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Attendant taking instrument readings, Wilson Nitrate Plant, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, ca. 1940. RG 142

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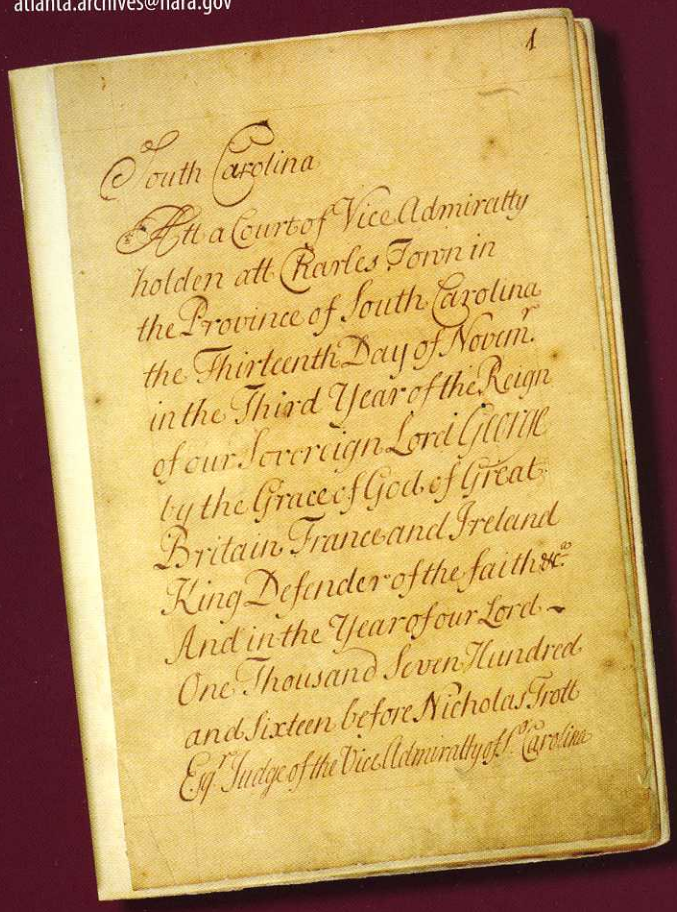
South Carolina
At a Court of Vice Admiralty
holden att Charles Town in
the Province of South Carolina
the Thirteenth Day of Novem.
in the Third Year of the Reign
of our Soveraign Lord George
by the Grace of God of Great
Britain France and Ireland
King Defender of the faith &c.
And in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand Seven Hundred
and Sixteen before Nicholas Trott
Esq. Judge of the Vice Admiralty of S. Carolina

Minutes of the British Vice Admiralty Court for the Province of South Carolina, 1716–32, first page. RG 21

NARA's Southeast Regional Archives 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 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.
- 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 societies, genealogical groups, 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 110,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from 1716 to the 1990s, among them photographs, maps, and architectural drawings, created or received by more than 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, veterans, and others.

Our records are:

- Diverse in content covering the Civil War and Reconstruction; illegal slave importation; World War I draft registration; the depression of the 1930s and the New Deal; smallpox and malaria eradication, and other public health programs; flood control, dams and reservoirs; the advent of electric power through the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); the development of the atomic bomb and civilian uses of nuclear energy; space exploration including Apollo 13, and the Skylab, Mercury, and Gemini programs; landmark school desegregation cases, the Montgomery bus boycott, the march to Selma, and other milestones in the civil rights movement.
- Filled with the names of notable places and people, among them the John F. Kennedy Space Center, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Cherokee Indians, President Andrew Johnson, scientist Wernher von Braun, TVA chairman David Lilienthal, Alabama governor George Wallace, the feuding Hatfields and McCoys, civil rights leaders Martin Luther King, Jr. and Andrew Young, and nurse Eunice Rivers of the Tuskegee syphilis study.
- Important evidence of the impact of Federal government policies and programs in the Southeast, especially in the areas of public health, science, and the environment.

