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## National Archives Announces Website for Free 1940 Census Release Online on April 2, 2012: [1940census.archives.gov](http://1940census.archives.gov)

Washington, DC. . . Today the National Archives, with its partner Archives.com, launched its new website [1940census.archives.gov](http://1940census.archives.gov) in preparation for its first-ever online U.S. census release, which will take place on April 2, 2012, at 9 a.m. (EST). The public is encouraged to bookmark the website now in order to more quickly access the 1940 census data when it goes live. No other website will host the 1940 census data on its April 2 release date.

The National Archives has teamed up with the U.S. Census Bureau to celebrate “40 Days to the ’40 Census.” Using social media channels to post videos, images, facts, and links to workshops nationwide, the National Archives is getting its researchers ready for the online launch on April 2. Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) (using hashtag #1940Census), [Facebook](#), [Tumblr](#), [Flickr](#), [YouTube](#), and subscribe to our blogs: [NARAtions](#) and [Prologue: Pieces of History](#).

On April 2, 2012, users will be able to search, browse, and download the 1940 census schedules, free of charge, from their own computers or from the public computers at National Archives locations nationwide through the new 1940 census website: [1940census.archives.gov](http://1940census.archives.gov).

A National Archives 3:13 minute video short on its YouTube channel (<http://tiny.cc/1940Census>)

and on [1940census.archives.gov](http://1940census.archives.gov) provides a “behind-the-scenes” view of staff preparations and gives viewers tips on how to access the data once it is launched on April 2. This video is in the public domain and not subject to any copyright restrictions. The National Archives encourages the free distribution of it.

### **Background on the 1940 Census**

While the original intent of the census was to determine how many representatives each state was entitled to send to the U.S. Congress, it has become a vital tool for Federal agencies in determining allocation of Federal funds and resources. The census is also a key research tool for sociologists, demographers, historians, political scientists and genealogists. Many of the questions on the 1940 census are the standard ones: name, age, gender, and race, education, and place of birth. But the 1940 census also asks many new questions, some reflecting concerns of the Great Depression. The instructions ask the enumerator to enter a circled x after the name of the person furnishing the information about the family; whether the person worked for the CCC, WPA, or NYA the week of March 24–30, 1940; and income for the 12 months ending December 31, 1939. The 1940 census also has a supplemental schedule for two names on each page. The supplemental schedule asks the place of birth of the person's father and mother; the person's usual occupation, not just what they were doing the week of March 24–30, 1940; and for all women who are or have been married, has this woman been married more than once and age at first marriage.

For the release of the 1940 census online, the National Archives has digitized the entire census, creating more than 3.8 million digital images of census schedules, maps, and enumeration district descriptions.

### **About the National Archives**

The [National Archives and Records Administration](#) is an independent Federal

agency that preserves and shares with the public records that trace the story of our nation, government, and the American people. From the Declaration of Independence to accounts of ordinary Americans, the holdings of the National Archives directly touch the lives of millions of people. The National Archives is a public trust upon which our democracy depends, ensuring access to essential evidence that protects the rights of American citizens, documents the actions of the government, and reveals the evolving national experience.

### **About Archives.com**

Archives.com is a family history website, owned and operated by Inflection a data commerce company headquartered in the heart of Silicon Valley. Inflection was chosen by the National Archives to host the 1940 census website. Learn more at [www.archives.com/1940census](http://www.archives.com/1940census).

## **A NOTE ON THE 1940 CENSUS**

The 1940 census will be released on April 2, at 9 AM by NARA. It will be available at this website: [www.1940census.archives.gov](http://www.1940census.archives.gov) for everyone to use from that point forward. There will not be a surname index available. You will need to use Enumeration Districts (ED) to help find your ancestors. Find their 1930 ED and use it in the 1940 census, as a starting point.

