

Legacy Family Tree Software:

Finding ancestors who were alive when the 1950 US census was taken

Notes:

If you do not use Legacy, **you can download the free version and import a gedcom file** (from Ancestry, etc.) to do this search (<https://legacyfamilytree.com/>).

These screenshots are from version 9.

You can watch a video of this process for the 1940 Census at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHz-TKjL-8>. It includes other information about the 1940 census, a “how-to” for using the Steve Morse enumeration district finder, and a Q&A. This video uses version 7.5 (it was created in 2012).

Legacy Family Tree software has a **search tool** to find who was living during any given census for a number of countries, including the United States.

Note: They will be adding the 1950 census, but for now, this example uses images for the 1940 US census. See below if you don't want to wait.

1. Click on *Search>Census List*

The screenshot shows the Legacy Family Tree software interface. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Add, View, Reports, Tools, Search, Internet, My Toolbar, Options, and Help. The Search menu is open, and the 'Census List' option is highlighted with a red circle. Below the menu, the 'Family' tab is selected, showing a family record for Glen Stuart Remington. The record includes a photo, birth date (29 Aug 1922), and location (Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois). The 'Parents' section lists JM Remington (1893-1958)+ and Lillian May Timmerman (1891-1966)+. The 'Husband' section lists Glen Stuart Remington with a red underline. The 'Born Chr' section is partially visible.

2. Choose *United States*>*1940 Census* and choose the *Options* you want.

1) Choose the Country:
 United States
 ... or type in your own location:
 Place: United States
 country OR state, country OR city, state, country
 (Place should include a spelled-out country name)

2) Choose the census year:
 1940
 ... or type in your own date or range:
 Date Range: 1940

3) Create the List or Report:
 Create a Search List
 Preview a Census List Report

Report Options:
 Include married names for wives
 Include alternate names
 Include Surrounding Relatives (Parents, Spouse(s) and Children)
 Italicize individuals who appear to have already been found in this census
 Exclude individuals from the Report who appear to have already been found in this census
 Exclude individuals from the Report with location percentages less than: 50 %
 Include calculated dates (underlined)
 Horizontal lines between rows
 Display Numbers on Names
 Color Text and Boxes (None)
 Page Setup... Change Fonts...
 Printer Setup...

Clear List before this search
 Add results to existing List
 Only search the Search List
 Find First Load... Save... Close Help

3. Then click on *Preview a Census List Report*.

Raville, George R. [6080]	1907	1982	33	90%	, Cheboygan, Michigan (Marriage: 1 Sep 1928)
Ream, Dora [1101] Married name: Dora Myers	25 Feb 1870	24 Aug 1953	70	90%	, Hancock, Ohio (Marriage: 20 Apr 1911)
Reed, Emma Laura [6873] Married name: Emma Laura Williams	22 Dec 1883	26 Aug 1972	57	90%	Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan (Birth: 22 Dec 1883)
Reed Huckleberry, Carrie [4583] Married name: Carne Bradley	1876		64	90%	Cadillac, Wexford, Michigan (Marriage: 1918)
Reeder, Charles L. [5302]	17 Oct 1893	Jun 1982	47	90%	, Cooke, Texas (Marriage: 24 Feb 1920)
Reeves, Ester L. [4540] Married name: Ester L. Bunker	1903		37	90%	Cheboygan, Cheboygan, Michigan (Marriage: 30 Aug 1922)
Reiger, John [5489]	Abt 1905		35	90%	, Wisconsin (Child-Birth: Abt 1931)
Reiger, Lowell John [5490]	26 Nov 1927	30 Nov 1991	13	50%	, Wisconsin (Birth: 26 Nov 1927)
Reiger, Norman [5491]	Abt 1931		9	50%	, Wisconsin (Birth: Abt 1931)
Reinemind, John Bagley [6531]	5 Feb 1930	1 Jun 1994	10	90%	, Iowa (Birth: 5 Feb 1930)
Reinemind, Pearl Clifford [6530]	8 Jun 1895	Apr 1973	45	90%	, Iowa (Child-Birth: 5 Feb 1930)
Remington, Bernard Ray [13]	7 Dec 1912	Jun 1984	28	90%	Meauwataka, Wexford, Michigan (Birth: 7 Dec 1912)
Remington, Beulah [3807] Married name: Beulah Berg	16 Sep 1896	2 Sep 1978	44	90%	, Michigan (Child-Birth: Abt 1918)

