

Making the Most of the US Federal Census
Class 4: Getting the Most from Non-Population schedules
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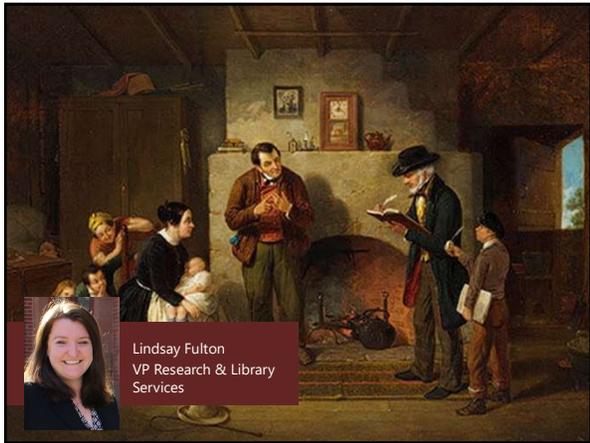
Meet today's presenter



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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Examine six U.S. non-population and special censuses, including data collected and examples
 - Tip and tricks to searching (or not!)
 - Discuss what other records can be found
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



Non-Population schedules and special censuses

- Agricultural Schedules
- Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
- Industry and Manufacturing Schedules
- Mortality Schedules
- Slave Schedules
- Social Statistics Schedules
- Business Census (1935)
- Union Veterans and Widows Schedules
- Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940
- Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives, 1888-1895
- And many others...



Agricultural Schedules

- 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880, 1885
- Name of the farmer, statistics about livestock and produce
- Available digitally on Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org



Tip

Not every farm was included in these schedules

Agricultural Schedules (1850-1860)

- Limited to farms valued at more than \$100
- Name of the farmer, owner, or manager
- Acreage- both improved and unimproved
- Inventory of livestock (by breed)
- Count of agricultural goods produced in the previous year (by crop)
- Cash value of the farm- including machinery, livestock, goods produced, etc.

Agricultural Schedule (1870-1880)

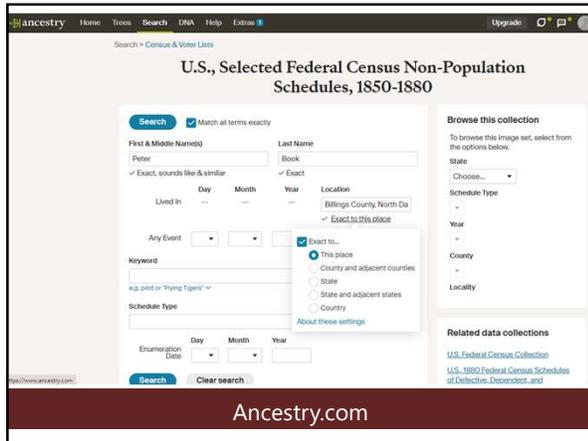
- Limited to farms valued at more than \$500
- Acreage- both improved and unimproved (1880 by crop)
- Inventory of poultry and the number of eggs produced (1880)

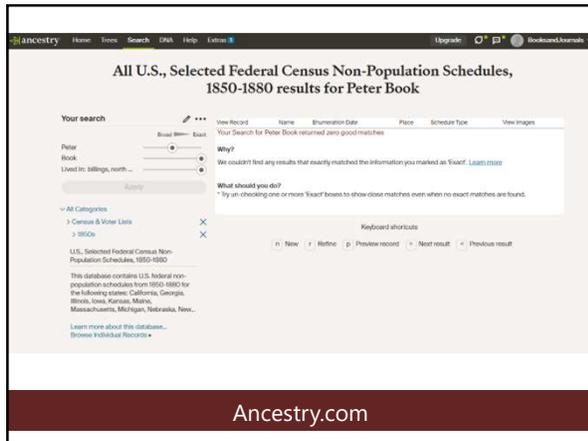
1885 Agricultural Schedule

- Territorial Censuses only: Colorado, Florida, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Dakota Territory (North and South Dakota)
- Limited to farms valued at more than \$500
- Hired labor in 1884
- Inventory of livestock (by breed and product)
- Count of agricultural goods produced in the previous year, including forest products (by crop)