However, NARA will not release the digital copies of the census to Ancestry and everyone else until Midnight April 2<sup>nd</sup>. So on April 2<sup>nd</sup> the only place you will be able to view the census online will be at the website above. April 3<sup>rd</sup> and after – everyone will have it and it will be a race to see which group gets the first indexes built and made available to Internet users. Ancestry has said they will create and post the indexes as they go. So if your ancestors are in the area of the census that they work first, you will be lucky and get to find them with the index. Of course, all us industrious genealogist will have already found them by then using the ED search method (provided they didn't move since 1930!)

Mark Gagermeier

### **The Complete List of the Questions Asked on the 1940 Census Form:**

Location: Address  
Household Data:  
Name: Of each person  
Relation:  
Personal Description:  
Education:  
Place of Birth:  
Citizenship:  
Residence, April 1, 1935:  
Persons 14 Years Old and Over - Employment  
Status:  
Occupation, Industry and Class of Worker:  
Income in 1939 (12 months ended December  
31, 1939):  
Supplementary Questions 35-50: [about a 5%  
sample of the population]  
Place of Birth of Father and Mother .  
Mother Tongue (or Native Language):  
Veterans:  
Social Security: Does person have a card?  
Usual Occupation, Industry, and Class of  
Worker:  
For all women who are or have been married:  
<http://goo.gl/azuJ2>  
From: Lois Casson

## **Indexing**

**ARE YOU PREPARED TO HELP WITH THE 1940 CENSUS?** The 1940 census will be released April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the form of an image database by the National Archives. They need YOUR help in indexing these valuable records! There were 132 million people living in the 48 continental United States during 1940. There are tens of millions of people living in the U.S. today that are in that census. Here are some of the interesting facts found in this census: Where people lived 5 years before; Highest education grade achieved; Detailed income and occupation; Marriage information for all women, times married, and number of children  
<http://the1940census.com/?cid=fsHome>  
[T1940HelpText](#)

## SOME THINGS I LEARNED AT Rootstech 2012

2-4 Feb 2012, Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah  
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These are not in any particular order and are only a few of the things I learned and, undoubtedly, other people learned many other things.

This is posted at <http://uvtagg.org/classes/dons/dons-classes.html> and may be used for any non-profit purpose, newsletter, etc., but please let me know if you do use it. Thanks.  
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1. The entire RootsTech 2012 syllabus and program schedule is online at <http://www.rootstech.org> for anyone to look and/or download regardless of whether they attended the meeting or not. Those were posted 2 or 3 weeks before the meeting so attendees could look at and print off what they wanted, but it has also been available to everyone. I think it's a very helpful thing for family history everywhere.

2. The keynote presentations and classes that were in the main lecture room all day long each day, Thursday through Saturday, were streamed live on the website and were recorded. They are now posted there for anyone to watch. Jay Verkler's keynote address on the first day about what's in the future for family history and technology was really spectacular.

3. RootsTech 2013 will be 21-23 Mar 2013, so it will be 6 weeks later in the year than this year's meeting.

4. Ancestry has several new things on their website, including some new search techniques. On their census images they now have a way to put a colored background behind the entire family you want and a different color on the particular line of that family. With that it is

much easier to follow the entire census form across the page. They have lots of other new stuff too. See their notes.

5. Dallon Quass of <http://www.werelate.org> has posted on his website a table of name variants, 200,000 for surnames and 70,000 for given names. These help greatly in genealogy searching. He has already put it into operation on WeRelate and is asking people to fine-tune the list as they do searches, if they see names that shouldn't be in the list or know of others that should be. Anyone can download the table to use themselves. I think Dallon also has a place variant list, but I didn't attend that talk.

6. Someone mentioned that all the talks were being recorded and would be posted along with the PowerPoint slides synchronized, but I didn't hear that officially.

7. The class on Evernote discussed how it can be used for personal and family history uses and that it has some really helpful stuff. Also, there are add-ons for browsers that are helpful for Evernote and many things, e.g. "Clarify" is an add-on that makes text from websites show up with better formatting so it is easier to read and copy and paste. Do Google searches for Clarify for the browser you use.

