

NATIONAL ARCHIVES CATALOG

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A Year in Review

Throughout 2017, we've shared a variety of records and stories from the National Archives Catalog. From newly digitized records to researcher tips, from historic recipes to transcription missions, each of our newsletters aims to share a little more about the National Archives.

As we reflect on this past year, we wanted to reshare some of our most memorable topics. Catch up on some of our favorite and most popular newsletters from the past year, and be sure to [share with a friend!](#)

Two Steps Every Researcher Should Take

You've determined your research topic and gathered information, but are you ready to visit a National Archives facility to conduct your research in person? Before you arrive, be sure to [follow these two steps to ensure success!](#)

1. Search the National Archives Catalog
2. Contact National Archives staff **before** your visit



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Resources

Whether you are new to the Citizen Archivist program, or looking for ways to become more involved, this resource page is designed to provide helpful information, tips and tricks, instructional videos and more.

How-to Guides

Get started, find information, and step-by-step instructions with these downloadable PDFs.

- Transcription Tips**
Our transcription Tip guide includes instructions and examples of documents to help you get started with transcription. A PDF version is available for download.
- What Makes A Good Tag?**
Tag enhance the National Archives search capabilities. Learn how you can improve access to records by adding tags.

[Get Started Transcribing](#) [Tagging Game](#)

Videos
These instructional videos will help you learn more about our Catalog, how to search, and getting started contributing.

- Getting Started: Overview of the Citizen Archivist Dashboard
- Anatomy of a Description
- How to Tag and Transcribe Records
- Searching the National Archives Catalog to Find Records to Transcribe
- How to Download Records from the National Archives Catalog

Whether you are a new transcriber, or looking for ways to become more involved, our [Citizen Archivist Resource page](#) is designed to provide helpful information, tips and tricks, instructional videos and more. What do you think? Do you have ideas for additional instructional videos? What else would you like to see on our Citizen Archivist Dashboard? Let us know at catalog@nara.gov

Dawes Rolls

Have you ever searched the [Dawes Rolls](#)? The Rolls contain over 101,000 names and can be searched to discover

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Brown Wilson, born on the 15 day of Dec, 1901
Name of Father: Charles Wilson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Lucinda Wilson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Kalita, Ark

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Central District.

I, Lucinda Wilson, on oath state that I am 26
years of age and a citizen, by Blood of the Choctaw Nation;
that I am the lawful wife of Charles Wilson, who is a citizen, by
Blood, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male child was
born to me on the 15 day of December, 1901; that said child has been
named Brown Wilson, and is now living.

WITNESSED BY ME:
Lucinda Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of June, 1902
C. L. Lester
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Central District.

I, Elige Wilson, Midwife, on oath state that I
attended on Mrs. Lucinda Wilson, wife of Charles Wilson,
on the 15 day of December, 1901; that there was born to her on said
date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been
named Brown Wilson.


WITNESSED BY ME:
Elige Wilson

Byington Hennes
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of June, 1902
C. L. Lester
Notary Public.

the enrollee's name, gender, blood degree, and census card number. Census cards often provide additional genealogical information and can contain references to earlier rolls, such as the 1880 Cherokee census. We've put together a handy tutorial to help you get started. Head over to our NARations blog for [step-by-step instructions for searching the Dawes Rolls](#) by name.


