

A Deep Dive Into The US Census

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Let's Get Started!*

*Do not take census information as final proof. As with all records, always verify information with multiple sources.

How much information is on a census record?

- That depends on the year of the census.
 - The first US census was 1790 US population was 3.9 million.
 - 1790-1840 censuses recorded names of head of household and age class of people in household.
 - 1850 census was the first to enumerate all members of household.
 - 1850 was also the first slave schedule.
 - 1860 was the first census where American Indians were officially counted.
 - US population was 31.4 million.
 - Indian population was recorded as 40,000.
 - 1890 census almost all the original records were destroyed in a fire in 1921.
 - 1950 census the most recent census released for public use (150.7 million).



- Understand what is in each census.
 - Understanding the terminology or intent of the questions
 - Knowing the dates for each census
- Instructions and information for each census can be found at:
 - https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950/enumerator-instructions
 - https://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tEnumInstr.shtml
 - https://usa.ipums.org/usa/resources/voliii/measuring_america.pdf



- Enumeration date is the "as of" date used in the census.
 - Records the residence, individuals in the household, and age "as of" that date. It is not the date the census questions were asked.

Year	Enumeration Date
1950	April 1
1940	April 1
1930	April 1
1920	January 1
1910	April 15
1900	June 1
1890	June 2
1880	June 1
1870	June 1
1860	June 1
1850	June 1
1840	June 1
1830	June 1
1820	August 7
1810	August 6
1800	August 4
1790	August 2

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United States Federal Census Dates



- Usually, we would start with the most recent census and work backward.
 - You usually have more information for recent people.
 - Identify known family members that were present during the census.
- However, when searching for immigrants, you should start with the first census they would be listed in and work forward.



- Develop a search strategy.
 - Know who you are looking for and who is in the family.
 - Have a good idea about possible locations where they may have lived.
 - Know approximate birth years.
- If you can't find them, try searching for only the last name in the area you believe they lived.
 - Try various spellings.

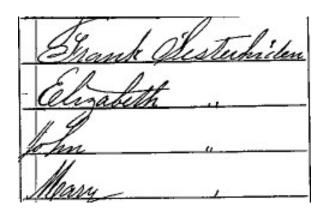


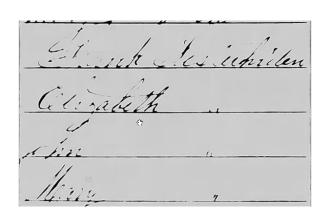
- Names listed on census were usually for people who were living there
 in April of the census year, but it may vary by census year.
- People who moved in or were born between that date and the date of the census were usually not enumerated in that household.
 - You may find them in a previous location.
 - The enumerator may have included them even if they were not supposed to.
 - They may be listed in both locations.
 - Or, they could have been missed entirely in the census.



- Check various spellings and misspellings.
 - Enumerators may have misspelled the name.
 - Transcribers may have misspelled the name.
- Check various sources.
 - Some sites may have clearer records or better transcriptions.
 - FamilySearch
 - Ancestry
 - MyHeritage
 - FindMyPast
 - Fold3
 - National Archives
 - others







- 1860 Census (Ancestry)
- Frank Sisterhiden

- 1860 Census (Fold3)
- Frank Lesterhiden

Who is it really? Frank Westerheide



- Some 1800 and 1810 censuses are arranged in close to alphabetical order.
 - The alphabetical order may be approximate meaning people on one page generally start with the same letter.
 - Spellings may not be correct, so look for something that sounds like the name you are searching for.



Missing Census Records

- 1790 Delaware, Georgia, New Jersey, Virginia
- 1800 Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, New Jersey, Virginia, Indiana Territory, Mississippi Territory and Northwest Territory (only Washington County records from the Northwest Territory survive)
- 1810 District of Columbia, Georgia, New Jersey, Tennessee, Indiana Territory, Michigan Territory, Mississippi Territory and Louisiana Territory (Missouri). Partial losses include Illinois Territory where one of its two counties St. Clair is lost but Randolph records exist, Ohio Territory where everything is lost except for Washington County.



Missing Census Records

- 1820 Arkansas Territory, Missouri Territory and New Jersey. Partial losses: half the counties in Alabama and the Eastern Counties of Tennessee
- 1830 Some countywide losses in Massachusetts, Maryland, and Mississippi
- 1890 Much of the 1890 census was destroyed in a fire in 1921. An estimated 6,100 records survived including incomplete sets of schedules from Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, and the District of Columbia.



Date of birth:

- Prior to the 1850 census the age classes are too broad to estimate birth year.
- 1840 census gives ages for Revolutionary War pensioners.
- 1850-1950 censuses list each person's age. Year of birth can be estimated by subtracting the age from the census year (generally assume +/- 2 years but it may be more).
- 1870-1880 censuses list persons birth month if they were born within the year (June 1 of previous year to May 31 of census year).
- 1900 census lists person's month and year of birth as well as their age.
- Many censuses list partial ages indicating age in months (3/12 = 3 months).



Place of birth:

- Prior to 1850 census birthplace is not included.
- 1850-1950 censuses indicate a person's place of birth (country or state).
- 1870 census indicates if parents were of foreign birth by a check mark.
- 1880-1930 censuses list the state or country of birth for parents.
- 1940 census lists the state or country of birth of parents for those who had supplemental information (only 2 people per page).
- 1950 census lists the state or country of birth of parents for those who had sample question (5 per page).



Marriage date:

- 1850-1880 censuses indicate if person was married within the year (usually June 1 of the year before to May 31 of the census year).
- 1900-1910 censuses list the number of years married for each person.
- 1930 census lists the age of first marriage (may not be the current marriage).
- 1940 census <u>supplemental data</u> section asks if a woman was married more than once and age at first marriage.
- 1950 census <u>supplemental question</u> asks if married, widowed, divorced, or separated, how many years since this event occurred (1 per page).
- What does it mean if you see M1 or M2 in the marriage status?
 - First or second marriage



- Number of children:
 - All of the censuses list the number of individuals living in the household.
 - 1790-1840 censuses use tally marks to represent each person in the household. They may or may not be related.
 - 1850-1870 censuses list people living in a household but not their relationships.
 - 1880-1950 censuses list the relationships for each person to the head of household.
 - Only the 1900-1910 censuses list how many children were born to the mother and how many are still living.
 - This is helpful in finding unknown children who may have died between censuses.
 - 1940 census <u>supplemental data</u> lists total number of children born.
 - 1950 census supplemental question asks if female was ever married, how many children has she ever borne, not counting stillbirths (1 per page).



- Immigration information:
 - 1820-1830 censuses list number of individuals in a household who were of foreign birth and not a naturalized citizen.
 - 1850-1950 censuses list place of birth for the individual.
 - 1870 census has a column for "Male Citizens of the US of 21 years of age and upwards." If the person was of foreign birth and this column is checked he would have been naturalized prior to 1870.
 - 1880-1930 censuses list the place of birth for parents.
 - 1900-1930 censuses list person's year of immigration.
 - 1900-1940 censuses list person's naturalization status. AL=alien, PA=first papers, NA=naturalized.
 - 1900 census lists number of years in the US.
 - 1920 census lists year of immigration and naturalization.
 - 1940 census <u>supplemental data</u> lists place of birth for parents for 2 individuals per page.
 - 1950 census asks if foreign born, is the person naturalized.



- Military Service:
 - 1840 census indicates if an individual was a pensioner of the Revolutionary War or other military service and gives the name/age if other than the head of household.
 - 1910 census indicates if the person was a "Survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy."
 - UA or CA=Union Army or Confederate Army
 - UN or CN=Union Navy or Confederate Navy
 - *Often these columns are overwritten with numbers like 2-1-0-0. These are notes for statistical analysis and do not have meaning for military status.*
 - 1930 census records if a person was a member of the military mobilized for war or an expedition and indicates which event they fought in.
 - Civ=Civil War, SP=Spanish American War, Phil=Philippine Insurrection, Box=Boxer Rebellion, Mex=Mexican Expedition, WW=World War I
 - 1940 census <u>supplemental data</u> indicates veteran status.
 - W=World War I, S=Spanish American War, Philippines Expedition or Boxer Rebellion, SW=Both Spanish American War and World War I, R=Peacetime Service, Ot=Any other
 - 1940 census <u>supplemental data</u> also lists if person was a child of a veteran.
 - 1950 census asks males if they ever served in the US Armed Forces (World War I, World War II, Any other time).



