

World War I Draft Registration Cards

5-Minute Genealogical Hint
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100th Anniversary of Beginning of WWI

- War started in Europe July 28, 1914
- Known as “Great War”
- US entered WWI 1917

Requirements

- May 18, 1917, the Selective Service Act authorized the President to temporarily increase the U.S. military.
- All males in the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 were required by law to register for the draft throughout 1917 and 1918
- American males born between about 1872 and 1900

Establishment of Selective Service

- Under the office of the Provost Marshal General, the Selective Service System was established to draft men into military service.
- Local boards were created for each county or similar state subdivision, and for each 30,000 people in cities and counties with a population greater than 30,000. Established to draft men into military service.

During World War I: Three Draft Registrations—All Using Different Forms:

- 5 June 1917 - all men between the ages of 21 and 31 residing in the U.S. - whether native born, naturalized, or alien
- 5 June 1918 - men who reached age 21 after 5 June 1917. (A supplemental registration, included in the second registration, was held on 24 August 1918, for men who turned 21 years old after 5 June 1918.)
- 12 September 1918 - all men between age 18 and 45. (Old man's draft)

What the Draft Registration Cards Include

- Registrant's Full Name
- Address and Phone Number
- Age
- Dates and Place of Birth for more than 24 million men
- Occupation and Employer
- Next of Kin or Nearest Contact
- Signature of Registrant

Other Information Included on Draft Registration Form

- Race
- Height
- Weight
- Eye and hair color
- Other physical characteristics

If You Can't Find Your Person


- Not all of the men who registered for the draft actually served in the military, and not all men who served in the military registered for the draft.

Where to Find The Draft Registration Card

- [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
- [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- [FindMyPast.com](https://www.findmypast.com)
- National Archives
- [Fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com)

Ancestry.com

Search > Military

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U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

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Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)
Restrict to exact ▾

Last Name
Restrict to exact ▾

Birth

Day **Month** **Year** **+/-** **Location**
 Exact [Use default settings ▾](#)

Lived In

Location
[Use default settings ▾](#)

Any Event

Year **Location**
[Use default settings ▾](#)

Keyword Exact
e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Draft Board Exact

Race/Nationality Exact

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Draft Board
 Draft Card

Related data collections

[U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2005](#)
This database is a compilation of burial records from a variety of sources and cemeteries. These records provide information on the burials of U.S. veterans and their dependents who were buried in the various Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries, or other military cemeteries. Because the information regarding the burials is compiled from multiple sources, the amount of information provided for each burial will vary. Some of the information you may find in this database includes: name of deceased, birth date, death date, interment date, burial location/site, cemetery name, cemetery address, relationship to veteran, veteran service dates, military rank, and military branch.

[WWI, WWII, and Korean War Casualty Listings](#)

Joseph Goldberg 1917 WWI Draft Registration Card-First Registration

REGISTRATION CARD Call 458 2279 295

1 Name Joseph Goldberg

2 Home address 100 11th Ave Apt 114

3 Date of birth Jan 31 1893

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien? Naturalized Citizen

5 Where born Yass & Rombin

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you citizen or subject? Yass & Rombin

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Executive Secretary

8 By whom employed? Brooklyn Tel. & Cable Co.

9 Where employed? 76 B'ham St

10 Married or single (check)? Single

11 What military service have you had? No

12 Do you have exceptions? Supporting Parents

I affirm that I have called upon neighbors and that they are true.

