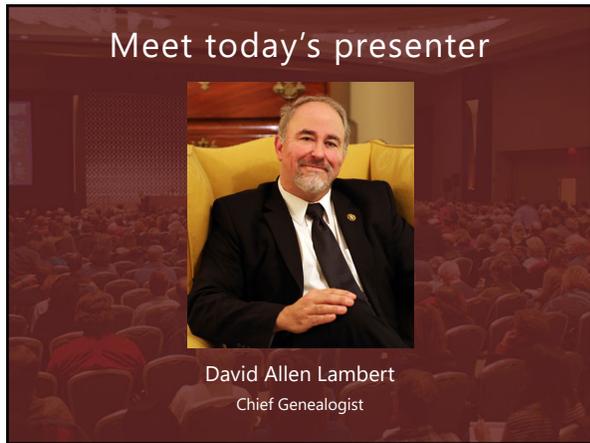


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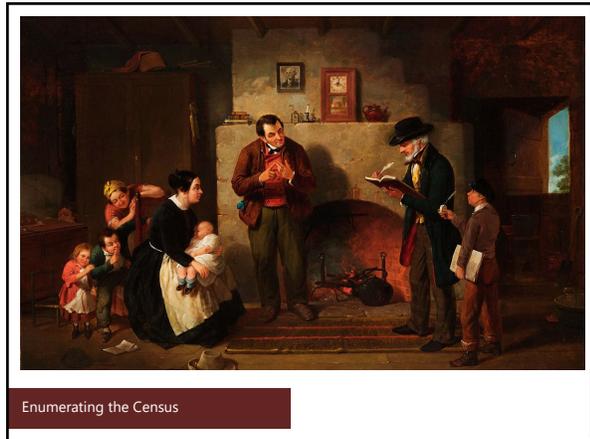
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Pre-Confederation Census Records

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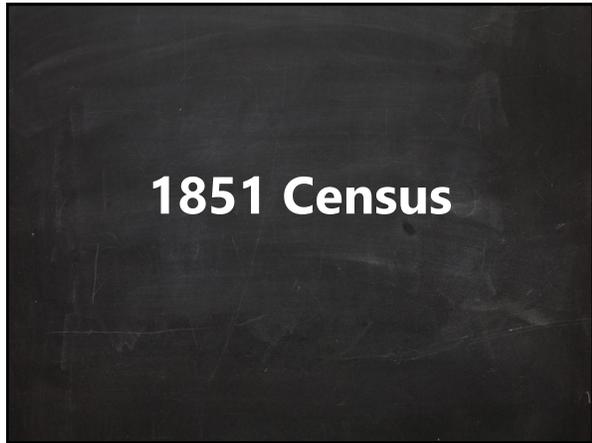


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**Overview of
Pre-Confederation Census Records**

- The first census conducted in the region of Canada was in 1666 by Jean Talon
- Constitution Act of 1867 created the Union of Canada. Newfoundland did not join the Dominion of Canada until 1949.
- First census was 1871. Earlier census for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island were conducted on the Provincial level.
- General census taken 1871 and every 10 years

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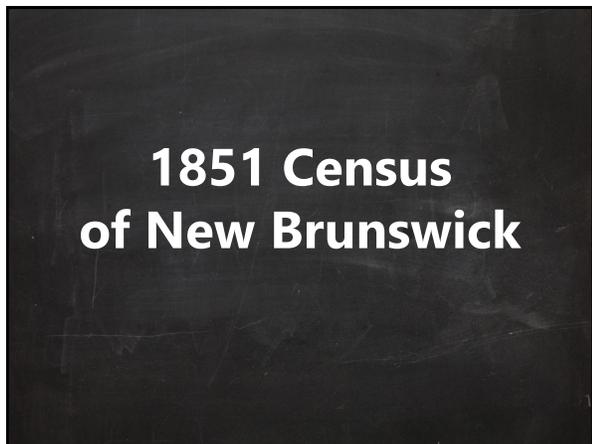


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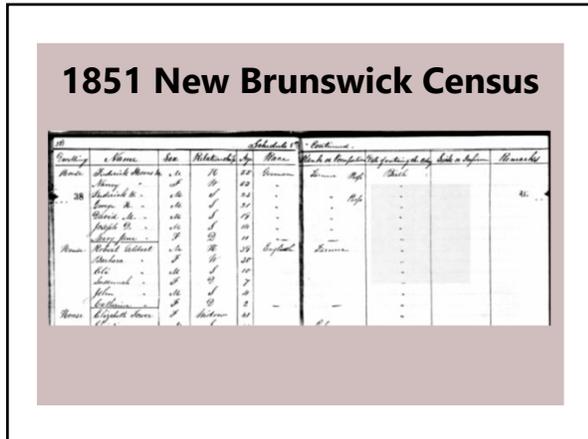
1851 Census