Property Ownership:

- 1790 census lists if the family lived in a house or a store.
- 1850-1870 censuses list value of real property (land) owned by each person.
- 1860-1870 censuses list value of personal property owned by each person.
- 1900-1940 censuses indicate whether person owned (O) or rented (R) property.
- 1900-1930 censuses indicate if the property had a mortgage (M) or was owned free of mortgage (F).
- 1930-1940 censuses indicate the value of the property if owned or the monthly rent.
- 1900-1910, 1930-1950 censuses indicate if they lived in a house or on a farm.
- 1900-1950 censuses have a column for farm schedule.



Education:

- 1840 census lists number of individuals who were "scholars" and number of individuals in family over 20 years who cannot read and write.
- 1850-1940 censuses list whether person attended school within the year.
- 1940 census lists the highest grade completed (0, 1-8, H1-H4, C1-C5).
- 1850-1930 census list if person can read and write.
 - 1850-1860 census lists if they cannot read and write for individuals over 20 years of age.
- 1950 census education questions were asked for 5 people per page. Included highest grade attended, did they finish the grade, and did they attend school since February 1.



Employment:

- 1790 census lists occupation of head of household.
- 1810 census has blank lines where enumerators could indicate if family members worked in specific industries important to the location.
- 1820 census lists number of individuals in a family who were involved in agriculture, commerce, or manufacturing.
- 1840 census indicates number of individuals in a family who were involved in mining, agriculture, commerce, manufacturing, navigation of ocean, navigation of inland waterways, or learned professionals/engineers.
- 1850-1940 censuses list the occupation of individuals over age 15.
- 1950 censuses list the occupation of individuals over age 14.
- Agricultural census schedules exist for 1850-1880; manufacturing census schedules exist for 1820 and 1850-1880.



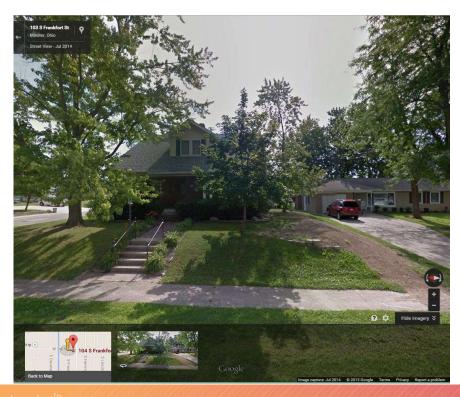
- Employment status:
 - 1850-1860 censuses indicate if a person is a pauper or convict.
 - 1880-1900 censuses list number of months unemployed.
 - 1910 & 1940 censuses list number of weeks unemployed.
 - 1930 census lists if a person was unemployed.
 - 1940 census indicates if individual was employed by government work (WPA, CCC, etc.)
 - 1920 & 1940 censuses list if person was an employee or employer.
 - 1940 census lists number of weeks worked, average hours per week and annual income for 1939.
 - 1950 census asks employment status and how many hours they worked in the last week.

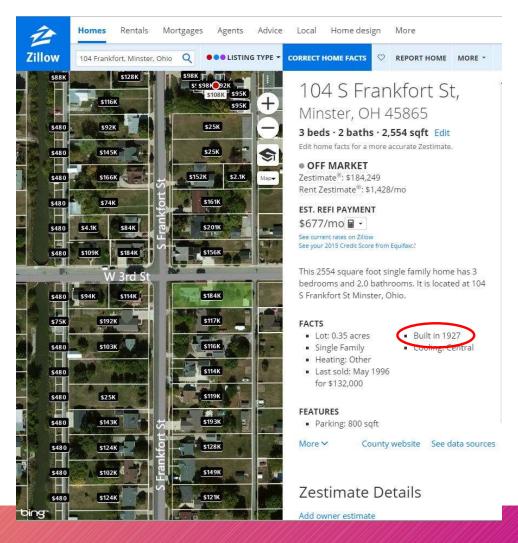


- Address:
 - 1880-1950 censuses list street name and house number.
 - Use this to search Google Maps, property appraisers databases, real estate databases, etc.
 - 1880-1950 censuses include enumeration districts.



What can I learn from the address?







What does the Enumeration District tell us?

- http://www.archives.gov/research/search/
- https://stevemorse.org/census/arc1940-1950edmaps.html
 - How to search date => state => county => ED (ex. 1940 census Ohio Auglaize 6-14)

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- Slavery:
 - 1790-1840 censuses list number, sex and age groups of slaves owned.
 - 1850-1860 censuses have their own slave schedules.
- Physical/mental disabilities:
 - 1830-1870, 1910 censuses enumerate deaf, dumb and blind individuals.
 - 1840-1870 censuses list number of individuals who were insane or idiots.
- Were they techies?
 - 1930 census lists if the family owned a radio.

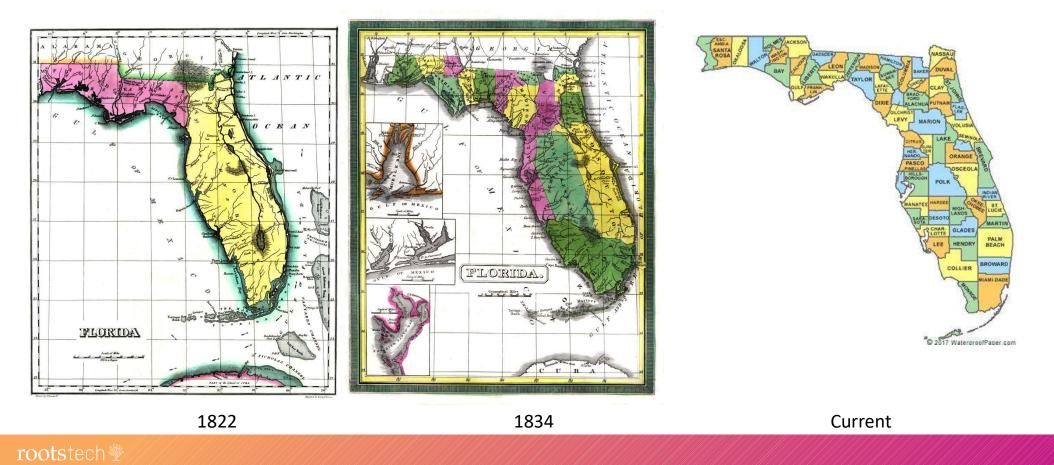


Know Your Boundaries

- State and county boundaries shift over time. Make sure you are looking in the right place.
- Florida became a territory in 1822 and was granted statehood in 1845.
- First US census for Florida
 - 1820 Pensacola & Escambia River
 - 1830 & 1840 Florida Territory
 - 1850 Florida as a state

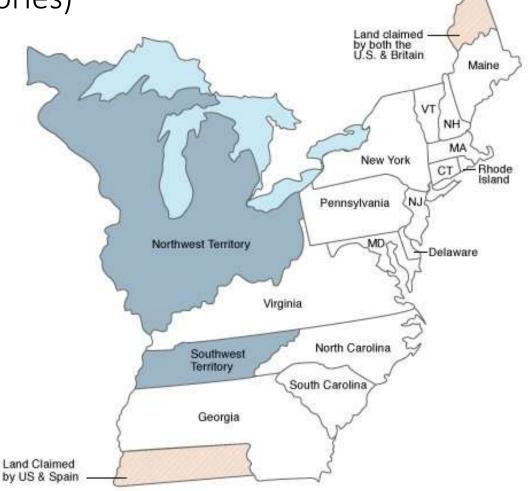


County Boundaries Change



1790 Census (14 states/territories)

- Location of residence community, township, county, state
- Name of head of household
- # of dwelling houses
- # free white males >16 years old
- # free white males <16 years old
- # free white females
- # other free persons
- # slaves
- Total occupants of residence





