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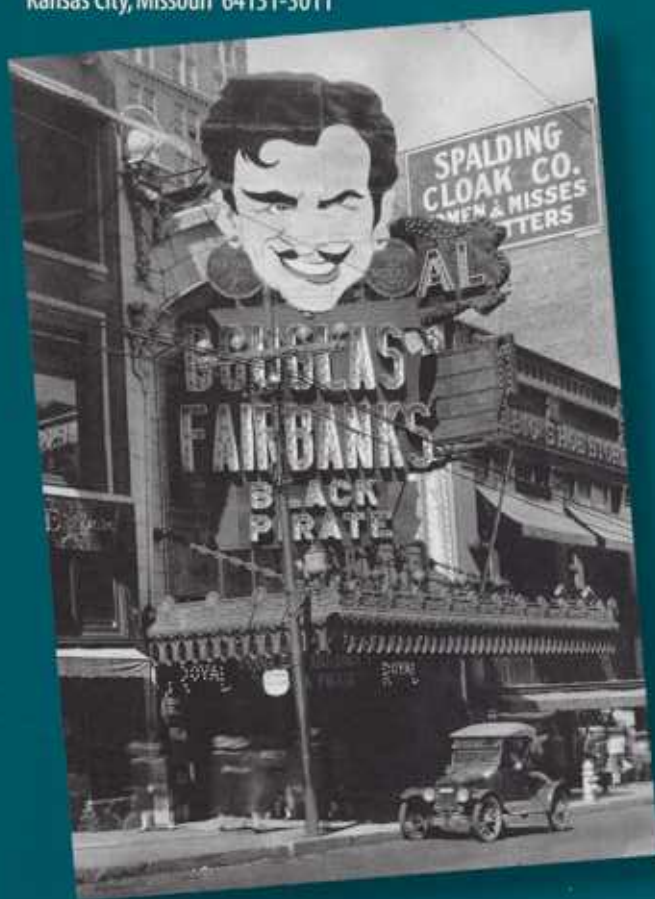
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The Regional Archives at NARA's Central Plains Region is:

- Part of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Federal agency that, by law, preserves and provides access to permanently valuable, noncurrent Federal records with historical, legal, or fiscal value.
- One of 14 NARA facilities where the public has access to Federal archival records.
- A depository and center for research in historical records from Federal agencies and courts in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- A center for genealogical research.
- A sponsor of programs that educate the public about archives, history, genealogy, and related subjects.
- A partner with colleges and universities, historical and genealogical societies, veterans organizations, museums, and other archives.
- A host for student interns, school groups, and others who want to learn more about archives.
- A national resource in a local setting.

We have:

- More than 42,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s, among them photographs, maps, and architectural drawings, created or received by nearly 100 Federal agencies, including Federal courts.

We serve:

- Anyone who needs historical information created or received by the Federal Government—historians, genealogists, lawyers, scholars, Government officials, environmentalists, students, veterans, and others.

Our records are:

- Diverse in form and content, including correspondence, name lists, reports, contracts, case files, photographs, maps, posters, and drawings which document the actions and reactions of the Government and the American people as they dealt with issues and events such as immigration and naturalization, the environment, technological change, the Great Depression, war, and the evolution of a multicultural nation.
- Filled with the names of notable events, places, and people, including the 1890 tragedy at Wounded Knee, S.D.; the 1933 gangland slaying at Kansas City's Union

Station; the milestone *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision to desegregate public schools; Robert "Birdman of Alcatraz" Stroud; William "Buffalo Bill" Cody; U.S. Marshals Bat Masterson and "Wild Bill" Hickok; President Ulysses S. Grant; Walt Disney; singer Chuck Berry; Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky; anti-war agitator Kate Richards O'Hare; Missouri night-riding outlaws the "Baldknobbers"—and more!

- Unique evidence of the impact of Federal policies and programs on the States of the northern Midwest.

If you plan to do research in original records:

- Call before visiting to assure that records are available—816-823-5032.
- Bring identification such as a driver's license, passport, or student ID so that we can issue you a researcher's card.
- Plan on leaving your personal belongings in a locker. Laptop computers are permitted.

Our microfilm holdings are:

- **Of genealogical interest**—Federal population censuses for all States, 1790–1930; censuses of Northern Plains Native Americans and the Five Civilized Tribes—Choctaw, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Seminole, and Creek; selected military service, pension, passenger arrival, and naturalization records.
- **Of general historical interest**—Territorial papers; the Mathew Brady Collection of Civil War photographs; German records captured at the end of World War II; records of U.S. diplomatic missions, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the Government's administration of Indian affairs, and the U.S. Supreme Court; records documenting the unexplained loss of Navy flight 19 in the Bermuda Triangle, 1945; documentation of the Axis Powers' looting of assets, 1933–45; and studies of UFOs undertaken by Project Blue Book.

If you plan to do microfilm research:

- Expect to use our self-service microfilm research room with the aid of volunteers and staff.
- Because research is time-consuming, you may need to visit more than once.