- Includes: Canada East (Quebec), Canada West (Ontario), **New Brunswick** and **Nova Scotia**
- **New Brunswick**
 - Schedule 1: Personal Census with entire family
- **Nova Scotia**
 - Heads of Families only

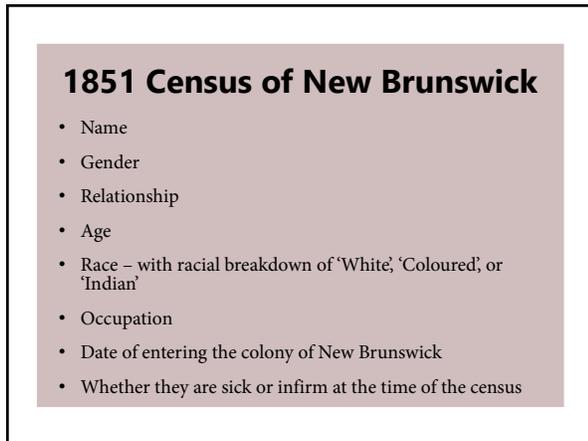
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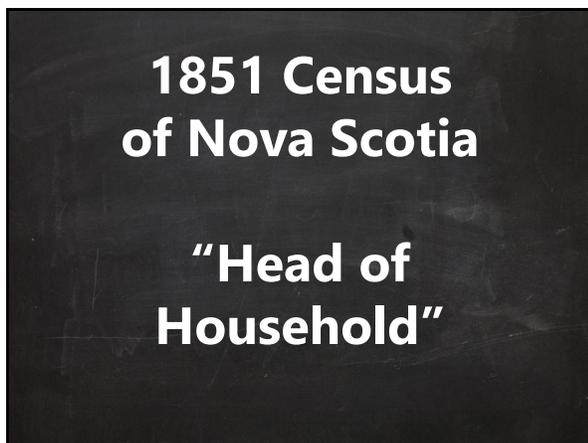
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1851 Census of Nova Scotia

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1851 Census of Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia (in part)

- Name of the head of household only
- Whether or not the head of household was of Native Canadian Indian heritage
- Whether the head of the household was “deaf and dumb”, lunatic or an idiot.
- The religion of the head of the household

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1851 Census of Nova Scotia

- Name of the head of household only
- The exact number of other household members broken down by category including their gender and age.

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1851 Census of Nova Scotia

Number of those engaged in various occupations:

- Clergymen or Ministers
- Doctors
- Farmers
- Mechanics
- Merchants & Trader
- Persons engaged in the Fisheries
- Seamen Registered
- Employed at Sea
- Engaged in Lumbering

No. of Clergymen or Ministers.	No. engaged in various Occupations.
No. of Doctors.	
No. of Farmers.	
No. of Mechanics.	
No. of Merchants & Traders.	
No. of Persons engaged in the Fisheries.	
No. of Seamen Registered.	
No. of Persons employed at Sea.	
No. of Persons engaged in Lumbering.	

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1851 Census of Nova Scotia

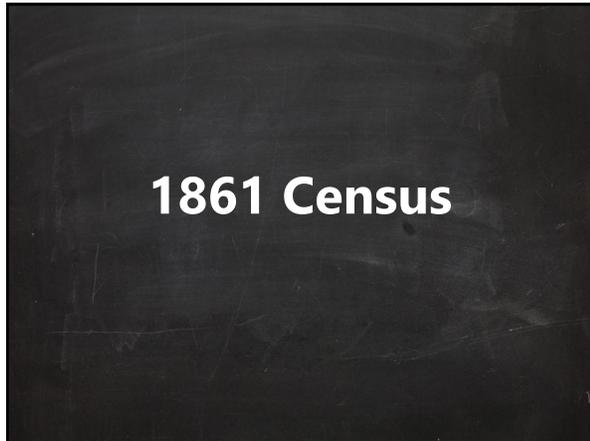
- Assessment of Property
- Schools and Pupils
- Religious Denominations by name
- Agricultural Production (ex: Tons of Hay produced)
- Produce produced by tons: potatoes, turnips and other root crops.
- Agricultural statistics (ex: total of cows, horses, etc.)
- Fishery statistics
- Articles manufactured statistics

