Welcome, TVA Staff





National Archives Catalog

- Online portal to records and information about our records
- Provides access to electronic records and digitized copies
- Searches across multiple resources at once
- Contains **110 million** digital objects
- Encourages crowdsourcing and citizen engagement through tagging, transcription and commenting



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What is crowdsourcing?

- Capturing the knowledge of citizens
- Adding value to records
- Improving access to records
- Improving searchability
- Tagging, transcriptions, and comments in the Catalog



Citizen Contributions

- Make Access Happen Expand access through higher quality information
- Connect with Customers Use engagement to develop a community with anyone interested in our records
- Engage students with primary sources



Why do we engage?

- Engage people with history and primary sources
- Make records more accessible
- Increase the visibility and value of archives
- Develop or deepen personal connections with documents
- Share first hand knowledge of records to preserve cultural heritage
- Empowering participation and contribution to the mission of the National Archives



Through crowdsourcing, you help us -

- Add value to records
- Improve access to records
- Improve searchability

...And unlock history!

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NARA Work from Home



Welcome, NARA Staff! We're excited that you are going to help tag and transcribe records in the National Archives Catalog. Every contribution will help make these records more searchable and discoverable in our Catalog.

- Register for a National Archives Catalog Account using your NARA email. If you already have a National Archives Catalog
 account, please login.
- 2. Watch our tutorial on How to Tag and Transcribe Records:



https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/missions/work-from-home

Contribute!

Recovery of Holocaust-Era Assets



Transcribe claims, claim lists, receipts, descriptions of art treasures, and miscellaneous records discovered or created during the investigation of the claim for the recovery of Holocaust era Assets. The majority of the records pertain to claims of private persons, organizations, businesses or governments.

Get started transcribing

Railroad Valuation Maps



Help tag geographic locations and landowner information within each map! We need you to identify features and details within the maps, making them searchable by name and location.

Check out the National Archives Catalog Newsletter

that details how to tag these maps.

Get started tagging

Letters Received from the Departments of State and Treasury, 1789 - 1882



Can you read 18th and 19th century handwriting? Help us transcribe letters received concerning a variety of issues such as vessels, imports and exports, bounty drafts, receipt transmittal, seizures, revenue cutters, ship documentation and more. You might even find some letters and circulars signed by "your obedient servant," Alexander Hamilton!

Find a page without a blue tag and Get started transcribing

World War II War Diaries, Other Operational Records and Histories, ca. 1/1/1942 - ca. 6/1/1946



Help transcribe daily operational journals (commonly referred to as war diaries) created by various naval commands, shore installations, ships and other activities throughout the Navy, as well as some Marine Corps commands. Most war diaries provided a day-to-day record of operational activities and sometimes administrative activities as well.

Get started tagging and transcribing

Homestead Final Certificates, 1863 - 1894



Transcribe Homestead Final Certificates from the Omaha, Nebraska Land Office.

Get started transcribing

Photographs of U.S. and Foreign Naval Vessels, 1883 - 1972



Please help us by **transcribing** information about each vessel that is printed on the photographs.

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Resources



Whether you are new to the Citizen Archivist program, or looking for ways to become more involved, this resource page is designed to provide helpful information, tips and tricks, instructional videos and more.

Learn how to register and get started.

How-to Guides

Get started, find information, and step-by-step instructions with these downloadable PDFs.



Transcription Tips

Our Transcription Tips guide includes instructions and examples of documents to help you get started with transcription. A PDF version is available for download.



What Makes A Good Tag?

Tags enhance the National Archives search capabilities. Learn how you can improve access to records by adding tags.



Get Started Transcribing

Learn how to register for a Catalog account, find records to transcribe, and follow step-by-step instructions for transcribing records in the Catalog.



Tagging Game

Learn how to turn tagging in the National Archives Catalog into a game to list as many keywords (Tags) that describe or identify items in the image. This game can be played head-to-head or team-versus-team.

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Videos

These instructional videos will help you learn more about our Catalog, how to search, and getting started contributing.

