



ARC Identifier: 298446  
Drawing of a still for the purpose of making illegal alcoholic beverages (Oregon) [1929 Department of Justice. Bureau of Prohibition]



ARC Identifier: 555422  
The Energy Crisis in the States of Oregon and Washington resulted in attempts at humor by businesses with darkened signs such as this one in Vancouver, Washington, 11/1973 [Environmental Protection Agency]



ARC Identifier: 301667  
Treasury Warrant in the Amount of \$7.2 Million for the Purchase of Alaska, 08/01/1868 [Department of the Treasury. Office of the Register of the Treasury. Notes, Coupon, Currency, and Files Division].



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## So ... what is the NATIONAL ARCHIVES anyway?

We are NOT a library.

The National Archives is the US Government's collection of documents that records important events in American history.

Those original documents include:

- The Constitution and Declaration of Independence (in Washington DC and online where you can even sign it yourself.)
- Letters
- Photographs and Drawings
- Certificates
- Land Records
- Census Records
- Records of Indian Agencies
- Citizenship Records
- Plans for ships
- Original patent drawings, like Edison's light bulb and lots of others (online)
- Maps
- Court Cases
- AND MUCH MORE!

We receive our documents from different agencies of the Federal Government.

WE preserve them by putting them in acid-free boxes, tubes and folders and by keeping them in a temperature and humidity controlled space.

WE keep them the way we found them.

We keep track of where they are so we can help YOU find them.

So ... a single subject [like World War I] would be found in the records of LOTS of different agencies.



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## Searching NARA's ONLINE documents

Go to:

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- Scroll down near the bottom-right of the first page.
- Click on ARC.
- Click on ARC Search.
- Type in the agency or a word you think MIGHT be in the title of the item. For instance: Photos of Japanese Internment Camps are found by typing in the word "Relocation."
- Check the box that says Limit results to 2000.
- Check the box that says Descriptions of Archival Materials linked to digital copies. This will give you actual digital documents.
- Click GO.



## Looking at the "real thing"

### • Original Documents

The National Archives, Pacific-Alaska Region, Seattle holds over 35,000 cubic feet of ORIGINAL paper or photographic documents covering the states of



- Washington
- Oregon
- Idaho

A few of the many possible topics covered by these documents are:

- The Northwest "home-front" during World Wars I and II including Japanese Relocation, Voluntary Rationing, coast defenses, salvage efforts, soldier's homes and more.
- The exclusion of Chinese emigrants from the United States.
- Northwestern Tribal treaty rights, family groups and schools.

### Microfilmed Documents

Billions of original documents are held in Washington DC, thirteen Regional Archives and nine Presidential libraries across the country.

In order for you to see copies of some of those documents at OUR regional



facility, the National Archives periodically microfilms some of them. As a result, here in Seattle, we have thousands of documents from ALL OVER THE WORLD on *microfilm* that cover

- Census records
- Military records
- Naturalization records
- Native American records
- Diplomatic missions from around the world over two centuries.
- AND much more!

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