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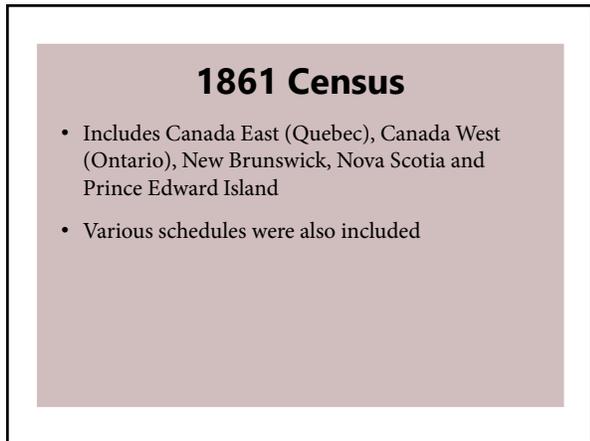
1851 Census of NB & NS Online

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- Ancestry.com
- Findmypast.com
- Library and Archives of Canada

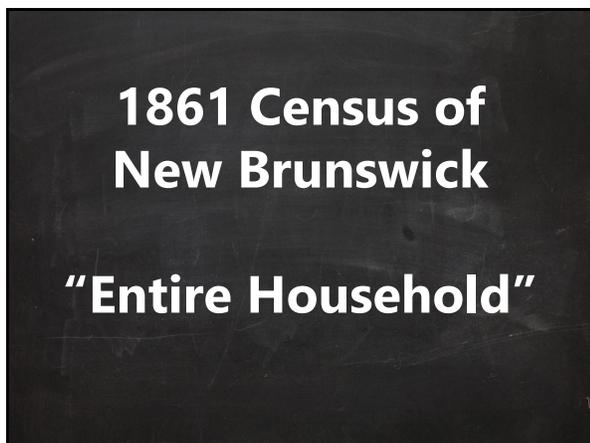
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1861 Census of New Brunswick

Serial	Name of Individual	Sex	Relationship to head of family	Age	Place and when born
1	John Williams	m	head	32	Scotland
2	Eliza	w	wife	26	Scotland
3	George	m	son	5	Scotland
4	John	m	son	6	Scotland
5	Robert	m	son	4	Scotland
6	John	m	son	1	Scotland
7	Ann	w	daughter	17	Scotland
8	James	m	son	35	Scotland
9	Eliza	w	daughter	16	Scotland
10	Thomas	m	son	11	Scotland
11	William	m	son	27	Scotland

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1861 Census of New Brunswick

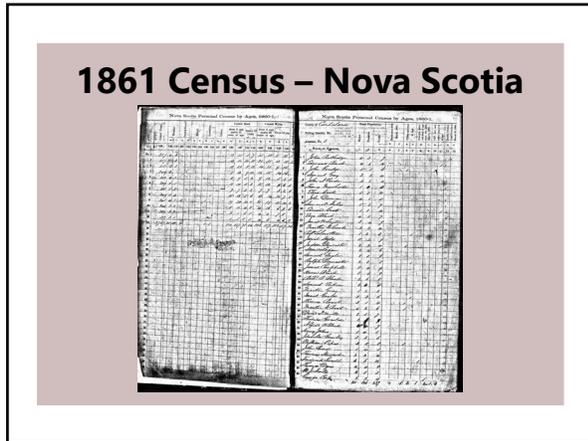
Serial	Name of Individual	Religious Profession
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2	John	Episcop
3	William	Episcop
4	Thomas	Episcop
5	John	Episcop
6	William	Episcop
7	Thomas	Episcop
8	John	Episcop
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99	William	Episcop
100	Thomas	Episcop

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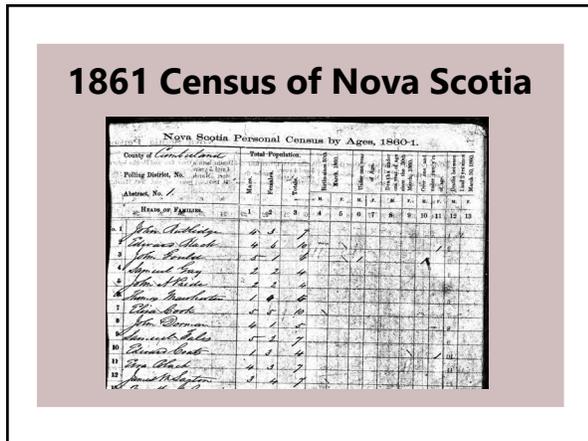
1861 Census of Nova Scotia

"Head of Household"

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1861 Census of Nova Scotia

- Population totals of Male and Females in household
- Births since March 30, 1860
- Deaths of Infants



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1861 Census of Nova Scotia

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1861 Census of Prince Edward Island

"Head of Household"

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1861 Census of P.E.I.

