

Using the Internet for U.S. Census Information

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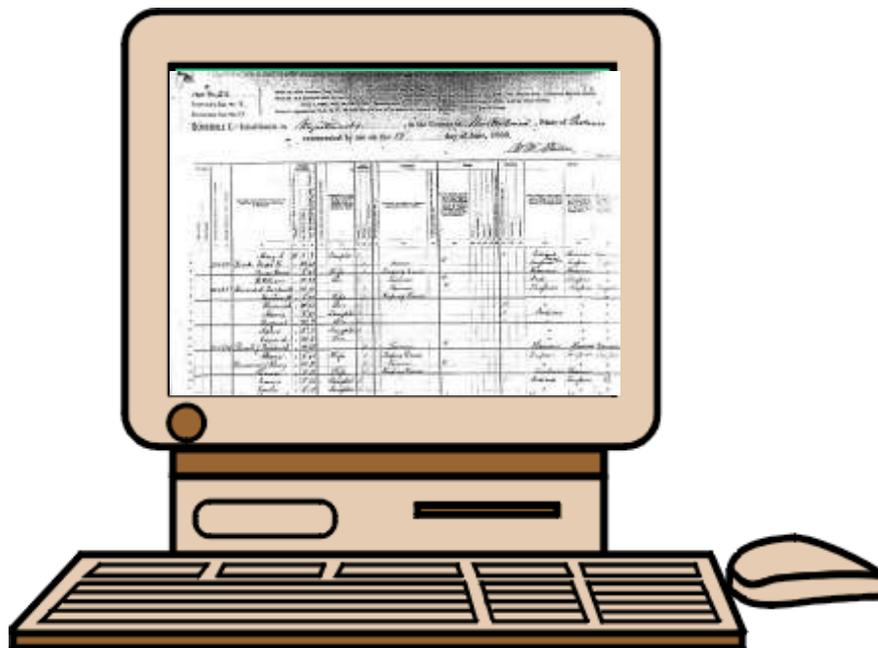
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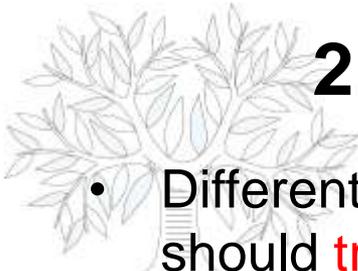
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1. Why the Census?

- The Constitution of the United States requires that a census be conducted at least every 10 years for proper apportioning of taxes and Congressional Representatives. There are 16 censuses from 1790 to 1940, although most of the 1890 census burned.
- For genealogists, few, if any, records reveal as many details about individuals and families as the US Federal Censuses.
- Census records are important sources for placing individuals in specific places at specific times.
- Information found in the census will often point to other sources critical to complete genealogical research, such as court, land, military, immigration, naturalization, and vital records
- When family, vital, or religious records are missing, census records may be the only means of documenting the events of a person's life.



2. How Can We Use the Censuses?

- Different censuses provide a wide variety of information, so you should try to trace your ancestors in as many censuses as possible.
 - For example, if you have the name of your great-grandfather, but nothing else except the names of all his children, try to locate as many of those children as possible in census returns where they were listed as heads of household.
- You should also take note of the family names listed near your ancestors on the census roll.
 - As an example, if you find a 35 year-old man and family two or three households away from a 65 year old man of the same surname with his 60 year old wife, there is a good possibility they are related.
 - Looking at as many returns as possible may also give you a pattern of migration. The oldest children might be born in Kentucky, the second two in Ohio, and the younger ones in Indiana.

