

THE 1940 U.S. CENSUS PROJECT

DETAILED STEPS TO INSTALL THE SOFTWARE

1. Open your favorite browser and navigate to <http://the1940census.com/getting-started/>
2. In the left column, find and click “Download and install” (the reddish text) in the first step under “Getting Started is Easy”
3. Completing Step #2 will take you to another website (FamilySearch.org) and the page found at <https://indexing.familysearch.org/newuser/nugetstarted.jsf>
4. Click the large blue button entitled “Download Now”
5. An alert window appears that is entitled “Opening Indexing_windows_3_12_1.exe” – Click the “Save File” button.
6. This executable (the installer file) is a shade over 40 MB in size and should take about 5-10 minutes to complete the download process (if you have a broadband connection) to your computer. It will likely be saved on your computer’s hard drive in a folder entitled “Downloads.”
7. Once the installer has been downloaded, navigate to the location on the hard drive where the file was saved. You may need to do a search of the hard drive for a file named “Indexing_windows_3_12_1.exe” if you are unable to locate the saved file in a folder named “Downloads.”
8. When you have found the file “Indexing_windows_3_12_1.exe,” double-click the file name to begin the installation process for the indexing software.
9. Click the RUN button in the first alert window to appear.
10. Click the RUN button in the “Open File” alert window that may next appear.
11. If the computer’s operating system has an USER ACCOUNT CONTROL set to operate, you will need to click the ALLOW button in the alert window.
12. Once all the necessary permissions have been granted by you, a SETUP SCREEN appears – click NEXT to begin the file extraction process.
13. During the extraction process, a desktop icon will be created with the name of “Family Search Indexing.”
14. The last window to appear during the extraction process is the FINAL SETUP SCREEN – just click the button entitled FINISH and the newly installed software should open.

Once the software is installed, it can be used at any time by you to either download a new batch project on which to work or you may complete a current batch project that had been previously downloaded. Each time you open the indexing software, a SIGN IN WINDOW will appear. First time users will likely need to register themselves for a new account (there is no charge for this registration). Those with an existing LDS account can enter their current User Name and Password in the appropriate fields. At this point, the indexing software opens, and you can now begin (or continue) your volunteer work.

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