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1861 Census of P.E.I.

MALES.				FEMALES.			
Under 5 years of age.	From 5 to 9.	From 10 to 21.	From 21 to 45.	Under 5 years of age.	From 5 to 9.	From 10 to 21.	From 21 to 45.
Over 45 to 60.	Over 60.			Under 5 years of age.	From 5 to 9.	From 10 to 21.	From 21 to 45.
Number of deaf and dumb in each family.				Number of blind in each family.			
Number who have not been vaccinated and who have had "Small Pox" in each family.				Total number in each family (including servants and apprentices).			
Number of married persons in each family.				Number of single persons in each family.			
Number of insane in each family.				Number of lunatics in each family.			

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1861 Census of P.E.I.

- Head of Household
- Ages of Males and Females in the household
- Number of Deaf and Dumb in each family
- Number of Blind in Each family
- Number who have not been vaccinated and who have had "Small Pox" in the family

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1861 Census of P.E.I.

- Total number in each family including servants and apprentices
- Number of Married persons in each family
- Number of Single persons in each family
- Ages of Males and Females in the household
- Number of "deaf and dumb" in each family
- Number of blind and insane in each family
- Number who have not been vaccinated and who have had "Small Pox" in the family

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1861 Census of P.E.I.

- Number of your family who were born, married and died in the past year.
- Male and Female Indians in the household
- Family members connected with various religions denominations
- Various details on their land holdings, and the name of the Proprietor who could be different then the head of household.

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1861 Census of NB, NS & P.E.I. Online

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1871 Census

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1871 Canadian Census

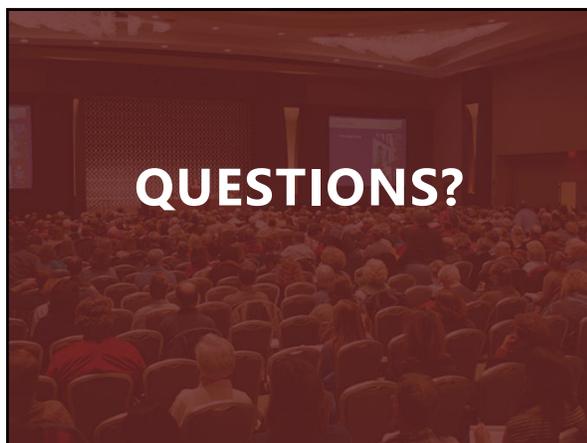
- Name
- Gender
- Age and whether born within last twelve months
- Country or Province of birth
- Religion
- Family Origin
- Occupation or Trade
- Married or Widowed
- Married within the last twelve months
- Attending school
- Physical infirmities
- Remarks column

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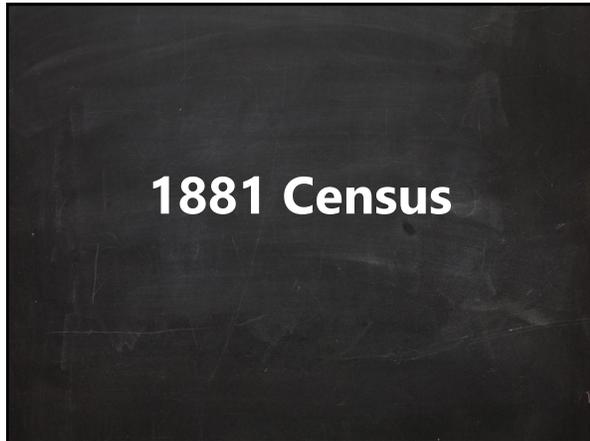
1871 Canadian Census Online

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1881 Canadian Census

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island. Census was conducted April 4, 1881.

- Schedule 1 - Nominal return of the living
- Schedule 2 - Nominal return of the deaths
- Schedule 3 - Real estate, public institutions and industrial establishments
- Schedule 4 - Use and productivity of owned land
- Schedule 5 - Livestock and animal products
- Schedule 6 - The extraction of raw materials from forests
- Schedule 7 - Production related to shipping and fishing
- Schedule 8 - The extraction of raw materials from mines

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1881 Canadian Census - N.S.