8. Barbara Renick's 19 pages of notes for her SnagIt workshop are posted and have lots of helpful information. SnagIt is a very useful, but commercial, screen and video capture program.

9. Fold3 <http://www.fold3.com> says they have the largest collection of U.S. military records on the web. Much of it can be searched and used for free. They had a half-price deal on their subscriptions for RootsTech attendees, but also said that since Ancestry now owns them, that anyone with an Ancestry subscription can get the half-price subscription to Fold3 at anytime. On Fold3 there are Memorial pages set

up already for millions of people, e.g. already for everyone in the Social Security Death Index, and you can set up others for free. You can then add data, images, stories, etc., and link to the memorial page from anywhere else, including from (new) FamilySearch. Eventually, FamilySearch will allow us to upload images, etc., but not yet, so this makes a good way to post images and data now and put the link into nFS.

10. There is a beta test of (new) FamilySearch going on right now to add sources and active links into nFS, but you have to be invited.

11. Many of you are aware of the free 9-generation pedigree fan chart that Matt Misbach's TreeSeek company is providing with your FamilySearch data - go to <http://www.createfan.com> and log in with your LDS account to generate it. You can view it and save off the pdf or have it printed in various ways. Matt told me that you can do free 9-generation fan charts starting with other PID's by going to his <http://www.treesee.com> , using your LDS account, and entering the starting PID in the box. (Need LDS Account for this)

12. Darrin Lythgoe has just released version 9 of "The Next Generation" software - <http://www.tngsitebuilding.com> . It is a commercial program that makes web pages with your genealogy data for posting online, but the web pages can also just be run on your own computer to show your data in various ways. It requires the free PHP which can be installed on your computer using a free download from <http://www.wampserver.com/en/> .

13. The Family History Library has a project of scanning FH books that you bring in. See details on <http://books.familysearch.org/> and there are already over 40,000 FH books scanned and online there from the FHL, BYU Harold B. Lee Library, Allen County Public Library, Houston Public Library, and others. To have a book

scanned, you must hold the copyright and give them permission, or else it must be out of copyright so it can be posted online. You take the book to the basement of the FHL and they will have it scanned for you in a couple of hours. This is a major resource of FH data.

14. MarkLogic <http://www.marklogic.com> has a program that organizes and searches large databases that are not in uniform format. It allows many different types of searches and updates the searches as new data is added to the database. It is mainly for very large databases that companies want to be able to search. The software is free and the program is free to use, if the database is smaller than 40 gigs. I haven't tried it yet, but it may be just what I need for the text file database I have made of the personal letter collection of Erastus Snow and his family. We have about 300 family letters and that many more official and Church letters. The transcribed personal letter collection alone is several hundred single-spaced typed pages with combined file size of several gigs. I am anxious to learn how to use the program to see if it is a good search tool for such a database. It has proximity and other types of searches.

15. The website <http://www.geni.com/> claims to be the world's largest family tree with 61 million profiles (names). They have a basic plan that is free and two higher commercial levels which have more features. Some of their information is free, and they have projects that people are posting, such as about the Mormon Battalion, the Nauvoo Legion, Early Mormon Pioneers, early Mormon leaders, and many others. You can upload GEDCOM's, photos, and documents, and they have a facial recognition program that when you identify an ancestor in a photo, it searches the rest of your photos to see if it can find other photos with that person. There is a way that libraries and organizations can sign up so their members can use the Geni Public Access program free - see <http://www.geni.com/corp/geni-public-access->

[program/](#) - but I don't know what that includes.

16. Family history consultants could attend certain classes for free and those were all recorded and will be posted online at the Consultants Training website. The schedule of FH Consultant talks is at <http://rootstech.org/trainingschedule>, and I think the Consultant website where the notes and videos will be posted is <https://www.familysearch.org/consultant/>.

