

# Researching National Archives Resources

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Research our records

Research our catalog

Be specific with your topic

Example John McCain POW

# Choose from the menu

ALL

Available online

Web

Docs

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# Images

## Example Result

John McCain

Photo After his release

Record Group 428

General Records of Navy 1941-2004



# Be selective

Researched Henry Kissinger  
2, 285 hits including:

News clippings, Press releases,  
Telephone conversations, Film clips  
Interviews, Office files,  
Photos

# Example

Henry Kissinger Trip Files, 1974 - 1976  
From Collection: GRF-0359

The series contains briefing books and materials prepared for Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's meetings with foreign leaders,  
National Archives Identifier: 646900

Creator: President (1974-1977 : Ford).

# Refine your search by

Date

Location

Type of File

Type of Format etc.



If the information you want is not available online, you can visit yourself or email and request copies

Copy the records group information and NARA identifier number

Check to see if there are any restrictions

Email address is located at the bottom of the page.

# Take a chance

Research the last name of a family member

For example I chose O'Kelly

I found 7,346 hits including:  
Alien Case File for Angela O'Kelly

National Archives Identifier: 7199655

Local Identifier: A4762598/566-12-88/Bx 294

Creator(s): Department of Justice. Immigration  
and Naturalization Service. 6/14/1940-3/1/2003

(Most Recent)

From: Series: Alien Case Files, 1944 - 2003

Record Group 566: Records of U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration Services, 2003 - 2004

# Descriptive Information provided on line

This file consists of an alien case file for Angela O'Kelly. Date of Birth is listed as 5/22/1890.

Country is listed as Puerto Rico. Port of Entry is New York, NY (IA) Date of entry is 11/30/1912.

Alias name is listed as Angela Santander.

# Researched last name Lipsey

199 hits of which 162 are on line

Many petitions for naturalization

Many Union and Confederate soldiers  
Who were unfamiliar to me

Use the databases Archives Access to Databases (AAD)  
<https://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=GP44>

Records for Passengers Who Arrived at the Port of New York During the Irish Famine, created, 1977 - 1989, documenting the period 1/12/1846 - 12/31/1851 -  
Search 607,822

HTML Records Famine Irish Passenger Record Data File (FIPAS), 1/12/1846 - 12/31/1851 Search 604,596

HTML Records List of Ships that Arrived at the Port of New York During the Irish Famine, 1/12/1846 - 12/31/1851 Search 3,226

# Researched Gallagher Irish famine passenger lists

GALLAGHER MARY age 12 Great Britain  
USA GLASGOW HYNDERFORD  
06/04/1847

GALLAGHER MY. age 15 Great Britain USA  
SLIGO GLEN 04-06-1849

# World War II records of POWs example

World War II Prisoners of War Data File,  
12/7/1941- 11/19/1946

O&405643 ROBERTSON CHARLES E  
ARMY Indiana

Returned to Military Control, Liberated or  
Repatriated GERMANY

Stalag Luft 1 Barth-Vogelsang Prussia 54-12



The record on line also includes:

First Lt. Charles E. Robertson  
White Age 30

US Army Air Corps  
Captured in Germany

# If you visit in person

1. Read online about how to research
2. Go early in the day to get your research card
3. Use available finding aids
4. Need help?  
Ask the staff or the volunteer genealogy aide
5. Keep a copy of your pull slips and research steps in case you need to return later

# Mary's hints

From years of doing research on line and in person at the National Archives

# Beyond the National Archives

Search Federal, State and Local Records

Military Sources

Cemetery and Church Records

Genealogical Societies

Newspaper clippings

# Edith Sprouse Fairfax County in 1860 A Collective Biography

Anna Maria Goldsborough married William Henry Fitzhugh on Jan.10,1814. In 1861 had 7 slaves, 8 horses, 2 vehicles, 30 cattle, 10 hogs, a watch, a clock, and a piano. Her furniture was worth \$500. Had \$1000 in gold or silver, and assets of \$16,000 in interest income.  
Personal Property Tax Book

Died on Tuesday morning Apr.16 at 2:45 a.m., Anna M. Fitzhugh, widow of William Fitzhugh of Ravensworth and daughter of the late Governor Charles Goldsborough of MD, in her 78th year. She was born in Dorchester Co MD. Alex. Gaz. Apr.17,1874

# Federal, State and Local

Depositions

Court Cases

Southern Claims

Marriage and Death Certificates

Military Draft Records

Cemetery and Church Records

# FCPL cemetery survey on line

- Fairfax/Buckley Family Cemetery Wolf Run Shoals Rd.
- Clifton, Va.
- The cemetery is located 20' east and @550' north of the dead end of Wolf Run Shoals Rd. The cemetery is surrounded by a 25'x 25' wire fence. There are three rows of six graves each, 10 of which are marked by formal gravestones.
- J. FRANK BUCKLEY
- Birth: NOV 4, 1882
- Death: FEB 20, 1962

# Military Resources Examples

NY State Military Museum and Veteran Research Center

Virginia War Memorial Foundation

Descendants of Point Lookout POW Organization

Medal of Honor Recipients

American Battle Monument Commission

Air Force Historical Research Agency Unit Histories



[www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org](http://www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org)

Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation  
Veteran honor roll databases

American Revolution  
War of 1812  
Civil War  
World War I

# Don't Forget Newspapers

Historical Newspaper Index FREE

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library\\_newsindex/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library_newsindex/)

Newspaper.com --Subscription

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> FREE

I discovered my uncle really did not run away  
to join the circus!

# Thank You

**We want your feedback!!**

**Lunch on your own.**

**Take your belongings with you.**

**Restaurant map is available.**

# For Your Information

Display room will be until 1:30 pm.

Meet upstairs at Virginia Room information desk by 1:30 pm.

Guided tours of Virginia Room and Rare Book Room will be provided.

No food is allowed upstairs.

Restrooms are available upstairs also.

Research assistance will be available.

Library closes at 5 pm.

QUESTIONS ??

NEED HELP IN THE FUTURE???  
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