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Help build the historical record by doing it yourself!

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Pioneer Lives

19th-century letters & diaries

**Historians
need your
help!**

improve access to historic
documents by transcribing
handwritten pages

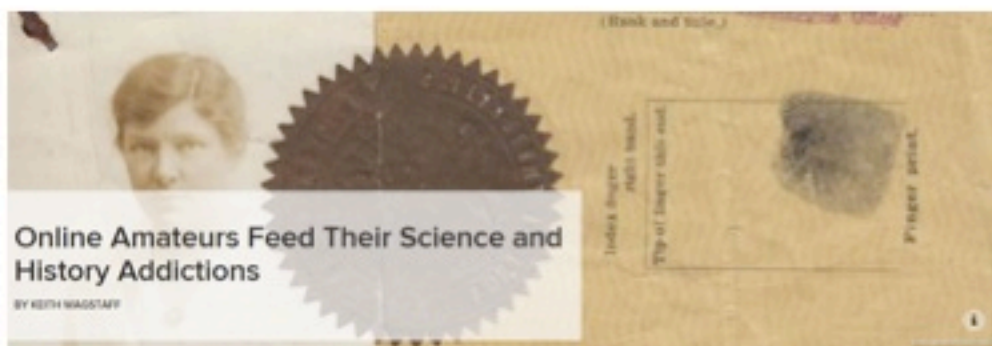
Start transcribing!

48,857 pages transcribed

BuzzFeed NEWS

13 Things For History Lovers To Do Online When They're Bored

Help out historians by volunteering to transcribe old documents online. Here are some fun projects to work on.



These people come alive; you come to share their hopes, their fears, their everyday concerns. You become absorbed in the people, and losing one of them is like losing a relative or a friend.

– Dave Hesketh



Archives Alive! Lesson plans

- Lesson 1: Explore DIY History
- Lesson 2: Research workshop
- Lesson 3: Draft rhetorical analysis
- Lesson 4: Draft historical analysis
- Lesson 5: Screencast workshop
- Lesson 6: Presentation workshop
- Lesson 7: Student presentations
- Lesson 8: Reflection & uploading content

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***digital* humanities scholarship**

uncomfortable, but not paralyzed
– Jeffrey McClurken

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I have never experienced history first-hand like I did transcribing the letter. Reading the letters and finding the old pictures and newspaper clippings that went with them was exciting. I think we kind of forget that history is made up of real people sometimes.

– Kelsey Shrier

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