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1881 Canadian Census

Numbered in order of visitation:

- Vessels
- Shanties
- Dwelling house in construction
- Dwelling houses uninhabited
- Dwelling houses inhabited
- Family visited

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1881 Canadian Census

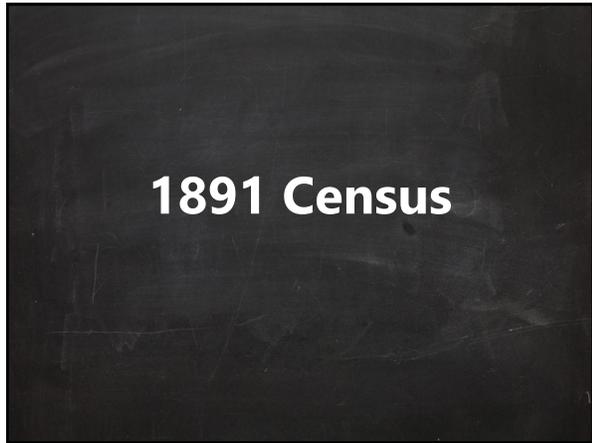
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- Country or Province of birth
- Religion
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1891 Canadian Census

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. This census was conducted April 6, 1891.

- **Schedule 1 - Population**
- Schedule 2 - Deaths that had occurred in the last twelve months
- Schedule 3 - Real estate, orchard products, nurseries, vineyards and market gardens
- Schedule 4 - Farm products and all relating to agriculture
- Schedule 5 - Livestock and animal products
- Schedule 6 - Industrial establishments
- Schedule 7 - Products of the forest
- Schedule 8 - Production related to shipping and mining
- Schedule 9 - Fisheries

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1891 Canadian Census Clues!

- Identifies relationship of individual to head of household
- Includes parents' birthplaces (both mother and father)
- Identification of French Canadians

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1891 Canadian Census Online

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- Findmypast.com
- Library and Archives of Canada

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1901 Census

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1901 Canadian Census
 New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P.E.I. The census was conducted March 31, 1901

- Schedule 1 - Population
- Schedule 2 - Buildings and lands, churches & schools
- Schedule 3 - Deaths
- Schedule 4 - Farm land, fruits and plantations
- Schedule 5 - Field products
- Schedule 6 - Livestock and animal products
- Schedule 7 - Agricultural values
- Schedule 8 - Manufacturers
- Schedule 9 - Forest products and furs
- Schedule 10 - Fisheries
- Schedule 11 - Mines

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1901 Canadian Census Clues!

- Includes complete birthdate (month, date, year) for each individual
- Year of immigration to Canada (if applicable)
- Year of naturalization (if applicable)

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1901 Canadian Census – N.B.

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1901 Canadian Census

Numbered in order of visitation:

- Dwelling House
- Family household visited

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1901 Canadian Census

- Name
- Gender
- Color
- **Relation to Head of Family**
- **Single, married, widowed or divorced**
- **Exact birthdate**
- **Age at last birthday**
- Country or Province of birth
- **Year of immigration to Canada**
- Year of naturalization
- **Racial or Tribal origins**
- Nationality
- Religion
- Questions 17-21: Principal Profession or Trade
- Questions 22-27: concern "Wage Earners"
- Questions 28-33: concern education and language spoken
- Infirmities

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1901 Canadian Census Online

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1911 Census

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1921 Census

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1921 Canadian Census

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island.
Census was conducted June 1, 1921

- Schedule 1 - Population
- Schedule 2 - Agriculture
- Schedule 3 - Animals, Animal Products, Fruits, etc. not on Farms
- Schedule 4 - Manufacturing, Trading and Business Establishments
- Schedule 5 - Blind and Deaf-Mutes

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1921 Canadian Census Online

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1921 Newfoundland Census

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1921--CENSUS OF NEWFOUNDLAND--BOOK 1

Household No.	Name	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation	Place of Birth	Immigration
1	John A.	M
2	F
3	M
4	F
5	M
6	F
7	M
8	F
9	M
10	F
11	M
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13	M
14	F
15	M
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44	F
45	M
46	F
47	M
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1921 Census of Newfoundland

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1921 Newfoundland Census

- Name
- Place of residence
- Gender
- Relationship to head of the household
- Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated
- Month and year of birth, and age at last birthday
- Town and country of birth
- Year of immigration to Newfoundland if not born here
- Year of Naturalization if formerly an Alien
- Nationality
- Religion
- Whether a Micmac Indian
- Occupation, industry employed and whether they are an employee or the employer
- What other work do they perform as a means for a living?

