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April 2012



Remember to File Your Taxes by April 17th

This year, federal tax returns must be filed by April 17, 2012. The deadline was extended by two days because April 15 falls on a Sunday and April 16 is Emancipation Day, which is a holiday in the District of Columbia.

Visit USA.gov's [File Your Taxes](#) page to learn more about filing federal and state taxes, requesting an extension, getting free tax help, and checking your refund status.

For South Carolina tax information, visit SC Department of Revenue's [Tax Information](#) page.

Go [here](#) to check the status of your South Carolina tax refund.

1940 Census Release April 2, 2012



Digital images of the 1940 Census were released by the [National Archives and Records Administration](#) (NARA) on April 2, 2012. The release will provide valuable information for genealogists, historians and researchers. By law, Census records containing personally identifiable information remain confidential for 72 years to all but the individual named on the record or their legal heir.

The 1940 Census includes name, age, relationship, and occupation along with employment status and participation in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Works Progress Administration (WPA), and National Youth Administration (NYA) programs; and years of education. Also included in the release is the first census of housing with information about the dwelling, principal

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Travelling this summer or considering purchasing a new car? With fuel prices continuing to rise, a little pre-planning is a must.

The U.S. Department of Energy's www.fueleconomy.gov allows you to construct side-by-side comparisons of vehicles, search current gasoline prices, calculate the cost of gasoline for a trip, and track your fuel economy. Driving and maintenance tips are offered as well as statistics and current news articles.

Travel safely!

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refrigeration equipment, presence of a radio, presence of flush toilets and outhouses, whether principal lighting equipment was electric, gas or kerosene and whether the unit had running water.



An index for the 1940 Census is not currently available; however, National Archives is leading a community effort to index the 1940 Census. If you would like to help, specialized software is required and is free to download; training and support are also available. Visit the projects web site, www.the1940census.com.

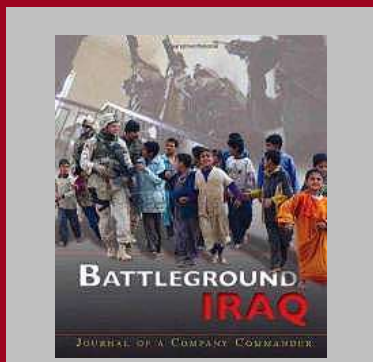
In the meantime, you can locate individuals by identifying the enumeration district in which they lived in 1940 and browsing the census population schedules for that enumeration district. Copies of the enumeration district maps and descriptions can be found on NARA's [Website](#).

Census images, information and searching tips can be found on the following websites: Census.gov, [National Archives 1940 Census web site](http://NationalArchives1940Censusweb.site), Archives.com, FindMyPast.com, and FamilySearch.org.

Gov Docs Trivia: *On a recent episode of the TV series "Alcatraz" two characters used personal information from the 1950 Census of Population to track down another character. Impossible! 1950 Census data will not be released for another 10 years!*

Oddly Titled Documents:

Sprocket Man! Consumer Product Safety Commission's superhero for safe biking, began in 1975 as a comic book character created at Stanford University for the California Department of Public Safety and the nonprofit Urban Bikeway Design Collaborative. Read Sprocket Man Online: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/341.pdf>



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***Battleground Iraq: Journal
of a Company Commander***

by Todd S. Brown

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Journal of a company commander from 2003 to early 2004 in some of the most dangerous areas of post-Hussein Iraq discusses tactics, techniques, and procedures in the struggle to maintain order and rebuild the country. The journal tells of the dichotomy of combat operations versus nation building. It captures the stresses of combat and corresponding emotions, reinforces the ideal of camaraderie among soldiers, and deals with the emotional impact of losing friends in battle.



**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
ENDS ANNUAL MAILING**

Unless you are age 60 or older, you will no longer receive your annual Social Security statement in the mail. It has been replaced by a [retirement estimator](#) on the agency's website.

The online estimator calculates your prospective retirement benefit, based on Social Security's records of your earnings but does not offer calculations based on potential disability, spousal, survivor and family benefits and does not include the yearly accounting of taxes paid. SSA is currently developing an update that will include a full-featured online statement.

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