



# CATALOG

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Are you stuck in your historical research? Have you hit a wall in your genealogy quest? [Find your answer on History Hub!](#)

We invite you to explore History Hub, our pioneering crowdsourced history and genealogy research community.

Free and open to anyone, you can ask questions and get answers from multiple sources including National Archives staff, other archives, libraries, museums, and a community of genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen experts like you.

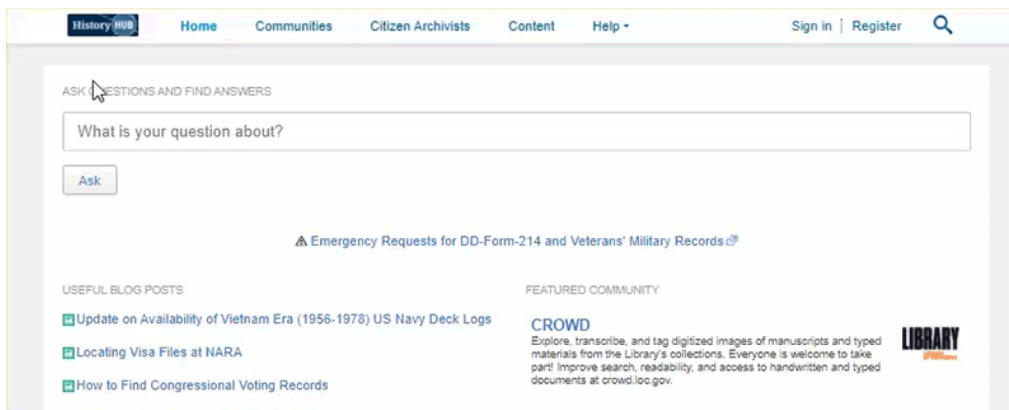
Make [History Hub](#) your first stop! You can ask—or answer—questions on History Hub, or see if your question has already been answered.

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## Searching & Asking a Question on History Hub

Asking a question is easy on History Hub! Just go to [History.gov](#) and type your question into the “Ask” box. In a moment, answers to similar questions will appear:

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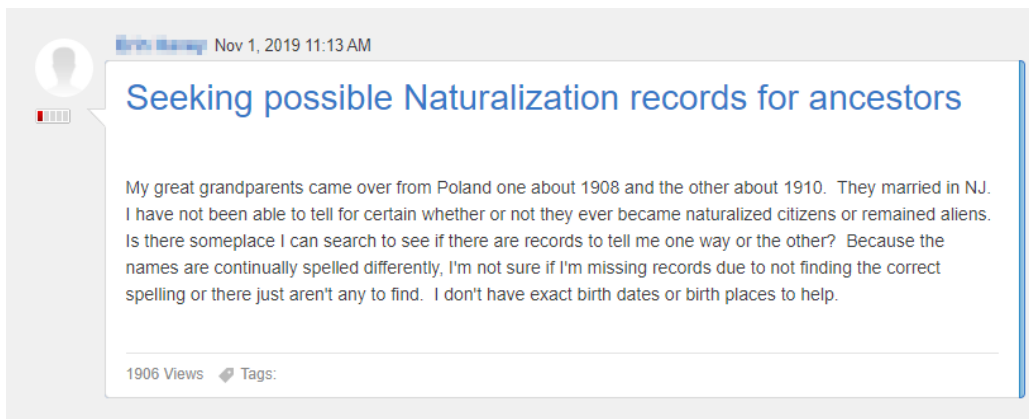


If none of these suggestions answers your question, you can ask a new one. See section below: “Asking a Question on History Hub”


## What do other users ask about on History Hub?

History Hub questions run the gamut from genealogy to military records to Native American history, and beyond! Think of it as a one-stop-shop for researching American history:

Here a user is [searching for the naturalization records of their Polish ancestors](#):




Questions about military awards and decorations are very popular, such as this [Bronze Star inquiry](#):

 [Katie Galt](#) May 13, 2020 8:10 PM


## How to look up Bronze Star awards

How do I look up award ribbons, specifically Bronze star for soldiers?

