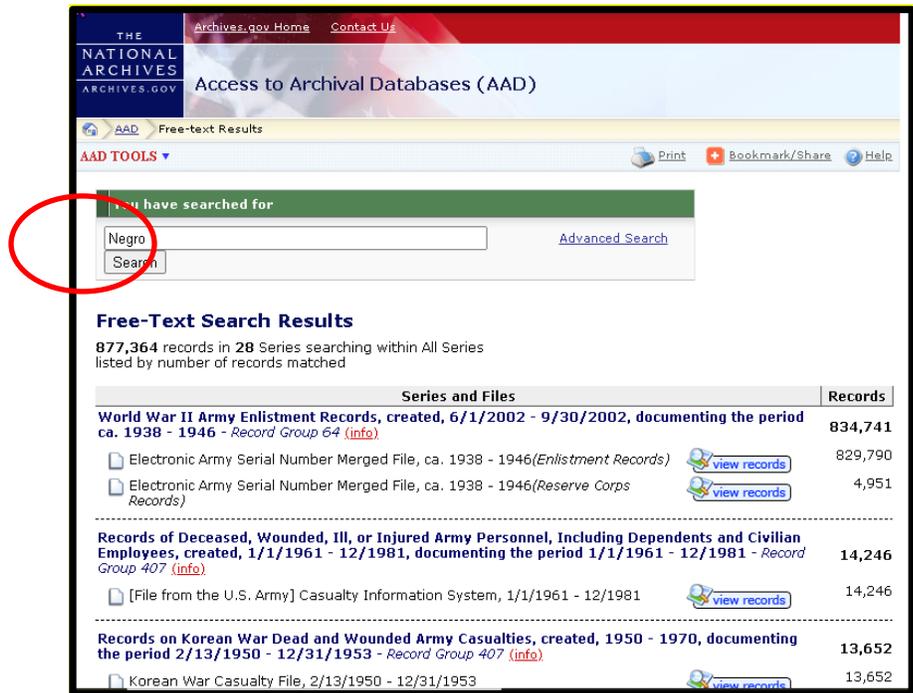


Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

The [Getting Started Guide](#) to AAD is essential reading. This [link](#) gets us to directions on How to Search AAD. Some information on that page is outdated, but is still helpful in effectively searching the AAD.



AAD can be searched by terms, and by using the links to filter the searches. The example below shows Negro entered in Basic search. Results provide 877,364 records in 28 series. This kind of search can help you find records you did not know existed.



THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ARCHIVES.GOV Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