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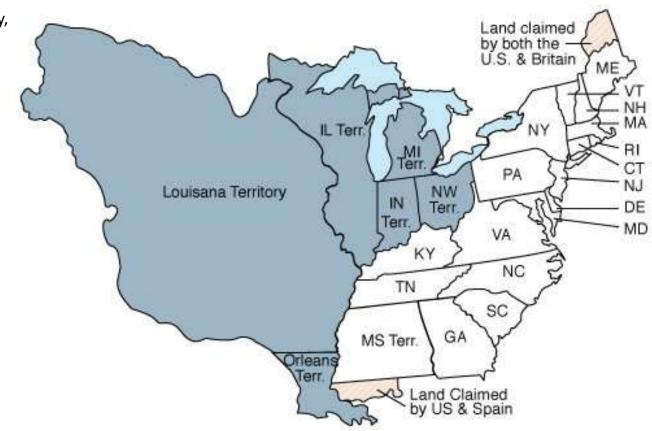
- The names are listed in order of visitation.
 - You should look at a few pages prior and subsequent to see if you recognize any familiar names.
 - Many times families married or migrated with neighbors.
- There are only two age classes in this census, making it more difficult to compare similar families.
- Only lists name of head of household.

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1800-1810 Censuses

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- # all other free persons
- # slaves
- total occupants of residence



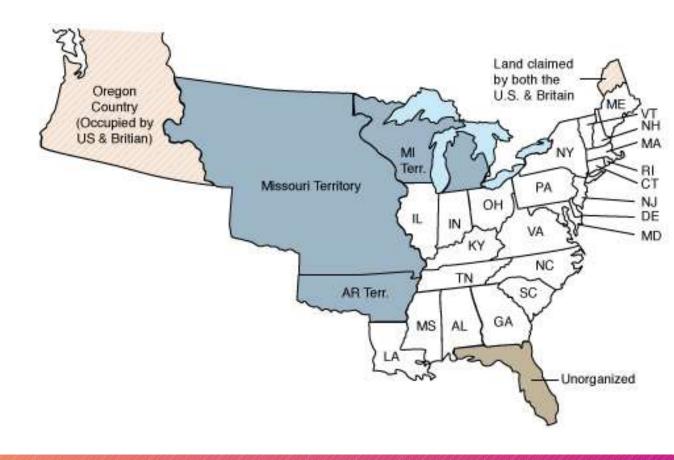
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- These censuses have more age classes than the 1790 census which allow you to compare families more easily.
- Only lists name of head of household.
- 1800 census includes 16 states (added Kentucky and Tennessee)
- 1810 census includes 17 states (added Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Louisiana, and Orleans Territories)

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1820 Census (26 states/territories)

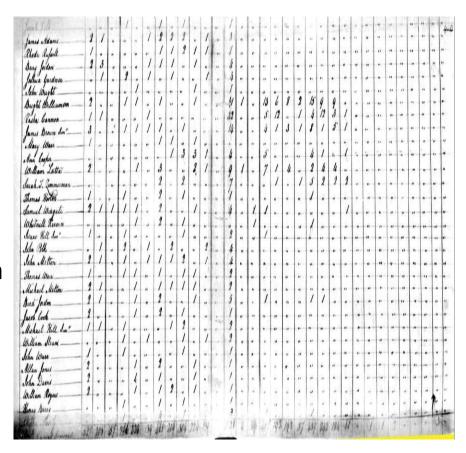
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- # free white females 26-45 years old
- # free white females >45 years old
- all other free persons
- # slaves
- # persons not naturalized
- # persons employed in agriculture, commercial, manufacturing





1820 Census

- There is an additional age classes in this census.
 - Free white males 16-18.
 - However, there is also an age class of free white males 16-26.
 - Be careful not to double count.
- Naturalization and employment information is included.
 - This can lead you to additional records, such as naturalization and trade documents where you may find additional information.
- Only lists name of head of household.





1830 Census (27 states/territories)

- This census has the same information as previous censuses but includes the addition of:
- More age classes for free whites: 0-5, 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, 60-70, 70-80, 80-90, 90-100, >100
- Age classes for slaves: <10, 10-24, 24-36, 36-50, 50-100, >100
- Deaf, dumb and blind persons with age classes: 0-14, 14-25,
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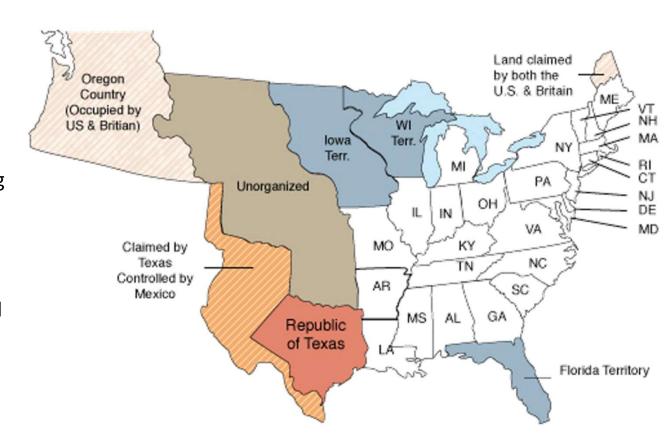
- There are several additional age classes in this census.
 - Makes it much easier to compare families.
- Deaf, dumb and blind can lead you to look in institutions, schools and hospitals for relevant records.
- Naturalization information is included.
 - This can lead you to additional records, such as naturalization documents where you
 may find additional information.
- Does not include the occupational information found in the 1820 census.
- Only lists name of head of household.



1840 Census (30 states/territories)

This census has the same information as previous censuses but includes the addition of:

- Occupational information: # of individuals engaged in mining, agriculture, commerce, manufacturing and trades, navigation of the oceans, navigation of the lakes, canals and rivers, learned professions and engineering
- # of white males >21 who cannot read and write
- Names and ages of all Revolutionary War pensioners





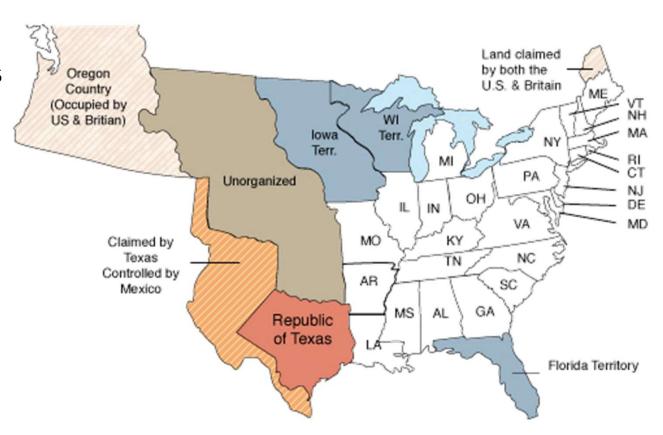
- The detailed age classes in this census makes it easier to compare families.
- Deaf, dumb and blind can lead you to look in institutions, schools and hospitals for relevant records.
- Naturalization information is included which can lead you to additional records, such as naturalization documents.
- More detailed occupational information can lead to additional research sources such as trade records, shipping logs, etc.
- Revolutionary War Pensioners information can lead to military records, pension records, and land grant/bounty records.



1850 Census (35 states/territories)

First census to list all members of household (born before June 1, 1850)

- Name, age, sex, color
- Occupation of each person >15
- Value of real estate owned
- Place of birth for each person listed
- Marital status and if married within the last year
- School attendance within the last year
- Able to read, write (>20 years)
- Deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict
- Mortality Schedule
- Slave Schedule





- The detailed personal information in this census makes it much easier to compare families.
- Place of birth helps search for migration patterns.
- Deaf, dumb, blind, pauper, convict can lead you look in institutions, schools, hospitals and prisons for relevant records.
- More detailed occupational information can lead to additional research sources such as trade records.
- Real estate information can lead to property records.
- This census indicates if people were married within the last year, narrowing down your search for marriage records.

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- Mortality Schedule
 - Lists each person who died within the year, their name and cause of death.
- Slave Schedule
 - Lists slave owner's name and number of slaves owned.