Each Census Asks Different Information

Census Information	1860	1850	1840	1830	1820	1810	1800	1790
Location			█	█	█	█	█	█
Head of Household			█	█	█	█	█	█
Number in Family			█	█	█	█	█	█
Names in Household	█	█						
Name and Relation								
Personal Description	█	█						
Slaves			█	█	█	█	█	█
Place of Birth	█	█						
Citizenship			█	█	█			
Occupation	█	█	█		█			
Education	█	█	█					
Ownership of Home	█	█						
Military			█					
Disabilities	█	█	█	█				

Census Information	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870
Location	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Head of Household	█						
Number in Family	█						
Names in Household	█						█
Name and Relation	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Personal Description	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Slaves	█						
Place of Birth	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Citizenship	█	█	█	█			
Occupation	█	█	█	█		█	█
Education	█	█	█	█			█
Ownership of Home	█	█	█	█			█
Military	█		█				
Disabilities	█		█			█	█

3. Where Can Census Data Be Found?

- a. FamilySearch.org, b. HeritageQuest.com (www.lvccld.org), c. Ancestry.com, and d. www.censusfinder.com

a. FamilySearch.org



The image shows a screenshot of the FamilySearch.org search interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with search filters. The main area displays search results for Benjamin Wells, showing four records from the United States Census (1820, 1800, 1820, 1790) with their respective residence locations in Ontario County, New York.

Refine your search

First Names: Benjamin

Last Names: Wells

Search by Life Events:
Any
Birth
Marriage

Residence Place: Ontario County, NY

Year (Range): 1790 1820

Death

Search by Relationships:
Spouse
Parents

Match All Exactly

Search Results for Historical Records
1-4 of 4 results for >Name: Benjamin Wells, Event: Residence, Place: Ontario County, NY, Event Range: 1790-1820

Benjamin Wells United States Census, 1820	residence: 1820 Gorham, Ontario, New York
Benjamin Wells United States Census, 1800	residence: 04 Aug 1800 Canandaigua, Ontario, New York
Benjamin Wells United States Census, 1820	residence: 1820 Lyons, Ontario, New York
Benjamin Wells United States Census, 1790	residence: 1790 Canandaigua, Ontario, New York

Benj Wells
United States Census, 1810

residence: 1810 Gorham, Ontario, New York

b. HeritageQuestOnline via www.lvcclid.org

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- [Funk and Wagnalls Encyclopedia](#)
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- [General OneFile](#)
- [General Reference Center Gold](#)
- [General Science Collection](#)
- [Glass Door](#)
- [Greek and Roman Folklore: A Handbook](#)
- [Greenfile](#)
- [Grolier Online](#)
- [Grolier Online - Elementary Grades](#)
- [Health & Wellness Resource Center](#)
- [Health Reference Center Academic](#)
- [Health Source Consumer Edition](#)
- [Health Source Nursing Academic Edition](#)
- [HerBase Quest](#)

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

- **Search Census** Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1940, including name indexes for many years.
- **Search Books** Find information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.
- **Search PERSI** Find information about people and places from the index of over 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles.
- **Search Revolutionary War** Search selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.
- **Search Freedman's Bank** Search for individuals in Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), which was founded to serve African Americans.
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HeritageQuestOnline Results

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

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Census Data Currently Searchable

Search Census

BASIC SEARCH ADVANCED SEARCH FIND BY PAGE NUMBER

Surname: SEARCH CLEAR SEARCH

Given Name:

Census Year:

State:

1790
1800
1810
1820
1860
1870
1880
1890
1900
1910
1920
1930 (partial)
1940 (partial)

NEW SEARCH

Census Results

US Federal Census Total Number of Results: 676

[Help with the Federal Census](#)

1790 Census	Results: 10	Expand by State
1800 Census	Results: 25	Expand by State
1810 Census	Results: 17	Expand by State
1820 Census	Results: 30	Expand by State
1860 Census	Results: 65	Expand by State
1870 Census	Results: 82	Expand by State
1880 Census	Results: 166	Expand by State
1900 Census	Results: 88	Expand by State
1910 Census	Results: 83	Expand by State
1920 Census	Results: 85	Expand by State
1930 Census	Results: 8	Expand by State
1940 Census	Results: 17	Expand by State



HeritageQuestOnline Results

Census Results

US Federal Census	Total Number of Results: 585
1790 Census	Results: 565
Connecticut	Results: 105 ▼ Expand by County
Maine	Results: 15 ▼ Expand by County
Maryland	Results: 36 ▼ Expand by County
Massachusetts	Results: 91 ▼ Expand by County
New Hampshire	Results: 41 ▼ Expand by County
New York	Results: 89 ▼ Expand by County
North Carolina	Results: 35 ▼ Expand by County
Pennsylvania	Results: 71 ▼ Expand by County
Rhode Island	Results: 30 ▼ Expand by County
South Carolina	Results: 28 ▼ Expand by County
Vermont	Results: 24 ▼ Expand by County