1885 Agricultural Schedule, Billings Co., North Dakota



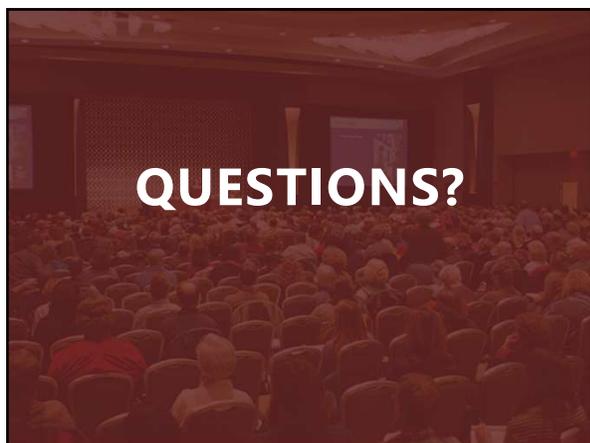












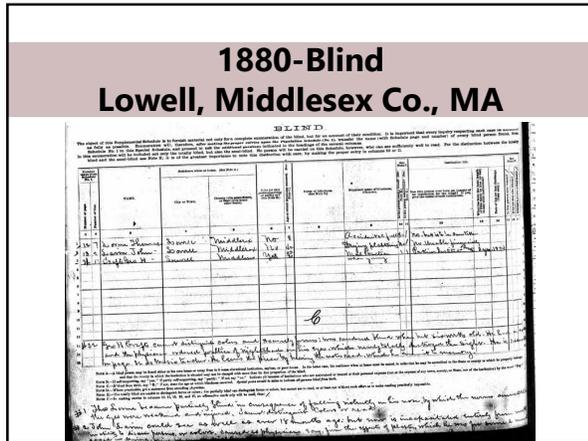
Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes

**Defective, Dependent, and
Delinquent Classes**

- Taken in 1880
- This schedule included different forms to enumerate the following classes of individuals:
 - Insane
 - Idiots
 - Deaf-mutes
 - Blind
 - Paupers and indigent persons
 - Homeless children
 - Prisoners

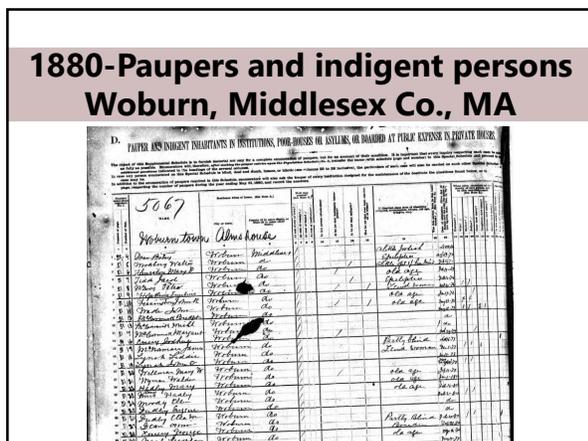
Insane

- Name of person
- Residence when at home (city and county)
- Paying or ward of state
- Form of disease (diagnosed by medical professional)
- Mental history (duration, number of attacks, age at first attack)
- Restraint or seclusion (date of discharge)
- Ever institutionalized? If so, where?



Paupers and indigent persons

- Name of person
- Residence when at home (town and county)
- How are they supported?
- Are they disabled? If so, state the disability (this includes blind, deaf, insane, or idiotic)
- Have they ever been convicted of a crime?
- Was this person born in this institution?
- What other members of the family are in the institution?



Homeless children

- Name of the person
- Residence when at home (town and county)
- Mother and father deceased?
- How did they come to live in the institution?
- Have they ever been arrested and what was the offense?
- Are they disabled (this includes blind, deaf, or idiotic)?

1880-Homeless children Newton, Middlesex Co., MA

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 Enumerator's Dist. No. 60
 Enumeration Date 06/01/1880

DEPARTMENTAL SCCHEDULE No. 4.—HOMELESS CHILDREN (in Institutions) in *Newton* in the County of *Middlesex* State of *Massachusetts* enumerated by me June, 1880.

August O'Brien, Jr. Deighton and William Scott *George Shaw Merritt*

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Place of Birth	Parents' Birthplaces	M. & F. Deceased	How long in institution	How long in this institution	How long in this town	How long in this county	How long in this state	How long in this country	How long in this world	Mental		Physical		Remarks	
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Prisoners

- Name of person
- Residence when at home (town and county)
- Place of imprisonment
- Federal or state prisoner?
- Cause of incarceration (includes witnesses)
- Date of imprisonment
- Offense and sentence
- Working?

Industry and Manufacturing Schedules

Industry and Manufacturing Schedules

- Name of the manufacturer
- 1810 (chaotic), 1820, 1850-1880
- Operations valued at \$500 or more
- Available digitally on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)



Industry and Manufacturing Schedules (1820, 1850-1860)

- Name of the manufacturer
- Type of business or product
- Amount of capital invested
- Quantities, kinds, and value of raw materials used
- Quantities and value of product produced annually
- Kind of power or machinery used
- Number of men and women employed
- Average monthly cost of male and female labor

What other records can be found?