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- **Of genealogical interest** — Federal population censuses for all States, 1790–1930; indexes to compiled service records of Confederate volunteers; applications from former Confederates for amnesty; passenger arrival records and indexes for vessels arriving in selected Eastern and Gulf ports; 18th and 19th century compiled military service and pension records; bounty land warrant applications; naturalization indexes, petitions and declarations of intention; and World War I draft registration cards for all States.
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If you plan to do microfilm or genealogy 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 site:

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- Guide to our archival holdings ~ www.archives.gov/southeast/holdings/

- NARA-wide guide to archival holdings ~ www.archives.gov/research/arc/
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- Closed Sundays, Mondays and Federal holidays.

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- You can use self-service copiers for a fee to make paper copies from microfilm.
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- To assist genealogical researchers.
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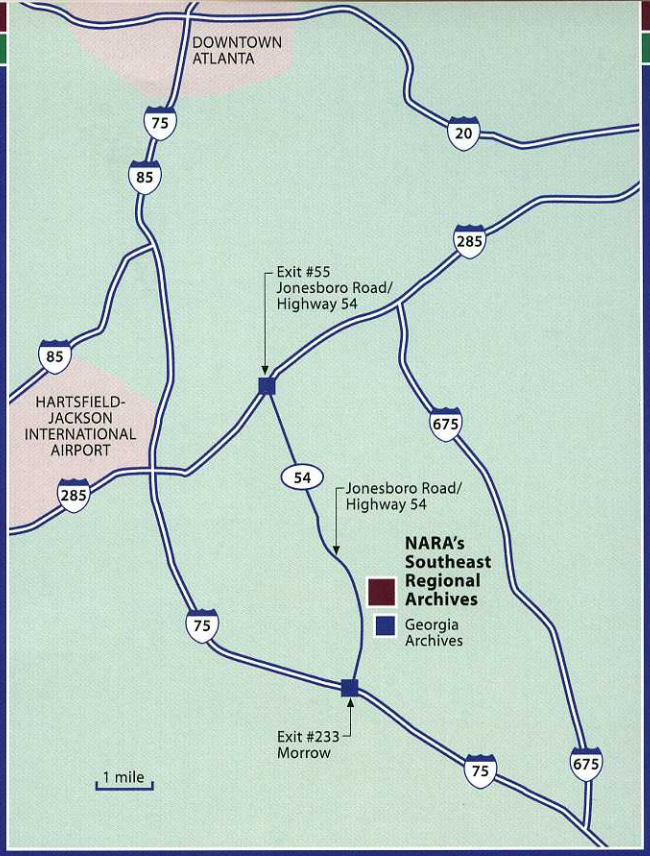

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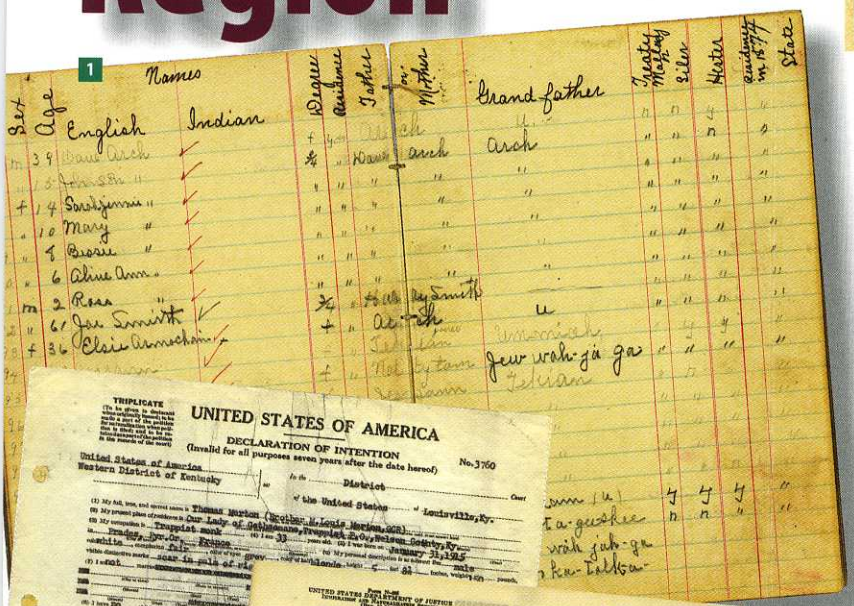