1860 Census (43 states/territories)

Includes same information as 1850 census:

Name, age, sex, color

• Occupation of each person >15

Value of real estate owned

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Place of birth for each person listed

Marital status and if married within the last year

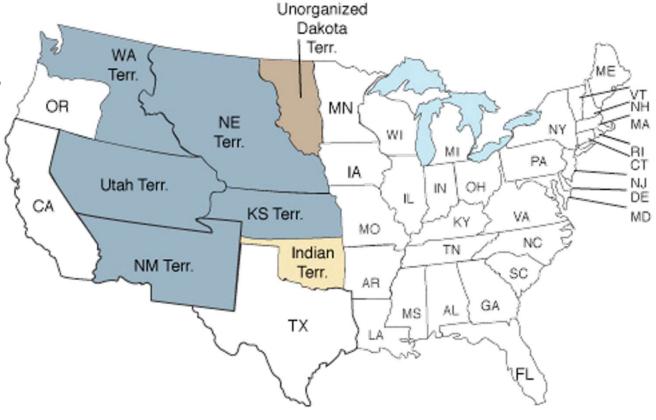
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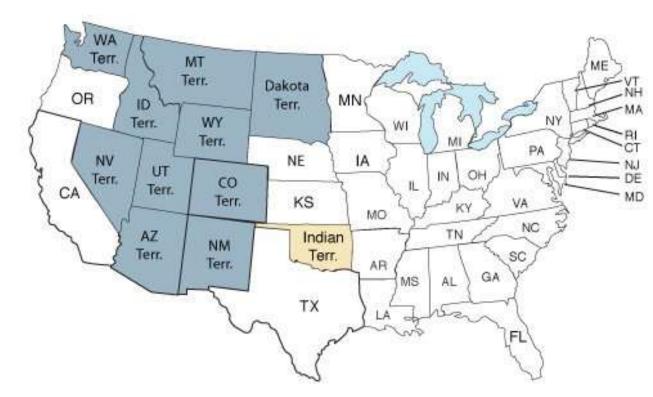




1870 Census (48 states/territories)

Includes same information as 1860 census with the addition of:

- Indicates if parents were of foreign birth
- Gives month born for anyone born within the last year – some include age in months
- Gives month of marriage if it occurred within last year
- If male >21 whether they can vote or not
- Mortality Schedule
- Slave Schedule



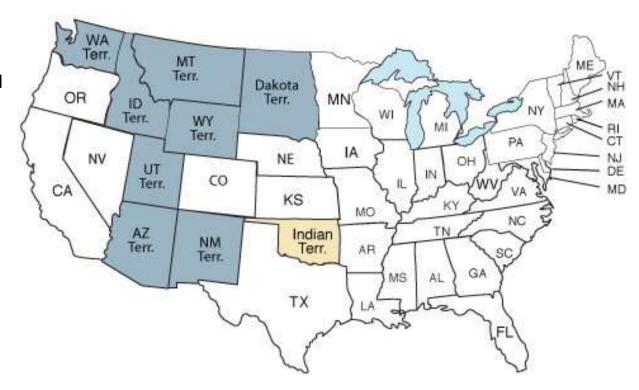


- If parents were of foreign birth this could lead to immigration or naturalization records with more information.
- Status of voting rights for males over 21 years of age could lead you to discover why they cannot vote.



1880 Census (48 states/territories)

- Includes same information as 1870 census with the addition of:
 - House number and street name
 - Relationship to head of household
 - Marital status (S, M, Wd, D)
 - # of months unemployed during census year
 - Sick or temporarily disabled
 - Blind, deaf, dumb, idiotic, insane, maimed, crippled, bedridden, permanently disabled
 - Place of birth for mother & father
- Mortality Schedule (last time)
- Indian Schedule (first time)





- If parents were of foreign birth, knowing their place of birth could lead to immigration or naturalization records with more information.
- The relationship of household members to head of household is important in tracking the family. Remember that the wife is not always the parent of the children listed.
- Actual street addresses allows you to pinpoint the residence. I use Google Maps Street View and real estate sites such as Zillow and Trulia to see if the original home is still there.
- Indians may be listed in the census or in the Indian Schedule.



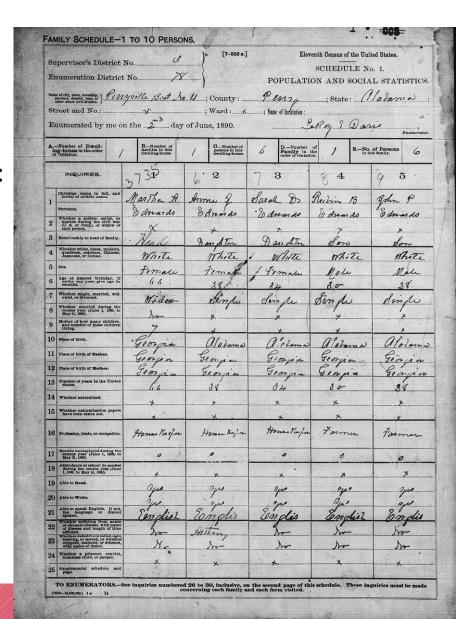
1890 Census (49 states/territories, <1% survives)

- >99% of this census was destroyed in a warehouse fire in 1921
- Only 6,160 pages remain
- 1890 Union Veterans Schedule did survive – may contain a few Confederate Veterans by mistake
- This census had a detailed questionnaire with 30 questions for each household.





- Surviving fragments include some pages from:
 - Alabama Perry County
 - Washington D.C. 13, 14, 15 Precincts
 - Georgia Muscogee County
 - Illinois McDonough County
 - Minnesota Wright County
 - New Jersey Hudson County
 - New York Westchester & Suffolk Counties
 - North Carolina Gaston & Cleveland Counties
 - Ohio Hamilton & Clinton Counties
 - South Dakota Union County
 - Texas Ellis, Hood, Rusk, Trinity & Kaufman Counties





1900 Census (50 states/territories)

Includes same information as 1880 census with the addition of:

- Month and year of birth
- How many children have been born to the mother and how many are still living.
- # of years married.
- Immigration date, # of years in US, whether naturalized.
 - AL = alien
 - PA = first papers
 - NA = naturalized
- If the family owned or rented property.
- If they lived on a farm or in a home.





- This census includes the month and year of birth. Very useful in narrowing down people. Be careful since the information is not always correct.
- The number of children born and number still living gives you a clue to find "missing" children. A general rule is that children are born 2-3 years apart. Gaps larger than that might indicate a child died between censuses.
- Number of years married helps you search for the marriage record and gives you some information on the birth of children.
- Year of immigration, number of years in US, and Naturalization status help you find immigration records.



1910 Census (46 states, plus Arizona, Alaska, Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, New Mexico, Panama Canal Zone, Philippines, and Puerto Rico)

Includes same information as 1900 census with the addition of:

- Employment status as of April 15, 1910.
- If unemployed, # of weeks out of work in 1909.
- Indicates if they are a survivor of the Civil War.





- This census provides the physical street address. This is helpful in finding real estate records or getting information on the house that they lived in.
- The number of years married helps sort out problems with children and multiple spouses.
- The number of children born and still living for the wife also helps to sort out missing children who may have died between census.
- Occupation information may help to uncover additional records including those for occupational licensing or unions.
- Civil War veteran status can lead to military records.



1920 Census (48 states, plus Alaska, Hawaii, Philippines, Guam, Samoa, US Virgin Islands, and Panama Canal Zone)

Includes same information as 1910 census with the addition of:

- Name of employer or self employed.
- Indians were included on the general schedule.





- This census also has the street number for the residence. Using the last few censuses, you can determine if the family is moving within the same town. If they have several addresses between the census you may want to research why that may be.
- Information on school attendance could help you find school year books which could provide information as well as pictures.
- Employment information may include the name of the company which they worked for. If this is listed, you may find more information by looking at business records.



1930 Census (48 states, plus Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands)

Includes same information as 1920 census with the addition of:

- Value of home or amount of rent.
- Do they own a radio?
- Age at first marriage.
- Veteran status and what war if a veteran.





