

Dear Society member,

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The Minnesota Genealogical Society has joined the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project, to help index the 1940 U.S. Census. We will be an essential part of this grass-roots effort that will put one of the richest genealogical data sets online, complete and free of charge.

The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project is a joint initiative of Archives.com, FamilySearch.com, FindMY Past.com., and other leading genealogical organizations and societies. They will coordinate efforts to provide quick access to these digital images.

To participate follow these steps:

1. Go to : www.the1940census.com/society
2. Click on "Societies" at the top of the page
3. Under the heading "Society Members", click " get started"
4. The software will then be downloaded - see system requirements below.
5. After download is complete, complete the Profile Screen - choose Country, State, or Group (Minnesota Genealogical Society is a participating Group)
6. Minimum recommended system requirements:
 - a. Microsoft windows-Windows XP Home, Vista, 7. Browser-Explorer 7.0.5730.11, Firefox 3.0.8. Speed-Pentium IV. Memory- 1 GB or greater. Broadband high speed Internet recommended (DSL, cable, satellite).
 - b. Mac is not fully supported: processor- G4 or Intel Mac OS X-compatible. Operating system- Apple Mac OS X version 10.5.x. Browser-Safari 3.2.1, or Firefox 3.0.4 Memory-1 GB.
 - c. Linux is not fully supported: PC or PC compatible. Operating system-Redhat Fedora Desktop 10, Open SUSE 11.1, Ubuntu 8.04. Browser-Firefox 3.0.8. Speed-Pentium IV. Memory- 1 Gb.

Refer to page 4/7 of the "Getting Started Kit" - note the schedule for webinars available to indexers.

We hope you will participate in this indexing project, with MGS, to help put the 1940 Census online. Check our website, www.mngs.org for questions, and information.

Regards,
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