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10729 Views  Tags:


Another user is trying to [trace their Native Cherokee heritage](#):

 [Justin Wainwright](#) Dec 26, 2020 1:55 AM


## Seeking ancestor on Dawes Roll

I'm trying to find a direct ancestor that was on Dawes Roll. My 7th great grandfather was Little Carpenter, Attakullakulla

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630 Views  Tags:


This user is researching the [history of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp](#):

 [Caitlin Harmons](#) Apr 14, 2021 11:16 AM


## Seeking records for CCC Camp Sanders (SCS-18)

I am attempting to locate any and all records and/or photographs for Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp Sanders, SCS-18, that was located in Mt Hermon, LA, from 1935 to 1939.

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30 Views  Tags:

Finally, this user would like to know the [history of the government's use of the enigmatic "Glomar Denial,"](#) aka "We can neither confirm nor deny.."




**Pliny Lamy** Mar 1, 2021 4:40 PM

## When has the government used "Cannot Confirm or Deny"?

Outside of Glomar, I am interested in finding other times the government used Confirm or Deny when it comes to popular stories. UFO, Amelia Earhart, Hollywood, assassinations, etc.

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965 Views  Tags: new researcher, confirm or deny, glomar, glomar denial, glomar response, confirm nor deny

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Experts from the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and other archives and museums will respond to these questions, followed by a community of dedicated citizen experts, providing guidance and their valuable experience.

Here a National Archives staff expert responds to a user's [inquiry about Colonial-era maps of New York City](#), including links to multiple digitized records in the [National Archives Catalog](#), as well as resources at other institutions:

Jason Anderson Jun 16, 2020 4:55 PM (in response to Paul Adam Kaloyian (Bongiorno))

Re: Seeking Maps of Colonial New York City

Dear Mr. Bongiorno,

Thank you for posting your request on History Hub!

We searched the National Archives Catalog and located [Fortifications Map File Plans of Military Forts](#) containing [Plan of the City of New York in North America: Surveyed in the years 1766 and 1767](#), [A South West View of the City of New York taken from the Governor's Island](#), and [Civil Works Map File](#) containing [Plan of the City of New York, in North America: Surveyed in the Years 1766 & 1767](#). Both of these are in the Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers (Record Group 77) and have been digitized and are available for viewing and downloading through the Catalog.



[Plan of the City of New York in North America: Surveyed in the years 1766 and 1767](#). / [A South West View of the City of New York taken from the Governor's Island](#)

We also searched online and located multiple examples of maps of colonial and revolutionary era maps, to include the following:

- <https://ny.curbed.com/2017/5/24/15681406/bernard-ratzer-map-new-york>
- <https://www.nych2o.org/early-maps-of-manhattan--the-collect-pond.html>
- [https://www.brooklynhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/Ratzer\\_map.pdf](https://www.brooklynhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/Ratzer_map.pdf)
- <https://nyheritage.org/nyh-topic/geography-maps>

You also may wish to contact the [New York Public Library](#), the [New York's Municipal Archives](#), the [New York State Library](#), the [New York State Archives](#), the [New York State Museum](#), the [Museum of the City of New York](#), and the various historical societies for the New York area.

We hope this information is helpful. Best of luck with your research!

2 people found this helpful

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## Communities

You can also browse topical communities within History Hub, like those for Military Records or African American history, to help hone an inquiry.

Genealogy

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Are you just getting started in your family history research? Have you reached a stumbling block? We can help.

SEARCH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT GENEALOGY RECORDS

Search

Search

TOP GENEALOGY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Was a German passport required in 1913 to be admitted at Ellis Island? 2 days ago by Janice Urban
- Seeking possible Naturalization records for ancestors 2 hours ago by Erin Hawley
- How to determine if relatives declared Polish citizenship after they settled in the US 3 days ago by Chris Lapczynski
- Trying to get all information about my 3 times grandfather Daniel M. Shockley 3 days ago by Thomas Shockley
- Naturalization of grandfather 6 days ago by Gail Fincher

RECENT CONTENT

- Seeking history of Blackney family in South Dakota late 1800s 15 minutes ago in Genealogy by wanda sinnema
- Seeking possible Naturalization records for ancestors 2 hours ago in Immigration and Naturalization Records by Erin Hawley
- Looking for information on Giovanni Tagliarino 3 hours ago in Census Records by Stephen Tagliarino

EXPLORE GENEALOGY COMMUNITIES

- Census Records
- Immigration and Natural...

ASK A GENEALOGY QUESTION

What is your question about?