- The fact that a family owns a radio may seem to be an odd point for genealogy research, but it might add to your understanding of the family.
 - Radios were new technology for the time and allowed people to hear information from around the country and the world.
 - There were only 12 million people who had access to radios in 1930.
 - This question was designed to measure the extent of the nation's leap into the new home appliance technology.
- This census lists the age at first marriage. Take a look at this for evidence of previous marriages.



1940 & 1950 Census (48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Island, Guam, Samoa, Panama Canal Zone)





1940 & 1950 Census

- These are the most recent census records released to the public.
 - Censuses are released after 72 years (2012 & 2022).
- They are also the most data rich of the available censuses.
 - Contains ages, relationships, marital status, employment status, income and education for every individual enumerated.
 - Supplemental questions include limited information on birthplace of parents, veteran status, marital status of women (previous marriages, age, number of children born).
- These censuses will have the information for our recent ancestors, many of whom may still be living.



1950 Census – Crews of Vessels

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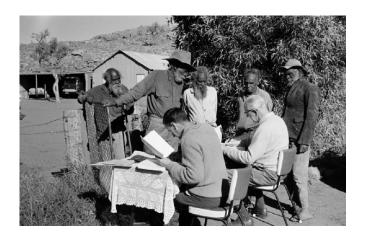
 By looking at all the details we have discussed today you will be able to get a more detailed look at the lives of your ancestors.





























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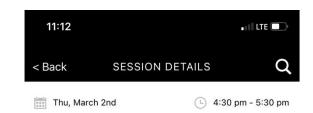




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Searching for female ancestors can feel like playing a game of hide and seek in the leaves of the family tree. Name changes and the lack of records means genealogy researchers need to use a different set of strategies to reveal those female ancestors. Learn where to search and how to interpret the clues to the women in your tree.

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NOTES

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Bonus Material In Depth Look at 1940 & 1950 Census



Family:

- Ray Westerheide Head
- 2. Laura Westerheide Wife
- 3. Lucille Westerheide daughter
- 4. Leroy Westerheide son
- 5. Mary Jean Westerheide daughter

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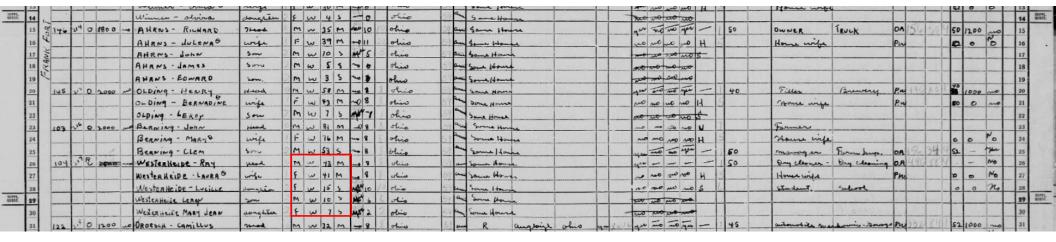
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Column A:

- 1. Ray Westerheide 0
- 2. Laura Westerheide 1
- 3. Lucille Westerheide 2
- 4. Leroy Westerheide 2
- 5. Mary Jean Westerheide 2

- 0 = Head
- 1 = Wife (of Head)
- 2 = Child (son or daughter)
- 3 = Parent
- 4 = Grandchild
- **5** = Other relative
- 6 = Lodger

- **7** = Servant
- 8 = Servant's wife, son, daughter
- 9 = Any other person (hotel/institution)
- Y = Head of hotel/institution
- X = Hired hand



Sex, Race, Age & Marital status:

- 1. Ray Westerheide M, W, 43, married
- 2. Laura Westerheide F, W, 41, married
- 3. Lucille Westerheide F, W, 15, single
- 4. Leroy Westerheide M, W, 10, single
- 5. Mary Jean Westerheide F, W, 7, single

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Education – Attends School, Highest Grade Completed:

- 1. Ray Westerheide No, 8th grade
- 2. Laura Westerheide No, 8th grade
- 3. Lucille Westerheide Yes, 10th grade
- 4. Leroy Westerheide Yes, 6th grade
- 5. Mary Jean Westerheide Yes, 2nd grade

0 indicates no schooling

1-8 indicates elementary grade completed

H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 indicates high school years completed

C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5 indicates college years completed

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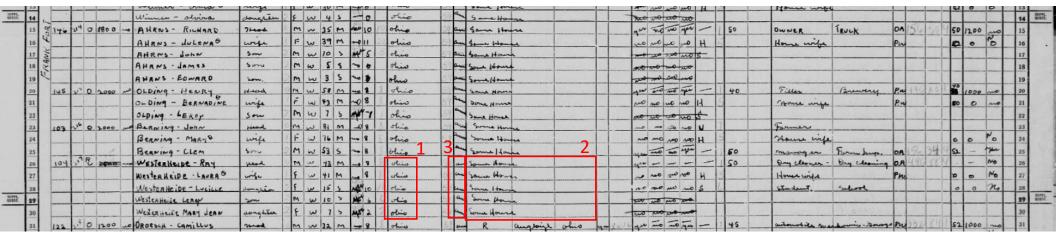
Education – Column B:

- 1. Ray Westerheide 8
- 2. Laura Westerheide 8
- 3. Lucille Westerheide 10
- 4. Leroy Westerheide 6
- 5. Mary Jean Westerheide 2

Blank = No schooling or <6 years

- **1** = 1st grade
- 2 = 2nd grade
- **3** = 3rd grade
- **4** = **4**th grade
- 5 = 5th grade
- 6 = 6th grade
- **7** = 7th grade
- **8** = 8th grade
- 9 = 1 year high school

- 10 = 2 years high school
- 20 = 3 years high school
- **30** = 4 years high school
- 40 = 1 year college
- **50** = 2 years college
- **60** = 3 years college
- **70** = 4 years college
- **80** = 5 or more years college
- 90 = unknown and >6 years old



Birth State:

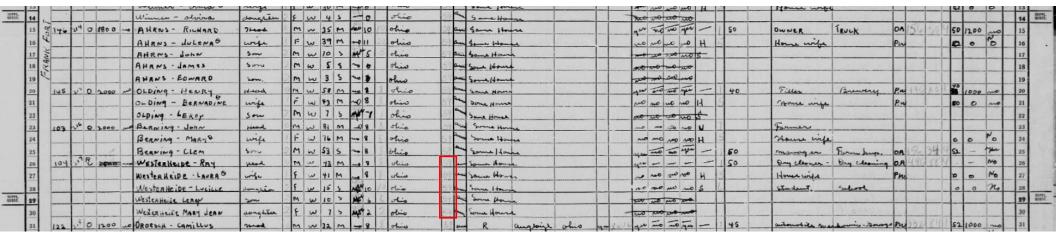
1. Everyone was born in Ohio

Residence in 1935:

2. Same House (Same Place, Rural, name of other location), County, State

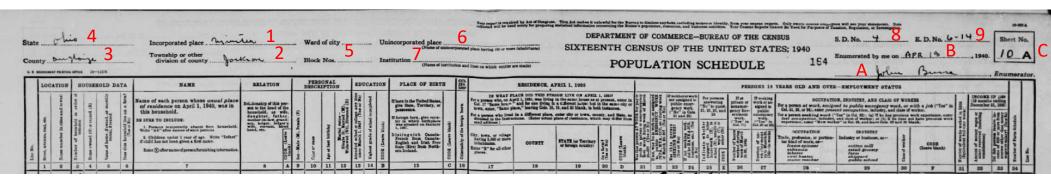
Citizenship:

3. American (Am or Am Cit), Naturalized (Na), First papers (Pa), Alien (Al)



Birth State - Column C:

- Number code indicates place of birth (should be the same as the location in previous column)
 - For more information on these codes see http://stevemorse.org/census/mcodes1940.htm



- Location of residence
 - 1. Town
 - 2. Township
 - 3. County
 - 4. State

- 5. Wards & Blocks
- 6. Unincorporated Place
- 7. Institution
- 8. Supervisor's District
- 9. Enumeration District

- Other Information
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 - C. Sheet Number