- Agricultural Schedule
- Population Schedule
- Business records
- City Directories
- Probate (including inventory)
- Newspaper articles

QUESTIONS?

Mortality Schedules

Mortality Schedules



- Name of the deceased person
- Taken in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880
- Age, race, gender, cause of death, and occupation also included
- Died between 1 June (of the previous year) and 31 May (of the census year)

1870-Ingersoll, Midland Co., MI

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SCHEDULE 2.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1870, in *Ingersoll Township* in the County of *Midland*, State of *Michigan*, enumerated by me, *Geo. Humphrey*, Ass't. Enroller.

Serial of the Family in the 11th column of Schedule 1.	Name of every person who died during the year ending June 1, 1870, whose place of abode at the time of death was in this family.	RESIDENCE				Place of birth, naming the State or Territory of the U. S., or the country of foreign birth.	Profession, occupation, or trade.	The month in which the person died.	Probable, description, or cause of death.
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3	<i>William Earl Stewart</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Michig</i>	<i>Michig</i>	<i>Soldier</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Went to Italy</i>	
4	<i>James Cyrus</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>Wagon</i>	<i>Januar</i>	<i>Consumption</i>	
5	<i>Annina Mary</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Michigan</i>	<i>Michigan</i>	<i>Wife</i>		<i>Went to Europe</i>	
6									

Tip

Know your census days!

Slave Schedules

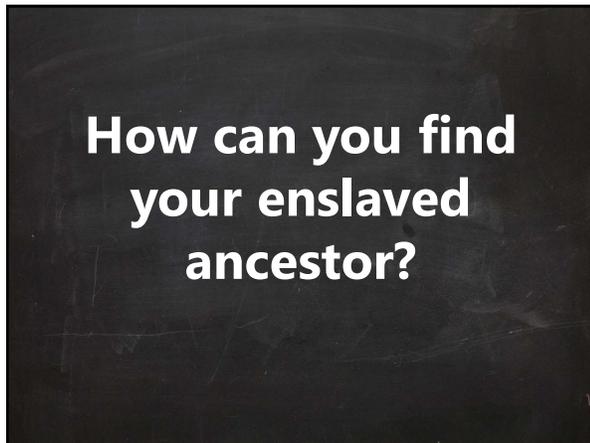
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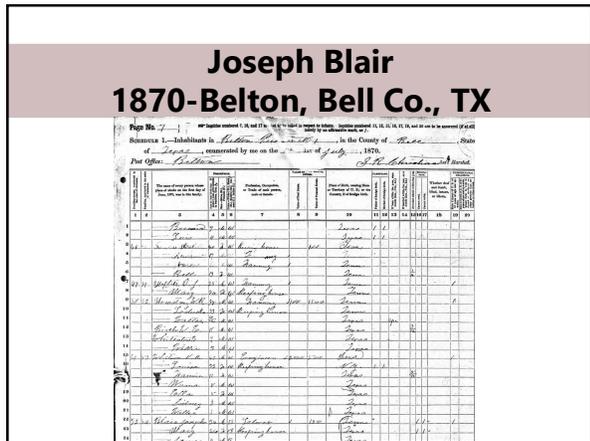


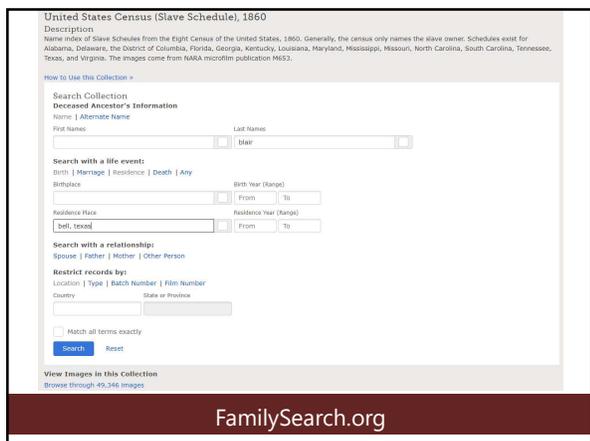
- Taken in 1850 and 1860
- Include name of the slave owner, but not the name of the slave
- Data recorded included
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Race