17. There was lots of information at the conference on mobile apps for FH with entire classes on apps for iPads, etc.

18. FamilySearch is looking for lots of volunteers to index the 1940 U.S. Census as soon as it is released on 2 Apr 2012. They estimate that it will take several months to do the indexing and are encouraging people to sign up at <https://familysearch.org/1940Census>. There are already sites that help you find the 1940 Enumeration District, if you know the address, so you can find your people before the index is complete. One of the talks was by Steve Morse, who has written about 200 "One-Step" programs to search various websites or do various genealogy tasks, one of which is how to find the 1940 Census Enumeration Districts - see <http://stevemorse.org/>

I learned lots more than this, but this is a start. It was a good conference with something for everyone and we appreciate FamilySearch, BYU, and all the other sponsors spending their time, money, and efforts for us.

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## **ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS AT ROOTSTECH CONFERENCE: NEW RULE FOR PERMISSION TO DO TEMPLE ORDINANCE WORK**

1. Long-standing 110 year rule for no death dates, still in effect for long time.

2. **Abolished 95/100 year rule for doing family ordinances without permission and replaced with stricter 110 year rule. Written permission is required before death. I asked this question specifically to clarify the new rule.**

W. David Samuelson

Just thought I'd add a few notes from other sessions to this useful list from Dr. Snow:

19. For one-step conversion programs for alphabets, calendars, mathematics, enumeration districts, ZIP codes, and much, much more, see [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org). If you ever get a chance to see Steve present, take it.

20. Kory Meyerink discussed the various types of Internet searches: phonetic, wildcard, truncation, Phrase search, Boolean, field searching, limiting, proximity, string, controlled vocabulary, and nesting or grouping. Tips: usually less is more; look for Help; use Advance Search options; think of alternative search terms (what else could this be called?).

21. Ian Testor from Findmypast at BrightSolid talked about the importance of story in research, particularly in motivation. He urged us to explore ethnic myths, legends, and ethnography of the culture being searched. He explained why the use of a celebrity in "Who Do You Think You Are?" motivates so many people. Tip: use alternative records, such as newspapers, dog license databases, and court documents.

22. Dan Lynch, [www.danlynch.net](http://www.danlynch.net) taught a couple of hands-on sessions on Google searching. If your FHC has his book, I'd

recommend a look through it. Consider searching a particular site type with site:com or site:gov, added to the terms. Find file types with added terms like filetype:ged or filetype:doc. Watched for cached records (usually affiliated with "site not found) by means of those faint arrows). Use a ? after a word to cut off stemming; jump?, not jumped, jumping, etc. Use Google translate. The ~ is replacing the + in searches.

23. The Barefoot Genealogist and Ancestry Ann gave us considerably more than the advertised 5 new things at Ancestry.com. Some tips: look at the "What's happening?" to keep up with changes. To find the card catalog, hover the cursor over the word Search and follow the bottom option. They have maps.

24. James Tanner, an attorney from Arizona, explained copyright law extremely well in his under-attended presentation. It's a slippery thing, but protects the researcher as well as the author. Item: The Supreme Court recently ruled that the United States must protect foreign copyright. If a book were first copyrighted in Europe, for example, and that copyright has expired in the US, but NOT in its home country, we must consider that it is still copyrighted. Google the Berne Convention of 1886 for more treaty information. The USA signed on two years ago. China never did.

25. Ron Tanner presented FamilyTree in NFS. Here is the information on Open Edit we've been hearing about. Download his notes for more understanding. The goal is nothing less than to document the genealogy of mankind and preserve it for generations to come.

26. Ideas for FHCs include: training and classes as a priority, using off-site training locations, collaborating with local libraries and genealogical associations, and inviting the Spirit of Elijah, among many other things.

27. Top Ten issues in NFS presented by Amanda Terry and Merisa Robbins included invented ancestors, missing data, unchecked GEDCOM submissions, body snatchers, proper name submission, not adding notes, symbols, or numbers in the name field, incorrect combinations, long lists of reserved names, incorrect gender, etc. Do regard a name as sacred.