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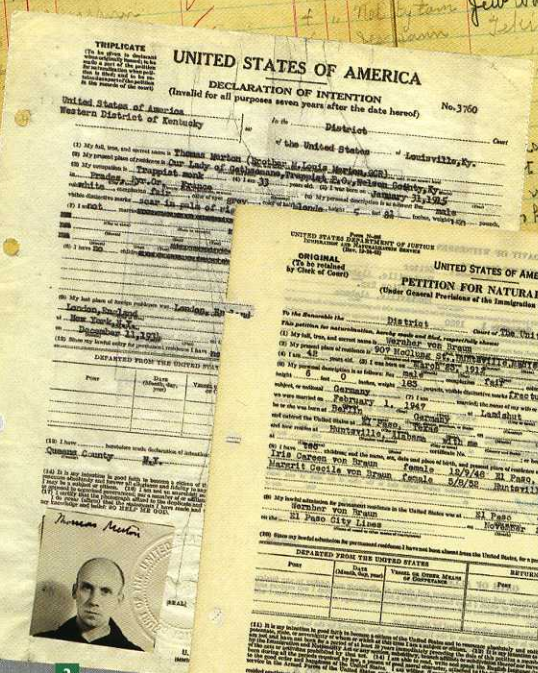

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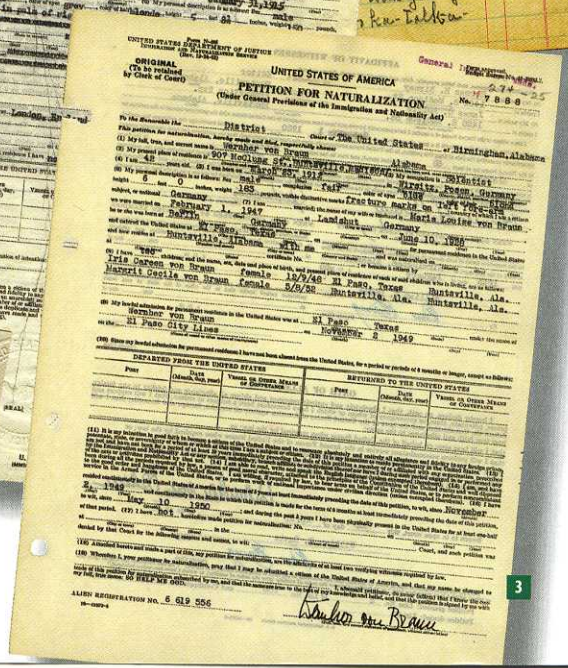

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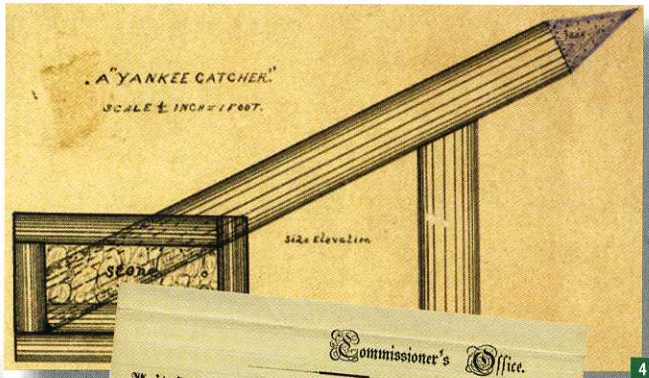