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1921 Newfoundland Census Online

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1931 Census

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1931 Canadian Census

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island. The census was conducted on June 1, 1931

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1931 Canadian Census

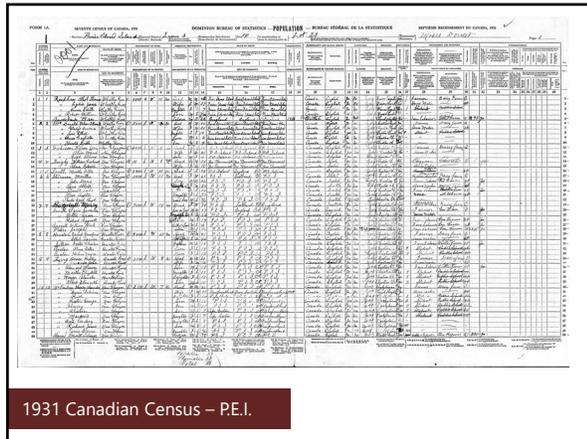
- Schedule 1 - Summary
- Schedule 2 - Population by Areas
- Schedule 3 - Ages of the People, classified by sex, conjugal condition (marriage), race, religion, and other factors
- Schedule 4 - Cross-classification
- Schedule 5 - Earnings of Wage Earners, Dwellings, Households, Families, Blind and Deaf-Mutes
- Schedule 6 - Unemployment
- Schedule 7 - Occupations and industries
- Schedule 8 - Agriculture
- Schedule 9 - Institutions

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1931 Canadian Census

- Schedule 10 - Merchandising and service establishments (Part I - Retail Merchandise Trade)
- Schedule 11 - Merchandising and service establishments (Part 2 - Retail services, wholesale trade retail chains, hotels, distribution of sales of manufacture)
- Schedule 12 - Monographs - the Canadian family, fertility of population of Canada, housing in Canada, illiteracy and school attendance, age of distribution of Canadian people, Canadian life tables
- Schedule 13 - Monographs - unemployment, dependency of youth, rural and urban composition of Canadian population, racial origins and nativity of Canadian people

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1931 Canadian Census

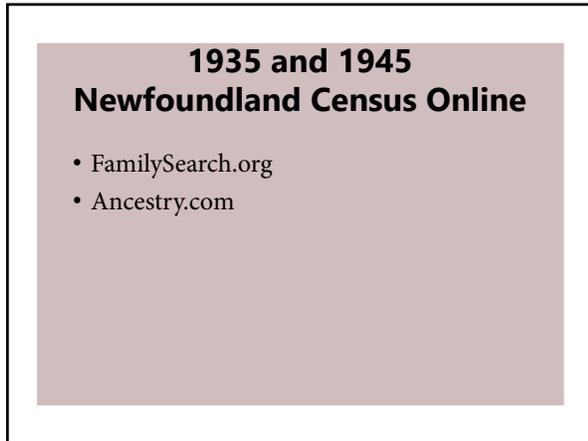
- Name
- Place of residence and description of abode
- Relation to Head of Family
- Gender
- Single, married, widowed or divorced
- Age at last birthday
- Place of birth, and that of both parents
- Year of immigration to Canada
- Year of naturalization
- Nationality
- Racial origins
- Language spoken
- Religion
- Questions 26-27: concern education
- Questions 28-32: concern employment
- Questions 33-40: concern unemployment

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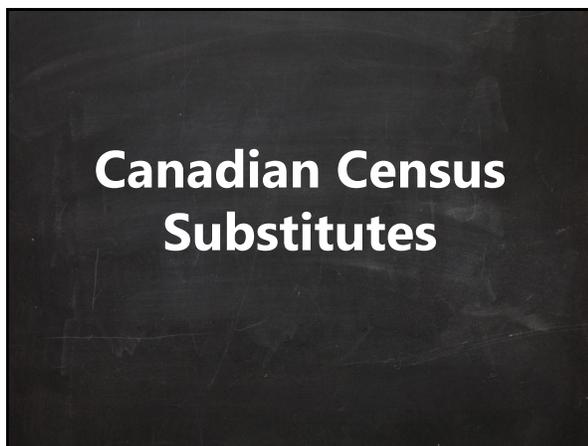
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Options for Census Substitutes

- Assessment and tax records or return of inhabitants compiled by local village or township.
- Surviving nineteenth century militia rolls, which may list men in a community within a certain age group.
- Group petitions (which exist for Upper and Lower Canada, as well as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia): These petitions may be found in the land petitions series under the name of a region signed by members of the community requesting government assistance to build a road, provide land for a church. Many petitions maybe requesting land grants for personal settlement.
- School Records. Listing the names of teachers and occasionally students.
- The Canadian National Registration of 1940: The National Resources Mobilization Act and War Measures Act resulted in a compulsory registration of all people 16 years of age or older, in the period from 1940 to 1946. A copy of this registration may be ordered from Statistics Canada, for a fee, providing the individual has been dead for more than 20 years.

