

NARA ED Film Resources

- NARA = National Archives and Records Administration (sources are Census Bureau)
- Text definitions of EDs
- ED maps (1900-1940)
- Large cities addresses to ED tables (1910,1930)
- Actual census sheet address searches

All these and more were used to generate our census databases

Geographical Searches

- Finding people on the census when name indexes (or search engines) fail
- For checking to see if the enumerator actually missed an address (piece of mind)
- For tracing communities/streets over time using EDs (economic/academic research)
- For unindexed censuses

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

1-Step History

- Late April 2001: Steve Morse produced his 1-Step Ellis Island Search tools
- Summer 2001: I started transcribing 1930 Street Index Files at NARA Laguna Niguel
- January 2002: Dave Kehs joined me and reformatted 56 completed city files
- Late January 2002: Dave asked Steve to help
- Ten days later: The 1-Step census utility went live

Overview: Which Census Search Form to use

1910-1940 Census ED Finder: Obtaining EDs for the 1910 to 1940

1910-1940 Census Street Finder: Obtaining Streets in the 1910 to 1940

Which One-Step Census Form Should I Use?

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A. Overview

This project creates a number of search tools. There's a lot of stuff to know which tool to use when. So let us try to help someone look for and explain the differences between them.

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1-Step ED Finding Aids

- City street indexes for all 1930 cities 25,000+, and top 1900, 1910 & 1940 cities (50,000+)
- ED conversion tools 1920-1930, 1930-1940
- ED Finder 1880-1940
- Projects: Add more cities, especially 1940 25,000-50,000; revise ED finder files; complete 1940 state ED finder files

City Address Search Protocol

- Choose the census year (1900-1940)
- Choose the state
- Choose the city
- Pick the street name of your address
- Find the adjacent street names (map)
- Enter those names until you have one ED number

Assumptions

- Each block uniquely defined by its street names
- No street name changes
- No address renumbering
- Street names bounder every address
- EDs are non-overlapping
- EDs are rectangular
- EDs split along streets
- No errors or omissions in source material, current maps, or transcriptions

Ancestry sometimes
Fails to photograph
census images
and therefore
Fails to index names on those sheets

Also, it pays to look at a different
name index (like HeritageQuest)
to see if you can find them there
and overcome this problem.

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