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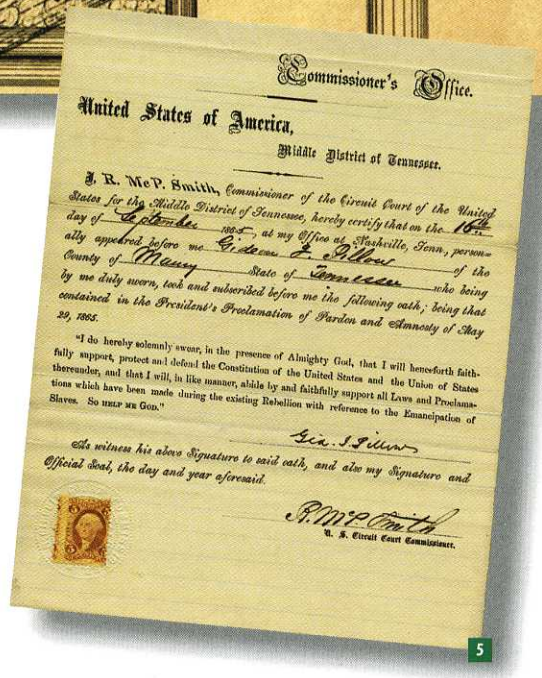

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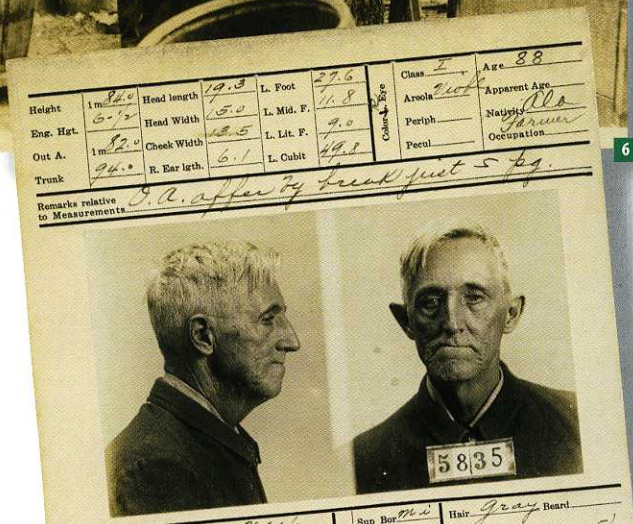

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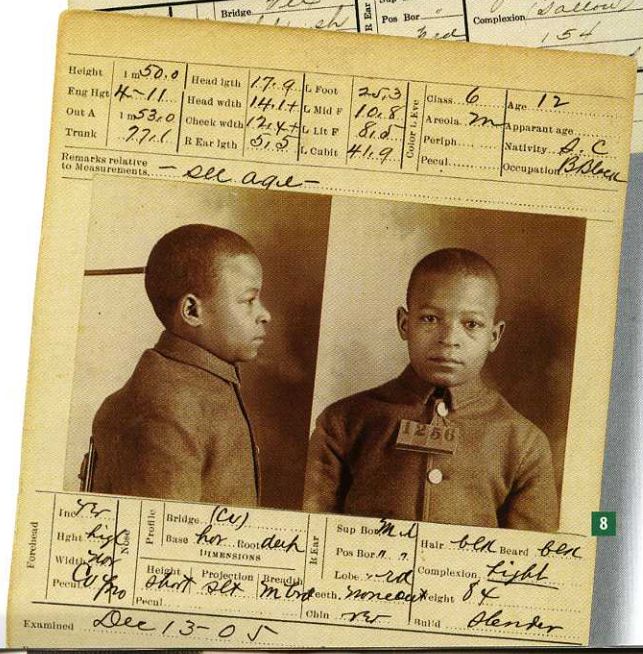

