

Family History Detective: The Census

The U.S. government has counted all the people in the U.S. every ten years since 1790. This count is called a census. The last census was in 2010 and the next one will be in 2020. All of the people in the U.S. are listed in the place where they live.

For a family history detective who is looking for clues about ancestors, the census has important information. Below is the census of Abraham Lincoln, his family and the people in his house in 1860, just before he became President of the U.S. They are living in Springfield, Illinois.

Abraham Lincoln	51	m	Lawyer	\$5,000	\$12,000	Ky
Mary	35	f				"
Robt D. "	16	m				Ills
Willie W. "	9	m				"
Thomas "	7	m				"
M. Johnson	18	f	Servant			"
Phillip Dinkell	14	m				"

Here's what the handwriting says:

Name	Age	Sex	Job	Value of Land	Value of Property	Birthplace
Abraham Lincoln	51	M	Lawyer	\$5,000	\$12,000	Kentucky
Mary Lincoln	35	F				Kentucky
Robert D. Lincoln	16	M				Illinois
Willie W. Lincoln	9	M				Illinois
Thomas Lincoln	7	M				Illinois
M. Johnson	18	F	Servant			Illinois
Phillip Dinkell	14	M				Illinois

Answer the following questions about this census

Who is the oldest person in the house?

Who is the youngest person in the house?

Who was born in Kentucky?

How much was Abraham Lincoln's land worth?

Abraham and Mary are married and they have three sons. What are the sons' names?

Where were the sons born?

What was Abraham Lincoln's job?

How old is M. Johnson?