Free-text Results

AAD TOOLS Print Bookmark/Share Help

You have searched for

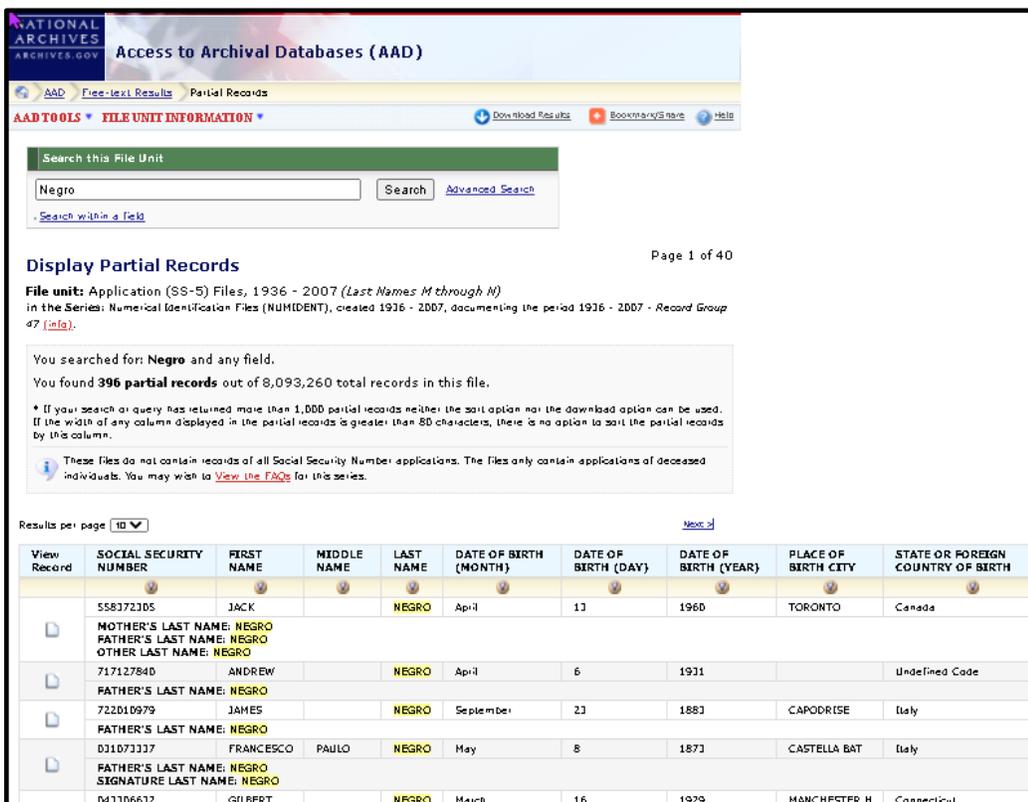
Negro Search Advanced Search

Free-Text Search Results

877,364 records in 28 Series searching within All Series listed by number of records matched

Series and Files	Records
World War II Army Enlistment Records, created, 6/1/2002 - 9/30/2002, documenting the period ca. 1938 - 1946 - Record Group 64 (info)	834,741
Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938 - 1946(Enlistment Records) view records	829,790
Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938 - 1946(Reserve Corps Records) view records	4,951
Records of Deceased, Wounded, Ill, or Injured Army Personnel, Including Dependents and Civilian Employees, created, 1/1/1961 - 12/1981, documenting the period 1/1/1961 - 12/1981 - Record Group 407 (info)	14,246
[File from the U.S. Army] Casualty Information System, 1/1/1961 - 12/1981 view records	14,246
Records on Korean War Dead and Wounded Army Casualties, created, 1950 - 1970, documenting the period 2/13/1950 - 12/31/1953 - Record Group 407 (info)	13,652
Korean War Casualty File, 2/13/1950 - 12/31/1953 view records	13,652

The columns in the page below can be sorted to make looking for people easier.



NATIONAL ARCHIVES ARCHIVES.GOV Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

Free-text Results Partial Records

AAD TOOLS FILE UNIT INFORMATION Download Results Bookmark/Share Help

Search this File Unit

Negro Search Advanced Search

Search within a field

Display Partial Records

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File unit: Application (SS-5) Files, 1936 - 2007 (Last Names M through N) in the Series: Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT), created 1936 - 2007, documenting the period 1936 - 2007 - Record Group 47 (info).

You searched for: **Negro** and any field.

You found **396 partial records** out of 8,093,260 total records in this file.

* If your search or query has returned more than 1,000 partial records neither the sort option nor the download option can be used. If the width of any column displayed in the partial records is greater than 80 characters, there is no option to sort the partial records by this column.

These files do not contain records of all Social Security Number applications. The files only contain applications of deceased individuals. You may wish to [View the FAQs](#) for this series.

Results per page: 10 [More >](#)

View Record	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH)	DATE OF BIRTH (DAY)	DATE OF BIRTH (YEAR)	PLACE OF BIRTH CITY	STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY OF BIRTH
	558372305	JACK		NEGRO	April	13	1960	TORONTO	Canada
	MOTHER'S LAST NAME: NEGRO FATHER'S LAST NAME: NEGRO OTHER LAST NAME: NEGRO								
	717127840	ANDREW		NEGRO	April	6	1931		Undefined Code
	FATHER'S LAST NAME: NEGRO								
	722010979	JAMES		NEGRO	September	23	1883	CAPODRISE	Italy
	FATHER'S LAST NAME: NEGRO								
	031073337	FRANCESCO	PAULO	NEGRO	May	8	1873	CASTELLA BAT	Italy
	FATHER'S LAST NAME: NEGRO SIGNATURE LAST NAME: NEGRO								
	043306632	GILBERT		NEGRO	March	16	1929	MANCHESTER H	Connecticut

Understanding the information in the records covered in AAD can depend on using [the Terminology](#) page.

