

CENSUS EXTRAVAGANZA (part 1)

Census Detectives: Learn to be a Genealogy Gumshoe

Select References and Links

Census Records

Census Non-Population Schedules

National Archives and Records Administration: <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/nonpopulation/> (information on what non-population schedules are and where to find them)(compare population and non-population schedules)

State Census Records

Reference book: “*State Census Records*” by Ann S. Lainhart

Family History Center: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Census_State_Censuses (guide to microfilm, online records, indexes and other information on state census records)

Other records that may provide information to help bust census brick walls

City Directories

Online subscription (\$\$) sites: Ancestry.com <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1540>

Fold3 (formerly Footnote.com) www.fold3.com/category_2

National Archives and Records Administration: <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1930/city-directories.html> (list of cities/years available for circa 1930 directories)

Library of Congress: http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/telephon.html (Reference Guide No. 42 lists directories available for cities in U.S. and some foreign countries)

Links to online historical versions of some city directories (some are subscription sites):

<http://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectoriesite/>

Public libraries, Family History Library: City directories on microfilm may be borrowed through interlibrary loan.

Pre-1870 Records

Freedmen’s Bureau Registers of Marriage: Refer to NARA Reference Information Paper 108 “*Black Family Research*” available online <http://www.archives.gov/publications/ref-info-papers/rip108.pdf>

Reference book (also on CD): “*Somebody Knows My Name: Marriages of Freed People in North Carolina County by County*” by Barnetta McGhee White (most but not all counties listed; available in some local libraries—search on www.worldcat.org)

Cohabitation Records for Virginia (some counties), Library of Virginia:

http://digitool1.lva.lib.va.us:8881/R/IFRIM7P1Y96RPCNRSEN3V2DP6L1ENX8NGFE8HAFL29T2MX1B5T-02812?func=collection-result&collection_id=1522&pds_handle=GUEST (title “Register of Colored Persons...cohabitating together as Husband and Wife on 27th February 1866”)

Note: Several published compilations of various county “freedmen” and “colored” marriage records are available for the period between approximately 1865 to 1890 (try Google; check state archives/libraries or other genealogy research facilities)

Slave births: Five-volume index “*Virginia Slave Births Index 1853-1865*” by Alexandria Library Local History/Special Collections, Leslie Anderson Morales Editor (listed under slave owner’s name, by county; includes slave’s name, mother’s name, date/place of birth)

1867 Voter Registration Lists

Family Search: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Census_State_Censuses (check Family History Library catalogue for your location)

Several states have published voter registration lists for various timeframes; some are online, e.g., Alabama: <http://www.archives.state.al.us/voterreg/index.cfm> (try Google)

Free Online Cemetery Records

Find A Grave: <http://www.findagrave.com/> (Note: In addition to search feature, Find A Grave permits submission of pictures of cemetery/gravesite, and allows you to leave a virtual memorial (flowers and notes) on your ancestor’s grave)

Interment.net: <http://www.interment.net/>

African American Cemeteries: <http://africanamericancemeteries.com/>

Nationwide Gravesite Locator: http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1 (search for burial locations of veterans and their family members; provides pertinent dates and cemetery locations)

Tracing the Genealogy of Your Ancestor’s House

“Researching Your Own Home” by Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University:

http://clarke.cmich.edu/resource_tab/aladdin_company_of_bay_city/researching_your_own_home/researching_your_own_home_index.html#reg (article lists records to check such as deeds, building permits, fire insurance maps, tax assessments, etc.)

Societies, Groups, and Organizations

“Useful Business, Institution, and Organizational Resources”:

http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=List_of_Useful_Business,_Institution,_and_Organization_Resources (\$\$)

Cyndi’s List of “Societies and Groups”: <http://www.cyndislist.com/societies/> (links to resources, info, organizations, etc.)

“U.S. Societies”: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Societies (links to numerous resources)

Note: Don’t forget City Directories, which have lists of local civic, fraternal, church, social, and other organizations.

Namethesaurus

<http://www.namethesaurus.com/Thesaurus/search.aspx> (provides a reasonable number of spelling variations for given names and surnames)