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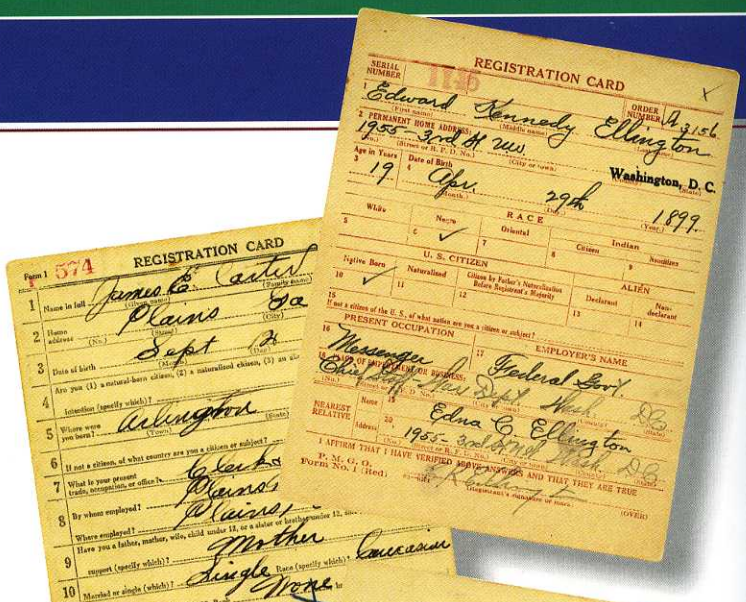
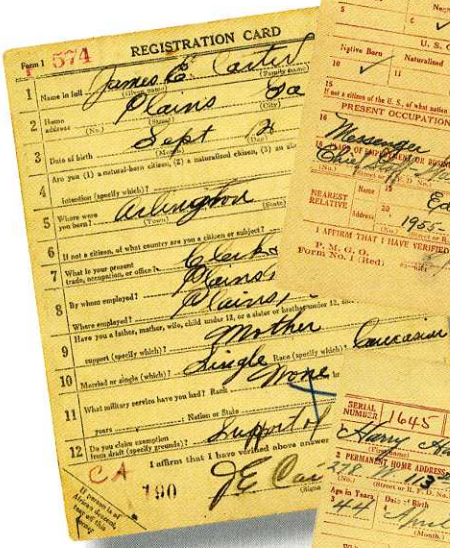


REGISTRATION CARD
SERIAL NUMBER 1156
ORDER NUMBER A 3156
1 Edward Kennedy Ellington
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS 1955 - 3rd St NW
Washington, D.C.
3 Age in Years 19
Date of Birth Apr. 29th 1899
RACE
U. S. CITIZEN
ALIEN
PRESENT OCCUPATION
EMPLOYER'S NAME
Federal Govt.
Chief Staff Mass Dept. Wash. D.C.
NEAREST RELATIVE
Edna C. Ellington
1955 - 3rd St NW Wash. D.C.
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE



Form 1 574
REGISTRATION CARD
1 Name in full James E. Carter
2 Home address Plains Ga
3 Date of birth Sept 2
4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien
5 Where were you born? Arlington
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?
7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Clerk
8 By whom employed? Plains
Where employed? Plains
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Mother
10 Married or single (which)? Single
11 What military service have you had? Rank None
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? Support
I affirm that I have verified above answers
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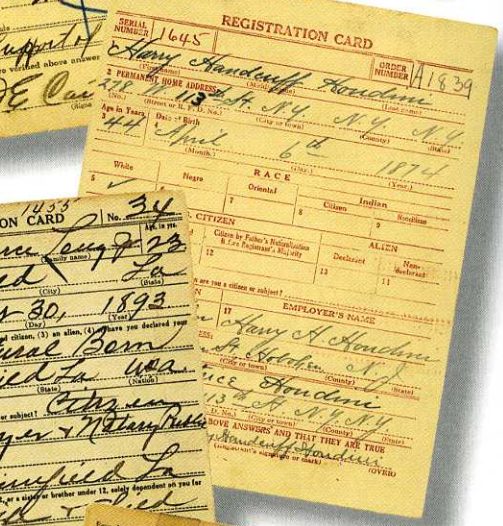
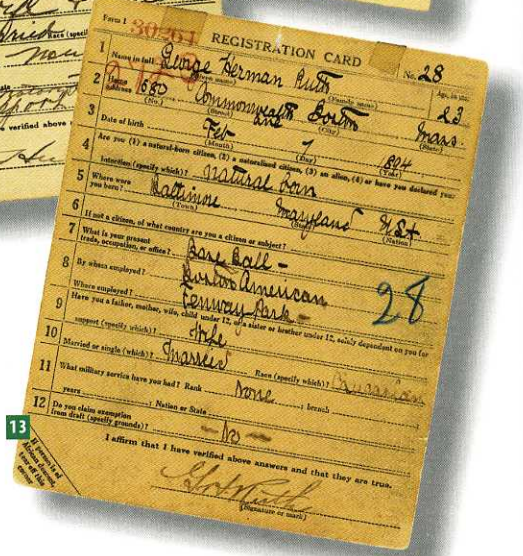


