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Observatory on Palomar Mountain,
San Diego County, ca. 1940. RG 75

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Map of Point Loma Military Reservation,
San Diego, 1908. RG 77
The Regional Archives at NARA’s Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel) is:

- Part of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Federal agency that, by law, preserves and provides access to permanently valuable, noncurrent Federal records with historical, legal, or fiscal value.
- One of 14 NARA facilities where the public has access to Federal archival records.
- A depository and center for research in historical records from Federal agencies and courts in Arizona, southern California, and Clark County, Nevada.
- A center for genealogical research.
- A sponsor of programs that educate the public about archives, history, genealogy, and related subjects.
- A partner with colleges and universities, historical and genealogical societies, museums, and other archives.
- A host for student interns, school groups, and others who want to learn more about archives.
- A national resource in a local setting.

We have:

- More than 32,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from 1850 to 1990, including photographs, maps, and architectural drawings created or received by nearly 70 Federal agencies, including Federal courts.

We serve:

- Anyone who needs historical information created or received by the Federal Government—historians, genealogists, lawyers, scholars, Government officials, environmentalists, veterans, and others.

Our records are:

- Diverse in content, covering private land claims of the Spanish and Mexican periods in California and Arizona history; the opening of the public domain to homestead settlement; Native American history; enforcement of Chinese exclusion laws; immigration and naturalization; the maritime industry and its development; the build-up of coastal defenses and military bases since the Spanish-American War; the growth of naval bases and their impact on local communities; and the development of Corps of Engineers civil works projects for flood, beach erosion, and pollution control. Of particular note are the Pre-Presidential papers of Richard Nixon. These papers include correspondence, foreign trip files, and appearance files from Nixon’s congressional and vice-presidential terms.
- Filled with historic names such as Presidents Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan; Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren; baseball player and civil rights leader Jackie Robinson; entertainers Charlie Chaplin, Walt Disney, Bela Lugosi, and Greta Garbo; composer Igor Stravinsky; nuclear scientists Robert Oppenheimer and Edward Teller; and test pilot Chuck Yeager.
- Unique evidence of the impact of Federal policies and programs in Arizona, southern California, and Clark County, Nevada.

If you plan to do research in original records:

- Call before visiting to assure that records are available.
- Bring identification such as a driver’s license, passport, or student ID so that we can issue you a researcher’s card.
- Plan on leaving your personal belongings in a locker. Laptop computers are permitted.
- Request permission to use photocopiers, cameras, and other copy equipment before your visit.

Our microfilm holdings are:

- Of genealogical interest—Federal population censuses for all States, 1790–1930; censuses of Native Americans living on reservations in southern California and Arizona; indexes to compiled military service records; military post returns for forts in California and Arizona; pension records and bounty land warrant applications; passenger arrival records for ships entering Baltimore, Boston, Galveston, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and other ports; and naturalization records.

- Of general historical interest—Records relate to territories; the American Revolution, the Civil War, and World War II; U.S. diplomatic missions; the Government’s administration of Indian affairs; the U.S. Supreme Court; the unexplained loss of Navy flight 19 in the Bermuda Triangle, 1945; and the Axis Powers’ looting of assets, 1933–45.

If you plan to do microfilm or genealogy research:

- Expect to use our self-service microfilm research room with the aid of volunteers and staff.
- Because research is time-consuming, you may need to visit more than once.
Prepare for your visit by reviewing our web site:

- Our home page: www.archives.gov/facilities/ca/laguna_niguel.html
- NARA home page: www.archives.gov
- Basics for researchers: www.archives.gov/research_room/
- Guide to our archival holdings: www.archives.gov/facilities/ca/laguna_niguel/holdings.html
- NARA-wide guide to archival holdings: www.archives.gov/research_room/arc/
- NARA-wide guide to microfilm holdings: www.archives.gov/research_room/alic/research_tools/search_microfilm_catalog.html

We welcome your inquiries:

- Address: NARA's Pacific Region 24000 Avila Road, Laguna Niguel, California 92677-3497 Email: laguna.archives@nara.gov Phone: 949-560-2641 Fax: 949-560-2624

We welcome your visit:

- Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For Saturday and other additional hours, call or check our web site.
- Closed Sundays and Federal holidays.

We are located:

- In the Chet Holifield Federal Building, a multi-tenant facility known as the Zigurat.
- 65 miles south of Los Angeles. Take I-5 South or 405 South. Exit at La Paz Road west and travel 3.5 miles. Turn right onto Allegra.
- 70 miles north of San Diego. Take I-5 North. Exit at La Paz Road west and travel 3.5 miles. Turn right onto Allegra.
- Use the east entrance, which faces La Paz Road.

If you need photocopies:

- For a fee, our staff will make or arrange for copies of records and provide certified copies for legal use.
- You can use self-service copiers for a fee to make paper copies from microfilm.
- Self-service copying of original records may be allowed, depending on the condition of the records.

We encourage you to volunteer:

- To assist genealogical researchers.
- To work on archival preservation and other historical records projects.

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ensures, for citizens and Federal officials, ready access to essential evidence that documents the rights of American citizens, the actions of Federal officials, and the national experience. We establish policies and procedures for managing U.S. Government records and assist Federal agencies in documenting their activities, administering records management programs, scheduling records, and retiring noncurrent records. We appraise, accession, arrange, describe, preserve, and provide access to the essential documentation of the three branches of Government; manage the Presidential Libraries system; and publish the laws, regulations, and Presidential and other public documents. We also administer the Information Security Oversight Office, which manages Federal classification and declassification policies, and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, which makes grants nationwide to help nonprofit organizations identify, preserve, and provide access to materials that document American history.
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Spanish land grant, 1798. RG 49

Navajo residence, Window Rock, AZ, n.d. RG 75

Native American children, Navajo Agency, Fort Defiance, AZ, 1924. RG 75

San Miguel Farm Project, Papago Reservation, AZ, ca. 1940. RG 75

Sand dunes on the Navajo Reservation, Window Rock, AZ, 1928. RG 75

Nejo family history narrative, Mission Indian Agency, Pala, CA, 1931. RG 75
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Troops departing for the Pacific Theater, San Diego Embarcadero, December 1943. RG 181

First girls enrolled at the Theodore Roosevelt School, Fort Apache, AZ, 1923. RG 75

Navajo youths driving a team of mules near Window Rock, AZ, n.d. RG 75

Greta Garbo's declaration of intention to become a U.S. citizen, 1948. RG 21

Bela Lugosi's declaration of intention to become a U.S. citizen, 1928. RG 21
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Anna May Wong's application to leave the United States, 1935. RG 85
Arrest warrant for the Wham Paymaster Robbery, August 1, 1899. RG 2

Lt. G. Elyson, first naval aviator. RG 181

Bowling alley at submarine base, Los Angeles, ca. 1920. RG 181


Letter from Walt Disney to Richard Nixon, July 25, 1956. Nixon Pre-Presidential Papers
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Agricultural Research Service ........ Record Group 310
Air Force Commands, Activities, and Organizations, U.S. ........ Record Group 342
Animal Industry, Bureau of ........ Record Group 17
Army Air Forces ........ Record Group 18
Army Coast Artillery Districts and Defenses, U.S., 1901-1942 ........ Record Group 392
Army Commands, U.S. ........ Record Group 338
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National Aeronautics and Space Administration ........ Record Group 255
National Archives and Records Administration ........ Record Group 64

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