

Second Steps in Family History Research

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You should already know

- How to complete a Pedigree Chart
- How to complete a Family Group Sheet
- How and why to complete a Research Log

Research Log					
Ancestor's name _____					
Objective(s) _____					Locality _____
Date of search	Locality or call number	Description of source (author, title, year, pages)	Comments (purpose of search, results, years and names searched)	Doc. number	

Decide on an ancestor to research

- Work backwards in time from the known to the unknown
- Keep a Research Log for each individual or family
- Choose an individual who has at least three pieces of information
 - Name
 - Date of an event
 - Place of an event

Perform a literature survey

- Look for books about the area where your ancestors lived
- Search for your ancestor's name
 - <http://books.google.com>
 - <http://www.worldcat.org>
 - <http://www.familysearch.org> - Books
 - <http://archive.org/details/texts>
 - Heritage Quest online through your library

Find your ancestors in every US census

- o [http:// familysearch.org/learn/wiki](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki) search for United States Census to learn about each census

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Census (disambiguation)

This disambiguation page lists articles associated with the same non-place-name title, for example, tribe or language names.

A **census** is a statistical count of the population of a country taken for the purpose of accurate government representation, tax collection and military purposes.

Census records give valuable genealogical information about your ancestors including: names of family members, residence, year and sometimes month of birth, birthplace, and occupation.

You may be interested in seeing the video tutorial at FamilySearch Learning Center, "Ancestors Season 2: Census Records W."

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Africa

- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- China
- 1982-1984

Asia

- Armenia
- China (People's Republic)
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea, South
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Russia
- Singapore

Australasia

- Australia
- Fiji
- New Zealand
- Samoa

Europe

- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic

United States Census 1940

United States U.S. Census 1940 Census

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Related Wiki pages

- 1940 Census Frequently Asked Questions
- 1940 Census - Known Issues
- 1940 Census - Enumeration Districts
- 1940 Census United States - Census Form Headings
- 1940 Census United States - Finding Rural Ancestors
- 1940 Census United States - Where to Find an Address
- 1940 Census United States - What is Next?
- 1940 Census United States - Using City Directories to Find a Street Address
- 1940 Census United States - Finding Your Ancestor in a Big City
- FamilySearch Indexing: US-1940 Federal Census TEST, FAQ
- United States Census Population Schedules, 1940 (FamilySearch Historical Records)
- Finding Ancestors in the 1940 Census Using the E.D. Number
- Finding Ancestors in the 1940 Census Using a City Directory

Indexes and Images

The 1940 Census was released to the public on April 2, 2012. For more information see the National Archives <#>. This is the first census released as digital images. The digital images are available on the National Archives website.

Microfilm and digital images are available for purchase from the National Archives <#>. The Family History Library is planning to purchase digital copies only.

Indexes will become available as they are completed. For the latest information about completed FamilySearch indexes see the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project. <#> On this site learn how you can become part of the community indexing initiative. Also find links to historical and genealogical societies who are involved in indexing the 1940 census.

Until the indexes are completed, other methods can be used to find your ancestors in the 1940 Census. See Wiki articles for help with these various methods:

- What can I do now to prepare to find my ancestor in the 1940 Census?
- What is an Enumeration District?

In addition to Federal Censuses there are specialized censuses and State Censuses.