REGISTRATION CARD
SERIAL NUMBER 1645
ORDER NUMBER A 1839
1 Harry Handcuff Houdini
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS 278 - 113th St. N.Y. N.Y. N.Y.
3 Age in Years 44
Date of Birth April 6th 1874
RACE
CITIZEN
ALIEN
EMPLOYER'S NAME
Harry H. Houdini
St. Hoboken N.J.
Houdini
113th St. N.Y. N.Y.
ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE



Form 1 737
REGISTRATION CARD
1455
No. 34
1 Name in full Lucy Pearce Long
2 Home address Winnfield La
3 Date of birth August 30, 1893
4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural Born
5 Where were you born? Winnfield La USA
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Citizen
7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Lawyer & Notary Public
8 By whom employed? Winnfield La
Where employed?
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Wife & Died
10 Married or single (which)? Married
11 What military service have you had? Rank None
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? Support
I affirm that I have verified above answers



Form 1 30261
REGISTRATION CARD
No. 28
1 Name in full George Herman Ruth
2 Home address 680 Commonwealth Boston Mass.
3 Date of birth Feb 7 1894
4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural Born
5 Where were you born? Baltimore Maryland U.S.
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?
7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Bare Ball
8 By whom employed? Boston American
Where employed? Fenway Park
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Wife
10 Married or single (which)? Married
11 What military service have you had? Rank None
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? No
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

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H. R. 5081

Seventy-third Congress of the United States of America;

At the First Session,

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Thursday, the ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

AN ACT

To improve the navigability and to provide for the flood control of the Tennessee River; to provide for reforestation and the proper use of marginal lands in the Tennessee Valley; to provide for the agricultural and industrial development of said valley; to provide for the national defense by the creation of a corporation for the operation of Government properties at and near Muscle Shoals in the State of Alabama, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of maintaining and operating the properties now owned by the United States in the vicinity of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, in the interest of the national defense and for agricultural and industrial development, and to improve navigation in the Tennessee River and control the destructive flood waters in the Tennessee River and Mississippi River Basins, there is hereby created a body corporate by the name of the "Tennessee Valley Authority" (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation"). The board of directors first provided shall be deemed the incorporators, and the incorporation shall have been effected from the date of the first meeting of the board. This Act may be cited as the "Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933."

(a) The board of directors of the Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "board") shall be composed of three members appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. In appointing the members of the board, the President shall designate the chairman. All other officials, agents, and employees of the Corporation shall be appointed and removed by the board, as the case may be, and shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the board. Each director shall qualify by taking an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and to faithfully discharge the duties of his office. The members first taking office after the passage of this Act shall be designated and selected by the President, one of whom shall hold office for a term expiring at the end of the first year, one at the end of the second year, and one at the end of the third year, as designated by the President at the time of their appointment, and the successor of each member shall be appointed in the same manner as the original member, except that he shall be appointed for a term of office expiring nine years from the date of the term for which his predecessor was appointed.

