

# FamilySearch

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# FamilySearch

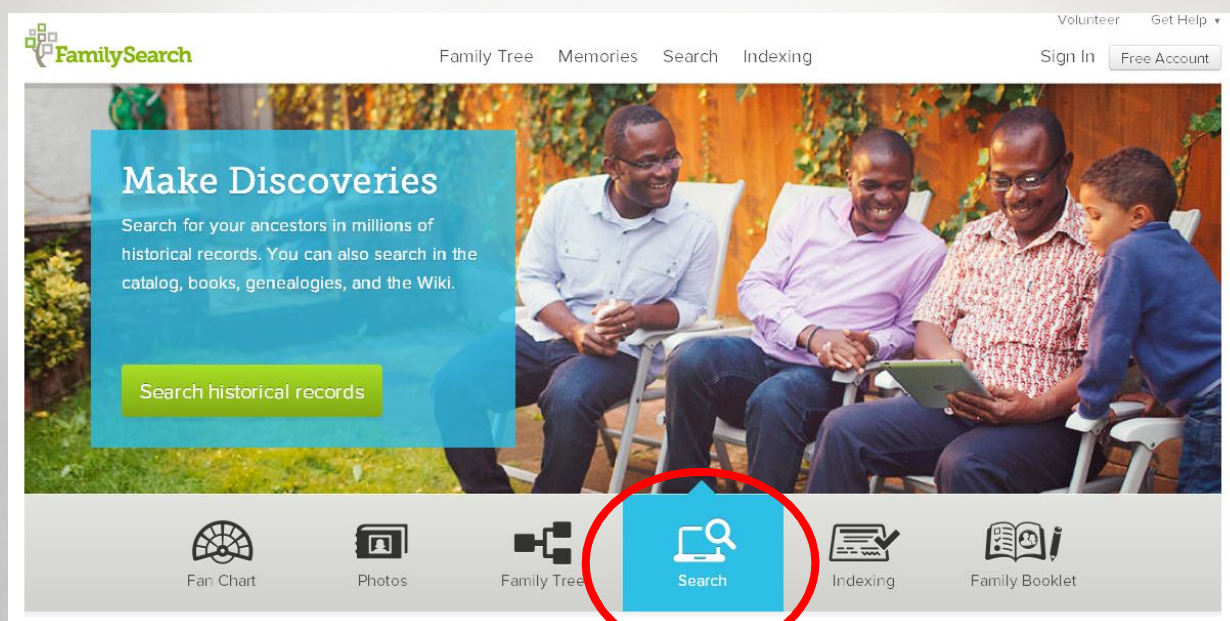
- ❖ [FamilySearch.com](https://www.familysearch.org) is a website maintained by the Mormon Church aka LDS (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)
- ❖ Unlike Ancestry.com, FamilySearch is a **free** resource with **Vital Records**
- ❖ Types of records:
  - **Birth, Baptism, and Christenings** -- **State Birth Indexes**, esp. California
  - **Marriage** -- **State Marriage Indexes**
  - **Death** -- **Social Security Death Index**, **State Death Indexes**, **Find A Grave**
  - **Census, Residence, and Lists** -- **US Census**, **United States Public Records**
  - **Immigration and Naturalization** -- **Passenger Lists**, etc. [paywalls]
  - **Military** -- **Draft Registration**, **Enlistment Records**
  - **Probate** -- **Estate Files**



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- ❖ What this means for Wikipedia citations...
- ❖ With **NO PAYWALL**, the following **information can be confirmed** and **properly cited** with vital records
  - Birth name
  - Birth dates
  - Birth place
  - Marriage dates
  - Spouse
  - Divorce dates

# FamilySearch – Select "Search"





# FamilySearch – Search Screen

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FamilySearch logo, links for Family Tree, Memories, Search, and Indexing, and options for Volunteer, Get Help, Sign In, and Free Account. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with RECORDS, GENEALOGIES, CATALOG, BOOKS, and WIKI. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Search Historical Records" and contains a search form. The right column is titled "Research By Location" and features a world map and a button labeled "Browse All Published Collections".

