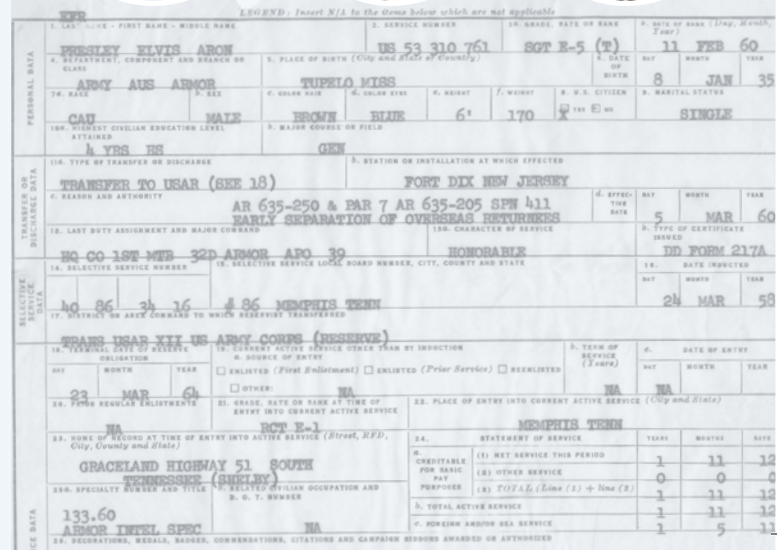
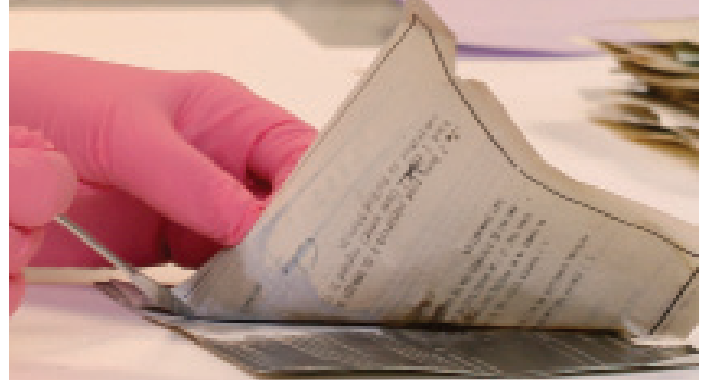


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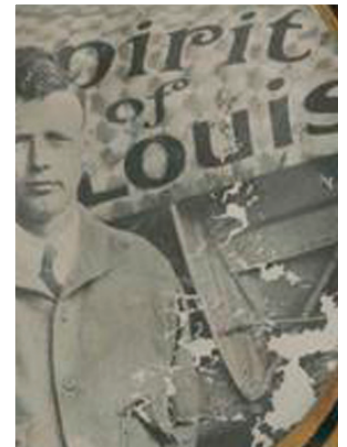
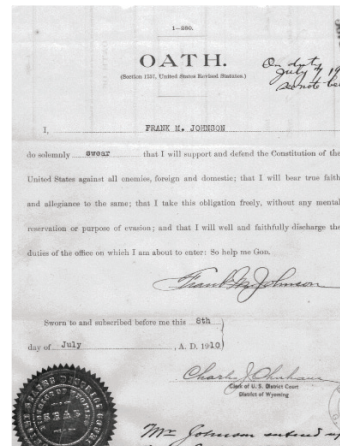
The National Archives at St. Louis is home to the largest Federal records collection outside of NARA's Washington, DC, and College Park, Maryland, locations. The St. Louis facilities hold more than a 100 million civilian and military personnel records dating back to the 19th century. These records tell the story of American men and women who served this country, some of whom rose to national and international prominence as civilian employees or members of the military. Visitors will find the civilian and military records of former Presidents, other political leaders, wartime heroes, famous athletes, entertainers, artists, writers, scientists, journalists, and a host of other professionals.