Prepare for your visit by reviewing our web sites:

- Our home page ~ www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/kansas_city.html

- NARA home page ~ www.archives.gov
- Basics for researchers ~ www.archives.gov/research_room/
- Guide to our archival holdings ~ www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/kansas_city/holdings.html
- NARA-wide guide to archival holdings ~ www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/
- NARA-wide guide to microfilm holdings ~ www.archives.gov/research_room/alic/research_tools/search_microfilm_catalog.html

We welcome your inquiries:

- *Address:* NARA's Central Plains Region
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E-mail: kansascity.archives@nara.gov
General information: 816-926-NARA
Reference: 816-823-5032
Fax: 816-926-6235

We welcome your visit:

- Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional hours, call or check our web site.
- Closed weekends and Federal holidays.

We are located:

- In the southeast quadrant of Kansas City, 3 miles inside I-435.
- Take I-435 to Bannister Road exit. Go west 1½ miles and turn right at the 95th Terrace light (just beyond the Bannister Road bridge over the Blue River). Follow 95th Terrace ½ mile east to the Garfield Street entrance. Just over the railroad tracks, turn left at the light onto Garfield, proceed north, and turn right at building's end. Proceed to the northeast corner of the building to the NARA entrance.

If you need photocopies:

- For a fee, our staff will make or arrange for copies of records and provide certified copies for legal use.
- You can use self-service copiers for a fee to make paper copies from microfilm.
- Self-service copying of original records may be allowed, depending on the condition of the records.

We encourage you to volunteer:

- To assist genealogical researchers.
- To work on archival preservation and other historical records projects.



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ensures, for citizens and Federal officials, ready access to essential evidence that documents the rights of American citizens, the actions of Federal officials, and the national experience. We establish policies and procedures for managing U.S. Government records and assist Federal agencies in documenting their activities, administering records management programs, scheduling records, and retiring noncurrent records. We appraise, accession, arrange, describe, preserve, and provide access to the essential documentation of the three branches of Government; manage the Presidential Libraries system; and publish the laws, regulations, and Presidential and other public documents. We also administer the information Security Oversight Office, which manages Federal classification and declassification policies, and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, which makes grants nationwide to help nonprofit organizations identify, preserve, and provide access to materials that document American history.

Archival Holdings at NARA's Central Plains Region include records of the:

Accounts (Treasury), Bureau of	Record Group 39
Adjutant General's Office, 1917-	RG 407
Agricultural Economics, Bureau of	RG 83
Agricultural Marketing Service	RG 136
Agricultural Research Service	RG 310
Agriculture, Office of the Secretary	RG 16
Air Force Commands, Activities, and Organizations, U.S.	RG 342
American Revolution Bicentennial Administration	RG 452
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	RG 463
Animal Industry, Bureau of	RG 17
Army Air Forces	RG 18
Army Commands, U.S., 1942-	RG 338
Army Staff	RG 319
Attorneys, U.S.	RG 118
Capital Issues Committee	RG 158
Census, Bureau of the	RG 29
Civil Service Commission, U.S.	RG 146
Coast Guard, U.S.	RG 26
Commodity Futures Trading Commission	RG 180
Community Services Administration	RG 381
Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the	RG 101
Courts of Appeals, U.S.	RG 276
Customs Service, U.S.	RG 36
Defense Transportation, Office of	RG 219
District Courts of the United States	RG 21
Employment and Training Administration	RG 369
Employment Security, Office of	RG 183
Energy, Department of	RG 434
Engineers, Office of the Chief of	RG 77
Environmental Protection Agency	RG 412
Fair Employment Practice, Committee on	RG 228
Farm Credit Administration	RG 103
Farmers Home Administration	RG 96
Federal Aviation Administration	RG 237
Federal Highway Administration	RG 406
Federal Property Resources Service	RG 291
Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.	RG 22
Food Administration, U.S.	RG 4
Forest Service	RG 95
General Services Administration	RG 269
Geological Survey, U.S.	RG 67
Grain Corporation, U.S.	RG 5
Housing Expediter, Office of the	RG 252
Indian Affairs, Bureau of	RG 75

