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The highlighting of the records kept by the French National Archives

French National Archives have a long tradition of showing how their records are rich for the research.

Today the best manner to highlight the sources is to make available the contents of the finding aids in the online catalogue. The researchers can

- explore over 24,000 finding aids detailing the collections and 14,000 notes defining the entities (organisations and individuals) from which the archives originate,
- directly consult over 8 million digitized archives (for example, Leonore, the database of Légion d’honneur holders, 1800-1976)
- Mexico or Mexico City in the French National Archives

- Droits de l’homme
Since June 2013, The French National Archives are engaged in a partnership with Wikimedia. Today, over 1000 entries have been enriched with references to records of the National Archives or created by the French National Archives. Over 500 digitized documents are in Wikimedia Commons database.
Entries enriched by references of sources kept by the French National Archives
Queen Marie-Antoinette
Gustave Eiffel
Entries created by French National Archives
Fonds de Moscou (French Records seized by the Soviets during the Second World War)
Photothèque du Tourisme (the photographic collection of Commissariat au Tourisme/Government Tourism Advisory Service)
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• Conclusion

• Putting online finding aids, which are the access keys to the records, million digitized documents, linked (or not) to the finding aids, with a free re-use right, and relaying by social networks (including Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest) their scientific and cultural actions, the National Archives are involved in the wild implulse for the construction of individual history as also national and international history.