

Getting to Know the U.S. Census

For genealogy research



What we will cover today

- What is in the U.S Census?
- How was it taken and recorded?
- Why look at them?
- Where can you find them?
- Sample Searches
- Tips and Tricks



What is the census?

- Mandated by the U.S. Constitution to learn about the population
- 1790 Census helped identify possible soldiers
- 1830 indicated the number of persons who may be in need of disability assistance
- 1940 tracked the impact of the Great Depression



How was it taken and recorded?

- Marshall of the U.S. judicial districts
- Visited every household
- Posted the results in 2 public places in the jurisdiction
- Transmitted the results to the U.S. President



When was it recorded?

Every 10 years on a specific date:

1790 August 2

1800 August 4

1810 August 6

1820 August 7

1830-1900 June 1

1910 April 15

1920 January 1

1930 April 1 (in Alaska October 1, 1929)

1940 April 1





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Why look at census records?





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Val Greenwood, author of *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*

“There is probably no other single group of records in existence which contain more information about persons and families who lived in the U.S.”



Where can you find them?

Family History Library

- Ancestry Library Edition
- Heritage Quest Online
- Family Search

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U.S. Federal Census Collection



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About this collection

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Gender

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Included data collections:

- 1810 United States Federal Census
- 1820 United States Federal Census
- 1830 United States Federal Census
- 1840 United States Federal Census **UPDATED!**
- 1850 U.S. Federal Census - Slave Schedules
- 1850 United States Federal Census
- 1860 U.S. Federal Census - Slave Schedules
- 1860 United States Federal Census
- 1870 United States Federal Census
- 1880 United States Federal Census
- 1890 United States Federal Census Fragment
- 1890 Veterans Schedules
- 1900 United States Federal Census
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- 1940 United States Federal Census

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- Pinpoint your ancestor's location from the census on a map, and then look for churches, cemeteries, and other places where your ancestor may have left records.
- Be sure to locate your ancestor's adult siblings in census records. It was common for extended family to live in the same household or near other family members. You may find a parent, grandparent, or other family members living either with them or nearby.
- If you're having a difficult time locating your ancestor, try searching using only given names and other details like birth year, residence, family members, place of birth, etc.
- Occasionally, census takers only recorded initials in place of the given name. Using only a first initial will bring up these records.
- Census takers didn't always have the best penmanship, so if you're having a hard time locating your ancestor, write out the name and try replacing some of the letters with letters that look similar.



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1940 United States Federal Census

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Last Name

Roosevelt

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Birth

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Washington, District of Columbia, USA

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Last Name

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Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

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BIRTH: abt 1918 - Canada
RESIDENCE: 1920 - Washington, Washington, District of Columbia **1940 United States Federal Census**
U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS COLLECTION[View Image](#)NAME: **Franklin D Roosevelt**
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U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS COLLECTION[View Image](#)NAME: **Franklin D Roosevelt Junior**
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RESIDENCE: Charlottesville, Charlottesville City, Virginia **1940 United States Federal Census**
U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS COLLECTION[View Image](#)NAME: **Franklin D Roosevelt 3rd**
BIRTH: abt 1939 - Pennsylvania
RESIDENCE: Charlottesville, Charlottesville City, Virginia **1920 United States Federal Census**
U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS COLLECTION[View Image](#)NAME: **F D Roosevelt**
SPOUSE: Eleanor Roosevelt
BIRTH: abt 1883 - New York
RESIDENCE: 1920 - Washington, Washington, District of Columbia **1930 United States Federal Census**
U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS COLLECTION[View Image](#)NAME: **Franklin Roosevelt**
SPOUSE: Anna E Roosevelt
BIRTH: abt 1882 - New York

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Franklin D Roosevelt in the 1940 United States Federal Census



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Name:	Franklin D Roosevelt
Age:	58
Estimated birth year:	abt 1882
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birthplace:	New York
Marital Status:	Married
Relation to Head of House:	Head
Home in 1940:	Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia
Map of Home in 1940:	View Map
Street:	Pennsylvania Av
House Number:	1600
Inferred Residence in 1935:	Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia
Residence in 1935:	Same House
Sheet Number:	61A
Occupation:	President Of
Attended School or College:	No
Class of Worker:	Wage or salary worker in Government work
Weeks Worked in 1939:	52
Income:	5000+
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Suggested Records

- 1930 United States Federal Census
Franklin Roosevelt
- U.S., Sons of the American Revolution
Membership Applications, 1889-1970
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- Web: Netherlands, GenealogieOnline Trees
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Description:

The 1940 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1940, with details about a household's occupants that include birthplaces, occupations, education, citizenship, and income.



