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This land is your land

The Bureau of Land Management recently [celebrated its 75th birthday](#). It was created on July 16, 1946 when [President Harry Truman](#) merged two agencies within the Department of Interior: the General Land Office and the Grazing Service. Today, the Bureau of Land Management currently manages about 245 million acres of public land in America.

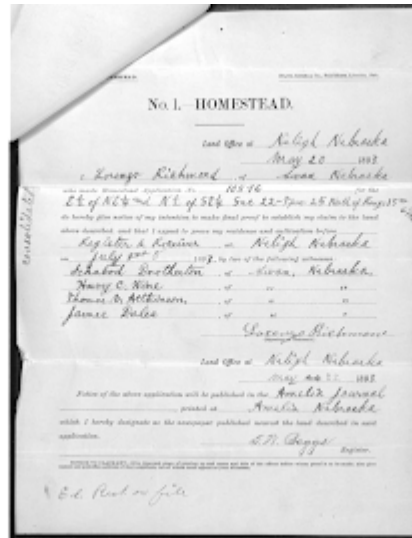


Narrative Reports of Individual Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camps, Antelope Springs, Utah, 1936. [National Archives Identifier 292848](#)

New Citizen Archivist Mission: Homestead Final Certificates

The National Archives holds [historical records from the Bureau of Land Management](#), including textual records, photographs, maps and charts, as well as records that reflect

access to land and acquisition of land throughout much of American history. You can help make these records more searchable in the National Archives Catalog!



Neligh Land Office (Nebraska), Homestead Final Certificate No. 6299 - Lorenzo Richmond, July 8, 1893. [National Archives Identifier 63715855](#)

Today we are introducing a new [Citizen Archivist mission for records from the Bureau of Land Management, Homestead Final Certificates, 1863 - 1894](#). Help transcribe these certificates from land offices in Nebraska to help make them more searchable and accessible in our Catalog.

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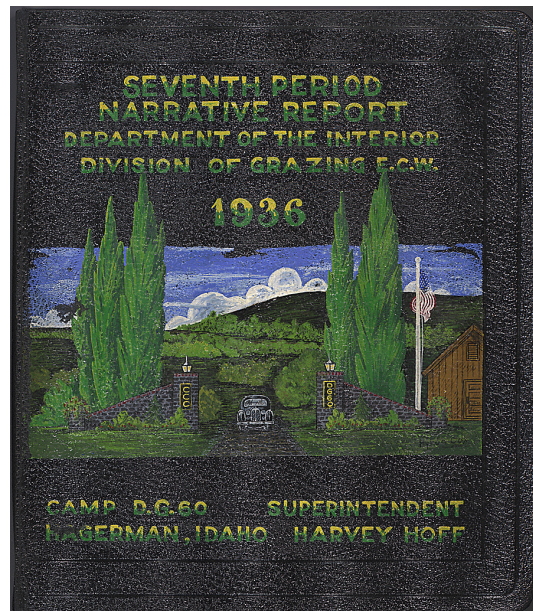
Researching Land Records

Interested in additional land related records? Read on for more information about records and resources related to the Bureau of Land Management, as well as records from federal agencies regarding land related actions.



Department of Interior Sign in Oregon, circa 1950. [Accession Number 2004-142. Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum](#)

The access to and acquisition of land drove many of the policies of various governments on American soil. From wars, treaties, immigration, and settlement, land is interwoven into the very core of American history. The National Archives preserves many of the historical records of the U.S. government that reflect this topic. Many Federal agencies that drove land related actions include the General Land Office, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. Records held by the National Archives that can be of great use to researchers include, but are not limited to Land Entry Case Files, Right of Ways, Mineral Surveys, township surveys, and water rights. Learn more on our Land Records Research page: <https://www.archives.gov/research/land>



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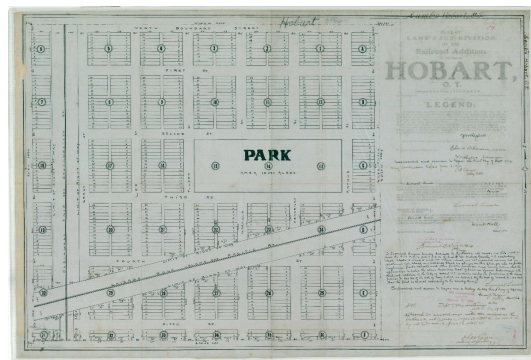
Visitor, Idaho." [National Archives Identifier 5585770](#)

A narrative report compiled by Camp Superintendent Harvey Hoff on Camp DG-60, Hagerman, Idaho, 1936. [National Archives Identifier 292852](#)

Plats of Proposed Townsites, 1825 - 1915

[National Archives Identifier 305464](#)