Internal Revenue Service	RG 58
Land Management, Bureau of	RG 49
Law Enforcement Assistance Administration	RG 425
Marine Corps, United States	RG 127
Marine Inspection and Navigation, Bureau of	RG 41
Mines, U.S. Bureau of	RG 70
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National Archives and Records Administration	RG 64
National Labor Relations Board	RG 25
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	RG 370
National Park Service	RG 79
National Recovery Administration	RG 9
National Resources Planning Board	RG 187
National War Labor Board (World War II)	RG 202
National Youth Administration	RG 119
Natural Resources Conservation Service	RG 114
Naval Districts and Shore Establishments	RG 181
Naval Personnel, Bureau of	RG 24
Occupational Safety and Health Administration	RG 100
Ordnance, Office of the Chief of	RG 156
Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering, Bureau of	RG 54
Post Office Department	RG 28
Price Stabilization, Office of	RG 295
Prisons, Bureau of	RG 129
Public Buildings Service	RG 121
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Quartermaster General, Office of the	RG 92
Reconstruction Finance Corporation	RG 234
Regional Committees and Commissions	RG 414
Secret Service, U.S.	RG 87
Selective Service System (World War I)	RG 163
Selective Service System, 1940-	RG 147
Social and Rehabilitation Service	RG 363
Social Security Administration	RG 47
Solid Fuels Administration for War	RG 245
Surgeon General (Army), Office of the	RG 112
Transportation, Office of the Chief of	RG 336
Veterans Administration	RG 15
Wage and Hour Division	RG 155
Wage and Salary Stabilization Boards of the Economic Stabilization Agency	RG 293
War Assets Administration	RG 270
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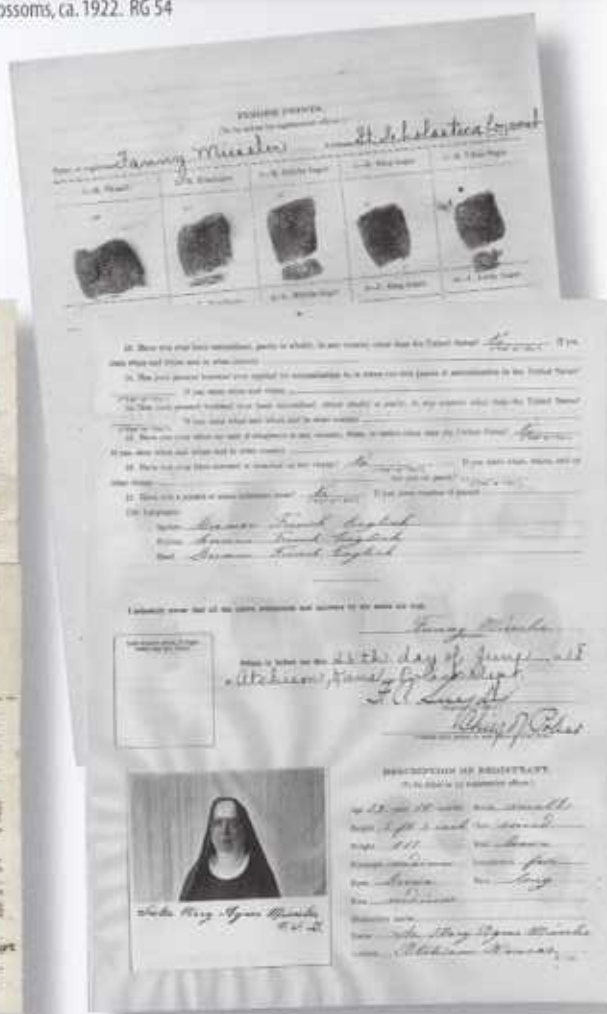
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Flax blossoms, ca. 1922. RG 54



Declarations of intention to become a U.S. citizen, 1943 and 1945. RG 21



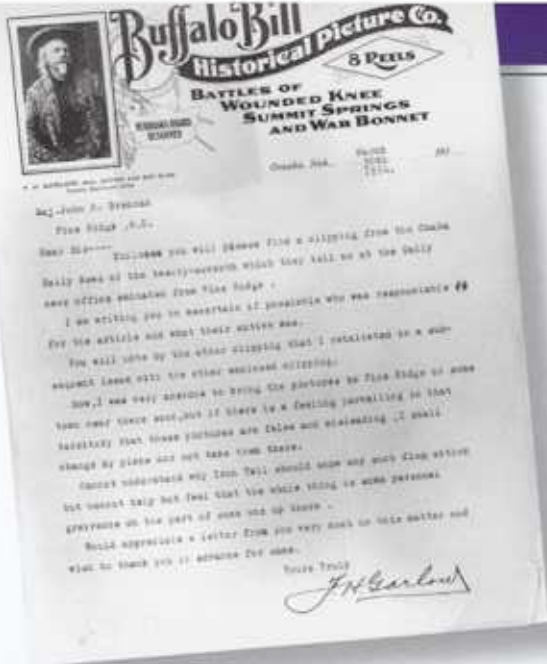
"Registration Affidavit of Alien Female," June 1918. RG 118



John Black Hawk, laborer, Cheyenne River Agency, South Dakota, 1915. RG 75



Oregon Trail reenactment, Scottsbluff National Monument, Nebraska, 1959. RG 79



Letter from motion picture company to Pine Ridge Indian Agency, South Dakota, on the portrayal of historical events, 1914. RG 75



Telegram to Indian agent, Crow Creek Agency, South Dakota, 1899. RG 75



Andrew Knife, Oglala Lakota (Sioux), Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, ca. 1942. RG 75



World War I "eat potatoes" promotion. RG 4



Steamboat license, ca. 1850. RG 41



Launching a suction dredge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1932. RG 77



Prisoners, Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary, Kansas, 1900-09. RG 129



"Leon Trotsky and American admirers," Mexico, ca. 1940. RG 21



President John Kennedy at Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, 1963. RG 79



Man with dinosaur bones, Cornhusker Ordnance Plant, Grand Island, Nebraska, 1942. RG 156



Civilian Conservation Corps boys quarrying lime rock, Missouri, ca. 1935. RG 114