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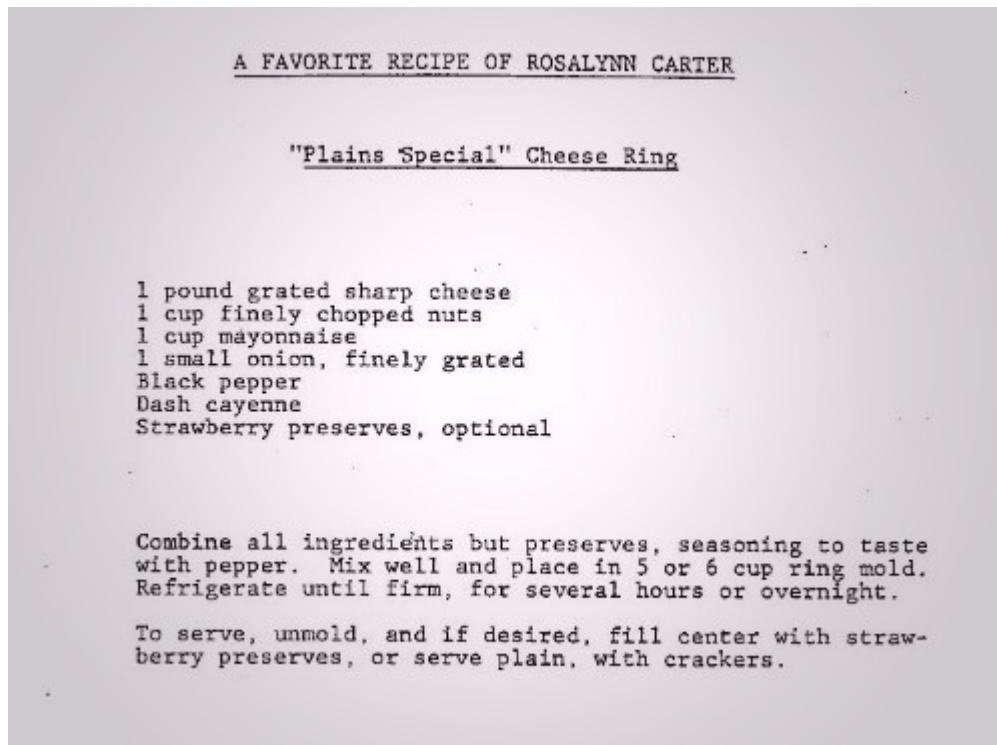
Commemorating the
GREAT WAR

Gun crew from Regimental Headquarters Company, 23rd Infantry, firing 37 mm gun during an advance on German entrenched positions. View in Catalog.

The National Archives holds a wealth of records and information documenting the U.S. experience in World War I, including photographs, documents, audiovisual recordings, educational resources, articles, blog posts, lectures, and exhibits. In commemoration of this event, we've launched a [World War I research portal](#) with the goal of creating a central space for all National Archives resources and content

