

Sierra Vista Genealogy Club

Helpful Hints, Tips, and Tricks



Census Records

Census records become available for public release after 72 years. The last census records release was in 2022 opening information from the 1950 census. The 1790 to 1840 census records only listed the head of household with other members counted in age groups. After 1840, censuses listed everyone in the household making it a valuable resource. Every person is counted on the census for the country's population every ten years as well as other uses for the government.

Why are census records so important to genealogists? From a census you can find a great amount of information about a person. Most records document the age, address, parents' birthplace, spoken language, marital status, other members of the household, spouse's age, children and their ages, occupation, and more. However, errors do take place on the census, particularly misspelt names.

Learn more about [census records](#).