**DECEASED ANCESTOR'S NAME**

First Names  Last Names

**SEARCH WITH A LIFE EVENT:**

Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any

Birthplace  Birth Year (Range) From  To

**SEARCH WITH A RELATIONSHIP:**

Spouse | Parents | Other Person

**RESTRICT RECORDS BY:**

Location  Type  Batch Number  Film Number

Country  State or Province

Match all terms exactly

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❖ Search tips:

- Match all terms exactly
- Filter by
  - RESTRICT RECORDS BY:
  - TYPE

- ❖ [Browse All Published Collections](#) (from Search home page) can be used to target geographic locations and specific national collections

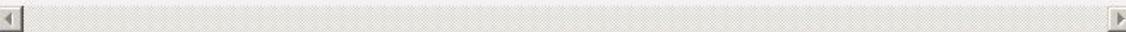


# FamilySearch: Birth Index

 Ethan Green Hawke

Texas, Birth Index


Name	Ethan Green Hawke
Event Type	Birth
Event Date	06 Nov 1970
Event Place	Travis, Texas
Gender	Male
Father's Name	<a href="#">James Steven Hawke</a>
Mother's Name	<a href="#">Leslie Carole Green</a>



## CITING THIS RECORD

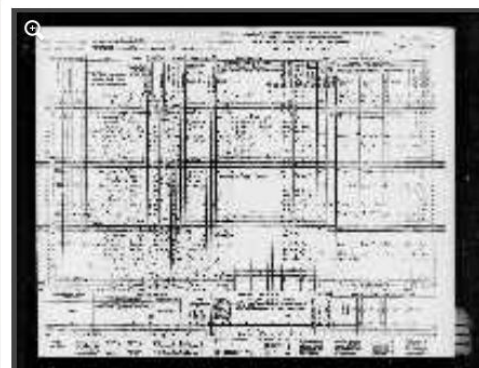
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# FamilySearch: 1940 Census

 **Norman M Lear**  
United States Census, 1940

Name	Norman M Lear
Event Type	Census
Event Date	1940
Event Place	Ward 12, Hartford, Hartford Town, Hartford, Connecticut, United States
Gender	Male
Age	17
Marital Status	Single
Race (Original)	White
Race	White
Relationship to Head of Household (Original)	Son
Relationship to Head of Household	Son
Birthplace	Connecticut
Birth Year (Estimated)	1923
Last Place of Residence	New York, Kings, New York

HOUSEHOLD	ROLE	GENDER	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
<a href="#">Herman K Lear</a>	Head	M	47	Connecticut
<a href="#">Jeanette S Lear</a>	Wife	F	40	Russia
Norman M Lear	Son	M	17	Connecticut
<a href="#">Claire F Lear</a>	Daughter	F	14	Connecticut



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## UNITED STATES CENSUS, 1940

District	10-140
Family Number	96
Sheet Number and Letter	5B
Line Number	47
Affiliate Publication Number	T627
Affiliate Film Number	537
Digital Folder Number	<a href="#">005461426</a>
Image Number	00719



# FamilySearch: 1940 Census

 Herman K Lear	
United States World War I Draft Registration Cards	
Name	Herman K Lear
Event Type	Draft Registration
Event Date	1917-1918
Event Place	New Haven City no 2, Connecticut, United States
Gender	Male
Nationality	United States
Birth Date	19 Mar 1893
Birthplace	New Haven, Connecticut, United States



## CITING THIS RECORD

"United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KZF8-DPK> ; accessed 18 August 2015), Herman K Lear, 1917-1918; citing New Haven City no 2, Connecticut, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 1,561,911.



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## UNITED STATES WORLD WAR I DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS, 1917-1918

Affiliate Publication Number	M1509
Affiliate Publication Title	World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards
GS Film Number	<a href="#">1561911</a>
Digital Folder Number	<a href="#">005206201</a>
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# Vital Records, Privacy, etc.

- ❖ Care should be taken when using the information available on FamilySearch
- ❖ Records in the **United States Public Records** category are similar to the "old school" phone book, but with more details. They often have relatively recent data and personal information (i.e., phone numbers, family members)
- ❖ Typically, I do **not** use that information; instead I **limit the citations used to the established vital records** (birth, death, census)
- ❖ If in doubt, if it seems that the information would be harmful to the subject of the article, **DO NOT include the information**



# Comparison Sources

- ❖ FamilySearch is a better citation resource than many existing Wikipedia citations
- ❖ These resources are not sourced and do not include official vital records; however, they are used all over Wikipedia as citations
  - Filmreference.com
  - IMDb
  - Yahoo! Movie Biography links (which are now deadlinks)



# Q&A

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- ❖ Questions?
- ❖ Thoughts?
- ❖ Concerns?