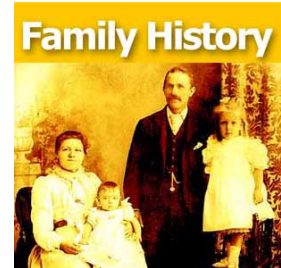


Family History: Genealogy Made Easy

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Welcome to this step-by-step series for beginning genealogists—and more experienced ones who want to brush up or learn something new. I first ran this series in 2008. So many people have asked about it, I'm bringing it back in weekly segments.

Episode 9: Using Census Records

In this episode we start off by talking about a group of records critical to family history research in my home country: U.S. Federal Census Records. You'll learn not only what to find in the regular schedules, but about the enumerators, the instructions they followed, and special sections like the economic census.

Then in our second segment we go straight to the source: Bill Maury, Chief of History Staff at the U.S. Census Bureau. I'll be talking to him about the History section of the Census Department's website at <http://www.census.gov/history/>. Note the updated Genealogy tab on the site, as well as the Through the Decades tab, which is packed with historical information for each census.

Updates

Since the show first aired, the 1940 U.S. Census has become publicly available. This was the largest, most comprehensive census taken, with over 132 million names of those known as the "greatest generation." Full indexes and images are available at several sites. Your first stop should be the National Archives' official 1940 census website, <http://1940census.archives.gov>, to learn about the census itself. Then search it at your favorite genealogy data site in one of the links below.

I gave you specific instructions in the podcast on searching the 1930 U.S. Census online at Ancestry.com. To specifically search any of the U.S. censuses (or any other record collection), go to the Search tab and select Card Catalog. You'll see several censuses among the options they give you, or you can enter keywords like "1940 census."

Links

Search U.S. censuses online at:

Ancestry.com <http://www.ancestry.com/1940-census>

Archives.com <http://www.archives.com/1940census>

FamilySearch.org <https://familysearch.org/1940census>

findmypast.com <http://tinyurl.com/findmypast1940census>

worldvitalrecords.com <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/genealogy/records-1940-us-census/>

OR Learn more about researching from microfilm at the National Archives at <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/>.