## NARA Preservation Program Oversees Records Salvage in Orleans Parish Post Hurricane Katrina

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#### **August**

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#### (SEPTEMBER)





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#### CONDITIONS

- DURING THE STORM, RECORDS WERE POTENTIALLY EXPOSED TO:
  - Sewage
  - Petro-chemicals
  - Coroner Lab contaminants

#### MOLD



### GATHERED INFORMATION ON TYPE OF RECORDS AFFECTED

- FLAT PAPER FILES
- INDEX CARDS
- LEATHER BOUND VOLUMES
- BINDER
   NOTEBOOKS
- MICROFILM
- ELECTRONIC MEDIA



#### **BUILDING ISSUES**

- POWER
- ACCESS
- SECURITY







#### **GOALS OF PHASE 1: ONSITE**



#### **RETRIEVE**



#### FREEZE/TRANSPORT



#### **GOALS OF PHASE 1: OFFSITE**

- VACUUM FREEZE DRY
- STERILIZE
- •EVALUATE ADDITIONAL PRESERVATION OPTIONS BASED ON PROJECTED USE
  - -CLEANING
  - -REFORMATTING

#### THE CONTRACTING PROCESS

- CONTRACT WRITTEN BASED ON SCOPE OF WORK
- CONTRACT LET FOR BID
- BIDS EVALUATED
- CLARIFICATIONS
- SELECTION MADE
- CONTRACT AWARDED

## Orleans Parish District Attorney's Records

785 cubic feet

36 computers



# ORLEAN'S PARISH DABOX1191

**ABOVE** 

BELOW



\*DABOX1191\*













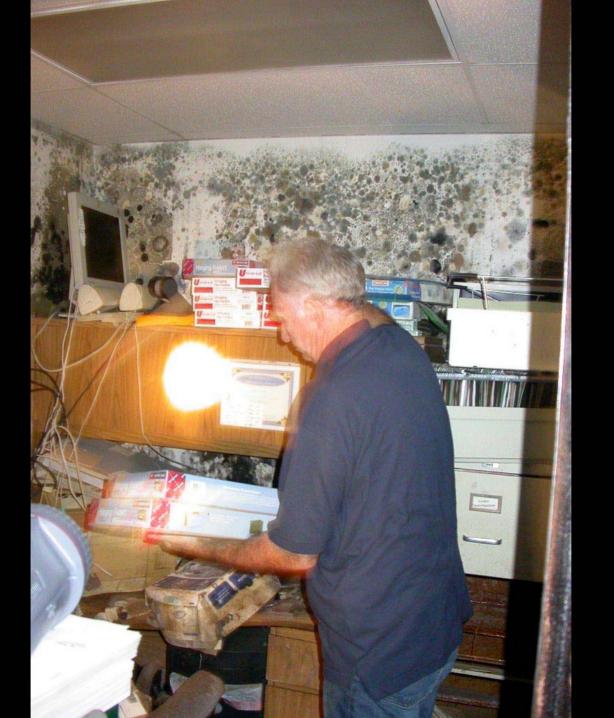


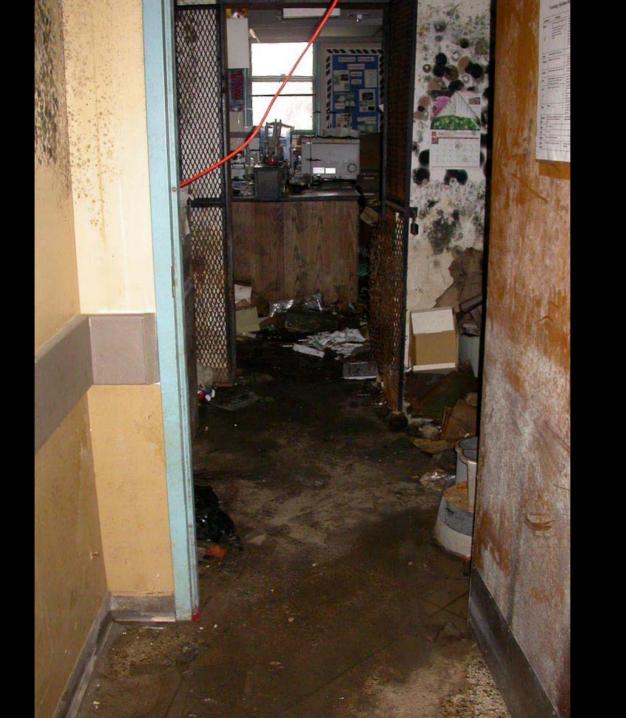
## Orleans Parish Coroner's Office Records

