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World War II Selective Service Draft Cards: Fourth Registration, 1942

On April 27, 1942, the Selective Service conducted the fourth of six draft registrations. This registration, also called the “Old Man’s Registration,” collected information on the industrial capacity and skills of men born between April 27, 1877, and February 16, 1897 (ages 45 to 64). This draft registration was not intended to be used for military service, but to provide a complete inventory of manpower resources in the United States that could be used for national service.

Draft Card Content

The Fourth Registration Draft cards contain the following information:

- the registrant’s serial number
- the registrant’s name
- his residence, mailing address, and telephone number
- date and place of birth
- the name and address of his employer
- the registrant’s height, weight, race, hair color, eye color, distinguishing marks
- the registrant’s signature
- the name and address of a person who would always know the registrant’s address

Microfilmed Records

___M1962, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Connecticut*. 72 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name within draft boards. The appendix, found in the descriptive pamphlet, list the towns in which the draft boards were located and gives their board numbers.

___M1936, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Delaware*. 10 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

___M2097, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Illinois*. 326 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

___M1939, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Maryland*. 66 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

___M2090, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Massachusetts*. 166 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

___M1963, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of New Hampshire*. 19 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

___M1986, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of New Jersey*. 198 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by county and then alphabetically by last name.

___M1951, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Pennsylvania*. 356 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

___M1964, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Rhode Island*. 26 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

___M1965, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of Vermont*. 12 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

___M1937, *World War II Draft Cards (Fourth Registration) for the State of West Virginia*. 56 rolls. DP. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

Online Sources

Fourth registration draft cards for the following states are not available on microfilm, but can be viewed online at www.ancestry.com. Note: Free access is provided to patrons within NARA facilities.

Arkansas	New York	Virginia
California	Ohio	
Indiana	Puerto Rico	

Original Records

Original draft cards are housed in their respective National Archives regional facilities with the exception of the District of Columbia, which are held at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland. Note: fourth registration draft cards for the following states no longer exist.

Alabama	Maine	South Carolina
Florida	Mississippi	Tennessee
Georgia	North Carolina	

Pre-1960 Draft Cards

Requests for copies of draft cards for men born before 1960 should be mailed directly to

National Archives and Records Administration
ATTN: Archival Programs
P.O. Box 28989
St. Louis, MO 63132-0989

No Proof of kinship is needed; however, you will need to provide proof of death in the form of an obituary, a death certificate, or similar document.

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