

1950

THE 1950 US FEDERAL CENSUS

A Sneak Peek

TODAY'S TOPICS

- Release Date
- What can be learned
- How to access it
- How to find your ancestors' ED
- Preparing for the 1950 Census
- Learn more about the 1950 Census



I CAN'T IMAGINE THERE HAS EVER
BEEN A MORE GRATIFYING TIME OR
PLACE TO BE ALIVE THAN AMERICA IN
THE 1950S. NO COUNTRY HAD EVER
KNOWN SUCH PROSPERITY.

~BILL BRYSON

The 1950 US Federal Census will be
released on April 1, 2022.

<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950>



Flash Back to 1950!

<https://www.ancestry.com/c/1950-census>

THE PRICE IS RIGHT!



WHAT CAN BE LEARNED?

[HTTPS://WWW.CENSUS.GOV/HISTORY/WWW/THROUGH THE DECADE/QUESTIONNAIRES/1950_1.HTML](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decade/questionnaires/1950_1.html)

- Address, home, farm, ranch, more than 3 acres?
 - Name of head of household and rest of household and who reported the information
 - Relationship to Head, Age, Sex, Marital Status
 - Where born? Naturalized?
 - Several questions about the person's work
 - A few per sheet are asked: Where living a year ago, where parents were born, questions about school, more detailed questions about work and income, military experience.
 - More details on questions asked: <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950/questions-asked>
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WHAT AREAS WERE COUNTED?

- Continental United States,
- Alaska and Hawaii
- American Samoa
- Canal Zone
- Guam
- Puerto Rico
- US Virgin Islands

HOW WAS THE CENSUS TAKEN?

1950 Enumerator Instructions

<https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/1950instructions.pdf>

Enumeration Districts

Broken into a size that could be covered in 2-4 weeks.

Last Census to be taken entirely in person.

140,000

Number of Enumerators in 1950

**150
MILLION**

Number of Households Enumerated

WHERE IN THE WORLD WAS ERIN'S MUM IN 1950?



In 1950, Wakefield, MA was a working class community largely made up of Italian, Irish and French Canadian neighborhoods. Mum's family goes back several generations.



Street Directory

Lawrence & Margaret McGrath
1938 latest one available on Ancestry.

Detail	Source
Name:	Lawrence F McGrath
Gender:	Male
Residence Year:	1936
Street Address:	2 Hubert
Residence Place:	Wakefield, Massachusetts, USA
Occupation:	Shoe Wkr
Spouse:	Margaret J McGrath
Publication Title:	Wakefield, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1936

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1940 Census

Lists Street address.
They are renting on 24 Richardson St.

			Victoria	Wife	F	W	49	M
			Michael Jr	Son	M	W	25	S
24	147	R 9	McGrath, Lawrence	Head	M	W	34	M
			Margaret	Wife	F	W	34	M
			Mary T.	Daughter	F	W	3	S
24	148	R 17	Warchol, Mitchell	Head	M	W	24	M
			Hazel	Wife	F	W	30	M
			Arthur	Son	M	W	1	S
24	149	R 9	Carroll, Leonard	Head	M	W	28	M
			Agnes	Wife	F	W	20	M
			Janette	Daughter	F	W	1	S
24	150	R 1500	Warchol, John	Head	M	W	34	M
			Erene	Wife	F	W	30	M
			Richard	Son	M	W	7	S
			Robert	Son	M	W	7	S
26	157	R 20	Swallow, Harold P	Head	M	W	33	M
			Marie	Wife	F	W	30	M
			Barbara	Daughter	F	W	7	S
			Philip	Son	M	W	5	S
			John	Son	M	W	4 1/2	S
26	157	O 2550	Kulpinaki, Carl	Head	M	W	50	M

Other

WWII Draft card,
Yearbook, Birth records of children.

