

Dear Southwest Colorado Genealogical Society member,

We are excited to announce that our society has joined the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project to help index the 1940 U.S. Federal Census! Indexing records from our state, we will be an essential part of this monumental grass-roots effort that will put one of the richest genealogical data sets in the world online, complete and free of charge forever. For more information on the project visit www.The1940Census.com

If you are new to indexing:

Go to www.the1940census.com/society and follow the directions shown under **Society Members** to download the indexing software and create an account. When you create your account, please be sure to select a local support level as “Group or Society” and select “**Southwest Colorado Genealogical Society**” as your group on the profile screen when creating your account. Every person indexing with our society gets us closer to milestones that qualify us for incentives provided by the sponsors of the project, so sign up today!

If you have participated in Family Search Indexing before:

The indexing software is the same FamilySearch program used for other society indexing projects. To make your indexing count as part of our Society project, please follow the steps shown below the signature to add your account to our group.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We look forward to the impact this resource will have for researchers of our area and so many others.

For those new to indexing or interested in learning more about this particular project, sign up for the free “**Online Indexing**” workshop at the **Durango Public Library over the lunch hour 11:30-1:30 on Friday April 27**. Anna will present the workshop during the actual lunch hour. Experienced indexers, including both Anna and Julie, will be available both before and after the main presentation to answer questions and help with any issues you are having. Experienced indexers who wish to help at this workshop, please contact Anna or Julie.

There are also video tutorials at <http://www.indexing.familysearch.org> for those who want to get started right away.

If you have any questions about the indexing project, or have problems signing up, please call Anna at 970-946-4876 or email anna@rootfindersgr.com

Warm regards,

Anna Hopkins-Arnold, Group Admin for our society's participation in the Community Indexing Project
Julie Pickett, Vice-President of the Southwest Colorado Genealogical Society

To Add Your Existing Account to Our Group:

1. Go to <https://indexing.familysearch.org>
2. Sign in to your account
3. Click “my info” in the top right hand corner
4. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click the “Edit” button
5. Click “Local Support Level” and select “group or society”
6. In the Group Box (just below Local Support Level) type “So” use the drop down list to select “**Southwest Colorado Genealogical Society**”.
7. Click the “Save” button at the bottom and then your work will count toward the society's participation and qualify both you and the society for incentive rewards. Thank You!