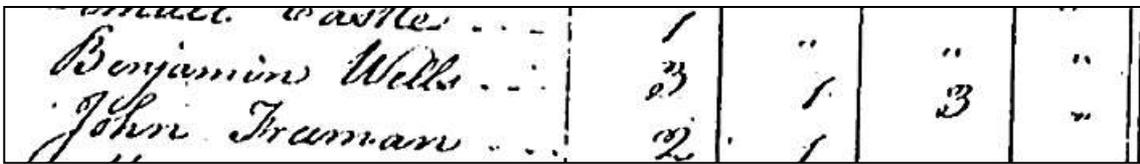
Click on a surname to view the census image. Sort By:

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Surname	Given Name	Age	Sex	Race	Birthplace	State	County	Location	Year
WELLS	ABNER					NY	MONTGOMERY	CHEMUNG	
WELLS	ABNER					NY	ORANGE	GOSHEN	
WELLS	ABRAHAM					NY	ALBANY	COXSACKIE	
WELLS	AUSTIN					NY	ALBANY	CAMBRIDGE	
WELLS	BANJAMIN					NY	ONTARIO	CANANDAIGUA	1790
WELLS	BENJAH					NY	ALBANY	EASTON	1790
WELLS	BENJAMIN					NY	MONTGOMERY	CAUGHNAWAGA	1790

- Given Name
- Surname
- Given Name
- Year
- State
- Age
- County
- Sex
- Race
- Birthplace
- Location

Surname	Given Name	Age	Sex	Race	Birthplace	State	County	Location	Year
WELLS	BANJAMIN					NY	ONTARIO	CANANDAIGUA	1790



c. Ancestry.com



The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com website's search interface. A red box highlights the 'Search' dropdown menu, which is open. A red arrow points to the 'Census & Voter Lists' option. The menu includes the following items: Search All Records, Census & Voter Lists, Birth, Marriage & Death, Public Member Trees, Military, Immigration & Travel, and Card Catalog. The background shows the 'Search for records' section with a search box and a 'Historical Records' tab.

Search Census & Voter Lists Records

Exact matches only [Search tips](#)

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name Spelling

Lived in State

Year range to
e.g. 1827 to 1903

a. Ancestry.com First Census:1790 Search Results

Search Results

Census & Voter Lists

24	1860 United States Federal Census
23	1850 United States Federal Census
19	1870 United States Federal Census
16	1880 United States Federal Census
12	1820 United States Federal Census
10	1830 United States Federal Census
7	1800 United States Federal Census
7	1810 United States Federal Census
3	1900 United States Federal Census
3	New York, Census of Inmates in Almshouses and Poorhouses, 1830-1920
2	1790 United States Federal Census
2	U.S. Census Mortality Schedules, New York, 1850-1880
2	U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885
1	1910 United States Federal Census
1	Colorado State Census, 1885
1	Minnesota, Territorial and State Census, 1849-1905
1	New York, State Census, 1892

Exact Search Results - 1790 United States Federal Census

You searched for **Benjamin Wells** in **New York** from **1790 - 1830** [Refine your search](#)

[All Census & Voter Lists Results](#) Viewing 1-2 of 2

View Record	Name	Home in 1790 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
View Record	Benjamin Wells	Caughnawaga, Montomery, New York		6	
View Record	Benjamin Wells	Canandaigua, Ontario, New York		7	



1790 Census Results

You searched for **Benjamin Wells** in **New York** from **1790 - 1830**

[All 1790 United States Federal Census Results](#)

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1790 United States Federal Census about Benjamin Wells

Name:	Benjamin Wells
Home in 1790 (City, County, State):	Canandaigua, Ontario, New York
Free White Persons - Males - Under 16:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 16 and over:	3
Free White Persons - Females:	3
Number of Household Members:	7



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Save This Record

Attach this record to a person in your tree as a source record, or save for later evaluation.