SERIAL NUMBER 1486	1. NAME (Print) LAWRENCE FRANCIS MCGRATH	ORDER NUMBER 1804
2. ADDRESS (Print) 24 RICHARDSON ST WAKEFIELD MIDDLESEX MASS		
3. TELEPHONE None	4. AGE IN YEARS 35	5. PLACE OF BIRTH WAKEFIELD
DATE OF BIRTH APR 14 1905		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS MARGARET MCGRATH		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 24 RICHARDSON ST WAKEFIELD MIDDLESEX MASS		
10. REGISTRAR'S NAME Administration		

Mary McGrath

1940-Home was
valued at \$1400
and income
\$1100 Annually.



https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/24-Richardson-St-Wakefield-MA-01880/56352466_zpid/



FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

Enumeration Districts

- SEARCH FOR ED MAPS

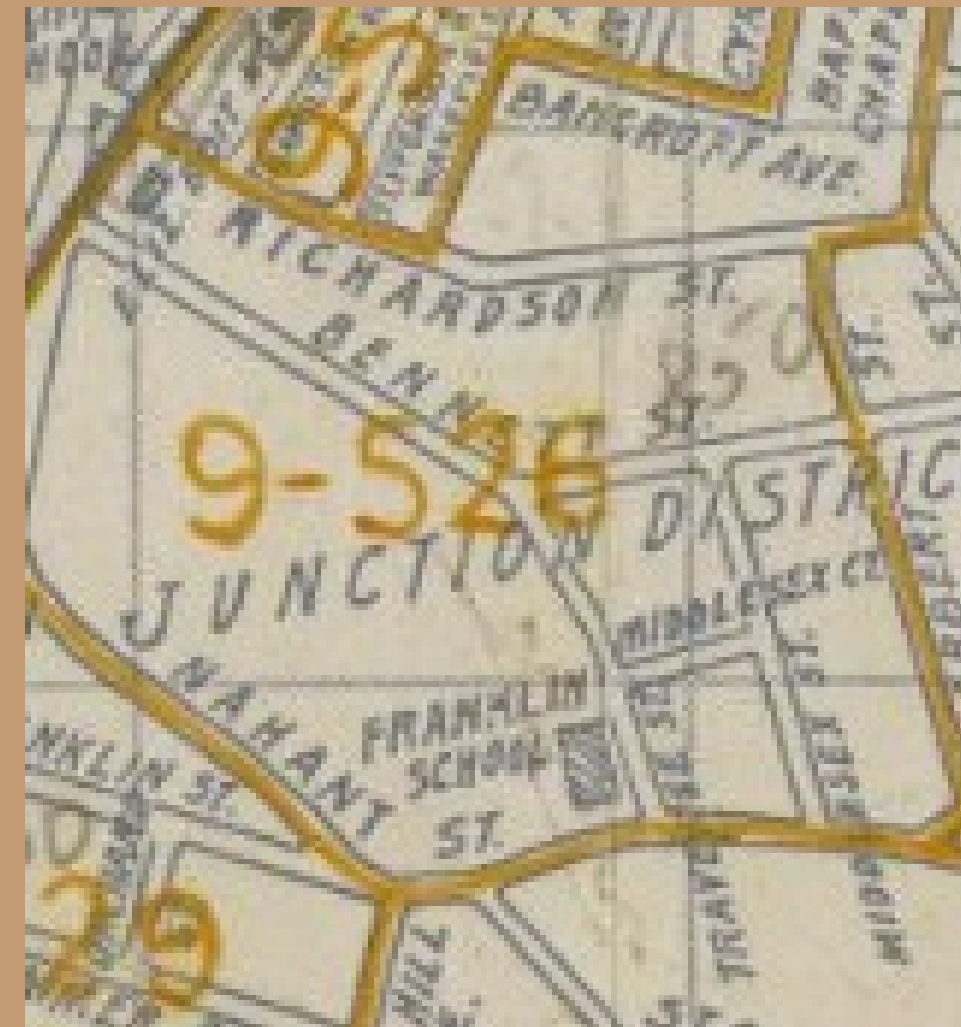
Steve Morse