LOCATION		HOUSEHOLD DATA			NAME			RELATION		PERSONAL DESCRIPTION			EDUCATION			PLACE OF BIRTH		RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1940					PERIOD 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER - EMPLOYMENT STATUS									
Number of persons in household		Number of persons under 14 years	Number of persons 14 years and over	Number of persons 18 years and over	Name of each person, whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940, was in this household.			Sex	Race	Color	Age	Marital Status	Grade or year completed	Schools attended	High school or higher completed	Country	State or foreign (in large cities)	In what place did you reside during the 5 years ending April 1, 1940?					During the 14 years ending April 1, 1940, in what kind of work have you been engaged (specify occupation, industry, trade, profession, service, etc.)									
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20					Roosevelt, Eleanor	wife	F	W	35	M	No 7				New York		Some house															
21					LeHand, Marquette A.	Secretary	F	W	43	S	No 10				New York		Some house															
22					Henderson, Elizabeth	Daughter	F	W	23	S	No 10																					
23					Sanderson, Elspeth	Servant	F	W	40	F	No 11																					
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What about

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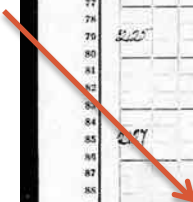
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LOCATIONS	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY			INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION	EDUCATION		PROPERTY OF HOME		REMARKS
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U.S. Census 1900

Street	House Number	Relationship to Head of Family	Sex	Color or Race	Age at last birthday	Married within year	Number of years married	Number of children	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person	Place of birth of mother of this person	Year of immigration	Number of years in United States	Intermarriage	Occupation	Months and days employed	Can read and write	Can speak English	Years in school	Years in army or navy	Years in prison	Years in hospital	Years in other institutions				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	135-143	Next to Thomas J.	son	A M	Mar 1886	14			New York	New York	Massachusetts				School		yes	yes									
		Julia	Daughter	W F	Mar 1891	8			New York	New York	Massachusetts				School		yes	yes									
		Enright Annie	Servant	W F	May 1868	32		0	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1835	12		Housemaid	0	yes	yes									
		Olney Mary A	Servant	W F	Apr 1879	27		0	New York	England	England				Housemaid	0	yes	yes									
		Ronan Annie	Servant	W F	May 1865	35		0	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1870	30		Kitchen maid	0	yes	yes									
		Villaz Alice	Servant	W F	Jan 1876	24		0	France	Switzerland	Switzerland	1898	2		Maid	0	yes	yes									
		Ericson Christina	Servant	W F	July 1859	40		0	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	1884	16		Cook	0	yes	yes									
	136-144	Robert James	Black	A M	July 1828	71		20	New York	New York	New York				Farmer	0	yes	yes									
		Franklin	son	A M	Jan 1892	8			New York	New York	New York				School		yes	yes									
		Olson Ellen	Servant	W F	Feb 1877	23		0	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	1876	24		Cook	0	yes	yes									
		Ellen	Servant	W F	Sept 1860	39		0	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	1890	10		Laundress	0	yes	yes									
		Hwang Agneta	Servant	W F	Jan 1884	16		0	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	1898	2		Kitchen maid	0	yes	yes									
		McEhron Elsie	Servant	W F	Apr 1849	57		0	Canada	Scotland	Scotland	1864	40		Maid	0	yes	yes									
		Stacy Louise	Servant	W F	Dec 1865	34		0	France	France	France	1898	2		Maid	0	yes	yes									
		Arkes tall William	Servant	A M	Nov 1851	48			England	England	England	1880	18		Butler	0	yes	yes									
	137-145	Robert Russell	Black	A M	Mar 1854	46		20	New York	New York	New York				Farmer	0	yes	yes									
		Allen R	son	A M	Sept 1851	48		20	New York	New York	New York				Farmer	0	yes	yes									
		Fromont Maudie	Servant	W F	Dec 1857	42		0	England	England	England	1897	3		Companion	0	yes	yes									
		Parson Helma	Servant	W F	July 1871	29		0	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	1893	7		Maid	0	yes	yes									
		Robert Nellie	Servant	W F	July 1844	55		0	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1866	33		Cook	0	yes	yes									
		Manny Rebecca	Servant	W F	Jan 1863	37		0	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1878	22		Housemaid	0	yes	yes									
		Taylor George	Servant	A M	Nov 1877	22		0	England	England	England	1899	1		Butler	0	yes	yes									
		McCarte Susan	Servant	W F	Nov 1870	29		0	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1901	1		W.F. m.	0	yes	yes									