[Save](#)

Source Citation: Year: 1790; Census Place: Canandaigua, Ontario, New York; Series: M637; Roll: 6; Page: 178; Image: 234; Family History Library Film: 0568146.

Source Information:



Ancestry.com. 1790 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

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1790 Census Results

- The 1790 census recorded the name of the town or city, and the head of the household. This first census gave the federal government information regarding the men who would be available for military service. Even though the 1790 census has very limited information, it is helpful to locate your family. The age groupings can give an idea as to those in the household.
- Check also for the neighbors.

Names of heads of families	Free white males 16 years & up	Free white males under 16 years	Free white females	Slaves	Free white males 16 years & up	Free white males under 16 years	Free white females	Slaves
Brought Forward	159	31	59	1				
Abner Barlow	2	2	4	"	Abel Samphear	1	2	3
Daniel Brainard	1	2	1	"	William Henshaw	1	1	7
Seth Holcomb	3	"	"	"	Ezra Rowley	5	"	1
James Brocklebank	2	"	"	"	Frederick Catkins	2	"	1
Samuel Castle	1	"	"	"	Henry M. Cornish	3	4	3
Benjamin Wells	3	1	3	"	Ephraim Patterson	4	1	5
John Freeman	2	1	"	"	Shabod Patterson	1	2	1
Abraham Lapham	6	"	"	"	Benjamin Eaton	1	"	"
Isaac Hathaway	3	2	1	"	Est. Mead Esq.	1	"	3



d. Census Finder

Census Finder

A Directory of Free Census Records

Finding Your Ancestors In Census Records

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37,185 links to census records online and growing.

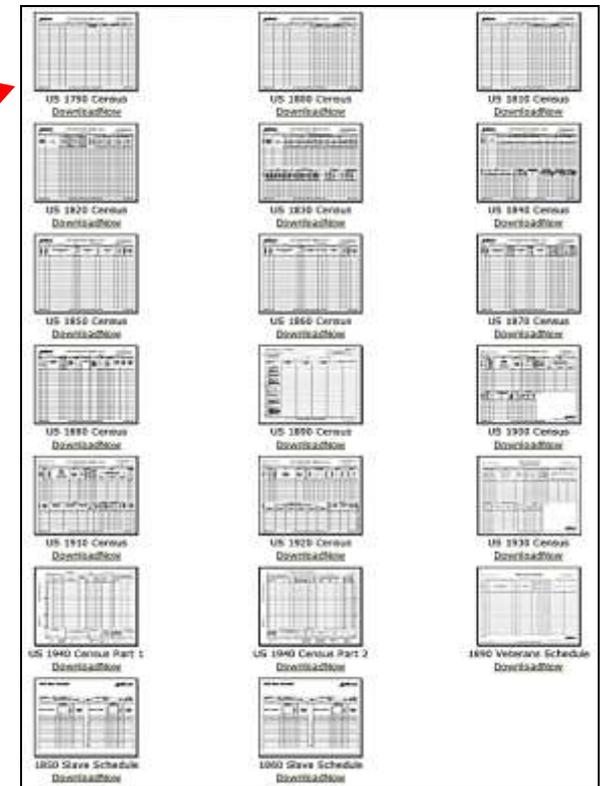


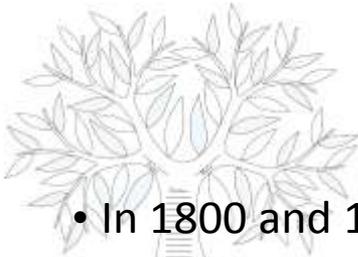
4. What Are Some Tips to Use the Censuses?

1. Try to find your ancestor in every census that was taken in his/her lifetime. Use charts to help you trace them.
2. When you find your ancestor, copy that page and a few pages before and after. A relative may live nearby.
3. You need to become proficient at searching for probable spellings of your surnames.
4. If most family members have common names, search for the person with the most unusual name. If the father was George Brown and the mother Mary Brown, search for the son, Eric Brown.
5. Some indexes allow “keyword” searches. Look for professions, if your ancestor had an unusual job. Use the names of other people in the family.
6. As with all genealogical research, make sure to cite the source!