Microfilm Catalog

Researchers can use [The Microfilm Catalog](#) to search where microfilm is located across all NARA facilities. Descriptive Pamphlets (DP), Preliminary Inventories (PI), and other aids to specific microfilm publications can often be found here. Signing in is NOT required. Although the screen indicates that microfilm will be ordered if the lower search box is used, use that box as needed to find what you need. If the microfilm publication is larger than 200 rolls, enter the letter “a” after the publication number without any spaces or there will be no results.

The screenshot shows the National Archives website's Microfilm Catalog page. The header includes the National Archives logo and navigation links like 'Home', 'Order Reproductions', 'Microfilm', and 'Frequently Asked Questions'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Search & Browse NARA's Microfilm Catalog' with a search box and 'Advanced Search' link; 'Most Requested' featuring a thumbnail for 'Enumeration District Maps for the Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930'; and 'Check My Order Status' with an input field for an order number and a 'Track It!' button. A sidebar on the right contains a 'FAQs' section with questions about microfilm publications. The footer provides contact information for the National Archives and Records Administration.

Digitized records

Only a small portion of records at NARA have been digitized and made available online. Many are available through sites such as Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Fold3.com, HeritageQuest Online.

The [list of records digitized](#) by these partners is updated as new records are completed. Bookmarking this page can get you to the list quickly. A spreadsheet of the page can also be downloaded and sorted.

Publications

NARA has [published](#) guides to types of records, Special Lists, General Information Leaflets (GIL), microfilm catalogs, the Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, Descriptive Pamphlets (DPs), Preliminary Inventories (PIs) and much more. Many are now available online.

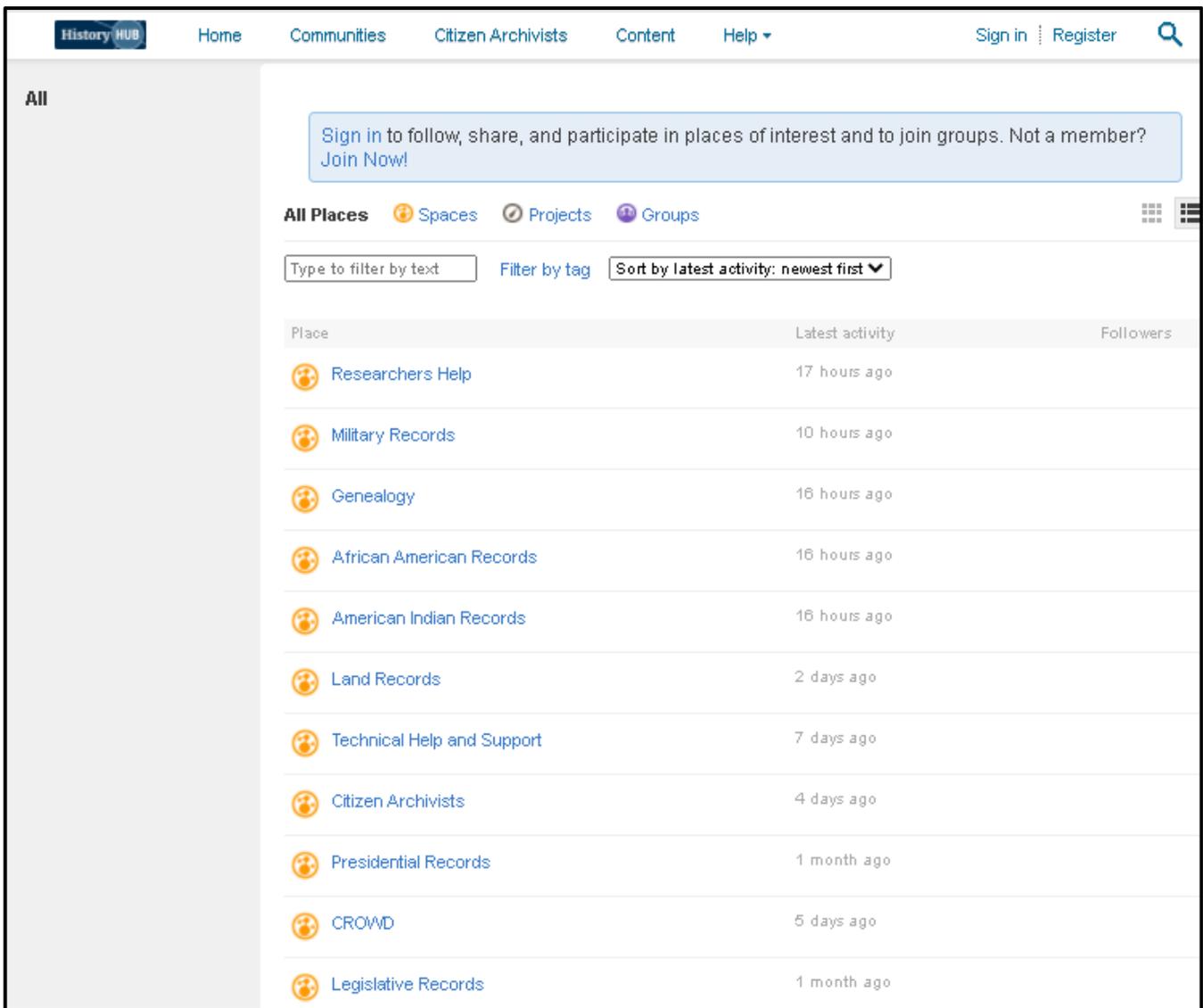
Prologue Magazine (the journal of NARA) was published quarterly for almost 50 years with articles designed to help people understand records at NARA and all its facilities. A special issue was published