Getting Started: Overview of the Citizen Archivist Dashboard



Searching the National Archives Catalog to Find Records to Transcribe



Anatomy of a Description



How to Download Records from the National Archives Catalog



How to Tag and Transcribe Records





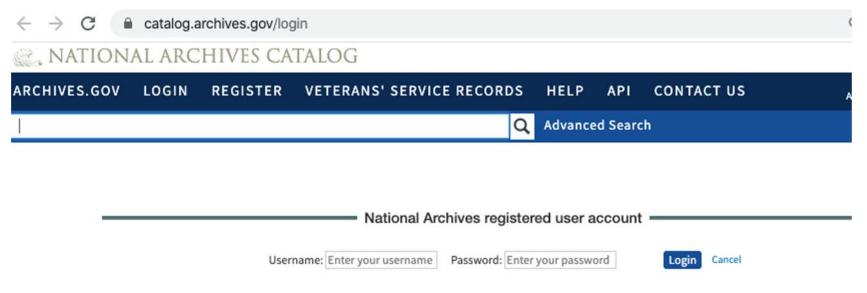
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TVA Family Removal and Population Readjustment Case Files, 1937 - 1948

Transcribe case histories and family surveys of individuals affected by the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) acquisition of land for dam and power production projects. Find a page without a blue tag and start transcribing. Thanks to Citizen Archivist Alex for the suggestion!



Recommendations for Employment, 1861 - 1867

Transcribe correspondence concerning employment at the Schuylkill Arsenal in Philadelphia. Most of the records are letters of recommendation by various politicians and other notable citizens for individuals seeking jobs at the Arsenal, primarily during the Civil War. The majority of the applicants are women who had relatives in the Union Army.



Award Cards, 1942 -1963

Help us transcribe this large series of index cards for awards that include the Purple Heart, Air Medal Decoration, Commendation Medal, Distinguished Service Cross, and Distinguished Flying Cross. Information included consists of: name, service number, rank, general order number, order date and issuing organization, award type, date awarded and more.



Bureau of Public Roads 1896 - 1963

Helps us tag details and features you find such as vehicles (can you identify the model and make?). highway structures, buildings, tourist cabins and motels, car washes, shopping centers, bus terminals, and parking garages.



Amistad

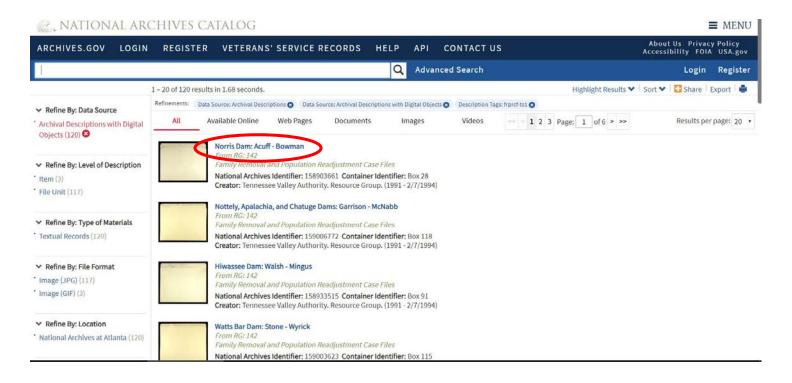
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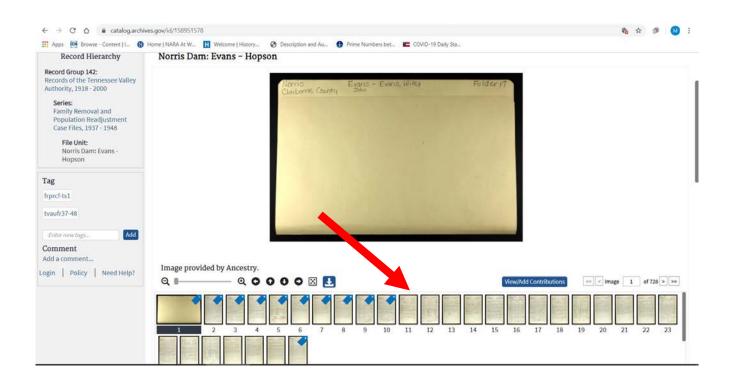
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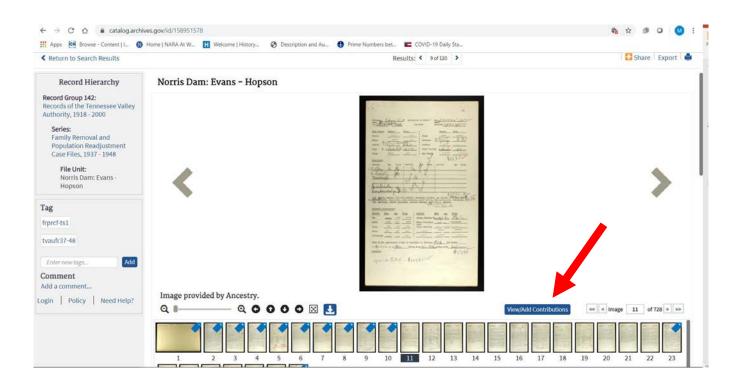