History Hub hosts [19 communities in all](#), including several new communities, noted by the star ☆:

- [Genealogy](#): including two new sub-communities dedicated to [Census Records](#) ☆ and [Immigration and Naturalization Records](#) ☆
- [Military Records](#): with three new sub-communities for [Army and Air Force Records](#) ☆, [Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Records](#) ☆, and [Military and Civilian Personnel Records](#) ☆
- [Court Records](#) ☆: one of our new communities, this covers Federal court records, including Supreme Court decisions, criminal proceedings, and more.
- [Foreign Affairs Records](#) ☆: a new community, Foreign Affairs Records covers the history of foreign policy and diplomacy of the United States, including records from the Department of State and related foreign affairs agencies.
- [African American Records](#)
- [Native American Records](#)
- [Women's Rights and Suffrage](#)
- [Land Records](#)
- [...and more!](#)

## Citizen Archivists

There's even a [community for Citizen Archivists](#)! Meet other members; share favorite records; exchange tips and suggestions! Past topics in the Citizen Archivists community include:

- [How to Transcribe Forms?](#)
- [Tagging Multi-page documents](#)
- [What activities can Citizen Archivists participate in?](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Citizen Archivists' community page. At the top, there's a header with a profile picture, the name 'Citizen Archivists', and a 'Follow' button. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Overview', 'Content', 'People', 'Subspaces', 'Reports', 'Actions', 'About', 'Share', and 'Manage'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'RECENT CONTENT', lists several posts with their titles, authors, and dates. The right column contains a search box for questions, a section for 'LOC TRANSCRIPTION OPPORTUNITIES' featuring the 'CROWD' program, and a section for 'TRANSCRIPTION CHALLENGES' with links to 'New transcription mission: Amistad' and 'Letters to Lincoln Challenge'.

Meet other citizen archivists who transcribe documents and find or post new transcription challenges.

ASK CITIZEN ARCHIVISTS

What is your question about?

Ask

LOC TRANSCRIPTION OPPORTUNITIES

**CROWD**

Explore, transcribe, and tag digitized images of manuscripts and typed materials from the Library's collections. Everyone is welcome to take part! Improve search, readability, and access to handwritten and typed documents at [crowd.loc.gov](http://crowd.loc.gov).

LIBRARY

TRANSCRIPTION CHALLENGES

New transcription mission: Amistad

Letters to Lincoln Challenge

**RECENT CONTENT**

- What kinds of records do you like to transcribe? 3 days ago by National Archives Catalog
- Catalog Undercover 2 weeks ago by History Hub Administrator
- Activities of Citizen Archivists 2 weeks ago by Marie Tedesco
- Countdown to the 1950 Census 2 weeks ago by History Hub Administrator
- Transcribing forms 4 weeks ago by John Chesnut
- Carded Service Records of Hospital Attendants..... Tagging/Transcription 1 month ago by Kathy Percival
- You Are Here: Maps in the Catalog 1 month ago by History Hub Administrator
- Transcribe 2 months ago by Vicki Mask
- Advanced Search Form 2 months ago by Virginia Colclasure

Once you've signed up, check out our poll:

[What kinds of records do you like to transcribe?](#) →

Looking to connect with other Citizen Archivists offline? Be sure to see: [How to Contact Another User on History Hub](#)

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## Getting Started on History Hub

### Creating a History Hub Account





Before you can ask a question or help answer a question, you'll need to register for a History Hub account. History Hub accounts are free and only require a few basic pieces of information.

See [How to Create an Account on History Hub](#) to start the process →

Need to update your account? See [How to change your information on History Hub](#) and [How to Change your Avatar Image](#)

Did you have a History Hub account but discovered it's gone dormant? Accounts that have not been used for over 1 year are automatically deactivated. Email us at [historyhub@nara.gov](mailto:historyhub@nara.gov) and we'll be happy to reactivate your account.

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## Asking a Question on History Hub



Once your History Hub account has been created, you're ready to ask a question!

You can enter your question in the "Ask" field on the [History Hub homepage](#), or ask it within a specific [community](#).



Start a discussion

How do I ask a Genealogy Question on History Hub?

**Succinct  
Subject**

Mark this discussion as a question - this encourages people to answer for points and helps you track answers.

Font family 14 pt 

1. **Who** are you researching?

2. **What** do you already know about them?

a. **When** did they live?

b. **Where** did they live?

c. Who were they **related** to?