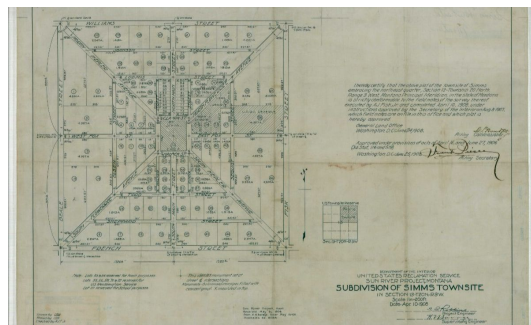
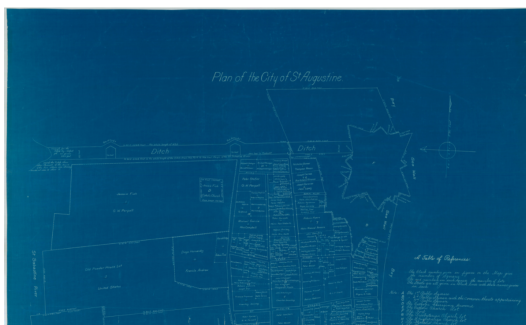
This series from the Bureau of Land Management consists of [plats of proposed layouts of townsites](#) throughout the public domain states. These plats depict the original subdivision of towns and cities into blocks, lots, and streets.



Branaforte, CA, 11/5/1864. [National Archives Identifier 172073813](#)

Hobart, OK: Plat of Lamb's Sub-Division of the Railroad Addition to the City of Hobart, O.T.

Embracing the N.E. 1-4 Sec. 3, T. 6 N., R. 18 W.I.M., 9/30/1902. [National Archives Identifier 172074440](#)



St. Augustine, FL: Plan of the City of St. Augustine., 6/17/1911. [National Archives Identifier 172075316](#)

Simms, MT: Sun River Project, Montana Subdivision of Simms Townsite in Section 13 - T 20 N. - R 3 W., 4/10/1908. [National Archives Identifier 172075475](#)

Additional Resources:

- National Archives at Seattle: [Bureau of Land Management Records Subject Guide](#)
- Guide to Black History: [Record Group 49 - Records of the Bureau of Land Management](#)
- Record Group Explorer: [Bureau of Land Management, Record Group 49](#)
- Video Presentation: [The Homestead Act: Land Records of Your Ancestors](#) from the [2019 Virtual Genealogy Fair](#). (View the accompanying [presentation slides](#).)

AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF CLAIMANT. To be used in cases of commuted homestead entries. For taking the testimony of Claimant and his witnesses in making application for "Homestead Proof."

I, George W. Carver, claiming the right to commute, under Section 2304 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, my homestead entry No. 16126 made upon the South East ⁴ Section 4 Township 19^o Range 26^w do solemnly swear that I made settlement upon said land on the 20 day of April, 1887. I have built a house on said land, and have continued to reside therein up to the present time; that I have broken and cultivated 17 acres of said land, and that no part of said land has been alienated, except as provided in Section 2288 of the Revised Statutes, but that I am the sole bona fide owner as an actual settler.

I further swear that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States.

George W. Carver
Said Office

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of June, 1888
St. J. Balhoun
Clerk of Dist. Court
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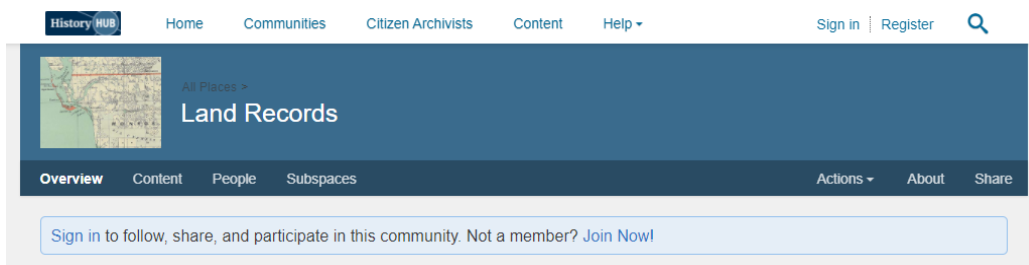
Records of the Bureau of Land Management, 1685 - 2006, Cash Files, 1875 - 1905, Affidavit Required of Claimant George W. Carver, 6/21/1888. [National Archives Identifier 1656519](#)

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Peter Prokopiou And Family in Front of House. Records of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1868 - 2008, Pribilof Islands Glass Plate Negatives, 1913 - 1921. [National Archives Identifier 23853599](#)

Ernest Orlando Lawrence (left) and family sitting on front porch of house. General Records of the Department of Energy, 1915 - 2007, Photographs Documenting Scientists, Special Events, and Nuclear Research Facilities, Instruments, and Projects at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1996 - 2014. [National Archives Identifier 7665356](#)

Recent **Land Records** posts include:



How can I Research the History of my House?



Where can I find my Great Grandfather's Homestead Application?



I am searching for the "19 Landowners" who held the land that became Washington, DC.



Where can I find my ancestor's Bounty Land Warrant from the War of 1812?

- [Land Records: Common Terms used by the General Land Office](#)
- [Land Records: Researching the History of your Property](#)
- [Land Records: Water in the West](#)

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