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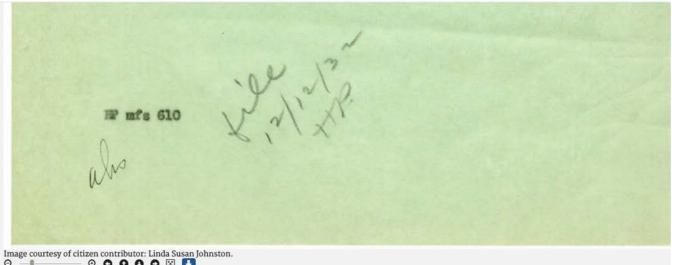
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Contributors: Alex Smith (Last updated an hour ago)

December 10, 1932.

Mrs. Narcissa Cornish,
Hulbert, Oklahoma.

CORNISH, Isaac J.
Indian War Veteran

Madam:

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A good breeze all day but we stuck to the engine. This is a place of very high tides - about 28 feet - and the effect is most amazing at a great distance from land. The water swirds around in great eddies, swinging the ship with it in spite of her power and rudder - large areas are smooth where the water seems as though boiling over from a pot, to come upward and spread in all directions; and where opposing currents meet, the waves clash together and spray is thrown up in the air over areas of many yards, with a roaring noise like surf. An unusual sight which lasts about fifteen minutes during the change.

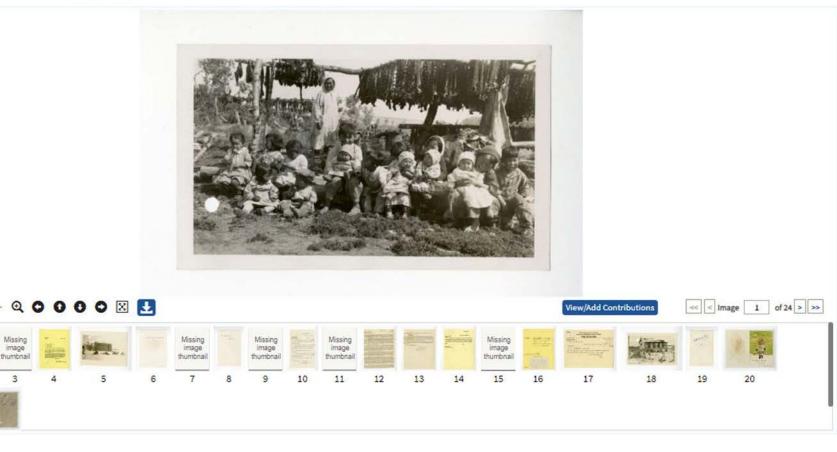
JULY 19 - Tuesday

Defendants Demurrer to Indictment Number 1148

The United States, /148 % In the District Court of the United -- vs -- No. 1149. % States, for the Western District W. S. Porter. % of Texas.

Now comes the Defendant W. S. Porter in his own proper person, into Court and having heard the indictment herein read, says that the said indictment and the matters therein contained, in manner and form, as the same are therein stated and set forth, are not sufficient in law, and that the said W. S. Porter is not bound by the law of the land to answer the same, and this he is ready to verify: Wherefore, for want of sufficient indictment in this behalf, the said W: S. Porter prays judgment, and that by the Court he may be dismissed and discharged from the said premises, in the said indictment specified.