J. Goldberg

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 31-9-32-A

1 Full name of registrant Joseph Goldberg

2 True name Joseph Goldberg

3 Has person for you, by hand, foot, or left arm or in otherwise disabled? No

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Chas. J. [Signature]

Present 151

City or County New York June 5/17

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Harry Perlo WWI Draft Reg Card 1917

Form 1 710798 REGISTRATION CARD 3011 No. 344

1 Name in full Harry Perlo

2 Home address See Hotel Corona 33 St. Long Island N.Y.

3 Date of birth Sept. 15 1894

4 Are you (1) a naturalized citizen, (2) a naturalized alien, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Declared

5 Where born Suwalki Suwalki Russia

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Russia

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Cutter

8 By whom employed? Spindel & Rosenthal G.

9 Where employed? 10 W. 20 St. N. Y. C.

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? None

11 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which) White

12 What military service have you had? Rank None branch _____

13 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? No

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Harry Perlo
Signature of registrant

Name

Birth date

Occupation

Dependents

signature

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 31-9-57-A

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? short Slender, medium, or stout (which)? slender

2 Color of eyes? brown Color of hair? brown Must? No

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? None

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Andrew Dejide
(Signature of Registrar)

Precedent 169

City or County Kings

State N.Y.

June 5 1917
(Date of registration)

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6-5-1917

William Goldberg WWI Reg Card--2

Serial No.	19	Registration No.	89
1	Name in full <i>William Goldberg</i>	Age, in yrs. <i>21</i>	<i>Age</i>
2	Home address <i>318 E. 121st St. N.Y.C.</i>		<i>Birthdate</i>
3	Date of Birth <i>Sept. 9 1896</i>		<i>Citizenship</i>
4	Where were you born? <i>N.Y. City N.Y. N.Y.</i>		<i>Fathers Birth Place</i>
5	I am 1. A native of the United States. 2. A naturalized citizen. 3. An alien. 4. I have declared my intention. 5. An immigrant or alien. (Strike out lines or words not applicable)		<i>No Occupation</i>
6	If not a citizen, of what Nation are you a citizen or subject?		
7	Father's birthplace <i>Russian Poland</i>		
8	Name of employer <i>Self</i> Place of employment <i>136 St. - 3rd Ave. (Market) N.Y.</i>		
9	Name of nearest relative <i>Abraham Goldberg</i> Address of nearest relative <i>318 E. 121st St. N.Y.C. N.Y.</i>		
10	Race—White, Negro, Indian, or Oriental. (Strike out words not applicable)		

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

William Goldberg
P. M. G. O. Form 1 (blue)
REGISTRATION CARD. 3-6739

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4-105-B REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Medium <i>Medium</i>	Stature <i>Medium</i>	Build <i>Slender</i>
2	Color of eyes <i>Gray</i>	Color of hair <i>Brown</i>	
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he palpably physically disqualified (specify)?	<i>No.</i>	

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge, are true, except as follows:

Jessie N. Zinn
(Signature of Registrar.)

65 '18
(Date of Registration.)

Local Board for Civ. No. 109
New York City
(Stamp of Local Board.)

(The stamp of the local board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

3-6739

June 5
1918

Jacob Flower WWI Draft Reg. Card-1918

Name

And Address

BD and Age
Race

Citizenship

Occupation

Nearest
Relative

Signature

REGISTRATION CARD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SERIAL NUMBER <i>5133</i>	NAME <i>Jacob Flower</i>	AGE IN YEARS <i>44</i>	DATE OF BIRTH <i>June 25, 1874</i>	White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Negro <input type="checkbox"/>	Oriental <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Citizen <input type="checkbox"/>
PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: <i>1027 Hoe Ave N.Y. Bronx N.Y.</i>				ALIEN Native Born <input type="checkbox"/>				
U. S. CITIZEN Naturalized <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				ALIEN Declarant <input type="checkbox"/>				
PRESENT OCCUPATION <i>Publishing Business</i>				EMPLOYER'S NAME <i>International Fashion Pub. Co.</i>				
NEAREST RELATIVE Name: <i>Pauline Flower</i>				I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE				
Address: <i>1027 Hoe Ave Bronx N.Y.</i>				P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (red)				
				Signature: <i>Jacob Flower</i>				

Jacob Flower WWI Draft Reg. Card- 1918

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Disabilities

31-9-5-C REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 ✓	23	24	25	26 ✓	Brown	Black

27 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, or ear, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)
No

28 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered here read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Murray Levine
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration *Sept. 12, 1918*

Local Board No. 5
1029 East 163rd St.
County of New York

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

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