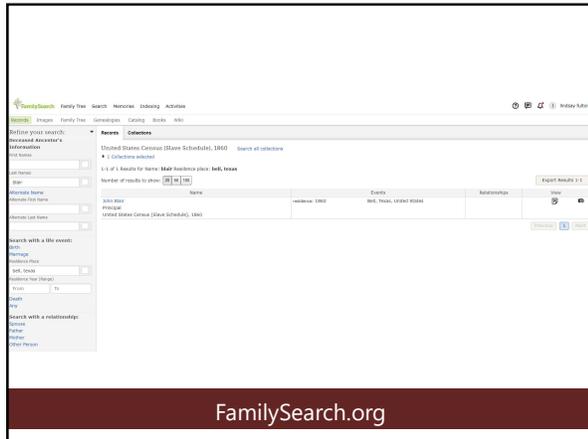
1860-Bell Co., TX

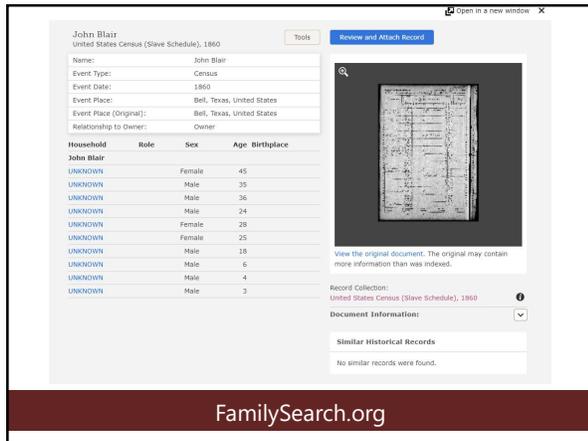


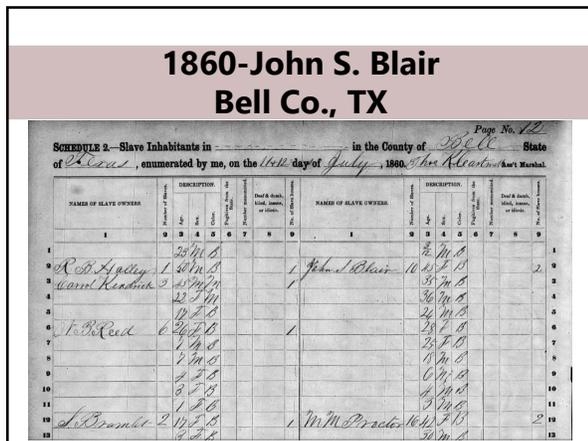


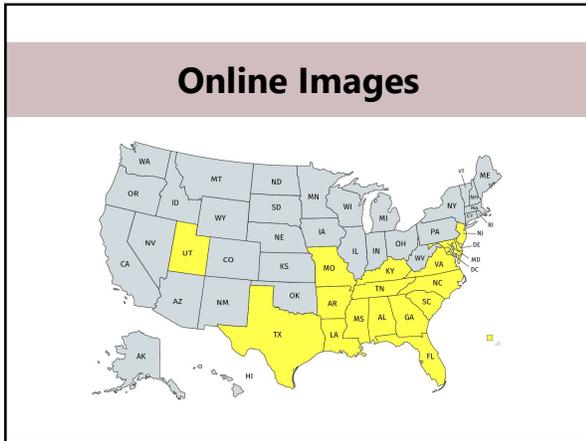












What other records can be found?

- Other slave schedules and population schedules
- Vital records
- Probate records (of slave holder, including their inventory)
- Newspapers and obituaries

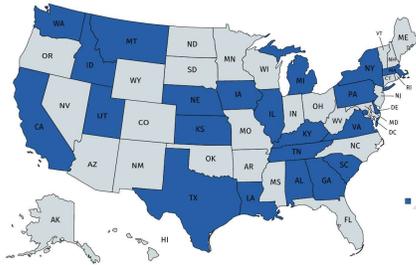


Social Statistics (1850-1870)

- Taken in 1850, 1860, 1870
- Information included:
 - Property value
 - Schools/university
 - Libraries
 - Newspapers in circulation
 - Poor houses
 - Employment statistics
 - Average wage



Online Images



What other records can be found?

Not only do these records allow you to place your ancestor in their historical context:

- Employment records
- City directories
- Land records (deeds and grants)
- Institutional records (poorhouses, etc.)

Review

1. Non-population schedules:
 - a) Agricultural Schedules
 - b) Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
 - c) Industry and Manufacturing Schedules
 - d) Mortality Schedules
 - e) Slave Schedules
 - f) Social Statistics Schedules
2. Not everything is searchable or online!
3. These records can lead to other discoveries!

QUESTIONS?

Hire Research Services
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