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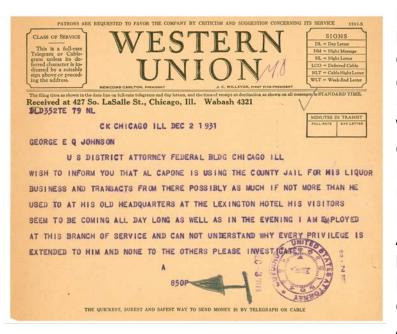
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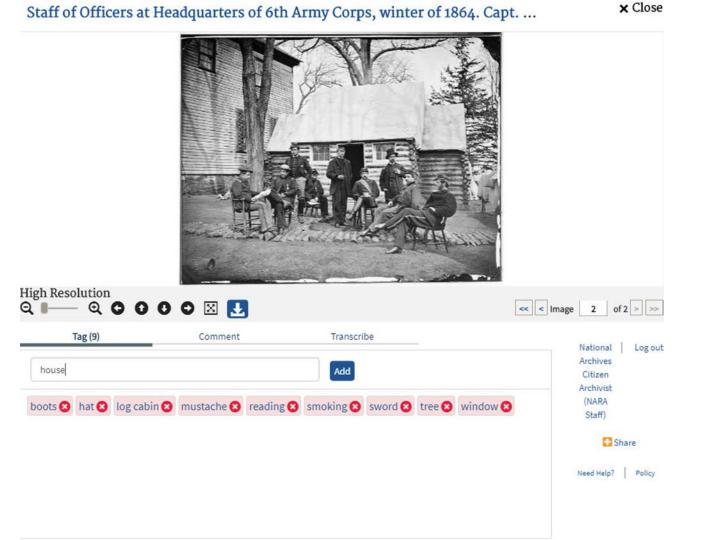
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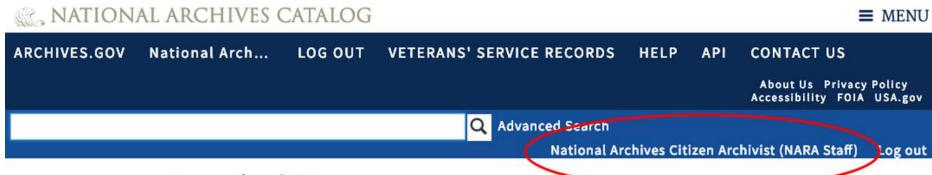
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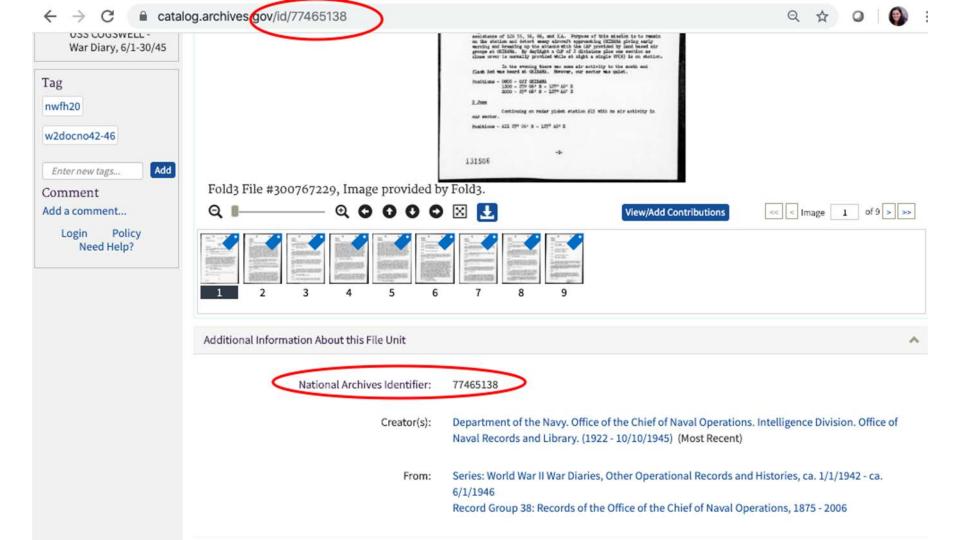
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