FamilySearch.org does not have images for all state censuses

Additional places to find census records

HeritageQuest online

Ancestry.com \$

Fold3.com \$

- State censuses
 - Alabama (existing and lost)
 - Alaska (existing and lost)
 - Arizona (existing and lost)
 - Arkansas (existing and lost)
 - California (existing and lost)
 - Colorado (existing and lost)
 - Connecticut (existing and lost)
 - Delaware (existing and lost)
 - District of Columbia (existing and lost)
 - Florida (existing and lost)
 - 1885
 - Georgia (existing and lost)
 - Hawaii (existing and lost)
 - Idaho (existing and lost)
 - Illinois (existing and lost)
 - Indiana (existing and lost)
 - Iowa (existing and lost)
 - Kansas (existing and lost)
 - Kentucky (existing and lost)
 - Louisiana (existing and lost)
 - Maine (existing and lost)
 - Maryland (existing and lost)
 - Massachusetts (existing and lost)
 - 1855
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 - Michigan (existing and lost)
 - Minnesota (existing and lost)
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 - 1885
 - 1895
 - Mississippi (existing and lost)
 - Missouri (existing and lost)
 - Montana (existing and lost)
- United States
 - About
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 - Jurisdiction
 - Limitations
 - Substitutes
 - Terms
 - Specialized schedules
 - African American
 - Agricultural schedules
 - American Indian Rolls
 - Church
 - Defective schedules
 - Indian schedules
 - Institutions
 - Manufacturing schedules
 - Mortality schedules
 - 1880
 - Native American
 - School censuses
 - Slave schedules
 - 1860
 - Social statistics schedules
 - U.S. military
 - Veteran schedules
 - Colonial
 - By territory or possession
 - American Samoa
 - Guam
 - Puerto Rico
 - Territorial
 - U.S. Virgin Islands

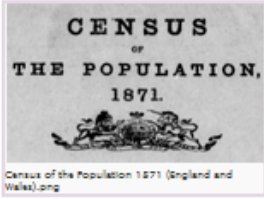
If you are researching an ancestor in another country, there are census records from many other countries.

England Census [Get This Page](#)

England [Census Further Information](#) [Census Records Online](#)

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Census of the Population 1871 (England and Wales) Long

Introduction

A census is a statistical count of the population of a country taken for the purpose of accurate government representation, tax collection and military purposes. The first complete census in England was conducted in 1086 under William the Conqueror who was the first Norman King of England. As the new king, he

Historical populations

Census Pop.	1801	5,005,182	—
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Online Canadian Census Indexes and Images

		Online National and Provincial Population Schedules of Canada					
		Free			Free at Some Libraries (usually with a library card)*		Pay
		Family Search ^[1]	Automated Genealogy ^[2]	Library Archives Canada ^[2]	Ancestry FHL ^[2]	Ancestry Library ^[2]	Ancestry Home ^[2]
1921 available mid-2013	indexes	-	-	-	-	-	-
	images	-	-	-	-	-	-
1916 Prairie Provinces	indexes	Link	-	-	Link	Link	Link
	images	-	-	Link	Link	Link	Link
1911	indexes	-	Link	-	Link	Link	Link
	images	-	Link	Link	Link	Link	Link
1906 Prairie Provinces	indexes	Link	Link	-	Link	Link	Link
	images	-	Link	Link	Link	Link	Link
1901	indexes	Link	Link	-	Link	Link	Link
	images	-	Link	Link	Link	Link	Link

At this point you should be able to create a timeline of your ancestor
 A timeline is a chronological list of events for a person or family.

- If you are using a genealogical program to record your findings, you will be able to print out a timeline.
- You can also use a spreadsheet such as Excel to create your timeline.

	A	B	C	D
1	Time Line for Ebenezer Tucker			
2	1 June 1840	Ebenezer Tucker	Stoughton, Norfolk, Mass.	1840 US Population Census: Free, W, M, 20-29; employed in manufacturing. With Free, W, F 20-29 probably his wife Mary
3	1 June 1850	Ebenezer Tucker	Stoughton, Norfolk, Mass.	1850 US Population Census: 34 years old [1816], born Mass., Boot Manufacturer. Mary, F, age 30 [1820]. William H. H., M, age 9 [1841] Mass. Emma, F, age 7 [1843] Mass.
4	1 June 1855	Ebenezer Tucker	Stoughton, Norfolk, Mass.	1855 Mass State Census; 39 years old [1816], born Mass., Gentleman. Mary E, F, age 35 [1820] Mass. William H.H., M age 15 [1840] Mass., Lucy A F age 4 [1851] Mass. No Emma F. would be 12.
5				

Your next step should be to check FamilySearch.org for resources in the area where you are working.

