

**HANDOUT**

U. S. Census Talks and Resources  
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Talks by Joel Weintraub:

**members.cox.net/census1940**

Navigating the New York Census With Fewer Tears (co-author Steve Morse)

**stevemorse.org**

[www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html)

- 1940 Census Coverage**
- Continental United States
  - Alaska
  - American Samoa
  - Guam
  - Hawaii
  - Panama Canal Zone
  - Puerto Rico
  - Virgin Islands of US
  - Military and consular services abroad
  - Naval services abroad or in American waters but not at a fixed station

**100% were asked these questions**

*40 Entry Lines*

**5% were asked these questions**

NAME

An outside informant should have their name in the left-hand margin as:  
**"Information from John Brown neighbor"**

8. Children under 1 year of age. Write "Infant" if child has not been given a first name.

Enter after name of person furnishing information.

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<http://www.census.gov/pub/info/www/photos/Histforms/1940/enform/His40cenFQ.html>

- Born on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1940?**
- 1940 U.S. births averaged 7,120 per day
  - 1940 Enumerator Handbook  
- Paragraph 301: Census Day  
...count every person alive at the beginning of the Census Day, i.e. 12:01 a.m. on April 1st, 1940...
- ....and infants born after 12:01 a.m. on April 1st, 1940, should not be counted**

RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1935

IN WHAT PLACE DID THE PERSON LIVE ON APRIL 1, 1935?  
For a person who, on April 1, 1935, was living in the same house as at present, enter in Col. 17 "Same house," and for one living in a different house but in the same city or town, enter "Same place," under Code 18, 19, and 20 blank, in both instances.

CITY, TOWN, or village HAVING 2,500 or more inhabitants. Enter "R" for all other places.	COUNTY	STATE (or Territory or foreign country)	City, town, or village (Use of Col. 17)	CITY, TOWN, or village (Use of Col. 18)
17	18	19	20	21
Santa Ana	Orange	Calif	No	No
R	Riverside	Calif	No	Yes
				<b>Poland</b>

**Number Sequences**

**Regular**

**Followups**

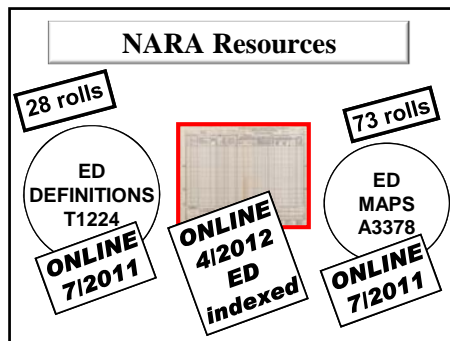
**4/8 & 9 transients**

1940 Enumerator Handbook: Paragraph 401

**Employment Questions If 14 Years Or Older**

PERSONS 14							
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Was this person A or B? (See instructions on page 10.)	Was this person A or B? (See instructions on page 10.)	Was this person A or B? (See instructions on page 10.)	Was this person A or B? (See instructions on page 10.)	Was this person A or B? (See instructions on page 10.)	Was this person A or B? (See instructions on page 10.)	Was this person A or B? (See instructions on page 10.)	Was this person A or B? (See instructions on page 10.)

<http://bhcclassof58.com/year/1940.htm>

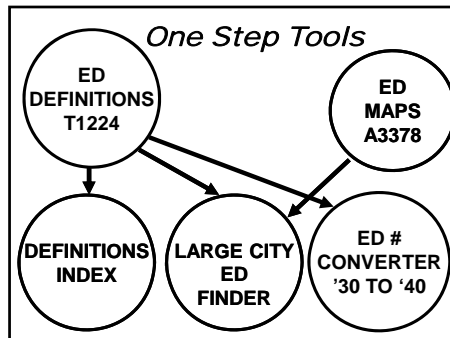


**Non-name Index Searches**

- Need the location of your targets
- Need the ED # of your location to get to that ED

**Address/Locations**

- Where to look:
  - naturalization records
  - birth, death, and marriage certificates
  - school and church records
  - employment records
  - letters and other correspondence
  - scrapbooks, diaries, photos
  - city directories and telephone directories
  - Etc.



**Address Search Protocol**

- Choose Large City ED finder
- Choose the census year (1900-1940)
- Choose the state
- Choose the city
- Pick the street name of your address
- Find the **cross and back** street names (map) on that block
- Enter those names until you have one ED number
- Do a “second opinion” if available

**US Census and Soundex (1790-1940)**

[Overview: Which Census Search Form to use](#)

[1940 Tutorial Quiz: How to Access the 1940 Census](#)

Interactive Questions  
Best Strategy for Your Situation  
Second Opinion Tools  
Research Hints  
NARA and One Step Tools  
Links to All Tools

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

**Summary: Rural Tools**

- \*\*\* Searchable ED definitions
- \*\* County ED map
- \*\* '30 to '40 ED conversion if didn't move between years, you have the '30 ED #

**Summary: Urban Tools**

Not Covered by 1-Step ED Finder

- \*\*\*\* ED city maps
- \*\*\* '30 to '40 ED conversion
- \*\* Map the boundary definitions
- \* Search all city's EDs

**Summary: Urban Tools**

Covered by 1-Step ED Finder

- \*\*\*\*\* Large City ED Finder
- \*\*\*\* '40 - '30 - '40 conversions
- \*\*\* Census tract maps to ED #s
- \*\*\* ED map scans
- \*\* Map the boundary definitions
- \* ED definition scans