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The Social Security

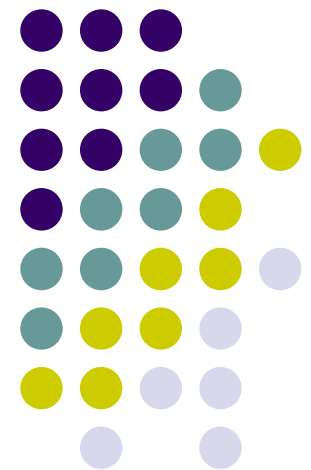
Death Index

All you ever wanted to know and more...

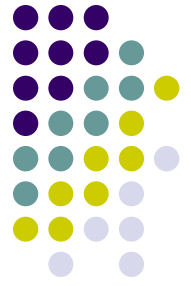
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What is The Social Security Administration???



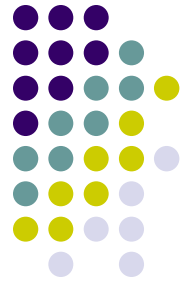
- The Social Security Administration was created by an act of law in 1935 as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal program. The act laid out a retirement system for many Americans, although not all. The act also created a new governmental agency to manage the program. In the following 69 years, the Social Security Administration has become one of the largest agencies in the federal government.



What is SSDI?

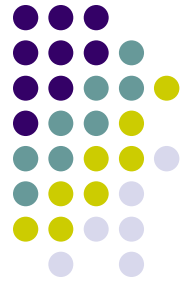
- Definition – Social Security Death Index
- The Social Security Administration started computerizing records in 1962. This made it possible to produce an index of people who had Social Security numbers and are deceased. The information in the Social Security Death Index for people who died prior to 1962 is sketchy since SSA's death information was not automated before that date. Persons who died before 1962 are rarely listed in the SSDI. Some of the online Web sites advertise that the data they possess will contain information about deaths "as early as 1937," but that claim is a bit misleading; 99.9% of the information is for 1962 and later.

Whose Deaths are recorded in SSDI

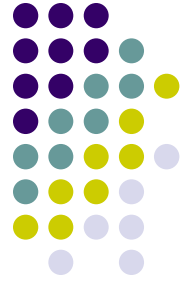


- Initially, the Social Security Administration only recorded the deaths of individuals who were receiving retirement benefits from the Administration. Those who died before reaching retirement age were not listed. Neither were those who had different retirement systems, such as railroad workers, school teachers, and other municipal, state, and federal employees. In the 1970s the railroad and many other retirement systems were merged into the Social Security system. Deaths of those retirees then started appearing in the SSDI.

More about who is recorded



- in the late 1980s and after, all deaths in the U.S. were reported to the Social Security Administration and recorded in the SSDI. You can find deaths of children and non-retired adults listed for the 1990s, but not for earlier years.
- Because legal aliens in the U.S. can obtain a Social Security card, their names may appear in the SSDI if their deaths were reported, even if the death occurred overseas.



What information is in SSDI?

- Social Security number
- Surname
- Given Name
- Date of Death
- Date of Birth
- Last Known Residence
- Location of Last Benefit
- Date and Place of Issuance

Where can I Search the SSDI?



You can access the Social Security Death Index at no charge on a number of Web sites, including:

- [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
- [Rootsweb.com](https://www.rootsweb.com)
- [Newenglandancesters.org](https://www.newenglandancesters.org)
- [Familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)

Searching on Rootsweb



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http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi

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SSN

Last Residence **Last Benefit**

Zip

State

County

City

Birth

Year Month Day

Death

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Field	Value	Records	Results
Last Name	SHRYOCK	572	572
First Name	JOHN	2153023	21
Lump Zip	04092		Scanned
Last Zip	04092		Scanned
Birth Date	03051916		Scanned
Death Year	1980		Scanned
Death Month	12		Scanned

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Name	Birth	Death	Last Residence	Last Benefit	SSN	Issued	Tools	Order Record?
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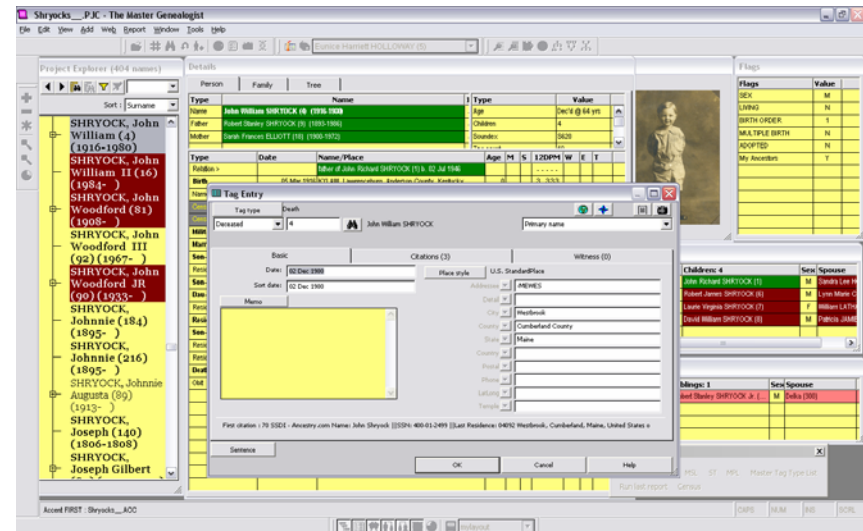
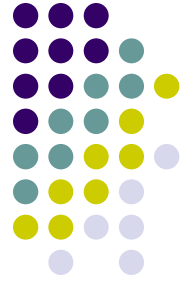
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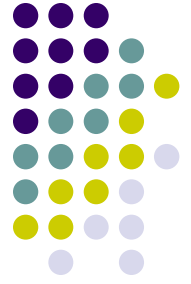
(V)=(Verified) Report verified with a family member or someone acting on behalf of a family member.
(P)=(Proof) Death Certificate Observed.