- Scroll to the bottom of the search page and click on the area where you are working

Birthplace Year (Range) From To

Search with a relationship:
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Match all terms exactly [Reset form](#)

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You can search some collections but others will say browse
 Browseable collections are frequently divided alphabetically so you are not browsing all records

Filter by collection name

- Place
- ▼ United States (700) x
 - ▶ Alabama (14)
 - ▶ Arizona (7)
 - ▶ Arkansas (14)
 - ▶ California (25)
 - ▶ Colorado (5)
 - ▶ Connecticut (8)
 - ▶ Dakota Territory (1)
 - ▶ Delaware (11)
 - ▶ District of Columbia (6)
 - ▶ Florida (17)
 - ▶ Georgia (12)
 - ▶ Hawaii (4)
 - ▶ Idaho (18)
 - ▶ Illinois (21)
 - ▶ Indiana (4)
 - ▶ Iowa (8)
 - ▶ Kansas (4)
 - ▶ Kentucky (9)
 - ▶ Louisiana (19)
 - ▶ Maine (20)
 - ▶ Maryland (11)
 - ▶ Massachusetts (17)

Historical Record Collections

701 collections

* = Recently added or updated

Title	Records	Last Updated
Alabama, Births and Christenings, 1881-1930	6,841	12 Mar 2012
Alabama, Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865	1,213,534	21 Apr 2012
Alabama, Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865	31,582	21 Apr 2012
Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950	566,839	8 May 2012
Alabama, County Probate Records, 1830-1976	25,297	21 Feb 2013
Alabama, Deaths and Burials, 1881-1952	105,825	*26 Feb 2013
Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974	1,858,819	*2 Mar 2013
Alabama, Jefferson County Circuit Court Papers, 1870-1916	Browse Images	14 Aug 2012
Alabama, Madison County Chancery and Circuit Court Records, 1847-1950	Browse Images	25 Oct 2012
Alabama, Marriages, 1816-1957	1,516,339	22 Mar 2012
Alabama, Probate Records, 1809-1985	Browse Images	21 Feb 2013

Choose a location

The camera indicates a digital image

These records are not indexed and will never show up on a search

Last update

Where to go from here? Learning opportunities

<http://www.familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>

Learning Center
Browse hundreds of online genealogy courses to help you discover your family history.

What course are you looking for?

Search Learning Center

Place
America, Europe (4)
Argentina (1)
Australia (4)
Brazil (4)
Colombia (6)
Czech Republic (2)
England (27)
Europe (2)
France (2)
Germany (2-8)
Guatemala (1)
India (1)
Ireland (2)
Italy (2)
Latinamérica (17)
Mexico (1)
Netherlands (2)
New Zealand (1)
Norway (2)
Pennsylvania (2)
Poland (7)
Portugal (2)
Russia (2)
Scandinavia (4)
Scotland (4)
South Africa (1)
Spain (2)
Spain, Latin America, Mexico (2)
Sweden (4)
United Kingdom (26)
United States (100)

Skill Level
Advanced (10)
Beginner (2)
Intermediate (227)

Subject
Birth, marriage and death (21)
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Census, taxation, and voter lists (42)
Church history (2)
Court, land, and wills (22)
Ethnic, political, or religious groups (12)
Family trees (20)

Most Popular Courses

- If I'd Only Known! Beginner Genealogy Mistakes
10 Minutes
- NCS Book Loan Collection
41 minutes
- Thinking Creatively About Research Problems
10 minutes
- U.S. Courthouse Research
40 minutes

New Courses

- Beginning Research in France: Part 2 of 2
20 minutes
- Introduction to England Probate Records
10 Minutes
- Pennsylvania Research: An Overview
13 Minutes
- Using Online Czech Records: State Regional Archives in Litoměřice
10 Minutes

Beginning Genealogy Courses
Choose from a series of online genealogy training videos designed to help you quickly discover your family history.

Webinars: <http://legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars.asp>

Suggested Websites

<http://www.ancestry.com> \$ also at the Family History Centers and many libraries

<http://Fold3.com> \$ also at the Family History Centers and some libraries

<http://findmypast.com> \$ also at the Family History Center

<http://Cindieslist.com> - Free - topic list for everything genealogy

<http://Usgenweb.org> - Free - State by state information and data

<http://Findagrave.org> - Free - Locate graves of your ancestors

<http://glorerecords.blm.gov/> - Free - General Land Office of the Bureau of Land Management - Public Land States from 1820 to present