



## How to Verify Occupation and Industry Codes on the 1940 Census

Occupation and industry codes are important for categorizing employment information on the 1940 census, *all efforts should be taken to enter these codes correctly.*

If the occupation and/or industry codes on your sheet are hard to read, here are two handy sites to use to verify them. Note that the occupations/industries listed on these sites are general occupational categories and that the terms on your census sheet can differ.

### **For occupation and/or industry codes:**

<https://stevemorse.org/census/ocodes1940.htm>

- To verify either occupation or industry codes on this site you will need to enter your best guess at the occupation and/or industry code from the census sheet and check the general occupation or industry names that appear against those on the census.
- The list of occupation codes on this site is not complete. If your occupation code is not there, check the IPUMS site below.

### **For occupation codes:\***

<https://usa.ipums.org/usa/volii/occ1940.shtml>

\*Preferred site for occupation codes.

- This site has two columns of occupation codes, use the column labeled OCC1940.
- Search by the code or occupation name manually or use the search bar and enter the code or term (press and hold down the “Control” and “F” keys on a Windows computer or the “Command” and “F” keys on a Mac).

(Note that the occupation code “XVX” which appears on the 1940 Census should be entered into HistoryForge even though it does not appear on either site.)