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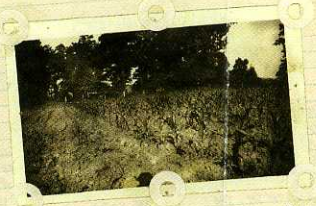
WADE McBRIDE
MARCH 1934
GIBSON County

PICTURES WERE TAKEN IN 1933



CORN GROWING ON GRENADA TYPE SOIL. REDCLAY IS VE
ABUNDANT IN THE SUBSOIL. NOTICE THE POOR GROWTH OF
CORN. NOTICE THE ABANDONED, ERODED HILL IN THE B
GROUND. THIS FIELD HAS BEEN IN CULTIVATION FOR
APPROXIMATELY 80 YEARS. THE YIELD WAS ONLY
8 BUSHELS PER ACRE



CORN ON MEMPHIS SILT LOAM SOIL. ALL CORN WAS
PLANTED ON THE SAME DAY. FERTILIZER WAS ADDED TO
THE CORN ON THE RIGHT, WHILE NO FERTILIZER WAS
USED ON THE CORN TO THE LEFT. SHOWS THE
ENDY OF THE PLANT FOOD IN THE SOIL

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Paul Johnson, of Tuscumbia (left), has progressed since 1933 through six classifications to carbide-handling foreman at the TVA nitrate plant. He is the first negro to have this job. He is chairman of the negro auxiliary of the Operating Engineers' Union (AFL). Malcolm C. Johnson (right) also of Tuscumbia, Paul Johnson's brother, has risen from concrete laborer to sub-labor foreman. He is vice president of the Hod Carriers' Union (AFL). Both have excellent attendance records at the nitrate plant. (6)

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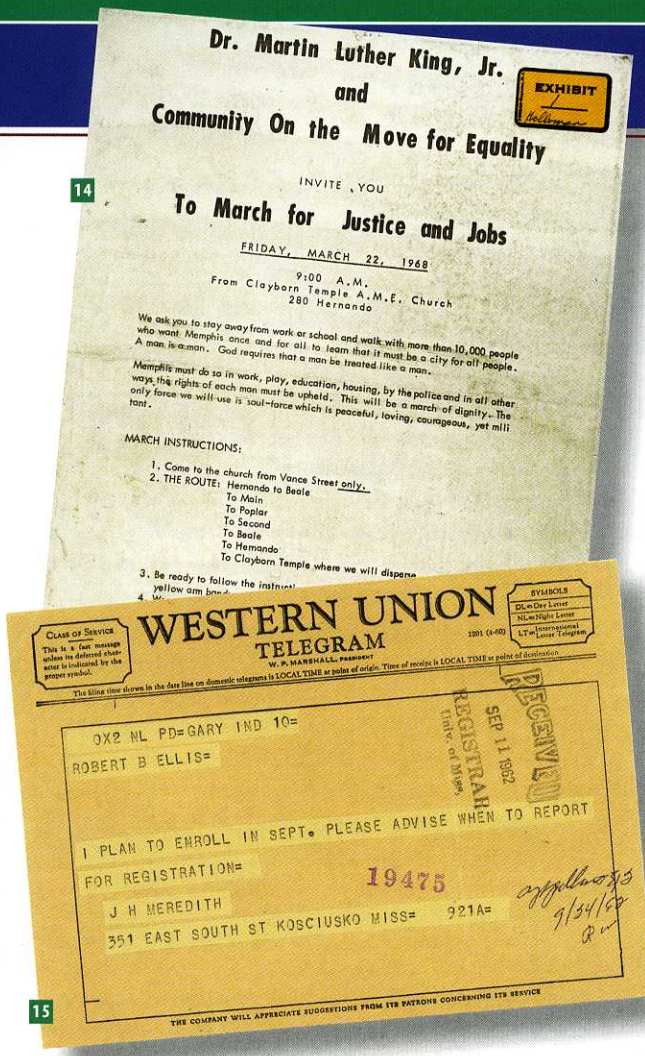