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- ❖ The National Archives at St. Louis uses Federal documents to educate and inform the public.
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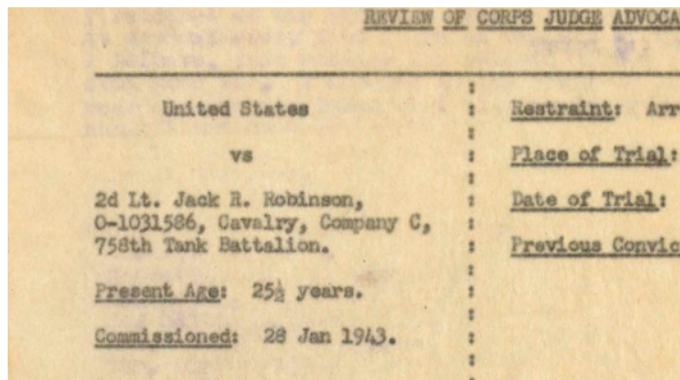
Access is free—to census reports, exhibits, online genealogy subscription services (Ancestry, Fold3, and Heritage Quest), workshops, lecture events, and more.



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Jackie Robinson, Courtesy National Baseball Hall of Fame Library, Cooperstown, New York



U.S. Army Courts Martial Records, National Archives at St. Louis

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Look for Your Family History

The holdings of the National Archives at St. Louis contain a wealth of family history and personnel information helpful in a wide variety of research. Civilian and military holdings can help you locate lost family members and answer a wide range of questions about your family's history.

Civilian Holdings

The National Archives at St. Louis is home to certain civilian personnel records that document service ending before 1952. These archival records are a great source for family historians interested in examining the lives of your nation's Federal work force. Within these files, you will find employment histories that tell the stories of men and women who were early pioneers at the Works Progress Administration, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the Department of State, and other Federal agencies.

Military Holdings

You can track a military member's journey in the fight to defend freedom and hold documents that tell stories of courage and valor. The National Archives at St. Louis is the repository of millions of military personnel, health, and medical records of veterans of all services during the 20th century.

In 2004, the government designated Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) as permanent historical records. This expanded public access to records filled with a wealth of family history. You can access these records, after the

legal transfer from the Department of Defense (DoD) into NARA's holdings, 62 years following a military service member's discharge, retirement, or death in service.

Other NARA Holdings

Other NARA locations across the United States offer access to records that document some of the following subjects: U.S. and Native American census reports, Civil War, immigration, naturalization, passports, and various slave records. For more information on these topics and locations, visit www.archives.gov/locations.

Your Access Rights

Researchers can request access to records currently included among the holdings of the National Archives at St. Louis. However, all requests are subject to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) privacy exemptions that may limit or restrict document access.



Douglas MacArthur, U.S. Army, National Archives at St. Louis



Marie Baldwin, U.S. Department of Interior, National Archives at St. Louis

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National Archives at St. Louis... a glimpse inside the personnel records holdings

Explore Our Treasure Chest

Files from the Persons of Exceptional Prominence (PEP) collection document the service of former Presidents, scientists, military leaders, decorated heroes, celebrities, and other well-known figures. For example, these files include Presidents John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon, actors Clark Gable and Beatrice Arthur, authors Alex Haley and Frank Herbert, plus entertainers Elvis Presley and John Coltrane. E-mail pep.records@nara.gov to learn more about obtaining copies.

Research Family History

Individuals conducting family history research will find official military personnel files (OMPFs) helpful because files contain some of the following: dates and places of birth; the names of parents, siblings, and dependents; education; residence; and employment history. Civilian official personnel files (OPFs) also contain valuable family history information such as dates of birth, family history, education, and place and time of employment.

Resurrecting the Past

The OMPFs salvaged from the 1973 fire have been stored in a climate-controlled area where specially trained preservation technicians have been able to recover valuable information to reconstruct portions of veterans' personnel files, verifying their service.