5. Where can I Find Blank Census Forms?

- FamilySearch.org
- <http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/help/censusbook/Section%205.pdf>
- Ancestry.com
- <http://www.ancestry.com/charts/census.aspx>
- Access Genealogy
- <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/census/freecensusforms.htm>





7. Using Ancestry.com Censuses

b. Second Census:1800

- In 1800 and 1810, the county, parish, township, town or city was included. The head of household was listed, but the age groupings differed from the 1790.
- From 1790 to 1840, every name listed in the census was indexed, because only heads of household were listed.

1800 United States Federal Census about Benjamin Wells

Name:	Benjamin Wells
Home in 1800 (City, County, State):	Canandaigua, Ontario, New York
Free White Persons - Males - Under 10:	2
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 15:	2
Free White Persons - Males - 16 thru 25:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44:	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44:	1
Number of Slaves:	1
Number of Household Members Under 16:	6
Number of Household Members Over 25:	2
Number of Household Members:	10

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Exact Search Results - 1800 United States Federal Census

You searched for Benjamin Wells in New York from 1790 - 1830 [Refine your search](#)

[All Census & Voter Lists Results](#)

View Record	Name	Home in 1800 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves
View Record	Benjamin Wells	Painted Post, Steuben, New York	1	12
View Record	Benjamin Wells	Newtown, Tioga, New York		7
View Record	Benjamin Wells	Saratoga, Saratoga, New York		5
View Record	Benjamin Wells	Stephen and New Castle, Westchester, New York		7
View Record	Benjamin Wells	Canandaigua, Ontario, New York	1	10
View Record	Benjamin Wells	Peru, Clinton, New York		6
View Record	Benjn Wells [Benjamin Wells]	Stephentown, Rensselaer, New York		5

Results per page: 50

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c. Third Census: 1810

In 1810, eight states have missing schedules with the Illinois Territory and Ohio having only one county extant. 1810 also included information regarding manufacturing.

Exact Search Results - 1810 United States Federal Census
 You searched for **Benj* Wells** in **New York** from **1790 - 1830** [Refine your search](#)

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View Record	Name	Home in 1810 (City, County, State)	Number of Slaves	Total Number of All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves	View Census
View Record	Benj Wells	Gorham, Ontario, New York		1	

1810 United States Federal Census about **Benj Wells**

Name:	Benj Wells
Home in 1810 (City, County, State):	Gorham, Ontario, New York
Free White Persons - Males - 45 and over:	1
Number of Household Members Over 25:	1
Number of Household Members:	1



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1800 and 1810 US Census Results



1800

Phadens Chapin	1		1	1		1	1	
Israel Chapin	1		1					
John Clarke	1		3		3	2	2	1
Elijah Husley		1	4		1			
Ezra Platt	3	2	4		5	1	1	1
Richard Ingrum	1		1		1			
William Antis		1	1		1		2	1
Garnet Cayton	1	2			1			
Martin Dudley			3		2			
Phineas Paine			1		1			
Richard Moon	1				1			
Benjamin Wells	2	2	1		1			1
William Nicholl					2			

1810

Jno. Fanning	3	2		1		1		1
Benj. Wells					1			
Erastus Taylor				1		3		



d. Fourth Census: 1820

- For the first time, the number of foreigners not naturalized, and the number of persons, including slaves, involved in agriculture, commerce or manufacture.
- The category of 16-18 may cause confusion with the age grouping of 14-16. Be careful when evaluating the ages.

