



Registration Information

Pre-registration is required.

Registration is free and limited to 200 participants.

To register online

www.archives.gov/atlanta/wwii-symposium

To register by email

atlanta.archives@nara.gov

Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address.

Registration deadline is Monday, September 16, 2013

The National Archives at Atlanta

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The Southern Home Front During World War II

A Symposium at



Saturday,

September 21, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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The National Archives at Atlanta is the repository of an estimated 7,500 cubic feet of records documenting the Southern Home Front during World War II, and these historic sources are ripe for new scholarship and discovery.

This year's symposium encourages research in these diverse records, features published scholars whose works were based on these holdings, and promotes the discovery of new scholars with a call for proposals from universities and colleges across the Southeast region.

National Archives at Atlanta



The National Archives at Atlanta (NARA Atlanta) is one of thirteen regional archives in the NARA system holding approximately 200,000 cubic feet of Federal records for eight Southeastern states. Along with the extensive holdings relating to the Southern Home Front, NARA Atlanta boasts many other original documents on a variety of historical topics from the early 1700s to the near present.

The Southern Home Front During World War II

Following hard economic times that existed before the 1930s, the war years brought both new hardships and opportunities to the South. Men left for war, but jobs in ship building, airplane construction, ordnance manufacture, and even nuclear enrichment ushered in modernization amid the segregation of the Jim Crow South. Towns exploded into cities bringing a new demographic and new ideas to the region. The stories of labor and production, science and technology, segregation and civil rights, women in the workforce, and military preparedness would have a legacy on the South that still remains.

Speaker Biographies



Denise Kiernan is the author of New York Times Best Seller, *The Girls of Atomic City*. She has recently appeared on **PBS News Hour** and **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart**.



Dr. Fritz Hamer is the author of *Charleston Reborn: A Southern City, Its Navy Yard and World War II, 1940-1946* and Curator of Published Materials at the South Caroliniana Library.



Dr. Courtney Tollison is the author of *World War II and Upcountry South Carolina: 'We Just Did Everything We Could.'* She is a history professor at Furman University and the historian for the Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, SC.

The Story of the Southern Home Front During World War II and the Historical Research Possibilities

The National Archives at Atlanta offers a unique opportunity for new and original scholarship. Representing only a fraction of the entire holdings, the myriad records relating to the Southern Home Front present numerous possibilities in historical and related research.

Labor, Industry, and Daily Life

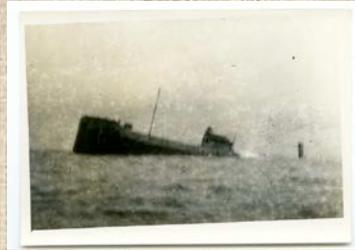
Records of the **War Manpower Commission** document the labor needs of the Mobile, Alabama ship yards, the Bell Bomber plant in Marietta, Georgia, and the Manhattan Engineer District in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, as well as the influx of women into the work force.



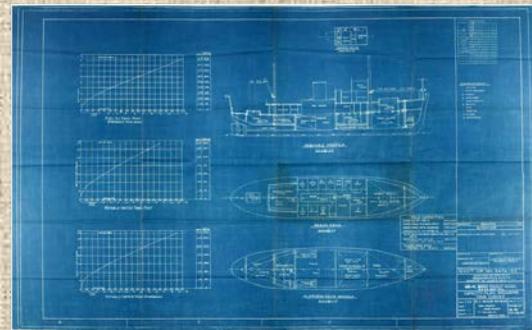
The **National War Labor Board** mediated conflicts between labor and management and administered the government's control of wages and hours worked.

Documents in the **Office of Price Stabilization** describe the challenges of consumers and businesses suddenly forced to abide shortages, rationing, and price regulation.

Homeland Defense and Preparedness



Reports from the **6th and 7th Naval Districts** detail the German U-boat threat to U.S. shipping lanes off the east coast, as the hyper-vigilant **Naval Intelligence** offices in Charleston, Jacksonville, and Miami investigated suspicious persons and businesses.



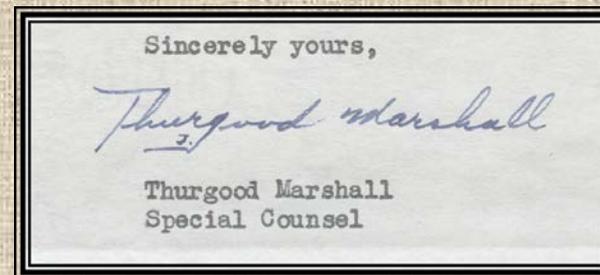
The **U.S. Coast Guard** created drawings for Liberty Ships, which were constructed at sites in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia.

Segregation and the Struggle for Equality

Although the **Fair Employment Practices Commission** (FEPC) was charged to insure equal opportunity in the war industries, the records tell the story of an agency that provided little relief from pervasive discrimination in the workplace.



The records of the **Tennessee Valley Authority** and other agencies evidence the struggle for equality by an increasingly diverse workforce, while the efforts of organizations like the NAACP are documented by the **Office of Defense Transportation**.



Featured Record Groups

Research opportunities in the Southern Home Front records are not limited to those previously described. Related records are found in many Record Groups.

- RG 22 Records of the Fish and Wildlife Service
- RG 26 Records of the U.S. Coast Guard
- RG 30 Records of the Bureau of Public Roads
- RG 77 Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers
- RG 92 Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General
- RG 111 Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer
- RG 142 Records of the Tennessee Valley Authority
- RG 156 Records of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance
- RG 181 Records of Naval Districts and Shore Establishments
- RG 188 Records of the Office of Price Administration
- RG 202 Records of the National War Labor Board (World War II)
- RG 211 Records of the War Manpower Commission
- RG 219 Records of the Office of Defense Transportation
- RG 228 Records of the Committee on Fair Employment Practice
- RG 270 Records of the War Assets Administration
- RG 326 Records of the Atomic Energy Commission
- RG 336 Records of the Office of the Chief of Transportation
- RG 442 Records of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention