



U.S. World War 2 Draft Registration Cards, 1942

In 1940, President Roosevelt had signed into law the first peacetime selective draft in U.S. history, due to rising world conflicts. After the U.S. entered World War 2, a new selective service act required that all men between the ages of 18 and 65 register for the draft. Between November, 1940 and October, 1946, over 10 million American men were registered.

The Fourth Registration, often referred to as the “old man’s registration” was conducted on 27th April, 1942 and men who were born on or between 28th April, 1877 and 16th February, 1897 – men who were aged between 45 and 64 years old, and who were not already in the military were required to be registered.

The Fourth Registration cards are now available for the public.

Details of men in Fourth Registration – born in Durrington, Wiltshire

Name	Louis GARDINER
Address	1505 Archer Rd, New York, Bronx, New York
Serial Number	U1228
Age	59 years
Date of Birth	30 th January, 1883
Place of Birth	Durrington, England
Name & Address of Person Who Will Always Know Your Address	Mabel Gardiner 1505 Archer Rd, New York, Bronx, New York

LOUIS GARDINER

Louis Gardiner was born on 30th January, 1883 in Durrington, Wiltshire to parents Joseph & Eliza Jane Gardiner (nee Jennings). His birth was registered in the district of Amesbury in the March quarter of 1883.

The 1891 Census recorded Louis as an 8 year old living with his parents & older brother Percey (aged 9) at Durrington, Wiltshire. His parents were recorded as Joseph Gardiner (Shoemaker, aged 39) & Eliza Jane Gardiner (aged 34).

The 1901 Census recorded Lewis Gardiner working as an 18 year old Domestic Servant at Wilsford near Salisbury, Wiltshire. The head of the house was Joseph William Lodbond, a 67 year old, Widower, Manufacturer who lived with his daughter – Catharine who was single & aged 35 years. Louis was one of 5 servants working at the Lodbond house. Meanwhile, Louis parents were still living at Durrington in the 1901 Census – Joseph (aged 49), Eliza (aged 43) & Hilda M (aged 3).

The 1911 Census recorded Louis parents & younger sister living at 1 High Street, Hungerford, Berkshire – Joseph (Bootmaker, aged 59), Eliza Jane (aged 53, married for 30 years with 3 children – all still living) & Hilda May (aged 13).

Louis Gardiner was recorded as an incoming passenger to New York, having departed from Liverpool, England & arriving in New York, USA on 25th May, 1919, aboard the *Ulna*. He was aged 36 years & 3 months & a Valet. His last permanent address was recorded as Philadelphia. His nearest relative was recorded as Josiah Gardiner of 1 High Street, Hungerford, Berkshire, England.

Louis Gardiner was recorded as an UK outward passenger, departing from Southampton, England on 10th September, 1921, destined for the port of New York, USA, aboard the *Berengaria*. He was aged 38 & a Valet.

Louis Gardiner was recorded as an UK outward passenger, departing from Southampton, England on 20th September, 1922, destined for the port of New York, USA, aboard the *Homeric*. He was aged 39 & a Servant, whose address was recorded as 20 Hanover Square, London.

Louis Gardiner was recorded as an UK outward passenger, departing from Southampton, England on 29th September, 1923, destined for the port of New York, USA, aboard the *Mauretania*. He was aged 40 & a Valet, whose address was recorded as High Street, Hungerford, Berks.

Louis Gardiner was recorded as an UK outward passenger, departing from Southampton, England on 14th November, 1930, destined for the port of New York, USA, aboard the *Ausonias*. He was aged 47 & a Valet, whose address was recorded as 19 Long___ Rd, Devizes.

Louis Gardiner was recorded as an incoming passenger to New York, having departed from Southampton, England & arriving in New York, USA on 10th December, 1936, aboard the *Washington*. He was aged 53 & a Valet.

In 1942 Louis Gardiner petitioned for Naturalization in United States. His details from the form record that he was 59 years old, living at 41 Park Terrace West, New York. He was employed as a Valet & he had married his wife - Mabel on 2nd July, 1938 at New York. Mabel had been born in New York on 18th April, 1892 & was currently employed as a Clerk. Louis original emigration to New York had been on 15th August, 1908 aboard SS *Arabic*. He listed one instance when he had been absent from the United States for a period of 6 months or longer – departed New York in April, 1918 aboard SS *Collombella* & returned to New York in June 1919 aboard the SS *Ulna*. Louis's last foreign address was at Cookham, England. Petition for Naturalization was granted on 12th January, 1942.

Louis Gardiner was recorded as an UK outward passenger, departing from Southampton, England on 23rd September, 1954, destined for the port of New York, USA, aboard the *United States*. He was aged 71 & Retired, whose address was recorded as 23 Maryport St, Devizes.