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Migration information – Column D:

Provides more detail for place of residence in 1935

Blank = Same house

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X0X0 = Same place

X0V1 = Same county, rural, non-farm

X0V2 = Same county, rural, farm

X0V3 = Same county, rural, farm residence unknown

X0V4 = Same county, urban, pop 2,500-10,000

X0V5 = Same county, urban, pop 10,000-25,000

X0V6 = Same county, urban, pop 25,000-100,000

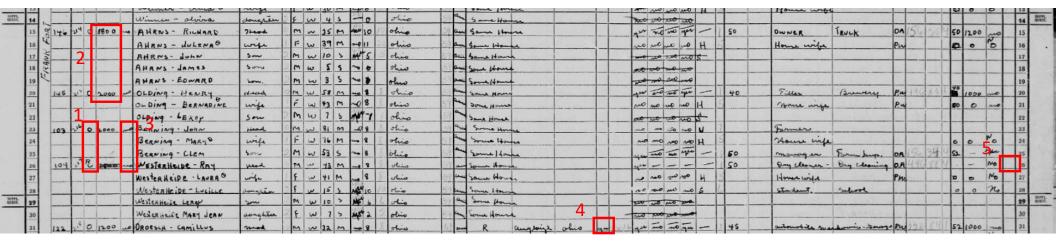
XOV7 = Same county, city, pop >100,000

X0V8 = Same county, foreign country or outlying

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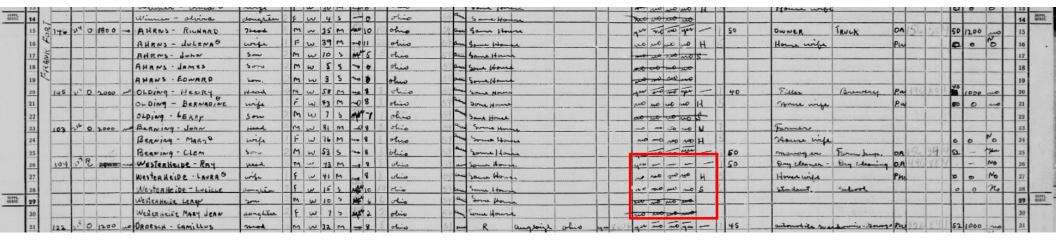
X0V9 = Same county, no additional information

XX09 = Unknown



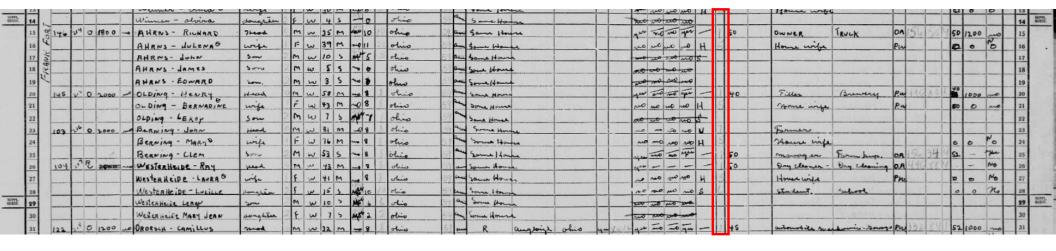
What do we know about where they lived?

- 1. Did they rent or own the home? (R, O) (What do you think, did they rent or own?)
- 2. What was the value of the home?
 - If they rented how much was rent?
- 3. Did they live on a farm? (yes, no)
- 4. Did they live on a farm in 1935? (yes, no)
- 5. Farm Schedule number.



Employment data (Questions were asked of all members of household 14 years of age and older.):

- 1. Was person at work for pay in private non-emergency government work during last week in March?
- 2. If not, was person at work or assigned to public emergency work (WPA, NYA, CCC, etc)?
- 3. If not working was person seeking work?
- 4. If not seeking work, did person have a job or business?
- If answering no to previous questions was person engaged in housework (H), in school (S), unable to work (U), or other (○) – includes retired and persons who choose not to work?



Employment data (Work status March 24-30) – Column E:

1 = At work for pay or profit in private work

2 = Assigned to work on public emergency project

3 = Seeking work

4 = Had a job/business

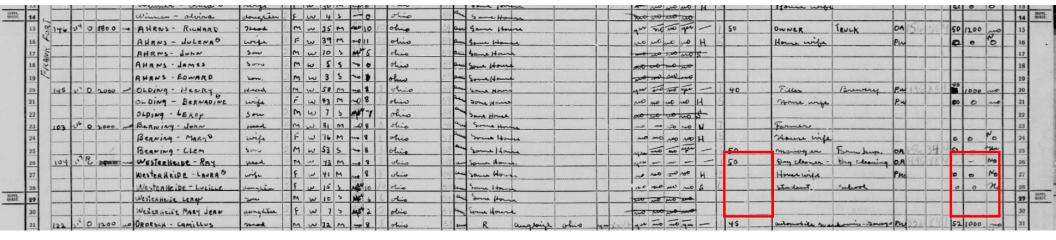
5 = Engaged in home housework

6 = In school

7 = Unable to work

8 = Other reason for not working

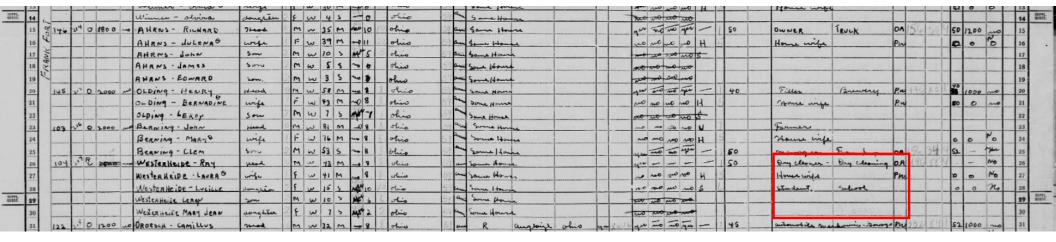
9 = Institutional inmate



Employment data (Questions were asked of all members of household 14 years of age and older.):

- 1. If employed, number of hours worked during last week in March.
- 2. If unemployed or working emergency work, number of weeks unemployed.
- 3. Number of weeks worked during 1939.
- 4. Amount of salary, wages, tips earned in 1939 (if over \$5,000 enter as 5,000+). Enter \$0 if wages were from farming, unpaid labor, in kind (room or board), or from profits.
- 5. Did person earn more than \$350 other than wages or salary?

Ray Westerheide worked 50 hours during the last week in March. Others in this section worked 40-50 hours also. 82



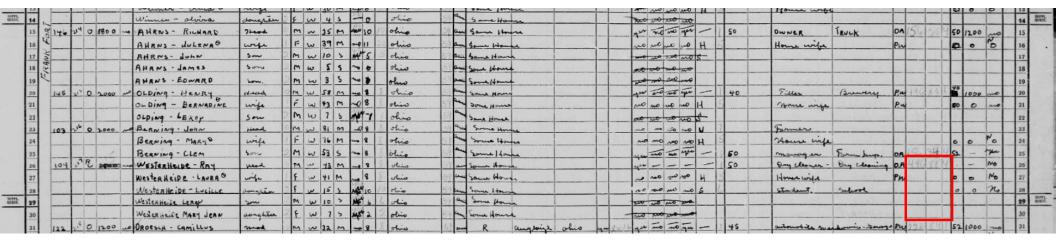
Employment data (Questions were asked of all members of household 14 years of age and older.):

- 1. Occupation: Trade, profession or particular type of work
- 2. Industry
- 3. Class of worker Private work (PW), Government work (GW), Employer (E), Own account (OA), Unpaid family worker (NP)

Ray Westerheide worked as a Dry Cleaner in the Dry Cleaning trade and was self employed with no employees. Laura Westerheide worked as a Housewife.

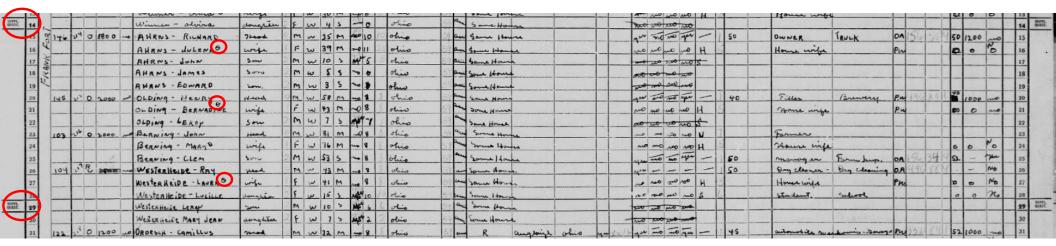
Lucille Westerheide was a Student in School.

All other children were under 14 years of age so were not counted in this category.



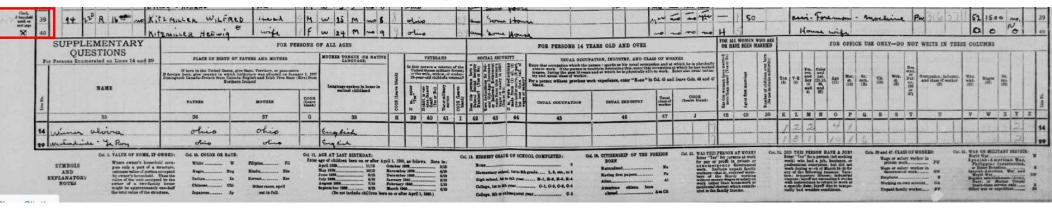
Employment data (Questions were asked of all members of household 14 years of age and older.):

- 1. Occupation Codes
 - What do these mean?
 - http://stevemorse.org/census/ocodes1940.htm
 - 496, 88, 4
 - 496 = Operative worker
 - 88 = Laundering, cleaning, and dyeing services
 - 4 = Working on own account

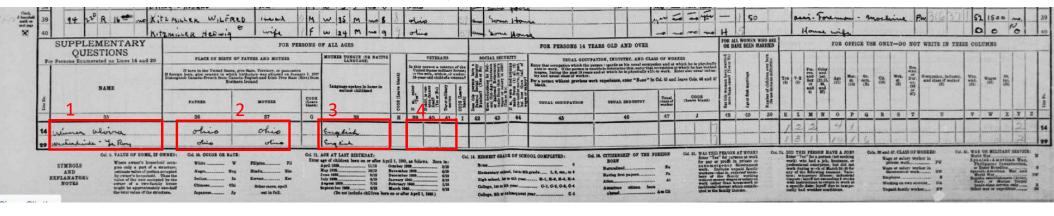


Other interesting information:

- 1. Who answered the questions that the enumerator asked?
- 2. Is there more information on an individual? Look for those on the Supplemental Questions line (lines 14 and 29).

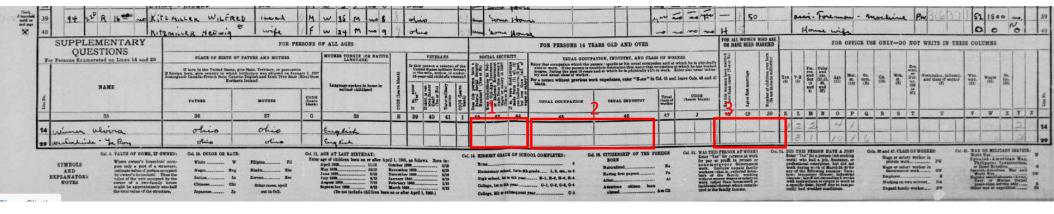


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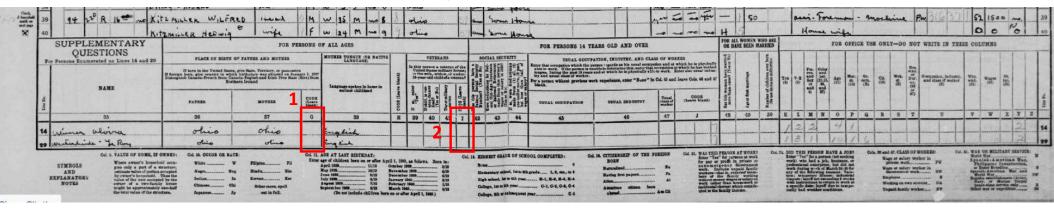
The 1940 census had a supplemental section for individuals on lines 14 and 29 of the census. Information here includes:

- 1. Name of individual
- 2. Birthplace of father and mother
- 3. Language spoken in the home as a child. (What can this tell you about the family?)
- 4. Veteran Status
 - Is the person a veteran of the US military, or the wife, widow or child under 18 of a veteran? (Does not include National Guard or Reserves.) (yes/no)
 - If a child of a veteran, is the father dead? (yes/no)
 - War or military service: World War (W), Spanish American War, Philippines Expedition or Boxer Rebellion (S), Both Spanish American War and World War (SW), Peacetime Service (R), Any other (Ot)

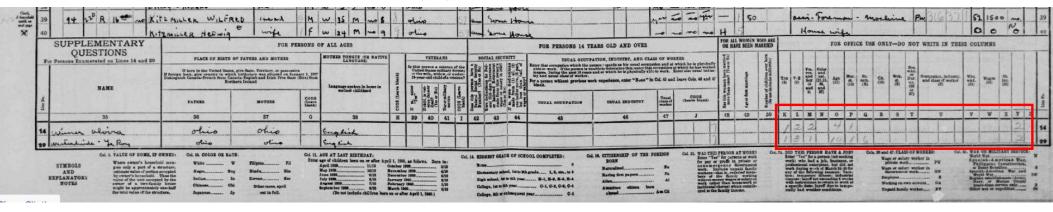


The 1940 census had a supplemental section for individuals on lines 14 and 29 of the census. Information here includes:

- 1. Social Security
 - Does person have a Social Security Number? (If yes, you might want to obtain their Social Security records.)
 - Were deductions for Old-Age Retirement or Railroad Retirement made from wages in 1939?
 - Percent of deductions made: 1=all of wages, 2=one half or more of wages, 3=less than one half of wages
- 2. Usual Occupation/Usual Industry may or may not be the same as listed in the census record above
- 3. Woman's marital information
 - Married more than once
 - Age at first marriage
 - Number of children ever born (Does not count stillborn children.)



- 1. Birthplace of parents Column G uses the same codes as Column C.
- 2. Veteran Status Column I
 - 1 = Veteran/child/wife of living World War veteran
 - 2 = Child of deceased World War veteran
 - **3** = Veteran/child/wife of Spanish-American War veteran
 - 4 = Veteran/child/wife of living veteran of World War and Spanish-American War
 - **5** = Veteran/child/wife of veteran of peace-time service (Army, Navy, Marines)
 - 6 = Veteran/child/wife of veteran of war other than World War or Spanish-American War
 - **7** = Veteran or child/wife of veteran
 - **Blank** = Not a veteran or child/wife of veteran