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**Nova Scotia
Census Substitutes**

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Nova Scotia Census Substitutes

- Acadian Censuses 1707-1752 including ecclesiastical
- Census Returns, Assessment and Poll Tax Records 1767-1838
- Census Returns, 1767-1787
- Census Return, Granville, '1772 or 3'
- 'Valuation Real Estate Halifax and surrounding areas 1775 and 1776'
- Assessments for Shelburne and outlying communities, 1786 and 1787
- Poll Tax Records, 1791-1795
- Census Returns, 1811, 1817 and 1818
- Census Returns, 1827
- Census Returns, 1838
- <https://archives.novascotia.ca/census/> nearly 70,000 images

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John Young
Amherst, Cumberland County — 1771
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David Forrest
Amherst, Cumberland County — 1771
Reference: Commissioner of Public Records Nova Scotia Archives RG 1 vol. 443 no. 2



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Assessments for Shelburne and outlying communities, 1786 and 1787

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Bartholomew Sullivan
Shelburne, Shelburne County — 1786
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Poll Tax Records, 1791-1795

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James Ackles
Amherst, Cumberland County — 1791
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Census Returns, 1811, 1817 and 1818

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Henry Lyndon
 Gut of Canso, Guysborough County — 1811
 Reference: Commissioner of Public Records Nova Scotia Archives RG 1 vol. 445 no. 1



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John Lambert
 Macan, Cumberland County — 1827
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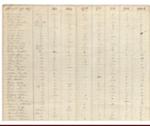
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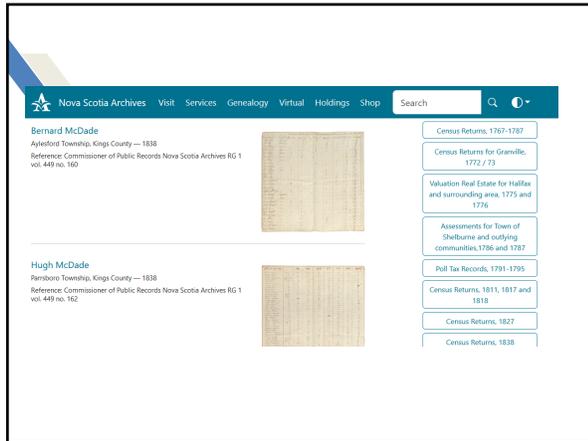


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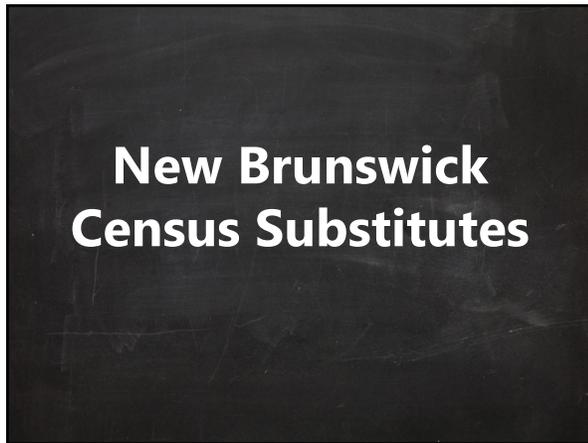


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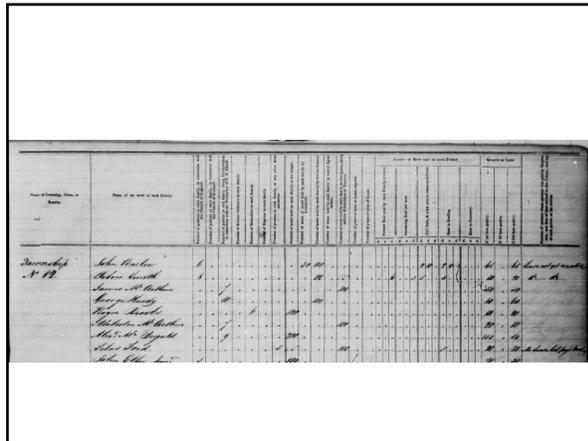
- 1798 Census
 - Name of head of household listed
 - Transcribed from Duncan Campbell's *History of Prince Edward Island*
 - Lot system introduced

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Prince Edward Island

- 1841: Includes parts of Prince, Queen and Kings Co. census districts only.
 - Head of household captured with family members counted
 - Lot # listed
 - Available online at FamilySearch.org
- 1848: Includes only Charlottetown and Charlottetown Royal.
- 1855: Patriotic Fund: a list of contributors to the war in Crimea (3,000 residents)
- 1871 Census: is missing except for Lots 34 and 36
 - *The Index to the 1870 Commissioner of Public Land's Report* can be used as a substitute

