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NATIONAL ARCHIVES at ANCHORAGE
654 West Third Avenue       Anchorage, AK 99501-2145

Directions

From the Airport: Leaving the airport: go east on International Airport Road. Take the Minnesota Drive North ramp toward downtown. Minnesota Drive becomes I Street. Continue on I Street. Turn right onto West Third Avenue.

Visual: The Archives is on the right between F and G Streets. Enter through the open gate on West Third Avenue and walk down the sloping walkway. Turn left at the bottom of the walkway to the main entrance.

From North: Head southwest on the Glenn Highway S. Continue on East 5th Avenue. Turn right (north) at A Street. Go two blocks and then turn left (west) onto West Third Avenue. The Archives is on the left between F and G Streets.

From South: Entering Anchorage from the south, go north on the Seward Highway. Turn left (west) at Northern Lights Boulevard. Continue on Northern Lights Boulevard. Turn right (north) at A Street. Turn left at West Third Avenue. Continue west on Third Avenue past C Street and go three blocks until F Street. The Archives is on the left between F and G Streets.

By Bus: The facility is accessible by all People Mover buses that stop at the Downtown Transit Center (6th Avenue and H Street), three blocks south of the Archives.

Parking: Metered parking is available on-street or at several pay lots in the vicinity.

Contact Us!

Research hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Extended hours at the National Archives: The first Saturday between September and April only. Please call to confirm Saturday hours in advance of your visit.

Hours subject to change due to special programs and weather. Please check our web site for current hours. We are closed on all Federal holidays.

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At the National Archives location in Anchorage you can see original historical documents, photographs, maps, drawings, artifacts, and much more, from over 60 Federal agencies. Here, we preserve and provide access to permanently valuable, non-current Federal records with historical, legal or intrinsic value.

- We sponsor programs that educate the public about archives, history, genealogy, and related subjects
- We partner with colleges and universities, historical and genealogical societies, veterans organizations, museums, and other archives
- We host student interns, school groups, educators, and others who want to learn more about archives
- We recruit and train volunteers and docents who want to learn more about history while helping researchers

Access is free—to documents, displays and exhibits, online genealogy subscription services, workshops, events, and more.
At the National Archives you can…

Explore Our Records
Curious about history? Writing a school paper? Searching for information about Federal programs? Anyone who needs historical information created or received by the Federal Government—historians, genealogists, lawyers, scholars, government officials, environmentalists, students, veterans—may search our holdings for answers.

Our records are diverse in form and content, including correspondence, reports, contracts, case files, photographs, maps, 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.

“Thank you for your rapid and courteous action! We were at a loss as to how we might obtain a certified copy of Jeannette’s naturalization papers and your response gave us the comfort we needed.”

—Fran H, AL

“You were most helpful when I began researching the early years of the Alaska Communications System … you put me on the right track when I came in to look through NARA records.”

—Hilary H, WA
At the National Archives you can…

Look for Your Family History
We can assist as you search for information about your family. Free computer access is available for researchers wanting to view Ancestry, Heritage Quest, or Fold3 for family history.

For Alaska, there are primary-source records including censuses of Alaska Natives and some school enrollment and attendance records; townsite trustee records; naturalization records; and Federal court records, including a limited number of divorce cases (1884-1960). Additionally, we have selected National Archives microfilm for the Pacific Alaska Region. Please see a staff member for current listings.

There is a list of the records digitized on the National Archives web site: www.archives.gov/digitization/digitized-by-partners.html.

“I want to thank you for your assistance … and for your persistence in following up my request. The convenience of a National Archives branch in Alaska is a tremendous help for me.”
—Stephen R, AK

At the National Archives you can…

Consult Our Expert Staff
We are here to help you with your questions. In fact, we encourage you to ask us questions. Whether you have a specific request, or just want a nudge in the right direction, our staff is here. There is always something to be found, even if you didn’t know you were looking for it.
Discover our Education Programs

For Students
Looking for materials to use for reports, or to support your National History Day project? Use our records:

❖ as primary sources for your research project
❖ to enhance your presentation or paper
❖ as research for National History Day projects

Consult Our Expert Staff
We assist teachers and home-schooling parents in the use of primary source documents with curriculum. Resources permitting, we:

❖ teach workshops for educators at our facility, in schools or via webinars
❖ provide copies or images of primary sources suitable for use in the classroom

Field Trips and On-Site Visits:
Work with our education staff to custom-design an interactive, hands-on learning experience

Primary records can support school curriculum and cover a wide scope of topics including: immigration; land use; westward expansion; growth of the Federal court system; Alaska Natives; the Great Depression; natural resources such as fish, fur seals, and fox farming; Forest Service; Alaska Railroad; World War II and its aftermath; Exxon Valdez Oil Spill; and more.

Become a Volunteer!

Interested in history or genealogy? As a volunteer you will help generations of people learn about their history, and you will play a vital role in the success of our programs. Please ask us for more information!

From one building on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, the National Archives has grown to 24 regional archival and records center facilities, 15 Presidential Libraries, and 10 affiliated facilities.

“I wanted to THANK YOU for your help and time in finding this court record. It is a real ‘find’ in my search for information … And it even has photographs! I had been looking for one without success.”

—Martha R, AK
Anyone who has cleaned out a family attic knows the importance of keeping family records. You may have military records from relatives who served in one of the World Wars—or even the Civil War. Or pictures of your great-great grandparents on the day they became American citizens. Now imagine the task of the National Archives and Records Administration—record keepers for all historically valuable records created by agencies of your Federal Government.

From one building on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, the National Archives has grown to 13 archives locations nationwide, from Atlanta to Anchorage.

Our staff is here and ready to assist you. Because research is time-consuming, you may need to visit more than once. Please call 907-261-7800 before visiting to assure that records are available. Please bring identification such as a driver’s license, passport, or student ID so that we can issue you a researcher’s card.

Lockers are available for your personal items, though laptops are permitted. A staff member will answer any questions about what is allowed in the research room.

Get Copies of Records
For a fee, our staff will make or arrange for copies of records and can 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. Use of scanners and digital cameras may be allowed.