

NATIONAL ARCHIVES CATALOG

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Week of Service Update!

Thank you to all of our virtual volunteers who are joining us for [Citizen Archivist Week of Service](#).

So far this week, **339 citizen archivists** have helped tag and transcribe a whopping **1,630 pages** in the National Archives Catalog! We are so close to our goal! Can you help us reach 2,018 pages by Friday?



CITIZEN ARCHIVIST Week of Service

January 15–19, 2018 | Volunteer to help us UNLOCK HISTORY!

Check out our [Citizen Archivist Dashboard](#) for new records to transcribe. You will find records related to Mediterranean Passports, which were certificates issued by the Secretary of State in an attempt to ensure safe passage of American vessels in areas threatened by Barbary pirates; slave manifests from the Port of New York; marriage licenses from the Office of Indian Affairs White Earth Agency; records from a wide range of civil rights issue in United States history, and much more! What will you learn and discover as you begin to transcribe?

Special thanks to all of our citizen archivists who are helping unlock history. Here are just a few examples of the great work being done this week:

This challenging [handwritten document](#) from the Records of the American Red Cross, written in 1865, is now fully transcribed!

13 Months - In The U. S. San. Com.
Off. Jas. V. Hammer - Field Station
Baltimore Md.

I entered the service of
The U. S. San. Com. on the 6th of
June 1864 at Washington & was
sent by the Rev. J. M. Knapp on
the Great Steamer Keyport to
White House Landing on the 6th
of June. I was assigned by Lt
Parish to the 18th U. S. Artillery
and since a war of 6 months was
assigned to me to visit & examine on
my duties for the purpose of administering
the rights of the suffering. I met
my somewhat heavy baggage with me
each time. A Haversack filled with
bread, butter, and small paper in
my hands to hold down the incision
of each patient. Any little thing
they might take away to prevent it
was considered with their consent
I always made it a rule to consult
the physician in charge as to whether
I should be sent for them & such patients
I spent in this camp until the
grant made his great flank
movement across the James River &
with them he made City Point the
water base and accordingly went
over with the Army. One of the fields
of about was opened to me. Large numbers
of wounded men came in and
granting their wounds and the
S. S. & the all day also a Corps of
volunteers made up from Artillery and
some some private companies of
men. I went to the works to view
flank wounds - These wounds were
from the Colored Troop - that had
formed & taken 3 times of Great work
from the enemy - in front of Petersburg.

Special thanks to the volunteers who worked together to help make this record more accessible:

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User **kspoon** did a beautiful job transcribing this [complex chart](#) from Field Orders and

Fort Churchill
November 3rd 1860.
Dearest Mama,
Your letter telling
me that Lulu would start for
Cal^a on the 20th of last month &
having some days since, I am
very thankful to you for your
kindness in sending her, as I know
that she has bent on it, and I know
she will want a companion out
here, and then she can occupy her
mind in teaching Lulu, I am
very much assured that everything
will be done by me to render her
contented & happy, nor shall
she retrograde in her studies for
I will try and teach her some
of the more solid branches in
which most young ladies are deficient,
and though it may not appear
in her intercourse with the world, it

What have you transcribed this week? We'd love to hear what you are working on and what you find in the records! Let us know at catalog@nara.gov

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