

HOW TO FIND SOMEONE IN THE 1940 CENSUS (BEFORE IT IS INDEXED)

The 1940 US Census was released to the public by the National Archives on April 2, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. To access it go to: <http://1940census.archives.gov>

The National Archives has launched a new page on its website at:

www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html

This includes an overview of the 1940 Census, questions asked on the census, pictures and a census clock.

To find people in the 1940 census before it is indexed, you'll need the address of the person or family you are researching. The address will allow you to find the Enumeration District (ED) which is how the U.S. Census is arranged.

If you know the 1940 address, go to:

<http://stevemorse.org/census/index.html?year=1940>

(Obtaining EDs for the 1940 Census in One Step (Large Cities))

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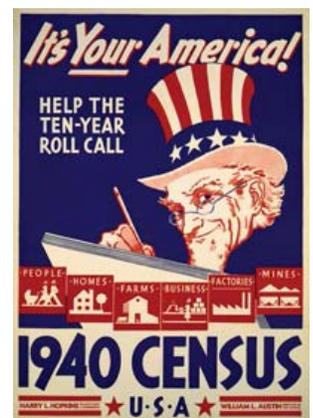
<http://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>

(rural areas and large cities)

If you know the 1930 ED and they haven't moved by April 1, 1940 go to:

<http://stevemorse.org/census/ed2040.php>

(Converting between the 1930 and 1940 Census ED in One Step)



HERE ARE PLACES TO LOOK TO FIND A 1940S ADDRESS:

- **1930 Census.** Look for them in the 1930 census, as well as additional family members who might appear in the 1940 census.. You'll find addresses in the first two columns of the 1930 census; rural addresses aren't always included, but you will find county, town, township, and other residence-identifying information.
- **Birth, Marriage, and Death Records.** Most birth, marriage, and death records will include both an address and names of other family members. Obituaries, even from the late 1930s, can include towns or even addresses of the survivors.
- **City Directories.** You can use 1940s-era directories to find exact addresses and other people who appear in the 1940 household. For a listing of the city directories in the State Library go to: www.library.in.gov/2866.htm
- **World War II Draft Registrations.** Everyone appearing in the "Old Man's" Draft Registration of 1942, which registered men between the ages of 45 and 64, should appear in the 1940 census. These are on Ancestry Library Edition.
- **Naturalization Records, Passports and Passenger Lists.** Immigrant ancestors and those who traveled abroad may have become citizens or applied for a passport.
- **Newspapers.** Small town papers and some larger ones, too, may have included addresses for the subjects of their articles.

Sources:

www.stevemorse.org/census

www.ancestry.com/1940Census

<http://1940census.archives.gov/>

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