3. Where have you **already searched**?

4. Include any helpful **images or links**



5. **NO** personally identifiable information (PII)

**Vital Details**

**Relevant  
Images & Links**

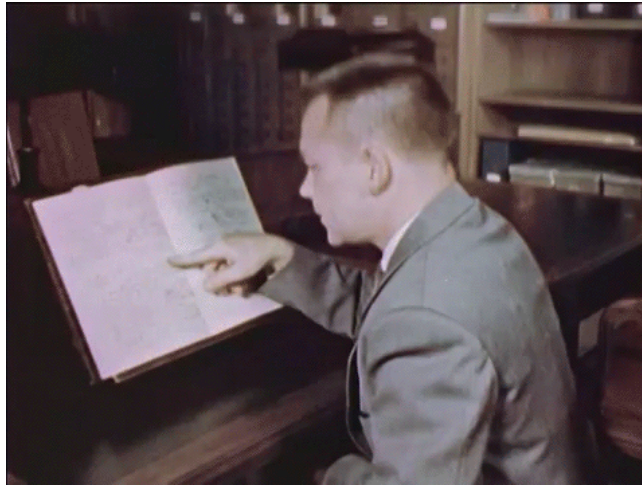
**No "PII"**

#### Question tips:

- Include as many details as you can about your topic. Are you researching an individual such as a relative or ancestor? Names, significant dates, and places they might have lived are all critical clues.
- Where have you searched? Reference any records, websites, and other sources that you've already checked.
- All questions on History Hub are public. Do not include personally identifiable information ("PII") such as social security numbers, phone numbers, or email addresses.
- All questions are reviewed and moderated in the order they are received. Questions are moderated and answered only on weekdays during regular business hours, typically Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET.
- See [How to Post a Question on History Hub](#) for more.

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## Have you found your answer on History Hub?



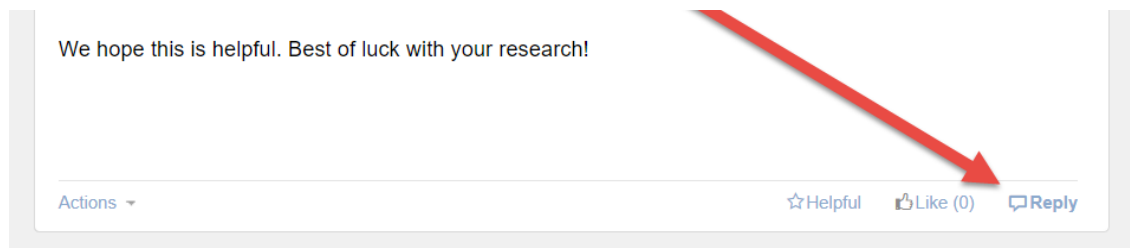
If you found the information you were looking for on History Hub, please let us know! Reply to that question (see below) with your news or [share your success with us!](#)

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## Help Answer a Question on History Hub

History Hub depends on dedicated citizen experts like you to share your knowledge and vast experience with users new to archival and genealogical research.

[How to - Help Answer a Question on History Hub](#)



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Do you work for a library, archive, museum, government agency, or other historical organization? [Contact us](#) to learn how your organization can participate on History Hub!



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# History HUB

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## National Archives Releases Catalog, 1940 Datasets

The public is now able to download [full datasets of the National Archives Catalog](#) archival descriptions and authority records, as well as [the entirety of the 1940 census](#), for the first time. This free service will provide researchers access through the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Registry of Open Data. In addition to the Registry of Open Data entries for these datasets, NARA published detailed documentation ([Catalog; 1940 Census](#)) to guide users on how to access both the full datasets and specific subsets of the data.

The release of these datasets supports NARA's commitment to its strategic goals to [Make Access Happen](#) and [Maximize NARA's Value to the Nation](#). With the release of this data, NARA's records will reach segments of the public beyond our traditional researchers. Universities, private industry, and other agencies are interested in accessing the data in this format and mining it to support new kinds of research and reuse on their own platforms.

Read more about the dataset release in [the AOTUS Blog post](#).

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## COVID-19 Update

The National Archives is committed to the health and safety of our visitors and staff. We are closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19, and we are working with public health officials and our counterpart agencies to monitor and respond to the evolving conditions and following CDC guidelines.

For more information, visit <https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus>

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