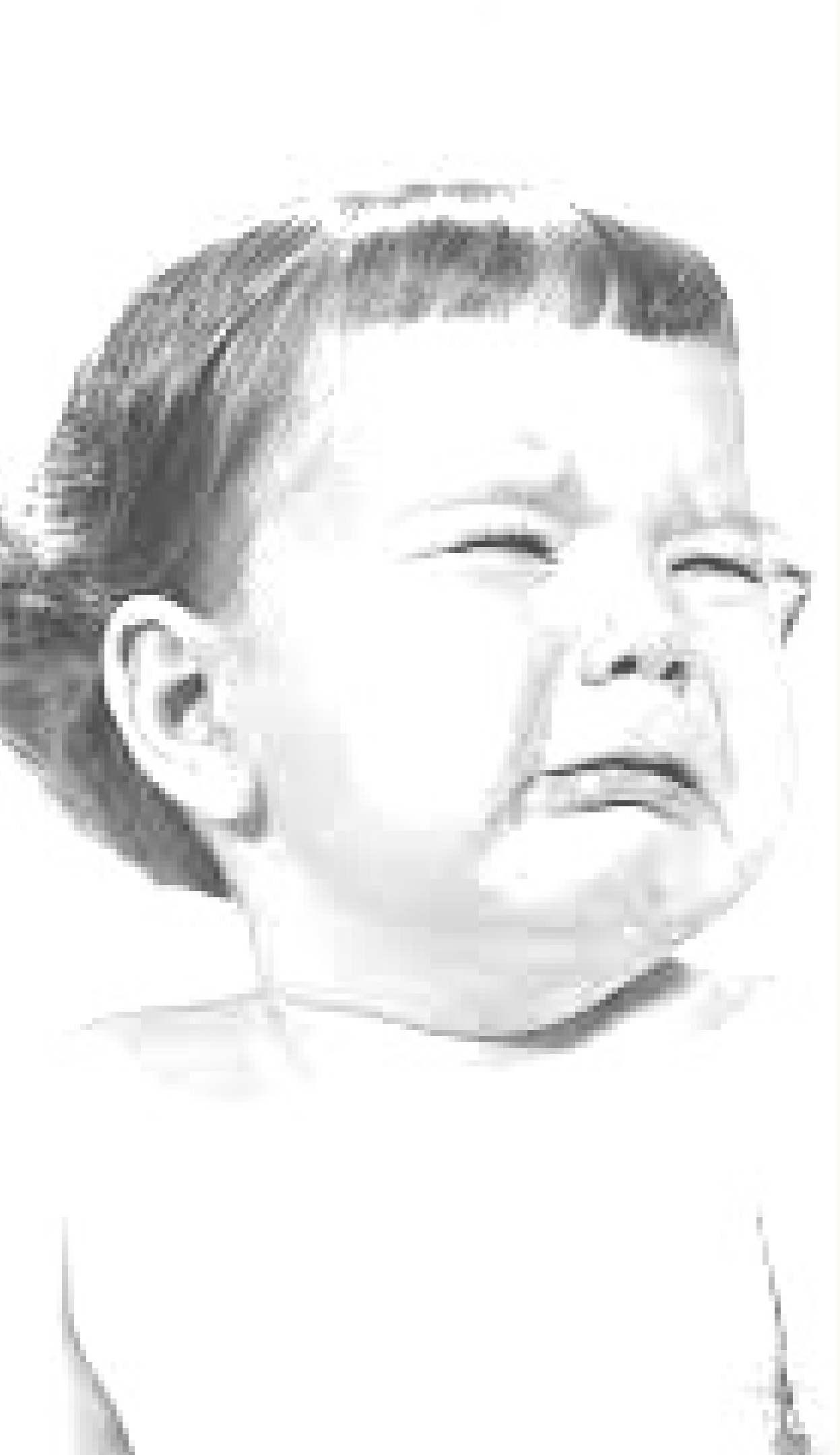
<https://stevemorse.org/census/arc1940-1950edmaps.html>

- WAKEFIELD, MA ED MAP

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/12549176>

Richardson Street ED 9-526





Destroyed!

INFANT CARDS

<https://historyhub.history.gov/community/genealogy/census-records/blog/2021/04/19/1950-census-infant-cards-and-the-special-infant-enumeration-study>

LEARN MORE

When the Census is live, you can access it here:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950>

Archives.gov 1950 Census Webinars

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-series/2022>

Roots Tech Webinars

- *Understanding and Interpreting the 1950 Census.*
- *Five Ways to Prepare to use the 1950 Census.*
- *What You Can Find in the 1950 Census.*

