1940 Census:
Searching for Census Maps and Enumeration District Descriptions

Searching for 1940 Census Maps
- Go to Online Public Access (OPA): http://www.archives.gov/research/search/
- Enter “1940 census maps,” add the county and the state: Example: “1940 census maps Sussex Delaware.”
- You may be able to narrow the search by including a town name. Example: “1940 Census maps Sussex Milford Delaware.” Not all towns will have individual maps or may not be listed on the enumeration district map. In that case, see “Searching for 1940 ED descriptions” below.
- In the search results, click on the map to see a larger version.

If you have the address for 1940, find the address on the map and then look for the enumeration district number for that address. You can use the zoom feature to enlarge the maps.

The maps may have other numbers on them. The ED number may be a two-part number separated by a hyphen (in the red box below). The first number represents the county or city number and the second number the number of the enumeration district within that county or city.
You can bookmark the page on OPA for future reference.

**Searching for 1940 ED Descriptions**

- Enter “1940 census descriptions,” add the county and the state. Example: “1940 census descriptions Sussex Delaware”
- You can narrow the search by including a town or institution name in the search: 1940 Census Descriptions Sussex Milford Delaware
- In the search results, click on the image to see a larger version of the ED description.

Use the **zoom feature** to enlarge the images.

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