FEDERAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS CENTER

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Public Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (microfilm research to 4:30 p.m.). In 2006, first Saturday in August, October, November and December (microfilm research only) 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed all Sundays and Federal holidays. Researchers must show a photo ID when entering the Varick Street building. Call to confirm hours.

Holdings: They have original records of federal agencies in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, extensive microfilm pertaining to the documentation of these areas and the rest of the nation as a whole, including all the federal population censuses from 1790-1930, and other materials of great interest to genealogists, historians, and other scholars. A complete description of their holdings can be found on pages 29-31 of The Archives, a Guide to the National Archives Field Branches (H 929.01 Uni Nat). This book is on our ready reference shelf next to the Local History & Genealogy Department reference desk.

General Information: The Center is located in lower Manhattan, close to the Holland Tunnel and five short blocks from the Christopher Street PATH stop. The Houston Street IRT stop is on the corner. Researchers should use the Houston Street entrance.

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