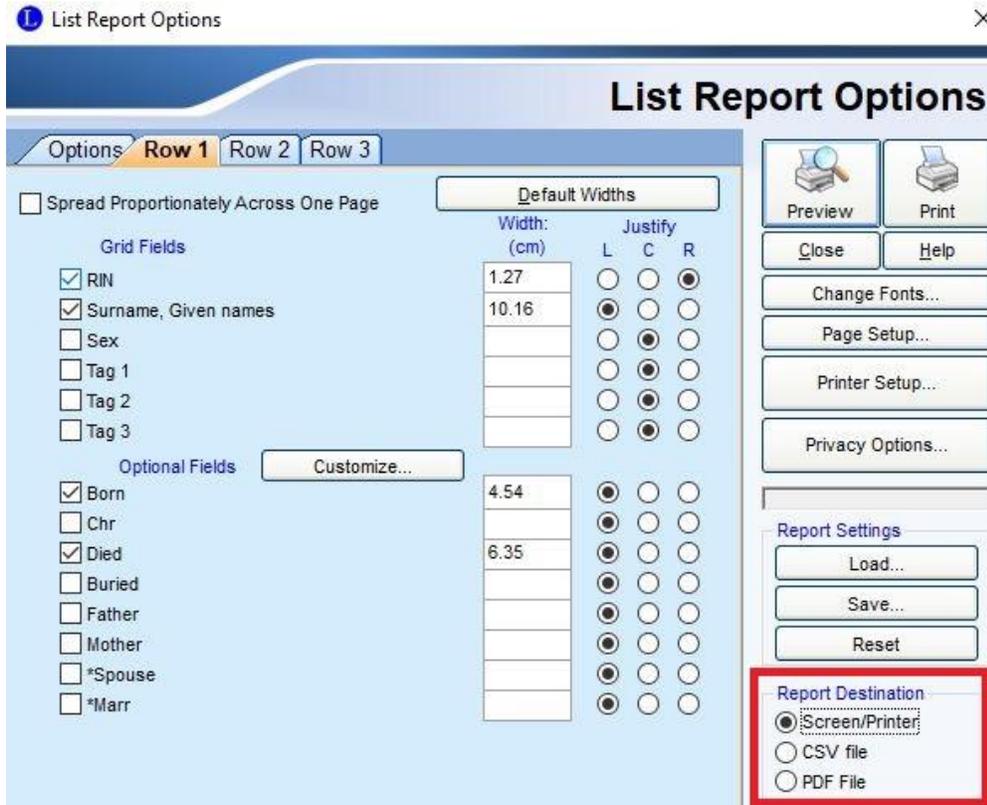
You can print the list or save as a pdf. (This last option may not be available in the free version. If not, click on print and then choose the option Print to PDF – available on Windows).

This list includes:

- individuals with or without birth or death dates
- age at time of census
- likely location in given census year
- the event that location was based on (birth, marriage, etc.)

This list is only as good as the information you have entered into your tree.

4) Another option is to *Create a Search List*. To save or print that list, right click on options and choose the options you want. Then print, save, or create a .csv (spreadsheet) file.



Don't want to wait for the 1950 tool?

You can create a list based on parameters that you set.

1) Click on the *Search* tab, then *Find*.



2) Click on the *Detailed Search* tab, fill in the three conditions using *And*. (See below if Unites States is not included in your database entries).

The screenshot shows the 'Detailed Search' tab in a software interface. It features three conditions for a search:

- Primary Condition:** Look for whom? Individual; Where to look Birth Date; How to look Before; What to look for 1950.
- Second Condition:** Look for whom? Individual; Where to look Death Date; How to look After; What to look for 1950.
- Third Condition:** Look for whom? Individual; Where to look Death Place; How to look Contains; What to look for United States.

On the left, there is a vertical list of characters: a, é, i, ó, ú, ñ. Below the conditions are radio buttons for 'And' (selected) and 'Or'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Find First', 'Create List', 'Load...', 'Save...', 'Close', and 'Help'. There are also checkboxes for 'Clear List before this search', 'Add results to existing List', and 'Only search the Search List'.

3) Click on *Create List* (you can also save this search to load later).

The screenshot shows a search results table with the following columns: RIN, Name, Sex, and a grid of checkboxes numbered 1 through 9. The table is titled 'Search List Contains 632 Individuals'. The first few rows are highlighted in blue:

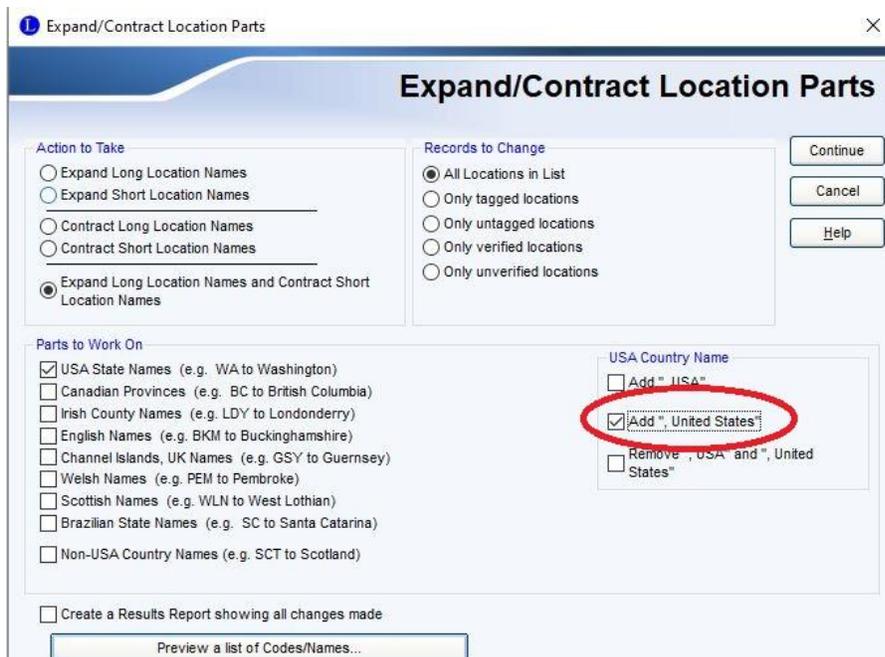
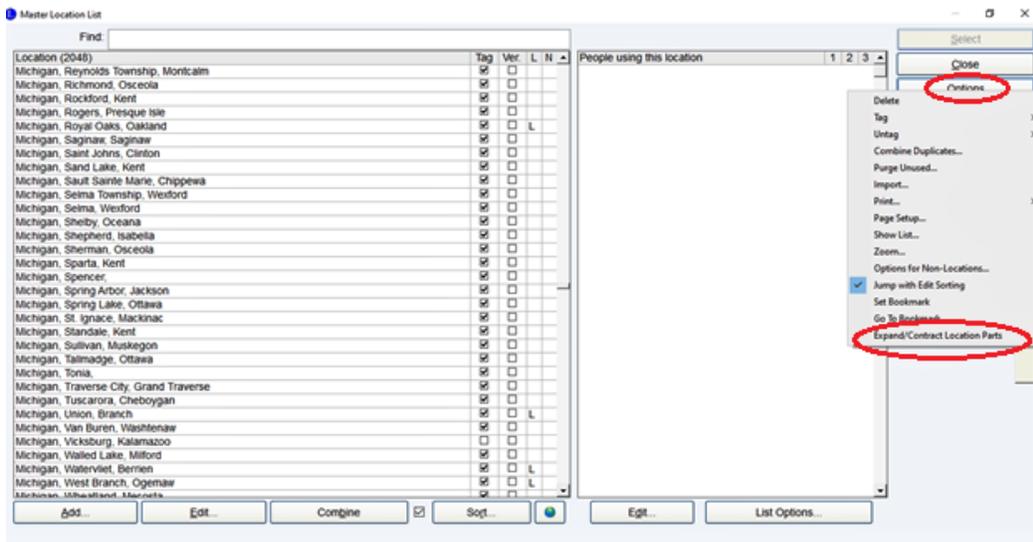
RIN	Name	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	Remington, Glen Stuart [3] (1922-2004)	M	X								
5	Remington, JM [5] (1893-1958)	M	X								
14	Remington, Kenneth Donald [14] (1914-2002)	M	X								
4903	Remington, Lela Maurine [4903] (1914-1993)	F	X								
4904	Remington, Lloyd Dean [4904] (1919-1995)	M	X								
1913	Remington, Lorin Munsil [1913] (1886-1961)	M	X								
3062	Remington, Merle Edmund [3062] (1883-1953)	M	X								
27	Remington, Myrl Henry [27] (1901-1968)	M	X								
16	Remington, Ruth Irma [16] (1919-2006)	F	X								
17	Remington, Stanley Munsel [17] (1924-2000)	M	X								
3095	Remington, Thelma Lucy [3095] (1910-2000)	F	X								
4455	Richards, Gertrude May [4455] (1890-1971)	F	X								
5727	Richards, William Melvin [5727] (1879-1965)	M	X								
4384	Ricker, Andrew [4384] (1877-1958)	M	X								
3007	Ricker, Margaret [3007] (1902-1999)	F	X								
3803	Riedel, Ella A. [3803] (1891-1976)	F	X								
4842	Riley, Inez Grace [4842] (1915-1986)	F	X	X							
4913	Rimer, Thomas Richard [4913] (1933-2013)	M	X								
5855	Ring, Fulton [5855] (1879-1953)	M	X	X							
4615	Roberts, Edward Arthur [4615] (1915-2005)	M	X	X							
6883	Rolston, Esther [6883] (1892-1983)	F	X								
6882	Rolston, Mildred [6882] (1901-1976)	F	X								
5353	Roskam, William E. Jr. [5353] (1918-2007)	M	X								
6110	Rostat, Harvey L. [6110] (1889-1980)	M	X	X							
6599	Rowell, Lenora [6599] (1895-1983)	F	X								
1962	Rowland, Murray [1962] (1884-1966)	M	X								

At the bottom of the table, there are buttons for 'Options', 'Search', and 'Help'. The 'Options' button is circled in red.

Since there are only three search parameters, this list is not as inclusive as the list generated by the *Census* tool. You may need to repeat the search to find individuals with no birth or death date or who did not die in the US.

Hints and Help

1) You didn't include the term "United States" in every entry? You can add it through the Master Location List (not sure if this works on the free version).



2) Getting help for Legacy is easy. Several ways to find what you need:

Click the *Help* tab and search the index, perhaps *Locations>Sort*. There are detailed instructions about how to do this.

Go to their website and click on the *Help Center* tab. Note that there is a wide range of subheadings under that tab.

Go to their website and click on *Training* – this goes to videos and webinars.

There is an active user group on Facebook - [Legacy Family Tree - Home | Facebook](#) .

Feel free to write if you have questions.

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