What about the 1890 U.S. Census?

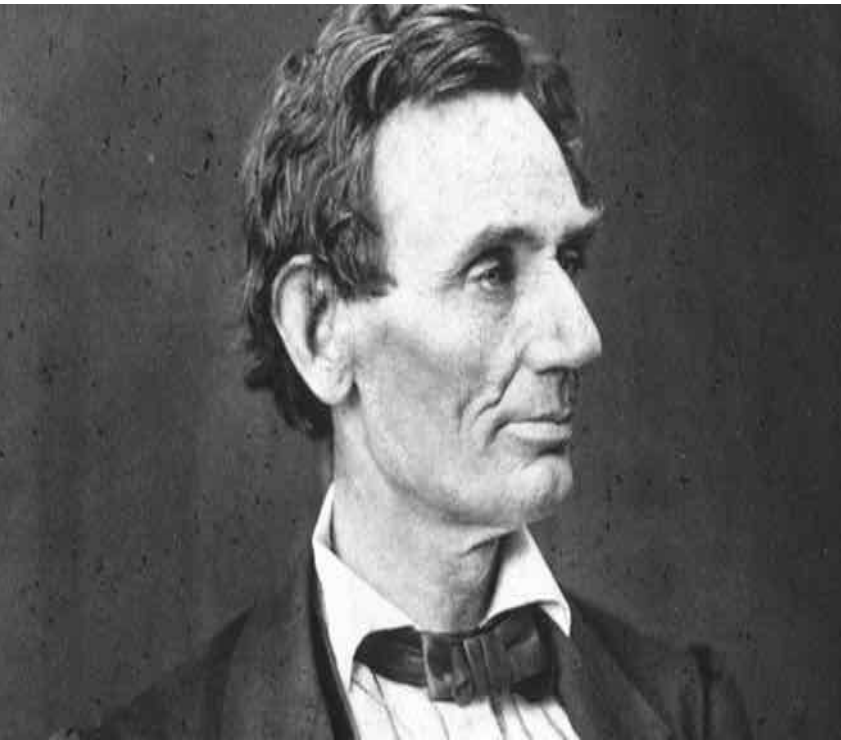




Most of the 1890 Population Schedules were badly damaged by a fire in the Commerce Building in January 1921. It pointed out the need for safe storage for documents.



U.S. Census 1850



Abraham Lincoln, Atty. At Law

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SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in *Springfield* in the County of *San Joaquin* State
of *Illinois* enumerated by me, on the *7th* day of *November* 1850. *J. Bullock* Ass't Marshal 120

