

FamilySearch Indexing - MGC Group

The US, Michigan – 1940 Census Record FamilySearch Indexing project became available for indexing on April 12, 2012. The Michigan Genealogical Council FamilySearch group to date **have indexed about 59,000** records and arbitrating 19,000 from April 1st through April 15th. The FamilySearch MGC group currently has 140 members and it is still growing. FamilySearch and the MGC have made this a priority Michigan project and hope to complete it in a very rapid fashion. As soon as the indexing and arbitration is completed then it will take some time to set up the project processing and then the indexes and images will be available for free at FamilySearch.org.

. Those that join the FamilySearch MGC group will have access to periodic messages regarding tips, updates, etc. and may contact the MGC administrators for assistance by e-mailing fsindexing@mimgc.org.

Want to Help with the 1940 Census? Here's How to Get Started!

To get started go to <http://the1940census.com> and look for the "Download the Indexing Software" button near the bottom of the page. This will allow you to download the software that installs on your computer that is used to do the indexing. Once it is installed, and you open it for the first time there is a button you can use to register for a user account with FamilySearch. Once you have registered, you can then log in to your account at: <http://indexing.familysearch.org/> (the Log In link is at the top right of the page) and then go to "My Info" (also at top right) and assign yourself to the "Michigan Genealogical Council" group there. Note that some Societies have separately registered with FamilySearch Indexing to work on the 1940 Census Project. These Societies will have their own project administrators and support separate from the MGC Group, and if you register another Society in your "My Info" page on the FamilySearch Indexing website, you will not be able to be a part of the MGC Group and its support. You might like to do some practice before 2 April. While it isn't available yet, there will be a practice area for the 1940 Census set up by FamilySearch Indexing. Or you might like to do a batch or two from one of the other projects currently available to get the hang of how it works. Byron Bailey and I are looking for a few more people to help with the Administration of the MGC Group. If you are an experienced FamilySearch Indexer, and would like to help with this, please send an e-mail to fsindexing@mimgc.org Thanks!!! and Good Luck with your Indexing. Roger Moffat and Byron Bailey