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## We've got a new look!

Have you visited our [Citizen Archivist Dashboard](#) recently? If so, you might have noticed a few fresh changes! Based on feedback from our citizen archivists, we've redesigned our dashboard pages to make it easier for you to navigate and start contributing.

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One day all of our records will be online. You can help make it happen.

You can become a citizen archivist — just click one of the options below to get started.

Welcome to our Citizen Archivist program. With the help of our virtual volunteers, we are increasing online access to the historical records of the National Archives. Join us! You can help crowdsource metadata and information about our records through tagging, transcribing and adding comments in the National Archives Catalog. Together we can make the records of the National Archives more discoverable online.

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One big change you'll notice is that we're now combining all missions - transcription, tagging, and featured records - all on [one page](#). This way you can quickly browse our missions and find ways to contribute.

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## Citizen Archivist Missions



New to our Citizen Archivist program? Learn how to [get started](#).

We've curated these missions to help you jump in and contribute! Click on a topic that interests you, and it will bring you right to those records in our Catalog where you can begin transcribing or tagging. New missions are added and updated regularly, so check back often to see what's new.



### Japanese Relocation - Santa Anita Assembly Center

**Tag** details and features found in these War Relocation Authority photographs from the Santa Anita Assembly Center.



### Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects

**Transcribe** these reports from the U.S. Air Force investigation into UFOs that were sighted between June 1947 and December 1969.




### Amerikaner Vorgaenge (AV) Reports

**Transcribe** the English translations of German reports on Allied prisoners transported to German prison camps, on downed Allied aircraft, and on the burial of deceased Allied personnel.

New to Citizen Archivist? Get started [here!](#) We've added a new page with detailed information about how to register, login, and begin contributing:

## Register and Get Started



*With your help, we can make the records of the National Archives more discoverable.*

### Register

Citizen Archivists must register for a free user account in order to contribute to the [National Archives Catalog](#). We encourage you to read our [Citizen Contribution Policy](#). [Register now.](#)

### Login

We recommend logging into your National Archives Catalog [account](#) before navigating to our Citizen Archivist Missions, or before selecting a record from the [Catalog](#).

### Begin Contributing

- Once you are [logged in](#), perform a search in the [Catalog](#) to find records of interest, or choose records from our curated [missions](#).
- Click on the title of an item to navigate to the record's description, and then select the "View/Add Contributions" button located below all images.

We've also added a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page filled with questions we've received from all of you.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



### What is the benefit of tagging and transcribing National Archives Records?

As we add tags or transcriptions to records - all of those words are added to our catalog and it helps improve search results. The added benefit is that we're unlocking the sometimes difficult to read text for all to understand. By adding this metadata to our Catalog, it also becomes searchable in Google or other search engines, which helps to make our records more discoverable online. We like to say that as we tag and transcribe, we are unlocking history.

### What is a Citizen Archivist Mission?

### Do I have to do a Mission? Can I find my own records?

### What are Featured Records?

### How can I find a record to transcribe or tag in a Transcription Mission?

### What if I make a mistake in a tag I've added?

Our Citizen Archivist Dashboard remains at <https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist> and any links you have saved will redirect to the new pages.

What do you think of our new look? We'd love to have your feedback on our Citizen Archivist Dashboard and help improve your experience. What would you like to see featured?

*New* in the **Catalog**





[National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Program Records: Missouri](#) These records document the building, architectural, and cultural aspects of places officially designated as worthy of historic preservation in Missouri. One record to explore is the application for author Laura Ingalls Wilder's, [Rocky Ridge Farm](#). She wrote her Little House on the Prairie books while residing in this home.

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## **Updates to User Accounts and Privacy Policy**

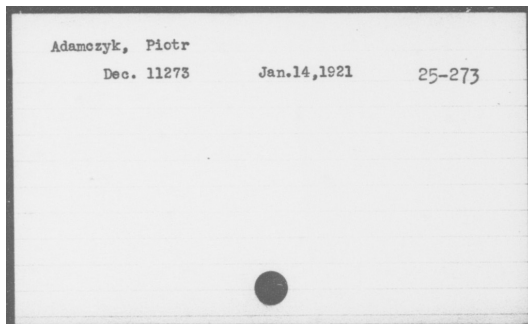
Protecting the privacy of both our customers and the public is of paramount interest to the National Archives. We've recently updated our privacy policy to be as transparent as possible about our policies and procedures on the collection, use, and disclosure of your information.

Effective immediately, your National Archives Catalog and newsletter account is covered by an updated privacy policy. Please take a few minutes to read and familiarize yourself with the [Privacy and Use Policy of the National Archives](#).

What can you expect from these updates? Don't worry, you won't hear from us often! Our intent is to share with you an overview of our Catalog and Citizen Archivist program, including tips and resources, newly available records, and occasionally ask for your preferences.

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On behalf of the National Archives Catalog team, thank you for your continued support and dedication to making the records of the National Archives accessible to all.



### Thank You!

In our last [newsletter](#) we challenged you to help transcribe these index cards. Together our Citizen Archivists transcribed **1650+** in two weeks! Way to go!

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Questions or comments? Email us at [catalog@nara.gov](mailto:catalog@nara.gov).



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