Several instructors mentioned extending the 95 year rule (not submitting persons born in the last xxx years without permission of the closest family member) to a 110 year rule. It will be functioning on the website shortly with a full explanation. We are living longer. As a staff worker once advised me: "Never do the work of someone that someone living may remember, without getting permission." She was referring to collateral line work, not direct line. Getting it in writing is a good thing. File the letter.

Do visit the Rootstech website and download the syllabi. If I can do it, just about anyone can.

If you plan to go next year (in March), wear sensible shoes, and don't carry more than you must. You're on cement for three days. The food vendors are excellent. The workers at the Salt Palace are great. The FamilyHistory staff is dedicated above and beyond. They were all wonderful.

Jerry Cowley  
Boise, Idaho

[Don-Jeanine Hartman](#)

10:17pm Feb 27

The Index for Saint John's Reformed and Lutheran Cemetery in Warrington Township is now online.

<http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/index.html#11-4> The database on Rootsweb that link to this update is also being updated currently and should be online in about 20 minutes.



[Saint John's Reformed and Lutheran Union Cemetery Slideshow - Harry Senft Cemetery Pictures - Yo](#)  
[midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com)

## POWERPOINT ON INDEXING

I've been asked to do training, on Indexing, in a building with no internet connection. I figure I'll have to printscreen each page of the process and make a PowerPoint presentation. Before I get started I thought I'd ask you folks if you know of a ppt already in existence.

Catherine  
Shanghai China

I have a PowerPoint presentation of 21 slides (screen shots and commentary) that you can download from <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/20318248/Indexing2011-2.ppt>

You will see from the date that it was created last year, but when we recently taught Indexing to our Scout troop, it seemed that nothing had changed.

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## INCREASE IN FILM RENTALS IN THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS

<https://www.familysearch.org/films/help>

Due to the increase in the price of raw microfilm stock and the decreasing availability of this product on the market, it has become necessary for FamilySearch to increase the price of film loans in family history centers. As of 15 February 2012 the following prices will be in effect for film loans in the United States and Canada:

Short-term Film Loan \$7.50

Short-term Film Loan Extension \$7.50

Extended Film Loan \$18.75

Microfiche Loan \$4.75

## Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites

GenealogyInTime Magazine has published their "Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites for 2012. They are numerically ranked - (Web Addresses at the end)

1- Ancestry.com ancestral records USA pay 977  
[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

2- MyHeritage genealogy forum USA free  
3,581 [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)

3- FamilySearch ancestral records USA free  
6,504 [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

4- Find A Grave cemetery/obit records USA  
free 6,685 [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

5- Geni.com genealogy forum USA free 7,484  
[www.geni.com](http://www.geni.com)

6- Archives.com search engine USA pay 8,593  
[www.archives.com](http://www.archives.com)

7- Genealogy.com genealogy forum USA pay  
10,825 [www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)

8- Ancestry.co.uk ancestral records UK pay  
12,058 [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

9- GeneaNet genealogy forum France free  
12,480 [www.geneanet.org](http://www.geneanet.org)

10- MyFamily genealogy forum USA pay  
14,977 [www.myfamily.com](http://www.myfamily.com)

To see the rest go to their [website](#)

## INDEXING PRESENTATION

A presentation, in Adobe PDF format, introducing the FamilySearch indexing program is available online at <https://fch.ldschurch.org/fsinformation/ResourceGuide/IntroductiontoIndexing.pdf>

KB Document ID: 106682  
-Terri J.

And so throughout the years, reaching into the Millennium of peace, this work of salvation will go on, until every worthy soul that can be found from earthly records will have been searched out and officiated for; and then the unseen world will come to our aid, the broken links will be joined, the tangled threads will be placed in order, and the purposes of God in placing salvation within the reach of all will have been consummated. Nephi Anderson, "Genealogy's Place in the Plan of Salvation," UGHM 3 (January 1912): 21-22.

