



# Archives and YouTube Channels – Have you surfed these?

Diane L. Richard has searched out a fascinating free collection of state archive videos for your research enjoyment

**W**ITH THE PANDEMIC, HOPEFULLY, SOON in our rearview mirror, and many of us spending more time catching programs via Zoom or Go To Webinar, have you also checked out federal and state archive YouTube channels? If not, you are missing out on some great free content! Topics range

from the logistics of visiting the archive to historical context pieces to videos about specific types of records or research and more.

Here are a few of the state archive YouTube channels that have caught my eye! I didn't check out every state and territory, so I'm sure others exist to be explored.

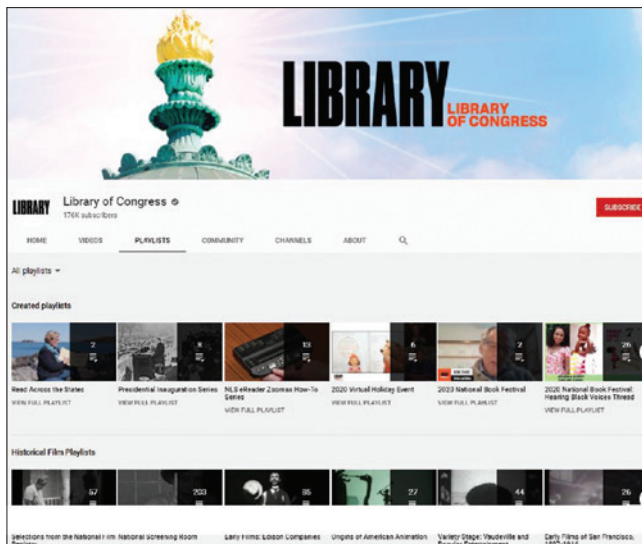
## CHANNELS

### NATIONAL

#### Library of Congress

[www.youtube.com/user/LibraryOfCongress](http://www.youtube.com/user/LibraryOfCongress)

This is a vast channel covering everything from suffrage to current events to music to baseball to historical films to the National Book Festival and so much more!

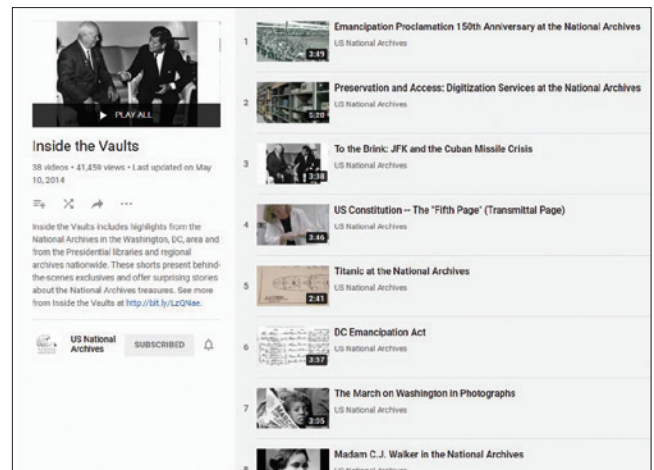


Playlists like these listed for the Library of Congress are a great way to figure out what you might find on a YouTube channel.

#### [US] National Archives [aka National Archives and Records Administration]

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You will find public program videos as well as those about the archives and its operations and the series – Inside the Vaults – about its holdings. The latter is the one that gets my attention. Each presidential library also has a YouTube channel.



Inside the Vaults from NARA is filled with short, less than 5 minutes long, videos relevant to genealogists.