

The Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer in Aix-en-Provence

A service with national competency, its task is to conserve archives relating to the colonial presence in the French Overseas Territories.



As the heir to three centuries of history it keeps:

- the archives of ministries responsible for the French colonial empire from the XVIIth to the XXth century.
- the archives transferred from the former colonies and Algeria when they became independent.

All fields of colonial history are represented: exploration of territories, creation and administration of the colonies, attempts at populating the colony and installing settlers, slave trade and slavery, economic relations with Metropolitan France, training of colonial administrators, monitoring of political and liberation movement, wars and independences, over 38 km of dossiers, 150,000 photographs, 60,000 maps and plans and a library of 120,000 books, periodicals and press titles.



To make these unique collections more accessible, the Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer uses new technology:

- 2003: creation of the Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths so-called European of Algeria database, 1830-1904
- 2004: putting on-line the collection status (description of the archives kept at ANOM)
- 2005: putting on-line the Ulysse database (photographs, maps and plans, posters)
- 2009: putting on line the library catalogue and images for the Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths
- 2010: opening of the virtual inventory room
- 2011: database for the penal colonies
- 2011: French Overseas Territories portal

Putting on-line images from the Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths is continuing as digitisation progresses, as well as the maps and plans and photos for the Ulysse database.

Many new search tools have been and will be put on-line soon.