## Family History on TV

Family History is becoming a popular TV offering. Learn how to find out more about your ancestors by observing how others learn about theirs. Choose from one of the following. "Who Do You Think You Are" has returned on NBC February 3, 2012, for another season. For details, click on <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>. You can see a promo of the show at <http://goo.gl/SMoqj>

"The Generation Project" - PBS - 8:30 Mondays. For details, click <http://byutv.org/schedule/week/>. If you have missed any episodes, you can view them on their web site!

"Faces of America" - PBS - <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/facesofamerica/video/episode-1-our-american-stories/190/> - You can view the first two episodes now on line and the 3rd full-length episode premieres on February 25. It features 12 well-known personalities.

"Finding Your Roots" - PBS - featuring famous Americans, presented and written by Henry Louis Gates Jr. This will be launched on Sunday, March 25 with a first episode of a 10-part series. For <http://www.pbs.org/about/news/archive/2011/winter-spring-2012/> for information, click on – <http://www.pbs.org/about/news/archive/2011/winter-spring-2012/>

### British 1820 Settlers to South Africa

This free website is dedicated to the [British Settlers to South Africa in 1820](#), their descendants and researchers. You will find transcriptions of the 1820 settler letters, Grahamstown journal pages, pictures, images, reference book lists, stories, newspaper articles, links to other websites with similar content, family genealogies and more.

## FamilySearch Mobile Indexing App

FamilySearch now has an app for mobile devices such as iPads, iPhones and Droid Smartphones. Download the app from the Apple app store or Droid Market and index on the go. Index instead of playing games. Index a name at a time while you're waiting for an appointment. Help make the world's historic records searchable online for everyone.

## Historical Diaries & Journals Online

Explore thousands of historical diaries and journals online, by writers from all walks of life.

Experience the past lived by your ancestors, through personal narratives and writings depicting time, place and events from around the world. Here are just a few examples:

- [The Diary Junction](#)
- [Wisconsin Historical Society - Historic Diaries](#)
- [Sally's Diaries](#)
- [Wynne's Diary](#)
- [Do History - Martha Ballard's Diary Online](#)
- [First-Person Narratives of the American South](#)
- [Prairie Settlement: Nebraska Photographs and Family Letters](#)

Read the [full article](#) by Kimberly Powell at About.com.

We stand today as the recipients of [our ancestors'] great effort... I hope we carry in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude for all that they have done for us... Our forebears laid a solid and marvelous foundation. Now ours is the great opportunity to build a superstructure, all fitly framed together... We honor best those who have gone before when we serve well in the cause of truth." Gordon B. Hinckley, *Ensign*, May 1997, p. 65

## **Interesting article on how The Church responds to improper Temple Ordinance work.**

SALT LAKE CITY — The LDS Church is taking a tougher stand against the unauthorized submission of the names of Holocaust victims for proxy baptism.

According to a statement that appeared Tuesday afternoon on the church's Newsroom website, official church disciplinary action may be taken against the offending parties.

"It takes a good deal of deception and manipulation to get an improper submission through the safeguards we

have put in place," the statement reads. "While no system is foolproof in preventing the handful of individuals who are determined to falsify submissions, we are committed to taking action against individual abusers by suspending the submitter's access privileges. We will also consider whether other church disciplinary actions should be taken."

Those "other church disciplinary actions" could ultimately include excommunication, or loss of membership in the church.

The new, tougher statement comes in the wake of a tumultuous week, during which it was learned that the parents of Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal had been inappropriately baptized for the dead in an LDS temple, while the names of fellow-Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel and his father and maternal grandfather had been submitted to an LDS genealogical database.

The LDS Church publicly apologized for the Wiesenthal baptisms and removed the Wiesel records from the database.