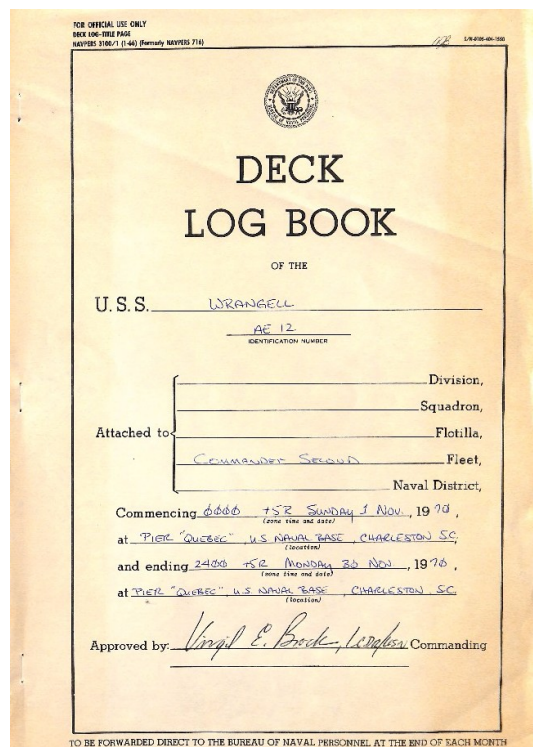
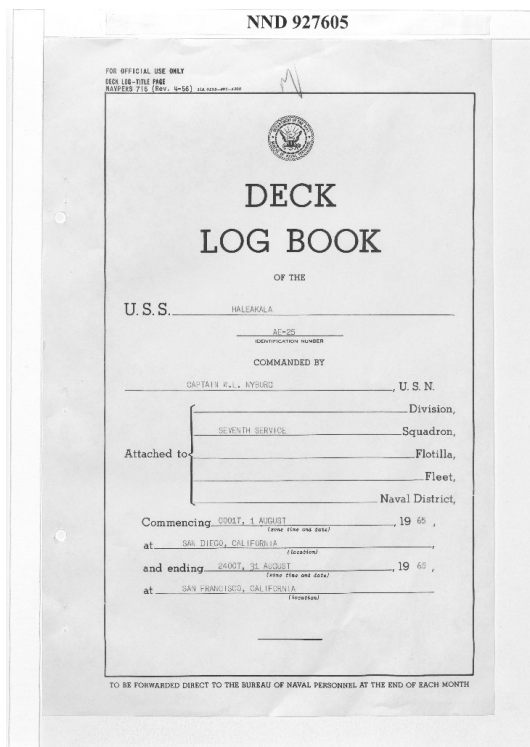
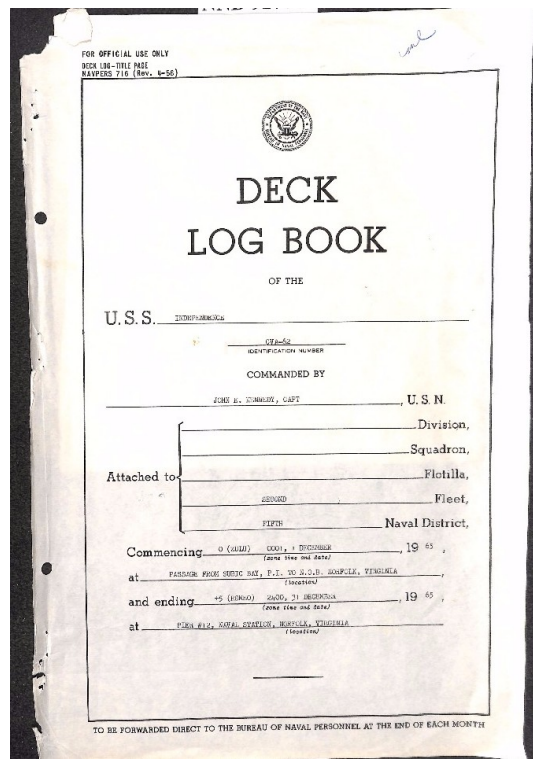
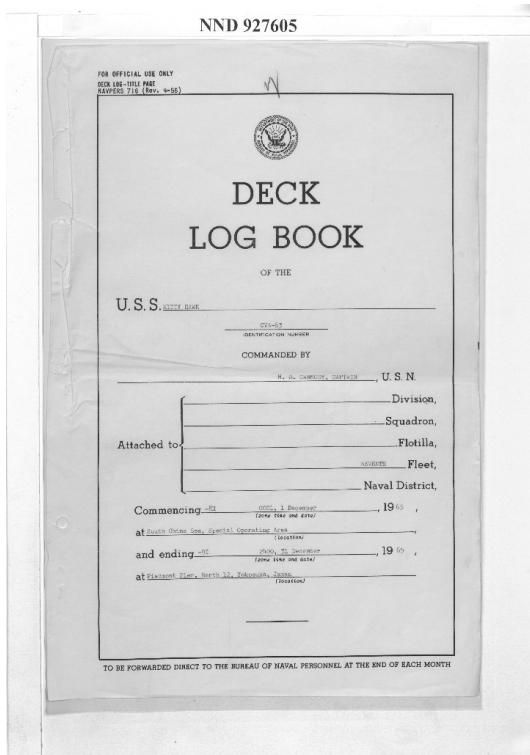
related to World War I for use by researchers, students and educators, and those curious about the War.

Recipes



The National Archives contains many food related records, including recipes from the White House chefs and First Families. We hope you find inspiration from these [historic recipes and photographs](#). Enjoy!

Navy Deck Logs



Many of you research in our series [Logbooks of the U.S. Navy Ships and Stations](#), so we wanted to alert you that 614 new deck logs (41,409 pages!) have been added to the series from the following ships:

Bennington (CVS-20)
 Doyen (APA-1)
 Firedrake (AE-14)

Kitty Hawk (CVA-63)
 Klondike (AR-22)
 Mattaponi (AO-41)

Haleakala (AE-25)
Hulbert (AVD-6)
Hulbert (DD-342)
Hull (DD-350)
Humphreys (APD-12)
Humphreys (DD-236)
Hunt (DD-674)
Huse (DE-145)
Hutchins (DD-476)
Independence (CVA-62)
Kawishiwi (AO-146)
Kearsarge (CVS-33)
Kemper County (LST-854)

Mauna Loa (AE-8)
Mazama (AE-9)
Paricutin (AE-18)
Pillsbury (DE-133)
Pyro (AE-24)
Rainier (AE-5)
Santa Barbara (AE-28)
Suribachi (AE-21)
Vesuvius (AE-15)
Widgeon (MSC-208)
Wilhoite (DER-397)
Wrangell (AE-12)

Looking for other ships? Use this [webpage](#) to see which ship's deck logs have been digitized as part of the National Archives' multi-year project.



Have a question? Find answers on History Hub!

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