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Genealogy Research:

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HELPFUL TOOL Guide for Genealogists and Family Historians

Downloadable PDF copies of NARA's free publications (**RIP -reference information paper**)
are available on line.

For Example:

1. Using Civilian Records for Genealogical Research (RIP 110)
<http://www.archives.gov/publications/ref-info-papers/rip110.pdf>
 2. Black Family Research (RIP 108)
<http://www.archives.gov/publications/ref-info-papers/rip108.pdf>
 3. Military Service Records (RIP 109)
<http://www.archives.gov/publications/ref-info-papers/rip109.pdf>
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Ordering Copies of Military records (copied from archives.gov)

To order military service records from Washington, D.C., [order online](#) or the [NATF Form 86](#). Copies of military pension claim files for military service from the American Revolution up to before World War I and bounty-land warrant applications for Federal military service before 1856 can now be **ordered online**, as well as through [NATF Form 85](#).

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To Research In Person at National Archives in DC

National Archives (Archives I)

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408

Archival Research Room

(copied from archives.gov)

Plan Your Research Visit

When You Arrive

- Make your initial visit to any National Archives location, even those with extended hours
 - during weekday business hours
 - as early in the day as possible
- Archivists whose help is needed to begin research usually are not available during evenings or weekends. A late afternoon visit may not allow enough time for records to be identified and retrieved from the stack areas for use on that day.

When you come to one of our locations to look at records, you will usually be issued a [researcher identification card](#).

- During your research visit, keep good notes as to records consulted so that you can differentiate between multiple groups of records searched, and your steps can be retraced if necessary.

Anyone can use the National Archives. You do not need to be an American citizen or to present permission from the Research Center Branch Chief and are accompanied by a parent or guardian. credentials or a letter of recommendation. Read about [Regulations for using the National Archives](#).

You need to be [14 years old to do research](#) at the National Archives, unless you receive permission from the Research Center Branch Chief and are accompanied by a parent or guardian. credentials or a letter of recommendation. Read about [Regulations for using the National Archives](#).

Read about [Security Procedures](#) at our Washington, DC and College Park, MD locations.

New researchers at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC and the National Archives at College Park will view a PowerPoint [orientation presentation](#) before receiving a researcher card.

Link to tips about researching the National Archives Catalog

<https://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/help/search-tips.html>

Online Services Available for Free in the Research Rooms

[The Archives Library's Online Public Access Catalog](#)

[America: History & Life](#)

[Ancestry.com](#)

[ArchivesUSA™](#)

[Family Search](#)

[Fold3](#) (formerly Footnote.com)

[GaleNet's Biography and Genealogy Master Index](#)

[Heritage Quest](#)

[ProQuest/UMI Heritage Quest Online](#)

[ProQuest Direct](#)

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

1-86-NARA-NARA or 1-866-272-6272

Mary's hints for researching on site:

1. Read everything on line about researching before your visit.
2. Record ahead of time information for your pull slip. (Record Group etc.)
3. Go early on a weekday to get your researcher identification card. The Research Center is open from 9 AM –5 PM, Monday through Saturday. No records are retrieved on Saturdays.
4. As of April 2016, Pull Times are Monday through Friday at 10:00 am.; 11:00 am; 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm.
5. Know what sort of equipment is allowed in researcher's room. For Example:

No flash camera; no wand scanner. Use this link for more specific info:

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/general-info-leaflets/71-06-dc-area-records.html>

6. Take something to work on while your request is being filled.
7. Add money to your researcher identification card to use the Archives photocopier.
8. Carry the minimum with you. Your belongings are required to be stored in lockers.
9. The researcher's room provides paper and pencils.
10. If two or more are working together on research, fill out a team form.
11. If you do not finish with your research, ask for it to be held for you. (three – five business days)
12. Make a photocopy of your pull slip for your future reference and citation.
13. Use the finding aids located in the research center to help you in your research.
14. In the research rooms, some tables are reserved. Only sit at a non-reserved table.