

# National Archives

- The National Archives was established in 1934 by Congress.
- Purpose – to centralize federal record keeping.
- Mission – to preserve, maintain and make accessible federal material that documents American history back to 1775.
- NARA records belong to the public and their mission is to ensure the public has access so they can discover, use and learn from the government records.
- NARA is working to digitize selected records, including those most requested by researchers.
- In 1949, the name changed to National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).
- Only 1 to 3 percent of records generated by the US government are preserved.
- NARA administers the main archives:
  - Archives I in Washington, DC
  - Archives II in College Park, MD
- Ten affiliated archives
- Thirteen presidential libraries
- Nineteen regional records centers
- Twelve regional archives (as of summer 2014)

## Frequently-requested Family History Records

- Federal Military Pension Files especially for the Revolutionary War to Civil War
- Bounty Land Warrant Applications
- Compiled Military Service Records through the Spanish-American War
- Federal Land Entry Files

## **NARA Partners**

- ***EMC Corporation***
  - John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Newsletter (Fall 2006)
  - **John F. Kennedy Library**
- ***Fold3.com (formerly Footnote)***
  - NARA Press Release (January 10, 2007)
  - **Fold3.com (\$)**
- ***Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU)***
  - NARA Press Release (October 23, 2007)
  - **FamilySearch.org (Free)**
- ***Ancestry.com***
  - NARA Press Release (May 20, 2008)
  - **Ancestry.com (\$)**
- ***Google***
  - NARA Press Release (February 24, 2006)
  - **National Archives Multimedia Works**
  - Google – National Archives YouTube
- ***University of Texas***
  - NARA Press Release (February 15, 2007)
  - About the Presidential Timeline Project
  - **Presidential Timeline of the Twentieth Century**