



The National Archives Microfilm Catalog

The Microfilm Catalog is the primary tool to assist you in locating specific microfilm publications of the National Archives. It is designed to allow you to see a description of the records contained in each microfilm publication and to show which National Archives repositories hold that microfilm publication.

Instructions For Use of the Microfilm Catalog

The Microfilm Catalog is located on the National Archives website (www.archives.gov). From the National Archives main page click **Genealogists** in the lower left-hand corner. On the **Resources for Genealogists Page** click on the link entitled **Online Research Tools**. On the resulting **Forms, Tools and Aids Page** select **Microfilm Catalog**.

Each microfilm publication has a name and a number. For example, the microfilm publication *Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons (Amnesty Papers) 1865-1867* is publication number M1003. You can search for this and other microfilm publications in the microfilm catalog using titles, keywords, publication numbers or viewing location.

- If you wish to search the Microfilm Catalog by keyword you can enter a key word(s) in the search box to describe the publication(s) you wish to locate. If needed, you can click on **Advanced Search** and the resulting search box will give additional search options.
- If you wish to search the Microfilm Catalog by publication number you may enter a publication number in the search box and click **Search**. The system will return only the title of that particular publication.
- If you wish to browse film held at our location, click on **Advanced Search**, and select Pacific Region.
- If you wish to browse the Microfilm Catalog you should click the link **Browse NARA's Microfilm Catalog**. This will select all of the more than 3,000 microfilm publications and display them 100 publication titles per page.

Once you have arrived at a search results screen, either through a search or by browsing, the title of the publication or publications will be colored blue. If you click on your selected publication title you will be taken to the **Microfilm Publication Summary Page** for that publication title. On the right side of this page the National Archives repositories that hold this particular microfilm publication are listed. Above the list of repositories you will see the link **View Important Publication Details**. If you click on this link a new window will open to display a copy of the pamphlet showing details for this particular microfilm publication. Generally, this finding aid will provide background information about the records and list the contents of each roll in the microfilm publication.