

Evaluating Census Records
Knowledge Check

John came to the Family History Library and needs some help evaluating the census record he has located for his ancestor. Help John evaluate this census to answer his questions. (2 Questions)

1870	Norma M	Wife	11 71 Aug 1873 26 71 3	0 0	England	England	England
1870	Pomel, Nancy	Head	11 71 June 1868 31 8		Pennsylvania	France	France
1870	Anna	Sister	11 71 Aug 1876 23 5	0 0	Ohio	France	France
1870	Leon	Bro	11 71 June 1872 27 8		Pennsylvania	France	France
1870	Dash Elmer	Head	11 71 Sept 1860 39 71 12		Ohio	Virginia	Ohio

Question 1: Who is the youngest Pomel sibling?

- A: Leon
- B: Anna
- C: Henry
- D: They are not siblings

The correct answer is B! Anna is the youngest sibling. She was born in 1876 and is 23 years old.

Question 2: Using the census image provided, help John identify where the Pomel siblings' parents were born:

- A: Ohio
- B: Pennsylvania
- C: France
- D: We can't tell from this census

The correct answer is C! Their parents were born in France.

Question 3: You are helping a guest read a census taken in New York City. On the same census page, there are 3 families with the surname "Smith". Are they relatives?

- A: Absolutely!
- B: No, Smith is too common.
- C: Further research might tell us.

The correct answer is C! Though Smith is a common surname, these families might still be related. We don't have enough information to determine whether or not they are related.

Question 4: You have five census records for Albert Bachman. Four of the censuses record his birth in Nevada. One of the censuses recorded he was born in Colorado. Where was Albert born?

- A: Colorado all the way!
- B: Nevada for sure!
- C: I'm leading towards Colorado, but we need more proof.
- D: I'm leaning towards Nevada, but we need more proof.
- E: None of them are right and he was born in Alaska!

The correct answer is D. There is more evidence that he was born in Nevada, so we might lean that way. Additional evidence is needed to support the conclusion.

Question 5: Emil has come into the Family History Library. He has been researching George Carsh. Emil has found his ancestor in the 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940 censuses. But he cannot find George in the 1900 census. Based on the census provided below, why?

CODE.	NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on January 1, 1920. Omit children born since January 1, 1920.	RELATION. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	TENURE.			PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.			CITIZENSHIP.			EDUCATION.		NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE.			
			Home owned or rented.	If owned, free or mortgaged.	Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birthday.	Single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Naturalized or alien.	If naturalized, year of naturalization.	Attended school any time since Sept. 1, 1919.	Whether able to read.	Whether able to write.	PERSON.		FATHER.
															Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.
10	Monahan, John	Owner			M	31	M				Yes	Yes	Wisconsin			Ireland	
	Carsh, George	Owner			M	31	M				Yes	Yes	Missouri			U.S.	
	Carsh, Eva	Owner			F	42	M	1903	1912	1912	Yes	Yes	Missouri	Russian		U.S.	
	Hilborn, James V.	Lodger			M	30	M	1904	1912	1912	Yes	Yes	Indiana	Hungarian		U.S.	
	Gratsis, D. J.	Lodger			M	35	M				Yes	Yes	Greece	Greek		Greece	
	Bennie L.	Lodger			F	30	M				Yes	Yes	Illinois			U.S.	

- A: Emil hasn't searched hard enough.
- B: George immigrated in 1903. He wasn't in the U.S. for the 1900 census.
- C: Emil needs an expert.

The correct answer is B! According to the census, George immigrated in 1903. He wasn't living in the U.S. during the 1900 census.