

NATIONAL ARCHIVES CATALOG

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Introducing: Citizen Archivist Resources!

At the National Archives, we are committed to making the citizen archivist program a great experience for our virtual volunteers. That's why today we are introducing our new [Resources](#) page on our Citizen Archivist Dashboard. Whether you are a new transcriber, or looking for ways to become more involved, our resource page is designed to provide helpful information, tips and tricks, instructional videos and more.

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Resources



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How - to Guides

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



Transcription Tips

Our Transcription Tips 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?

Tags enhance the National Archives search capabilities. Learn how you can improve access to records by adding tags.



Get Started Transcribing

Learn how to register for a Catalog account, find records to transcribe, and follow step-by-step instructions for transcribing records in the Catalog.




Tagging Game

Learn how to turn tagging in the National Archives Catalog into a game to list as many keywords (Tags) that describe or identify items in the image. This game can be played head-to-head or team-versus-team.


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



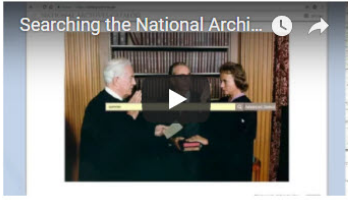
Anatomy of a Description




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

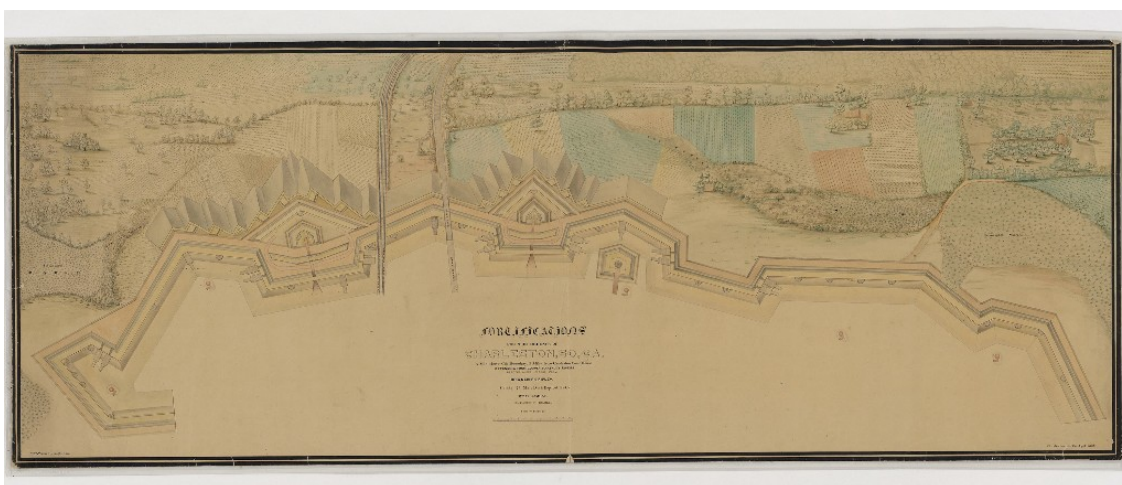


We created this resource page based on feedback and frequently asked questions we receive from our citizen archivists, and we hope you find it useful.

Check it out and let us know what you think! Do you have ideas for further instructional videos? What else would you like to see on our Dashboard? Let us know at

catalog@nara.gov

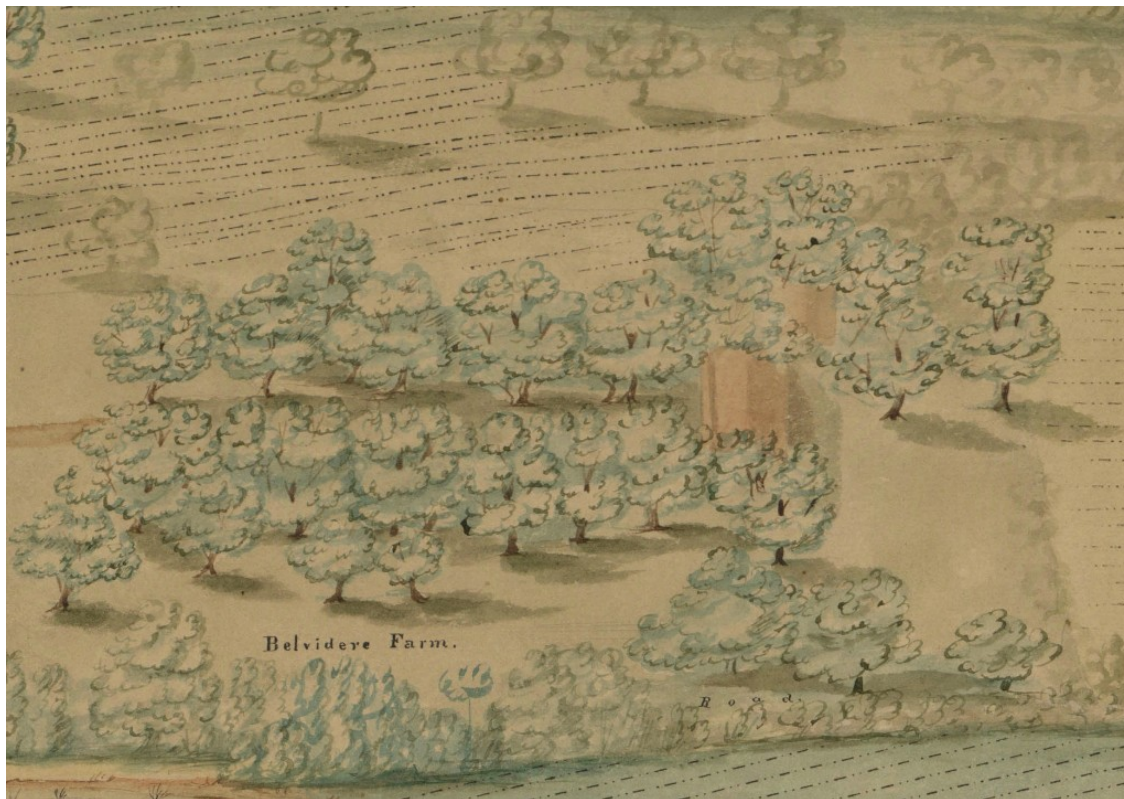
New In the Catalog



Drawing of Charleston Fortification

[Confederate Maps, 1861 - 1876](#)

This series consists of maps created or collected by the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. The War Department acquired these maps by capture or surrender at the close of the War or by donation or purchase after the War. Included are manuscript and annotated published maps and drawings of campaigns and fortifications in various states. Most of the maps are untitled.



Use the zoom feature in our catalog to explore some of the beautiful details in these maps.

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

On October 25, 2017, the National Archives will host the fifth virtual [Genealogy Fair](#) via webcast. Viewers can participate with the presenters and other family historians during the live event on [YouTube](#). All of the session videos and handouts will be available from this web page free of charge. You can watch the sessions and download the materials at your convenience. Are you going to miss

NATIONAL ARCHIVES 2017 VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR



Wednesday, October 25

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET

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available after the live event.

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