Enumeration of the Family of "Inhabitants" Having the usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850.		DESCRIPTION			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Person, over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place or Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Whether within the United States			Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1	2	3	4	5				6	7	8		9
		<i>George Watson</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>Ills</i>					
		<i>Abigail M. Watson</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>F</i>			"					
		<i>Sam'l Watson</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>M</i>			"					
		<i>Rhoda Watson</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>W</i>			"					
<i>692</i>	<i>724</i>	<i>Geo. Wood</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>England</i>					
		<i>Eli's Wood</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>D</i>			<i>Wj</i>					
		<i>Sarah Wood</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>F</i>			"					
		<i>Warren W. Wood</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>D</i>			<i>Ills</i>					
		<i>M. A. Wood</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>F</i>			"					
		<i>Geo. W. Wood</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>W</i>			"					
		<i>Stephen Wood</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>D</i>			"					
		<i>Ed. W. Wood</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>M</i>			"					
		<i>W. W. Wood</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>M</i>			"					
		<i>Sarah Wiley</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>Wj</i>					
		<i>Harriet Wiley</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>F</i>			"					
		<i>Jane Stormady</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>F</i>			"					
<i>695</i>	<i>725</i>	<i>A. W. Whitmer</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>Pa</i>					
		<i>Martha Whitmer</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>Wj</i>					
		<i>Mary E. Whitmer</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>Wj</i>					
<i>696</i>	<i>726</i>	<i>Henry Dallast</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>Pa</i>					
		<i>Elin Dallast</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>A.G.</i>					
		<i>W. Stachdal</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Cart</i>		<i>England</i>					
		<i>Jane Stachdal</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>Ills</i>					
		<i>Robert Dallast</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>Wj</i>					
<i>698</i>	<i>727</i>	<i>Ala Eastman</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>5750</i>	<i>Me</i>					
		<i>Anna Eastman</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>Ills</i>					
		<i>Ann W. Eastman</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>Me</i>					
		<i>Wm. W. Eastman</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>D</i>			"					
		<i>Abby Keefner</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>Germany</i>					
		<i>George Eastman</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Dradi</i>		<i>Me</i>					
<i>699</i>	<i>728</i>	<i>Wm. B. Hendry</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Merchant</i>		<i>Wj</i>					
		<i>Abra'm Lincoln</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Atty at Law</i>		<i>Wj</i>					
		<i>Mary Lincoln</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>F</i>			"					
		<i>Robert Lincoln</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>Ills</i>					
		<i>Catharine Gordon</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>Scotland</i>					
<i>697</i>	<i>729</i>	<i>S. B. Updyke</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>15000</i>	<i>N.Y.</i>					
		<i>Geo. Updyke</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>Ills</i>					
		<i>Charl'tt Updyke</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>F</i>			"					
<i>698</i>	<i>730</i>	<i>William Lowry</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>none</i>		<i>Delaware</i>					





John Adams
future U.S.
President

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Braintree continued. Braintree continued.

An Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the town of Braintree

Braintree					Braintree continued.					Braintree continued.				
Names of Heads of Families.					Names of Heads of Families.					Names of Heads of Families.				
From whole	From whole	From whole	From whole	All other	From whole	From whole	From whole	From whole	All other	From whole	From whole	From whole	From whole	All other
Male	Male	Male	Female	for Progn.	Male	Male	Male	Female	for Progn.	Male	Male	Male	Female	for Progn.
in 1790	in 1790	in 1790	in 1790	of 1790	in 1790	in 1790	in 1790	in 1790	of 1790	in 1790	in 1790	in 1790	in 1790	of 1790
Widow Linfield	1	2	4		Widow South	1	1	4		Willi Read	1	1	7	
Sam ^r Linfield	1	2	4		John Stone	2	2	2		Jesual Beals	1	3	2	
David Linfield	1	2	2		Timothy Stone	1	1	1		Joshua French	1	3	2	
Ami Linfield	1	4	4		Gide Foster Jun	1	2	5		Jon: Curtis	1	2	4	
Willi Linfield	1	1	2		Oben Howard	2	2	2		Eliza Hales	1	1	4	
Isaac Spear	1	1	4		Hope Bradley	2	1	4		Ledor Allcot	1	2	3	
Jon: Wales	2	2	3		Bla Beale	1	3	4		Tho: White	1	1	1	
John Spear	1	1	2		John French	2	5	3		Allen Thayer	1	2	2	
Asher Tom Wales	1	2	4		Bony Hadson	2	2	3		Stuze Luding	1	1	4	
Both Wales	5	2	4		Joshua Glavli	1	3	2		Reuben Thayer	1	1	1	
Richard Thayer	3	2	4		Bony Mason	1	2	5		Adam Hollo	1	2	3	
Seth Turner	1	4	5		Lot White	1	1	2		Nat: Hubbard	1	1	2	
Seth Turner Jun	1	1	3		Lathrop	1	1	2		Tho: West	1	2	2	
Luther French	2	1	2		Jacob Spear	1	2	4		Edwin Taron	2	4	2	
Tho French	4	2	5		Seth Hunt	1	1	3		Fred Read	2	1	4	
Blip Samen	2	2	3		Oliver Thayer	1	2	4		Nat: Spear	2	2	2	
Jeru Manok	1	4	3		Seth Mann Jun	1	4	3		Gornelius White	1	3	2	
John Wild	1	2	6		Nat: Littlefield	1	1	3		Galeb Sumam	1	1	1	
Oben Niles	1	1	5		Leb. Howard	1	1	3		Jacob Clark	1	1	2	
Jaboy Porter	1	1	2		Leb. Howard Jun	4	1	2		James Kingman	1	1	2	
Isaac Niles	4	1	4		Seth Mann	2	1	6		Tho: Wall	1	1	4	
Sam ^r W Turner	1	1	3		Time Howard	1	1	2		Joseph White	3	4	3	
Jon: Wild	1	1	2		Wing Howard	1	4	2		Willi Linfield	1	2	7	
Isaac Smith	1	3	3		Joseph Spear	3	3	5		Willi Linfield	1	1	1	
Widow Coans	1	1	4		Joseph Bifford	1	3	5		Jon: Baniell	1	1	1	
Erza Thayer	1	2	2		Joseph Howard	1	1	2		Noa Wilcom	1	2	2	
Sam ^r Baps	4	3	4		Sam ^r Belcher	1	2	3		John Adams	1	1	1	
Willi Lull	1	1	1		Tho French	1	1	1		Jon Hill	1	1	2	
David Stone	1	2	3		Lilar Alden	1	1	3		Jon: Clark	2	2	5	
Noah Thayer Jun	1	1	7		John Hunting	1	1	2		Oben Alden	3	1	4	
Noah Thayer	2	1	2		Sam Belcher	1	1	2		Zera French	2	1	4	
Phillip Swinter	1	2	4		Joseph Mayes	1	2	5		Nat: Hunt	1	1	2	
Joseph Foster	2	2	3		Wid Capernum	1	1	2		Jon: Howard	1	1	1	
Gideon Foster	1	1	2		As. Hayward	1	1	5		Jacob Wilcom	1	4	4	

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Tips and Tricks for Finding Elusive Relatives in the US Census



Work from yourself into the past
to ensure accuracy and save time

Document sources so you don't
have to repeat the search



Filing in Search Forms

Limit your search to:

- Name
- An Event (birth, marriage, death)
- Use the most exact location possible



Names

Census takers wrote what they heard and indexers wrote their best guess from the writing

- Phonetic
- Nicknames
- Initials



Names

William Coleman Young
could be:

Wm., Billy, Bill, William,
W.C., Will, Willy, Cole,
William C.