815 cubic feet

6 computers





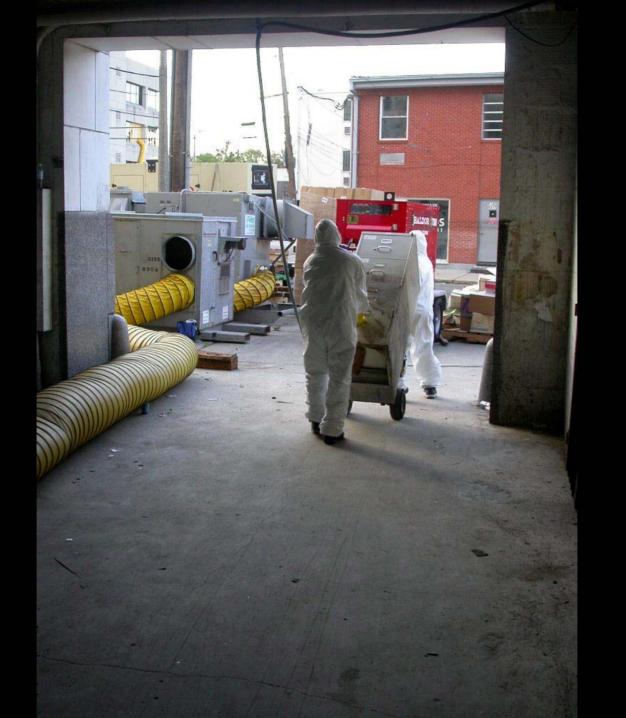














### Orleans Parish Clerk of Criminal Court Records

4,604 cubic feet



#### CLERK OF CRIMINAL COURT





















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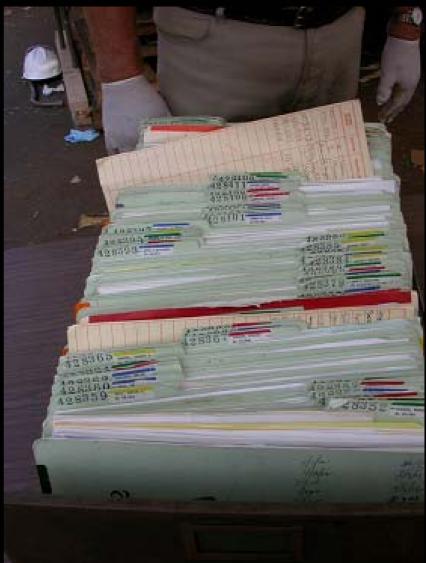
