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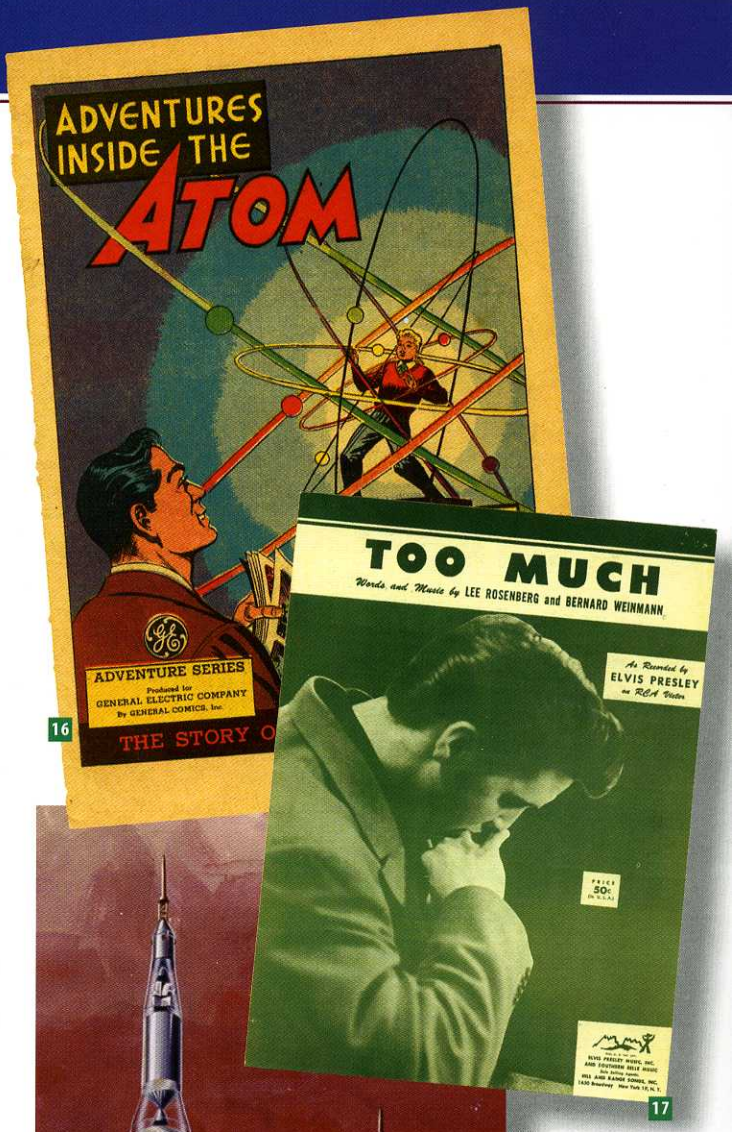

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11 TVA's Subsistence Homestead Survey notebook, Gibson County, Tennessee, 1934. RG 142

12 TVA employees Paul and Lincoln Johnson, Tuscumbia, Alabama, no date. RG 142

13 World War I draft registration cards for Edward "Duke" Ellington, James E. Carter (father of President Carter), Harry Houdini, Huey Long, and George "Babe" Ruth. RG 163

14 Flyer announcing the "March for Justice and Jobs," Memphis, Tennessee, 1968. RG 21

15 Telegram from James Meredith, first African American graduate of the University of Mississippi, to Robert Ellis, Registrar, 1962. RG 21

16 Comic book produced by General Electric, an Atomic Energy Commission contractor, to publicize the development of nuclear energy, 1948. RG 326

17 Music for "Too Much," recorded by Elvis Presley, 1956, evidence in a copyright infringement case, 1959. RG 21

18 Two different types of Saturn rockets, ca. 1964. RG 255