Column K - Own/Rent

0 = Owned home

1 = Rent home

2 = Lodger

Column L – Value of home/monthly rent

0 = <\$500/rent <\$5

1 = \$500-\$999/rent \$5-\$9

2 = \$1,000-\$1,499/rent \$10-\$14

3 = \$1,500-\$1,999/rent \$15-\$19

4 = \$2,000-\$2,999/rent \$20-\$29

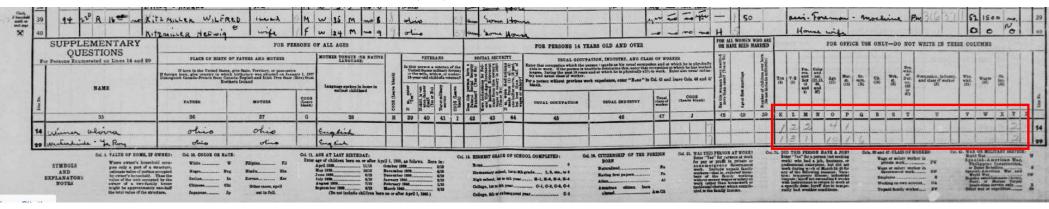
5 = \$3,000-\$3,999/rent \$30-\$39

6 = \$4,000-\$4,999/rent \$40-\$49

7 = \$5,000-\$7,499/rent \$50-\$74

8 = \$7,500-\$9,999/rent \$75-\$99

9 = >\$10,000/rent >\$100



Column M - Farm & Sex

1 = nonfarm/male

2 = nonfarm/female

3 = farm/male

4 = farm/female

Column N – Color & Nativity

Blank = Native, white, both parents native

1 = Native, white, both parents foreign born

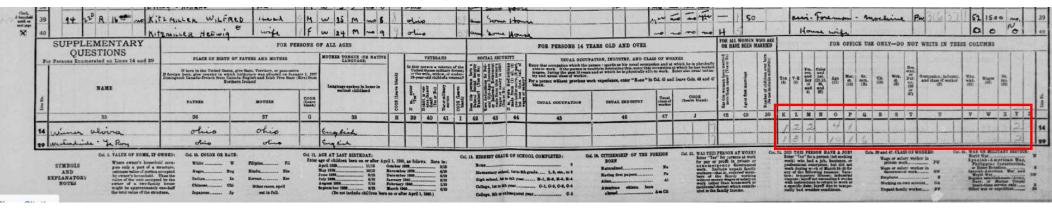
2 = Native, white, father foreign born

3 = Native, white, mother foreign born

4 = Foreign born

5 = Negro

6 = Race other than white or negro



Column O - Age

Y0 = <1 month

Y1 = 1 month

Y2 = 2 months

YX = 10 months

YY = 11 months

1 = 1 year

2 = 2 years

Column P – Marital status

1 = Single

2 = Married

3 = Widowed

4 = Divorced

7 = Married, spouse not present

Column Q – Highest grade completed coding is the same as column B

Column R - Citizenship

Blank = Born in US

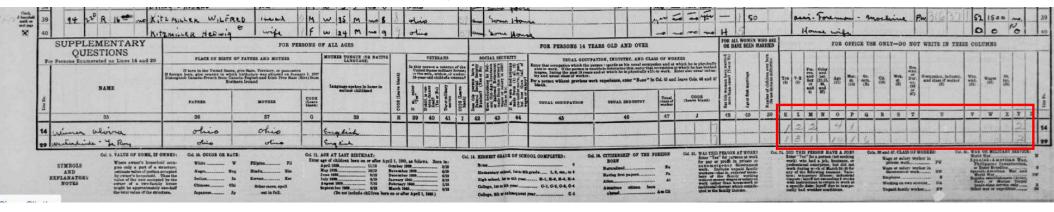
1 = Foreign born, naturalized

2 = Foreign born, first papers

3 = Foreign born, alien

4 = Foreign born, American

citizen at birth



Column S – Work status

Coding same as column E

Column T – Hours worked (March 24-30)

0 = 0-13 hours worked/unemployed <3 weeks

1 = 14-29 hours worked/unemployed 3-6 weeks

2 = 30-34 hours worked/unemployed 7-10 weeks

3 = 35-39 hours worked/unemployed 11-14 weeks

4 = 40 hours worked/unemployed 15-23 weeks

5 = 41-44 hours worked/unemployed 24-35 weeks

6 = 45-47 hours worked/unemployed 36-49 weeks

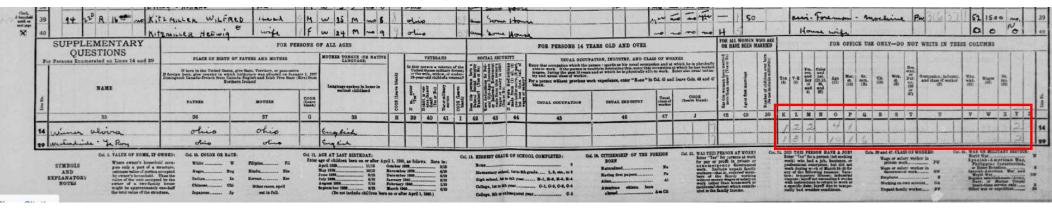
7 = 48 hours worked/unemployed 50-99 weeks

8 = 49-59 hours worked/unemployed 100-149 weeks

9 = 60-69 hours worked/unemployed 150-249 weeks

Y = 70-99 hours worked/unemployed >250 weeks

Column U – Occupation/Industry
Same codes as column F



Column V – Weeks worked in 1939

0 = worked 0 weeks

1 = worked 1-6 weeks

2 = worked 7-10 weeks

3 = worked 11-14 weeks

4 = worked **15-23** weeks

5 = worked 24-31 weeks

6 = worked 32-35 weeks

7 = worked 36-47 weeks

8 = worked 48-49 weeks

9 = worked 50-52 weeks

Column W – Wages in 1939

00 = earned no salary

0V = \$1-\$99

01 = \$100-\$199

02 = \$200-\$299

03 = \$300-\$399

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97 = \$9700-\$9799

98 = \$9800-\$9900

99 = >\$9900

Column X – Supplemental income in 1939

0 = received \$0-\$50 from other

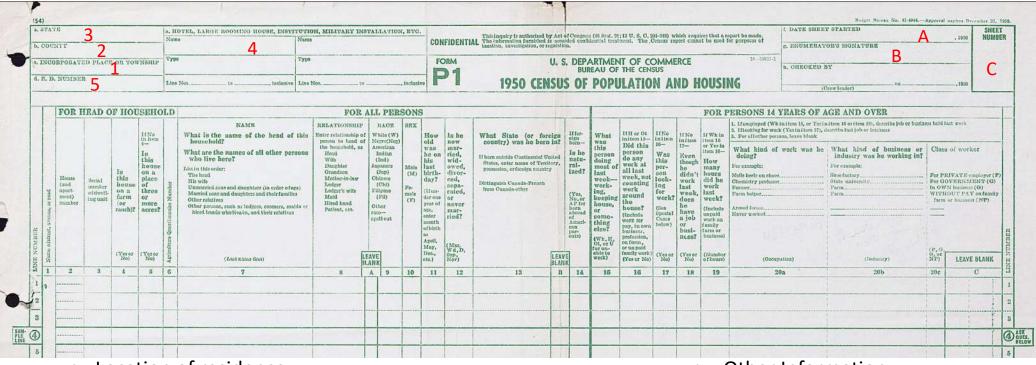
sources

1 = >\$50 from other sources

Column Y – Relationship to head of household – same codes as

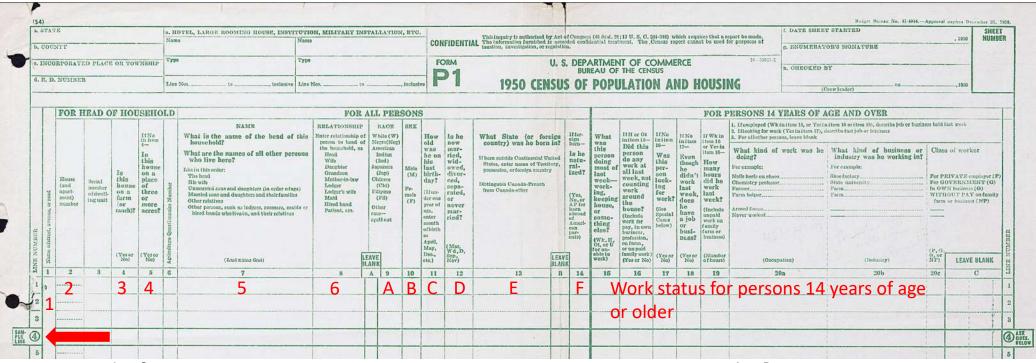
column A

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- · Location of residence
 - 1. Town or Township
 - 2. County
 - 3. State
 - 4. Hotel, Military Installation, etc.
 - 5. Enumeration District

- Other Information
 - A. Date Enumerated
 - B. Enumerator
 - C. Sheet Number



- 1. Street name
- 2. House Number
- 3. Is House on a Farm or Ranch
- 4. If not on farm or ranch, 3 or more acres
- 5. Name
- 6. Relationship

- A. Race
- B. Sex
- C. Age
- D. Marital Status
- E. Birth location
- F. Naturalized if foreign born

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