During the course of media coverage last week, it was noted that other famous Holocaust victims — including Anne Frank, the Jewish girl whose poignant diary was published and subsequently turned into a stage play and feature film — have been similarly baptized by proxy, in some cases multiple times. The Huffington Post is reporting that Anne Frank's

name was used in a proxy baptism in the church's Santo Domingo Dominican Republic Temple as recently as last Saturday.

Such baptisms run contrary to policy adopted after discussions between the LDS Church and several Jewish and Holocaust survivor organizations. That policy establishes that the names of Holocaust victims will not be accepted for proxy baptism unless the person submitting the name is a direct descendant of the victim.

"The church keeps its word and is absolutely firm in its commitment to not accept the names of Holocaust victims for proxy baptism," Tuesday's church statement said. "It is distressing when an individual willfully violates the church's policy and something that should be understood to be an offering based on love and respect becomes a source of contention."

## **Charter Day - Sunday, March 11**

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) celebrates Charter Day, a commemoration of the granting of the colony's charter to founder William Penn by England's King Charles II in 1681. This free-admission day will feature the annual display of the original charter and numerous activities.

They are planning to present a workshop on basic genealogy research geared towards individuals who may want to get started with researching their genealogy and family history but don't know where or how to begin. There will be a basic research guide entitled, "Where Do I Begin...: A Guide to Researching Your Genealogy and Family History".

They plan to cover the basic steps of beginning a family history research project and to provide some time for questions and answers. In addition to providing copies of the research guide, they will have available copies of some of the basic forms mentioned in the guide. There will also be a laptop computer available to do cemetery look-ups in between sessions.

Mike Freeland, President & Webmaster  
Capital Area Genealogical Society

## Act 110 – Public Records (Formerly known as Senate Bill 361)

On December 15, 2011, Governor Tom Corbett approved Senate Bill 361.

This bill amends the Act of June 29, 1953 (P.L. 304, No. 66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, to provide for public access to certain birth and death certificates after a fixed amount of time has passed. This legislation provides that such documents become public records 105 years after the date of birth or 50 years after the date of death.

To apply for a non-certified copy you must first search the Pennsylvania **[birth indices or death indices](#)** to obtain a Pennsylvania State File number.

[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public\\_records/20686](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public_records/20686)

Death indices:

<http://www.deathindexes.com/pennsylvania/index.html>

Birth indices:

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1086145&mode=2>

### Don-Jeanine Hartman

Red Lion Cemetery Index is now online -

<http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/pictures/HarrySenft/index.html#32>



**Disk #32 (Nov 2009) - Harry Senft Cemetery Pictures - York and Adams County, Pennsylvania - ©...**

[midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com)

York, Adams, Cumberland County,  
Pennsylvania Cemetery Pictures Harry Senft  
FamilyHart

Click on link to go to site.

## Consultants

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The push is on for the release of the 1940 Census and we need everyone's involvement to help index and arbitrate! To sign up for indexing visit [www.familysearch.org/1940census](http://www.familysearch.org/1940census). This is also a great opportunity for our youth (Young Women Personal Progress, Young Men Duty to God, Eagle Scout projects, and service hours). We promise a rewarding experience for all involved in this national service project! Look for posters, flyers, and pass-a-long cards that will be mailed soon to all family history centers to help you get others excited about joining in this effort, too!

### Arbitrators Urgently Needed

FamilySearch indexing is in need of additional arbitrators. Experienced indexers should start transitioning to arbitration now. Stake indexing directors should join in the arbitration effort themselves and should train all new arbitrators. Directors, please consider adding at least 5 new arbitrators to your team including capable consultants. To find training and more about how to become an arbitrator, go to the **Indexing Resource Guide**.