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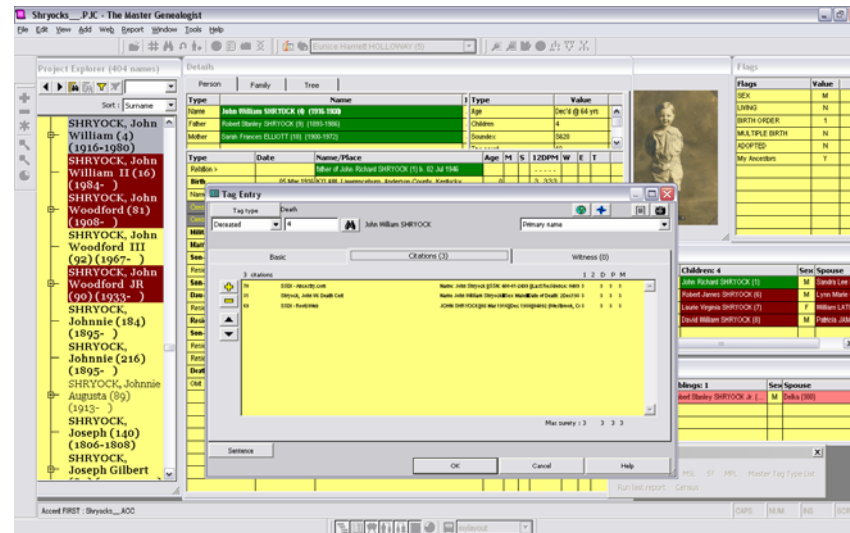
- Create a Death Tag in TMG
- Record Date of Death
- Record Location of Death





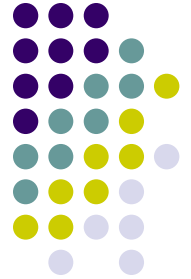
Now what???

- Create a citation to your source



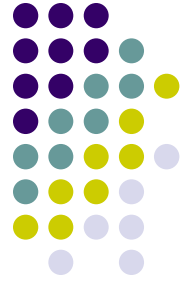
How I do it...

- I created a Source for Rootsweb SSDI
- I place information that doesn't change in the source



The screenshot shows the 'Source Definition' dialog box in 'The Master Genealogist' software. The dialog is titled 'Source #: 69' and has tabs for 'General', 'Supplemental', 'Attachments', and 'Output form'. The 'General' tab is active. The 'Default surety (0-3):' is set to 0. The 'Active?' checkbox is checked, and the 'Category' is 'Custom'. The 'Abbreviation' is 'SSDI - RootsWeb'. The 'Source type' is 'SSDI - RootsWeb', the 'Title' is 'Social Security Death Index', and the 'Short Title' is 'SSDI'. The '< Date >' field is empty. The 'URL' is 'http://ssdi.rootsweb.com', the 'Publisher' is 'U.S. Social Security Administration', the 'Publisher Address' is 'Washington D. C.', and the 'Series' is 'RootsWeb online'. The dialog has 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons at the bottom.

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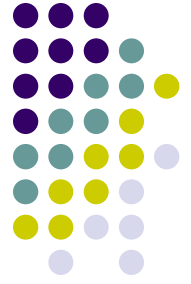
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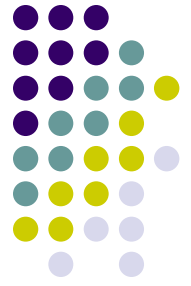


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What goes in the Citation Detail (CD)



- CD1 is the name of the subject.
- CD2 is the date of birth of the subject.
- CD3 is the date of death of the subject.
- CD4 is the last residence of the subject.
- CD5 is the last benefit of the subject.
- CD6 is the Social Security Number (SSN) of the subject.
- CD7 is the state that the SSN was issued in.
- CD8 is the date that it was viewed in the following format: 25 Feb 2004

An Example



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Citation

Source: 69 SSDI - RootsWeb

Citation Detail: JOHN SHRYOCK||05 Mar 1916||Dec 1980||04092 (Westbrook, Cumberland, ME)||04092 (Westbrook, Cumberland, ME)||400-01-2499||Kentucky||11/11/2005

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