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Community, Cultural Affairs and Labour
Full Single Record for Document 1841

Name of Township, Town, or Royalty. **58**
 Name of the head of each Family. **Patrick Doherty**
 Trade or Occupation. **Farmer**

Males: Under 16 years of age.	1	Females: Under 16 years of age.	2
Males: From 16 to 45.	1	Females: From 16 to 45.	1
Males: From 45 to 60.	0	Females: From 45 to 60.	0
Males: Upwards of 60.	0	Females: Upwards of 60.	0
Number of Deaf and Dumb in each family.	0	Number of Blind in each family.	0
Number of Insane in each family.	0	Total number in each family (including Servants and Apprentices).	5

Number of persons in each family, in connexion with the Church of England. **0**
 Number of persons in each family, in connexion with the Church of Scotland. **0**
 Number of persons in each family, being Presbyterian, in connexion with the Presbytery of P.E. Island. **0**
 Number of Roman Catholics in each family. **5**
 Number of Methodists in each family. **0**
 Number of Baptists in each family. **0**
 Number of persons in each family, of any other denomination. **0**

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Number of acres held by each family in fee simple. **0**
 Number of acres of Land held by each family by Leasehold. **0**
 Number of acres held by each family by written demises. **0**
 Number of acres held by each family by verbal Agreements. **0**
 Number of acres held by each family as Occupants, being neither Freeholders or Tenants. **100**
 Number of years of term of Lease expired. **0**
 Number of years of term of Lease. **0**

AMOUNT OF RENT PAID BY EACH FAMILY
 Present Rent paid by each Family per acre. (£ / s / d)
 Increasing Rent per acre. (£ / s / d)
 Full Rent, & what year it comes to full rent. (£ / s / d)
 Rent in Sterling (£ / s / d)
 Rent in Currency (£ / s / d)

QUALITY OF LAND.
 If 1st best quality: / If 2d best quality: / If 3rd best quality:

Number of persons whose passage was paid by Proprietors, and the date of their arrival in this Colony. **No data**
 and age of such person on his arrival. **No data**
 Number of persons who repaid their passage money to the Proprietors or their Agents. **0**
 Number of persons who paid their own passage. **0**
 Number of acres of arable Land held by each family. **0**

PRODUCE RAISED BY EACH FAMILY DURING THE LAST YEAR.
 Number of Bushels of Wheat. **0** Number of Bushels Barley. **0**
 Number of Bushels Oats. **0** Number of Bushels Potatoes. **0**
 Number of Horses owned by each family. **0** Number of Neat Cattle owned by each family. **0**
 Number of Sheep owned by each family. **0** Number of Hogs owned by each family. **0**

Number of persons in each family being natives of England. **0**
 Number of persons in each family natives of Scotland. **0**
 Number of persons in each family being natives of Ireland. **3**
 Number of persons in each family being natives of this Island. **1**
 Number of persons in each family being natives of the British Colonies. **0**
 Number of persons in each family being natives of other Colonies. **0**

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Newfoundland and Labrador Census Substitutes

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Early Newfoundland and Labrador
Partial surviving communities available from FamilySearch.org

- 1675, 1677, 1681
- 1706, 1753, 1794-1797
- 1800, 1801, 1836, 1838, 1847, 1858, 1884, 1891
- 1911
- https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Newfoundland_and_Labrador_Census

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Locating Census Records Online

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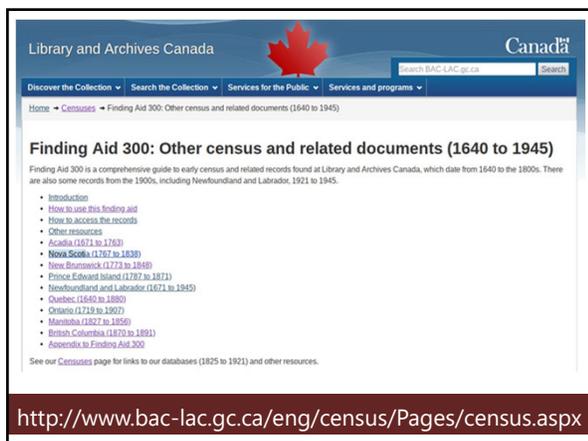
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Summary

- Don't rely on just one record set
- Don't reinvent the wheel - look at published sources in combination with originals
- Keep up with scholarly publications
- More and more records are being indexed and digitized every day

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