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### YOUTH AND FAMILY HISTORY

<https://www.lds.org/youth/family-history/experiences?lang=eng>

The 3 items above were taken from FamilySearch newsletter

## CONSULTANTS ASKED TO VIEW FAMILY TREE

Consultants, please, as all of you sign up for access to the FamilySearch Family Tree, at

[https://www.familysearch.org/invite/familytree\\_tab](https://www.familysearch.org/invite/familytree_tab)

take a moment to read the information before signing-in. You will have a better experience and be able to give better feedback to Ron Tanner's staff. On the other site, [https://getsatisfaction.com/familysearch/products/familysearch\\_family\\_tree\\_beta](https://getsatisfaction.com/familysearch/products/familysearch_family_tree_beta)

take some time to read the feedback that is already received. You will note that the color scheme has been in discussion, and an engineer who was in one of our online training meetings told us that it will definitely be changed to increase the contrast to make things more legible.

Feedback is especially important in the development stages of the new site. And members of this group should be particularly good at feedback.

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## How to Print an Ancestor Fan Chart From New FamilySearch

To print a chart starting with yourself:

1. Go to <https://createfan.com>
2. Click Login
3. Type in nFS Username and Password
4. Click Sign In
5. Click Create
6. Open or Save the resultant Fan Chart (PDF format) Starting with You (9 generations)

To view other Fan Charts starting with other PID Numbers

1. Click on TreeSeek.com hyperlink - you MUST complete steps 1-6 above before going to TreeSeek.com

2. Click on Start Now!

3. Click on Login underneath the tree

4. Type in nFS Username and Password

5. Click on Create Tree if you wish to enter another Person ID (PID) as shown below.

Your results are stored to the website server.

6. Enter Person PID number in the box you desire to be the start of Ancestor Fan Chart

7. Click Create data set button and wait patiently for process to complete

8. Click the Starting Person

For the fan chart you desire as directed from the following menu given below:

Just click the pull-down above, make your selection, and then do the next step below.

9. Click Create Chart button

10. Open or Save the resultant Fan Chart (PDF format) Starting with input PID (9 generations)

NOTE: When you complete the above process once, you only need to return to the TreeSeek.com website for additional charts.

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## *Sylvia's Genealogy Corner*

Sooner or later we must come to grips with the death of a loved one. This past week a beloved member of our family passed away. My brother Fred Warren Hott died on 28 February 2012 in Johnstown, PA, with many of his children and other relatives attending him. He would have been 82 on March 23.

What distinguishes him the most is that he was the oldest of 9 siblings in my family, and he was sort of an institution in the family – the wise old owl who always had some bit of wisdom to shower on his family. He has been a widower for 33 years as his dear wife passed away at the young age of 46 from cancer. One of his daughters died in a car accident at 22 months, and a second one died at age 38 in

1998, also of cancer. Two sons were full-term but stillborn.



Freddie and Delores (Miller) Hott

Freddie served in the Korean War. He returned home and married his sweetheart, and together they had 9 children, with only 5 sons surviving today. They are good, strong, and handsome sons who have made the Hott name proud.

Freddie was a builder and a logger. Give him a task, and he could envision it without blue prints or patterns.

He was also a teaser, and he loved to put me down when I got too puffed up with myself. He did not mince words when it came to giving an opinion. Mostly, he made us laugh and entertained us.

Going "home" to the farm where my parents lived will not be quite the same. He lived with our brother Bob and his wife Barbara. I know there will be a pall over their home for a while until we all adjust to the truth that Freddie has gone to another realm to be with loved ones there.

We know there will be a grand reunion in heaven when he meets his bride and reunites with his daughters and sons and when he once again can feel the embrace of his mother and father. His sister Eleanor and brother Bud will surely be there to welcome him back to our family that waits for us on the other side of the veil. We still have a funeral this weekend, and I hope we can give him a loving send-off amid

our tears and our remembrances. Preserving these memories in family group sheets and scrapbooks and in our minds is what we have left once our loved ones depart. That is what family history is all about – making some tangible record that he was really here and part of our lives. And so I will say goodbye to my older brother and wish him well as he continues his progression on another sphere. May you rest in peace, dear brother.

Fred Warren Hott (23 March 1930 – 28 February 2012)



Sylvia and Freddie in 2002

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*That's All, Folks!*