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The hundreds of records collected here are proof that the life of our nation is the life of its citizens. Whether they feature the famous or the unknown, records reveal the human face of history—the shock of a militiaman when the British fire at Lexington; the anguish of a wife whose husband is held by Barbary pirates; the relief of immigrants passing through Ellis Island; the pride and defiance of parents whose teenagers integrate a Little Rock high school; the poignancy as Lady Bird Johnson describes events in Dallas.

Featuring more than 800 illustrations, with succinct captions, and essays by some of America’s leading journalists, political commentators and broadcasters, *Records of Our National Life*, provides readers with a glimpse into the extensive holdings waiting to be discovered at the National Archives.

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