Extra & Kenton	2	/		/		3	/	/		/		
John Strickerbocker	1		/	/				/		/		
John Tailing			/	/	/		2	2	/		2	
Benjamin Wells	3	/		/	/	/		/		/		
Lewis Woodruff	1			/		2		/			/	
William Lawrence		/		2				/		2	/	

1820 United States Federal Census about Benjamin Wells	
Name:	Benjamin Wells
Home in 1820 (City, County, State):	Gorham, Ontario, New York
Enumeration Date:	August 7, 1820
Free White Persons - Males - Under 10:	3
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 15:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44:	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44:	1
Free White Persons - Under 16:	5
Free White Persons - Over 25:	2
Total Free White Persons:	7
Total All Persons - White, Slaves, Colored, Other:	7

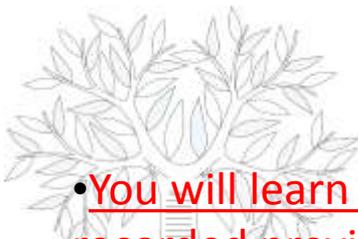


e. Fifth Census:1830

This is the first census to include an age category for “over 100” and the age groupings have changed again. Also added was information about deaf, dumb, and blind. This may indicate further court records, such as guardianship.

1830 United States Federal Census about Benjamin Wells	
Name:	Benjamin Wells [Benjamin Watts]
Home in 1830 (City, County, State):	Cohocton, Steuben, New York
Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9:	2
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 15 thru 19:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 40 thru 49:	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 5:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 5 thru 9:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 30 thru 39:	1
Free White Persons - Under 20:	7
Free White Persons - 20 thru 49:	2
Total Free White Persons:	9
Total - All Persons (Free White, Slaves, Free Colored):	9

Head of Household	Under 5	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 79	80 to 89	90 to 99	100 and over
Richard Mott		2											
John R Woodard		1											
Salomon L Haight	1	1	1										
John Dickinson		1	1	1	1								
Isaac Morehouse	1	1	1	1	1								
Benjamin Wells	0	2	1	1	1								



g. Seventh Census: 1850

You will learn more about your ancestors in the 1850 census than any Federal census recorded previously due to the listing of the names of all family members and their exact ages. Once you find your ancestors in this census, it may be easier to work backwards to earlier censuses as you can compare them with this one, making it easier to identify individuals. You can learn the occupation or profession of your ancestors and this census also include mortality schedules which listed every person who died within the year by name and gave the reason for death. Slave schedules listed slave owner's names along with the number of slaves owned.

600 606	John Smith	32		Farmer	1	100
	Ann	29	f			
	James	12	m			
	Elizabeth	8	f			
	David	6	m			

21m 31m
17f 1-1 ✓

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Nancy Smith	8	f				769
John	3	m				
James H.	1	m				
Nancy	26	f				
Mathew Matthews	22	m				
John Smith	23	f				
Abigail Wells	28					
Eliza Kempfield	22					
Augusta Wells	21					
John	1	m				
George Willcox	66					769
Leah Wells	26					769



h. Eighth Census: 1860

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The 1860 census asks the same census questions plus the value of personal property.

104	104	Henry Wells	27	m	farmer	800	300	Ny	
		Ann	21	f	—			Wales	
		Olliver Posten	7	m	—			Ny	
105	105	John Truax	44	m	farmer	2000	600	Ny	
		Ann	39	f	—			do	
		Ralph C	12	m	—			do	1
		Nancy	15	f	—			do	1
		Wells	10	m	—			do	1
		Mary E	8	f	—			do	1
		Nancy Truax	70	f	Wid			do	

104	104	Henry Wells	27	m	farmer	800	300	Ny	
		Olliver Posten	7	m	—			Ny	
105	105	John Truax	44	m	farmer	2000	600	Ny	
		Ann	39	f	—			do	
		Ralph C	12	m	—			do	1
		Nancy	15	f	—			do	1
		Wells	10	m	—			do	1



i. Ninth Census: 1870

The 1870 census asked if the parents were of foreign birth which is a great help in finding immigrant ancestors and opens up the possibility of locating naturalization records when they became naturalized.

Page No. 37 Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Madison, in the County of Sanilac, State of Mich, enumerated by me on the 19 day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Adrian McLard, Ass't Marshal.

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3			" Jennie	18	F	w	at home			"								
4			" Wilkinnia Lybia	24	F	w	"			"								
5			" Edward	2	M	w	"			Michigan								
6			" Elmer	3 1/2	M	w	"											

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j. Tenth Census:1880

The 1880 census was the first census to ask each person where their parents were born--a tremendous help to researchers. This is also the first census to give each person's relationship to the head of the household. Just keep in mind, the wife is not always the mother of all children listed. It also asks about a sickness or disability.