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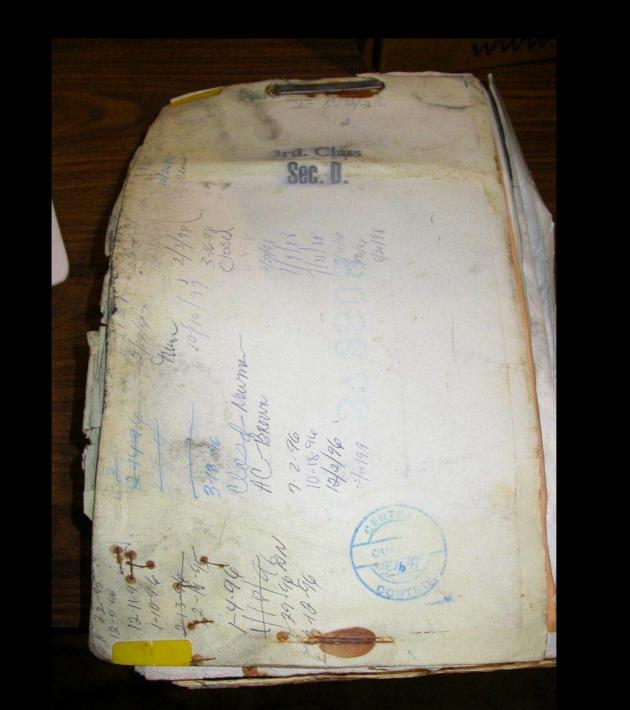
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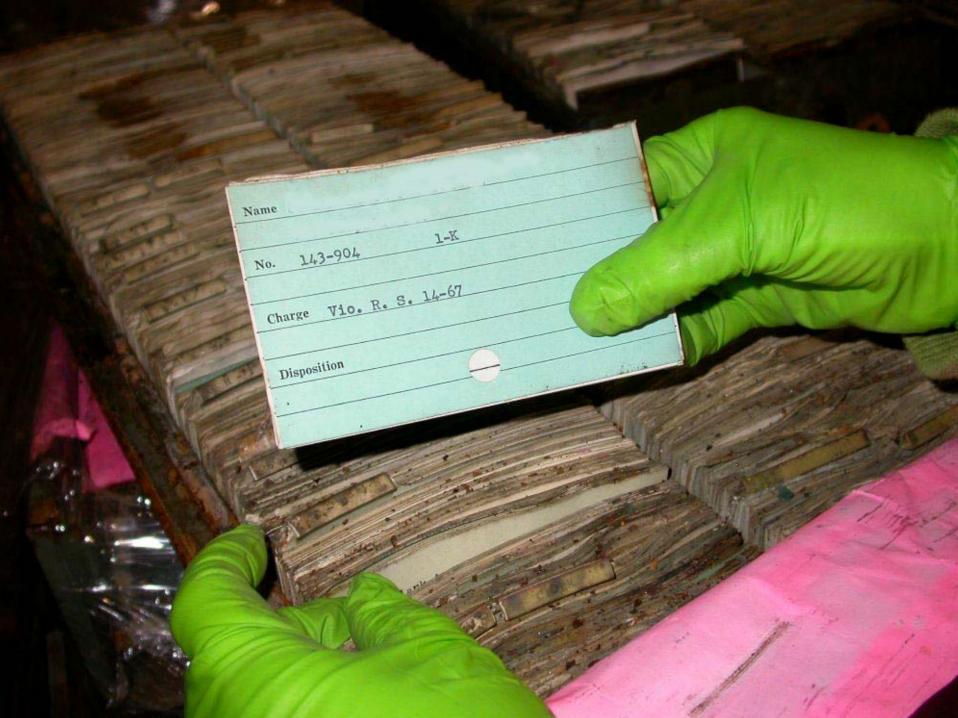




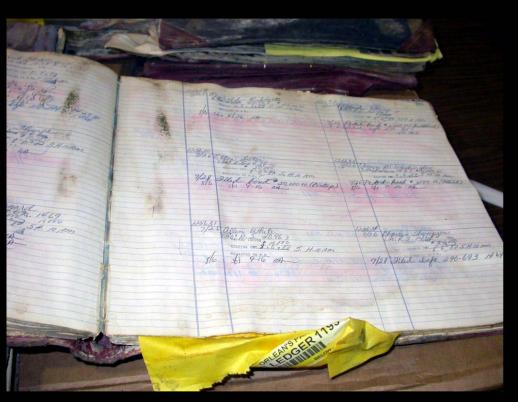


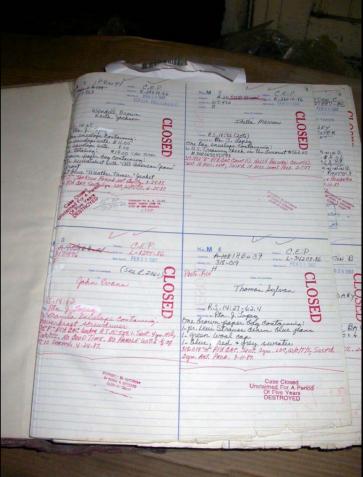
















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## Current Status of Orleans Parish Records

- Textual Records
- Microfilm Recovery
- Electronic Records Recovery

## Records Emergency/Salvage – Lessons Learned

- Be aware of Potential Threats and Vulnerabilities: Natural Disasters & Building/Structural Issues
- Advance Planning
- Know Your Records from Several Perspectives: Vital, Permanent, Media, Locations
- Preventative Actions
- Contact NARA for Assistance

