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U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, LINKS, AND LOCATOR TOOLS

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WATERGATE RICHARD NIXON GRAND JURY RECORDS RELEASED

The National Archives and Records Administration has publicly released the June 23 - 24, 1975 transcripts of President Richard Nixon's Watergate grand jury testimony. It is the first time that the public has had access to the transcripts.



Releasing the transcripts of the White House Tapes
(Richard Nixon Library, Yorba Linda, CA).

The collection can be found on the FDSys database. Click [here](#) to access the text. To find out more about the grand jury files, click on the following links. To find out more about Watergate, perform a subject search on the Dacus Online Catalog for "Watergate Affair, 1972-1974."

- National Archives and Records Administration [Press Release](#)
- [Nixon Grand Jury Records](#), files from the National Archives



FDSys (<http://www.fdsys.gov>) is the U.S. Government Printing Office's online database. It offers authentic, digitally signed PDF documents and provides access to official publications from all three branches of the Federal Government.

Through FDSys, you are able to browse, search and download documents and publications from over 40 titles and datasets. A percentage of the titles in FDSys, which are chosen specifically for our depository library, can be accessed through the Dacus Online Catalog.

The following are a few of the publications included in FDSys:

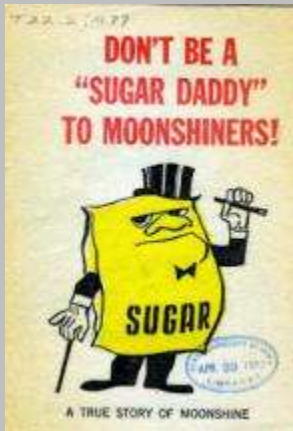
- [Code of Federal Regulations](#) (1996 to Present)
- [Congressional Bills](#) (103rd Congress to Present)
- [Congressional Record \(Daily\)](#) (1994 to Present)
- [Federal Register](#) (1994 to Present)
- [United States Code](#) (1994 to Present)
- [United States Courts Opinions](#) (Select Courts from 2004 to Present)
- [United States Statutes at Large](#) (2003 to 2008 and 1951 to 2002)
- [Public and Private Laws](#) (104th Congress to Present)
- [Education Reports from ERIC](#) (1995 to 2004)

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ODDLY TITLED DOCUMENTS THROUGH THE YEARS...

Don't Be A "Sugar Daddy" to Moonshiners! A True Story of Moonshine



Published in 1957 by the U.S. Treasury Department, and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the IRS, this 16 page pamphlet warns merchants to be on the lookout for customers buying suspicious amounts of sugar. They are advised not to sell to whiskey making hoodlums.

A 1957 article from the Milwaukee Journal states that an estimated 40,000 stills were in operation that year. To make 10 - 12 gallons of moonshine, it took 100 lbs. of sugar to 100 lbs. of mash. Moonshine was then sold for \$3.00 a gallon.

Read the full text [here](#).



Legislative Action Website and Widget

www.popvox.com

POPVOX obtains information about legislation and tracks all action taken on pending bills. The website also collects and delivers public opinions on pending bills to Congress.

POPVOX is searchable by keyword, subject area, and organization. Bills are searchable by Congressional district or state. Each Bill Report includes an opinion pie chart and a line graph displaying support versus opposition over time.

POPVOX will deliver your comments electronically to your Representative and/or Senator with your real name, address, and phone number and will hand deliver messages to Congressional offices that do not accept electronic delivery.

Once the House passes a bill that you commented on, your position on the bill will be sent automatically to your Senator. Your comments along with other respondents will be included in POPVOX's collected data and will be displayed publicly on the website along with your screen name and district.

Organizations can also register positions on bills. For example:

Clemson University Students for Environmental Action is composed of faculty, community members, alumni, graduate, and undergraduate students.

Bills Supported: [H.R. 2018: Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011](#)

Summary: HR 2018, overturns almost 40 years of federal safeguards that protect our water quality. Under the bill, the EPA would no longer be able to properly enforce the Clean Water Act.

Agricultural Data Slashed by Budget Cuts – The USDA has reduced or eliminated 14 crop and livestock reports as a result of National Agricultural Statistics Service budget cuts. The reduction will save the Service about \$10 million. Most of the information will be included in the 5 year Agricultural Census but farmers say that the loss of the yearly report will leave them guessing about how much to produce and when to sell. Further budget cuts are expected.

ACS 3-Year Estimates Released -- The U.S. Census Bureau has released the 2008 – 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) 3-Year Estimates. ACS provides yearly socioeconomic information covering more than 40 topics, including educational attainment, income, occupation, and language. The estimates are available in detailed tables. New data for 2008 includes marital history, disability, health insurance, and service-connected disability. To learn more about these tables, and other data product changes, please visit our [2010 Data Product Changes page](#). Access the data via [American Factfinder](#).



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Then Came the Fire: Personal Accounts from the Pentagon, 11 September 2001

Stephen J Lofgren, editor

An anthology of excerpts from oral history interviews highlighting the personal accounts of participants who witnessed some aspect of the events in the Pentagon: the survivors, some of whom were injured; policemen; firefighters; medical personnel; observers; others involved in the rescue and recovery efforts; and building occupants.

In Dacus Library (Gov Docs Dept):
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<http://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo13501>

See also *Pentagon 9/11* by Alfred Goldberg:

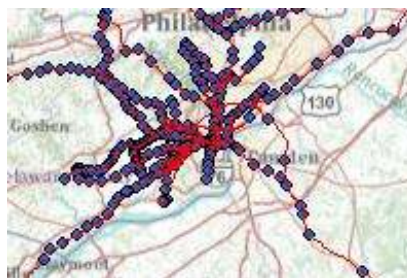
<http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS112213>



NEW GEOSPATIAL WEBSITE

www.geoplatform.gov

A prototype Geospatial Platform website has been released by the federal government. It provides an initial view of the future of user-friendly, integrated, data collections on common geographic maps.



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Users can find federally-maintained geospatial data, services and applications, and are able to combine map-based data and tools with internet technologies to deliver geospatial information in a simple, understandable package. Maps can be created by combining personal data with public domain data. It is also possible to collaborate with others through web browsers and mobile technologies.

At this point, available data is limited and includes environmental clean-up data from EPA, coastal environmental sensitivity data, and historic hurricane data from NOAA. These data sets could be combined with a topographic map from the Department of the Interior to assess hurricane vulnerability in coastal areas.

The Geospatial Platform is a work in progress that will continue to be refined, updated, and refreshed over the next several months with additional data, services and tools.

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"An honest man can feel no pleasure in the exercise of power over his fellow citizens . . . There has never been a moment of my life in which I should have relinquished for it the enjoyments of my family, my farm, my friends and books."

--Thomas Jefferson, 1813