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	Phibbs	18 58 53	Wife	1	Keeping house					N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
	Eliza A	18 44 5	Daughter	1		Heb. dicor				Mich	Mich	Mich



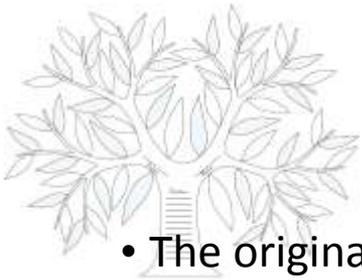
k. Eleventh Census: 1890

- The 1890 census was mostly destroyed in a 1921 warehouse fire. Small fragments of the 1890 census survived and comprises less than 1% of the original schedules. Keep in mind that even the remaining census fragments do not contain complete counties, townships or districts. The loss of these census records has put a real kink in genealogy research during this time period, particularly when people seem to have begun moving around a lot more. It is much harder to pick up the trail of our ancestors when there is a 20 year gap between records. This would have been the first enumeration for Oklahoma so people with ancestry in OK will experience particular difficulty with the lost of this census.
- The 1890 census schedules enumerating Union Veterans and widows of Union veterans of the Civil War did survive and is often used as a 1890 census substitute. Although, it is most likely not helpful if your ancestor was on the Confederate side, sometimes even the Confederates were listed in error by the census taker in these schedules, so it would be wise to check these. Please take note: Some of the 1890 Veterans & Widows census schedules were lost.



I. Twelfth Census: 1900

- The 1900 census provided columns for the month and year of birth for every person. This is the only census which provides this information, allowing researchers to more closely pinpoint the age and birth date of their ancestors.
- Another great clue in the 1900 census is the addition of questions about the number of years married and number of children born to a mother along with how many are still living. This will help you determine if a person has been married before, a second wife, a second husband, and very importantly if the children listed in the household are all the children of the wife shown.
- If you are researching an immigrant ancestor in the 1900 time period, you will be able to see the year of immigration and information about naturalization, making it easier to gather records about these individuals
- The 1900 census has been "soundexed". The soundexing system uses a numbering system for letters allowing a name to be indexed by the way it sounds, rather than the way it is spelled. The census was indexed by Soundex code on index cards which in turn have been recorded on microfilm which is housed at NARA, the LDS Library in Salt Lake City and various libraries. Each index card lists all family members making it easier to find someone in the 1900 census records.



n. Fourteenth Census: 1920

- The original 1920 census schedules were destroyed by the government so there not any originals to check if the microfilm copies are difficult to read.
- Women will more often be found in the 1920 census listed as the head of household than in past census years so if you are having a difficult time locating a male ancestor, try searching for the wife as the head of household.

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		Jennie M	daughter	



o. Fifteenth Census: 1930

- The original 1930 census documents were destroyed by the US government, leaving only the microfilmed copies for research. This may be disheartening for some family history researchers if the pages of the 1930 census on which their ancestor is found, were not microfilmed well.
- The 1930 census takers recorded the actual date of enumeration on each page of this census, allowing the genealogy researcher to pinpoint ages more correctly.

Supervisor's District No. 1

Enumerated by me on April 4, 1930, Christopher Hoffman, Enumerator.

66	9372	53	19	Jacobson Jack J	Head
67				Marie E	Wife
68				Norothy	daughter

7. Where Can I Go For Further Free Information?

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1 SELECT CENSUS YEAR:

What you should know about the Census.

1940 Census availability schedule

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- Location of Non-population Census Schedules
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Section 5: Census Forms, 1790-1930

Census Book

The Census Book by William Dollarhide is a comprehensive review of census schedules that will allow you to take advantage of the research possibilities revealed by census data. It provides many unknown facts and peculiarities about census records that will help you understand the data in **HeritageQuest Online**. To learn more about the census, use the table of contents below to navigate to specific items of interest or browse the entire book for a full overview.

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