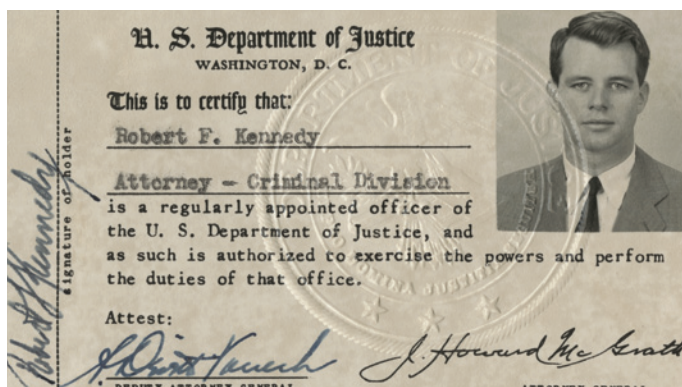


"Documented Rights" exhibition (2011-2012)

For Educators

- ❖ Civilian and military personnel files provide an extraordinary view into the history of men and women who served this country. These holdings offer a wealth of historical data for educators.
- ❖ Educators can tour exhibits, view primary documents, tour the building, and learn firsthand about archival holdings storage, preservation, and conservation methods.
- ❖ Students and teachers can attend *free* public panel discussions examining the impact of historical documents on this country's struggle for freedom, equality, and justice.
- ❖ Students can use primary source documents to complete class reports and other research projects.

For more information on how to schedule tours and other public programs, please e-mail stlpublic.programs@nara.gov or call 314-801-0847.



Robert F. Kennedy, U.S. Department of Justice, National Archives at St. Louis

Archival Research Room

We are here to help you with your questions. In fact, we encourage you to ask questions. Things you should know before you arrive:

- ❖ Photo identification is required (such as a driver's license, passport, or student ID) for researcher card registration and issuance.
- ❖ Walk-in visitors are welcome in the research room. However, we encourage researchers who wish to view original textual records to make an advance appointment to save time and ensure efficient access to the requested records. Records damaged in the 1973 fire may not be immediately available for review since examination by our Preservation staff is necessary before these records are served to researchers.
- ❖ Laptops are allowed in the research room. Coats, jackets, hats, scarves, bags, handbags, equipment cases, and briefcases must be placed in lockers outside the research room. Food, beverages, and ink pens are never allowed in the research room. There are designated areas for cell phone usage. Other items deemed disruptive or harmful can be banned at the discretion of NARA staff. *Researchers who violate NARA policies risk losing research privileges temporarily or permanently.*



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Photocopying fees are due after copies are made. NARA accepts cash, personal checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. See www.archives.gov for copy fees.

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See www.archives.gov for copier and equipment guidelines.



Air Corps Technical School, Chanute Field, 1939



Air Force personnel on microfilm machines, National Personnel Records Center, circa 1960

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Operation Return Navy Project, National Personnel Records Center, 1963



Ordering Copies of Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) by Mail:

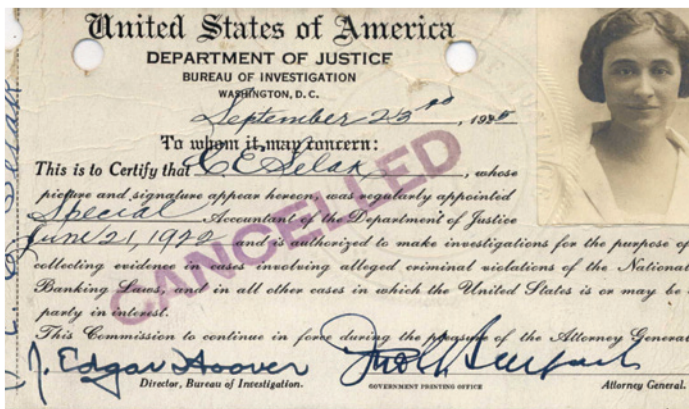
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