in September 1997 on [African American History](#). Questions about particular records or topics can often be answered with information from Prologue articles. For example, this [article about The Purple Heart](#) provides a history of the medal and its creation.

[African American Heritage](#) is a section of the website specifically about African Americans; check out the [Subject Portals](#) at this page.

History Hub and Citizen Archivists

[History Hub](#) is an online research support community for anyone seeking information about people, places, or things. This is the place to ask and answer questions. Below is an image for part of the Communities page within History Hub



[Citizen Archivists](#) transcribe records and “find or post new transcription challenges.”

Education opportunities

There are online programs/workshops, online tutorials, YouTube channels, [annual virtual genealogy fairs](#), and much more to assist people in learning about NARA and how to use the records.

Although the [Educators](#) section of the website is designed for those teaching others, there is no reason the rest of us cannot use the tools and activities there.

Many of you are familiar with the [Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research \(IGHR\)](#) now held in Athens, Georgia, [Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy \(SLIG\)](#), and [Genealogy Research Institute of Pittsburgh \(GRIP\)](#). The oldest institute is currently called the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records ([Gen-Fed](#)), formerly called National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR). The origins of Gen-Fed go back to 1950 and the institute has been through several iterations. Gen-Fed is held at NARA in Washington, DC and Archives II in Maryland providing a week of in-depth study of material held by NARA.

Subscription databases available free on NARA facility computers

- [Ancestry.com](#)
- [Fold3\(Formerly Footnote.com\)](#)
- ProQuest/UMI
 - [ArchivesUSA](#)
 - [ProQuest Direct](#)
- GaleNet
 - [Biography and Genealogy Master Index \(BGMI\)](#)
 - [Archives Unbound](#)
- [America: History and Life](#)
- [Ingenta \(Articles\)](#)
- [Digital National Security Archive](#)
- [U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection](#)

Resource List

Keep in mind that there are books about researching the National Archives that are about The National Archives in the UK, formerly the Public Records Office (PRO), now in Kew. A number of the books about researching in the United States National Archives are somewhat out of date, but can still be useful. Many guides and books are now available online at the NARA website.

NARA eNewsletters - Consider subscribing to one or more of the [email newsletters](#) available from NARA.

Greenwood, Val D. *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, 4th edition. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2017.

This "Bible " of U.S. genealogy discusses a variety of records and how to use those records, many of which are located at NARA.

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Schmidt, Laura . “Using Archives: A Guide to Effective Research”. Chicago: Society of American Archivists, nd. Accessed 05 January 2021. <https://www2.archivists.org/book/export/html/14460>

United States. National Archives and Records Service. *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*. Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Service, 1982.

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Note: All links worked as of 10 January 2021