

Need A Break From Coronavirus: Try Family History Scavenger Hunt – Days 1 to 13+ (Scavenger Hunt to Learn about the 1940 census and much more)

Let's face it, we all need a break from the coronavirus pandemic. Need ideas that are both safe and healthy? And better than crossword puzzles! The Indian River Florida Genealogy Conference recently had a great event if you ever get bored with this Facebook group. Here's a daily family history scavenger hunt from that conference that will keep you alert with the 1940 census. I figured it would be fun to introduce people to websites that they might not have used before and show them how they can use those sites for research. The initial sites will be ones that most people have used before, but as we get further into the month there will be more new sites and some international sites as well. I am hoping that this event will spread and more people will get involved as the month goes on.

Now let's get started? Do you need an incentive to begin family history research? Click here and be prepared to experience the 1940 census at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10-DbjiSTDj-4pYcLWvjM57YmjTL-Qf5V/view?usp=sharing>

The answers will be graded from the web site. Answers will be submitted using a Google Form found at <https://forms.gle/E1t2s1j4zkcqzFyR9>. All answers received before 8:00 pm on June 1 will be considered for the prize. Sorry that we missed that deadline but here's an opportunity to adventure the 1940 census like you may have never considered before.

Closing comments

The **Indian River Florida Facebook group** has their scavenger hunt already on [day 13](#). Their excitement is contagious so let's join their on-going June party at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/159642411143167/> where you can view all of their scavenger hunts up-to-date as part of the **Friends of Vero Beach Family History Center**. Amazing that Florida is so open during the coronavirus pandemic while here in Colorado we aren't nearly as open. Makes me want to relocate to Florida just to experience this wide-spread interest in genealogy!

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Welcome to the 1940 census

The 1940 census records were released by the US National Archives April 2, 2012, and brought online through a partnership with Archives.com. This website allows you full access to the 1940 census images, in addition to 1940 census maps and descriptions.

Please visit Getting Started to determine the best way to begin your search.

How It Works

- **Find census maps and descriptions to locate an enumeration district.**
To find a person in the census, you first need to determine the appropriate enumeration district number. This can be found by searching census district maps and descriptions.
- **Browse census images to locate a person in the 1940 census.**
Census images are organized by enumeration district number. Once you've located the correct one, you can begin to browse census images to look for your ancestor.
- **Save, share, and download images to save your work and share with family members.**
When you locate a census image, you can easily save, share, or download the image for future reference. This image can be a great keepsake, or addition to your family tree!

Get Started

[Learn more about the 1940 census >](#)

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