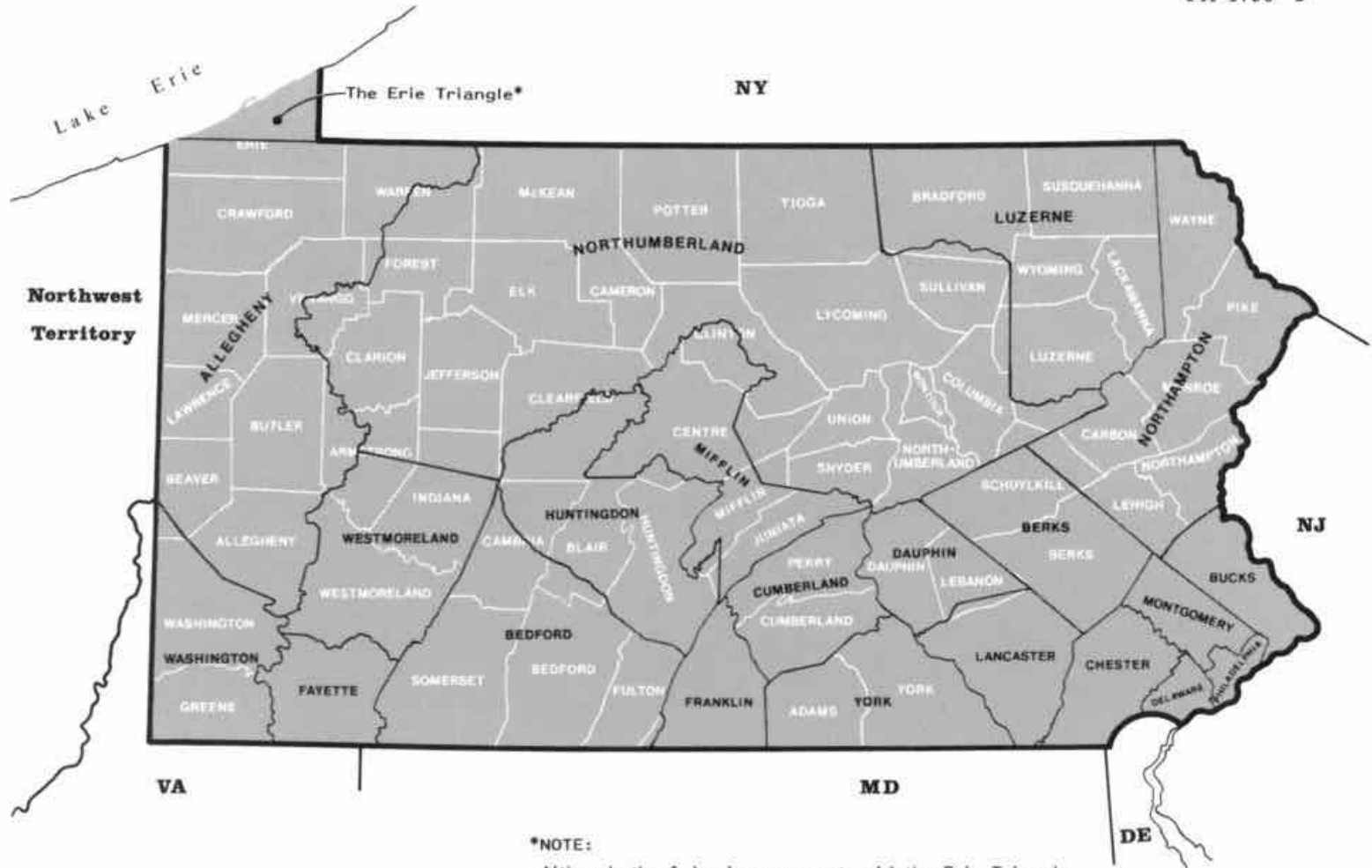
Search for another family
member or browse the township



Still can't find your ancestor in the Census?

- You might be looking in the wrong location, specifically county.
- Boundaries for counties changed often before most were settled in the 1920s
- Use *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census 1790-1920* where you can see boundaries by both state and year (also found on Heritage Quest Online)

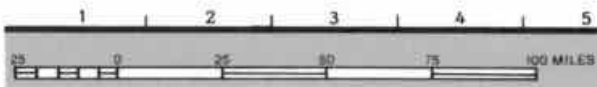




Northwest Territory

CENSUS AVAILABILITY
 Federal census extant for all counties

***NOTE:**
 Although the federal government sold the Erie Triangle to Pennsylvania by patent in 1792, Pennsylvania had purchased the land from Indians in 1789. The Triangle was added to Allegheny County in 1792.



WHITE = MODERN BOUNDARIES
 BLACK = 1790 BOUNDARIES

Pennsylvania • 1790

Try Books

- *Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records* by Loretta Dennis Szucs & Matthew Wright GR 929.1 S99
- 1890 Genealogical Reconstruction: Ohio edition by Sherida K. Eddlemon and Patricia P. Nelson
- Free Black heads of households in the New York State federal census, 1790-1830 by Alice Eicholz
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