

Ten Best Genealogy Research Tips Fall 2021 – Part 1

Part 1 of 2

[LINK TO Best Genealogy Tips Part 1](#) (Fall 2021)

In this video, I pulled some of the best tips from previous episodes on [Genealogy TV](#). These were not just my favorite tips, but I researched the analytics from previous videos to see what you, the viewers, enjoyed the most. I chose 10 of your favorites, pulled top segments from each video, and compiled them in this two-part series. Here in Part 1, are the first five of the ten. The rest will be available in Part 2 of this series.

Below are the instructions for each tip featured in Part 1, but also the link to the full episodes are in parentheses for your further education... and binge-watching pleasure! 😊

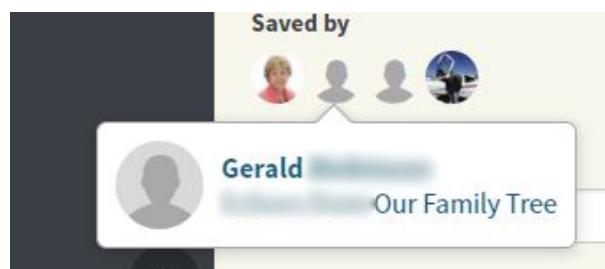
Search Private Trees ([Hidden Tools on Ancestry](#))– Anyone can search for private trees, but you will not be able to see inside the trees until you get permission from the tree owner.

- Go to Search> Public Member Trees> Private Trees (Right side column)>
- Search Your Ancestors Name.
- Click “Contact the Tree Owner” for the results that look promising.

See Who Saved Your Images and Documents – Great way to connect with others!

([Hidden Tools on Ancestry](#)) – When you upload documents and images to your public tree, others can see and save your images. By looking at who has saved your documents and images in your family tree, it is a great way to find other persons researching the same family lines.

- Go to the profile view of your ancestor.
- Click on Gallery
- Choose an image or document you have uploaded.
- Look at the “Saved by” area.
- Click on the circles to see who saved your images.
- You can contact them directly to collaborate on the family history by clicking on their name.



How to Extract Data from a U.S. Census into Excel

Step-By-Step Instructions for how to Extract Data from Census Records

([#1 Way to Break Down Brick Walls - Updated](#))

Step 1

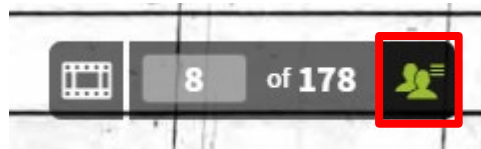
Open a new Excel spreadsheet, name it, and **SAVE IT** where you will find it again. Do this before anything else. Save it often throughout the process. Excel does not save automatically unless you turn autosave on for cloud saving.

Step 2 Put the Header Information from the Census

This is so you know where you got this information. Include a link to the image in your Excel file.

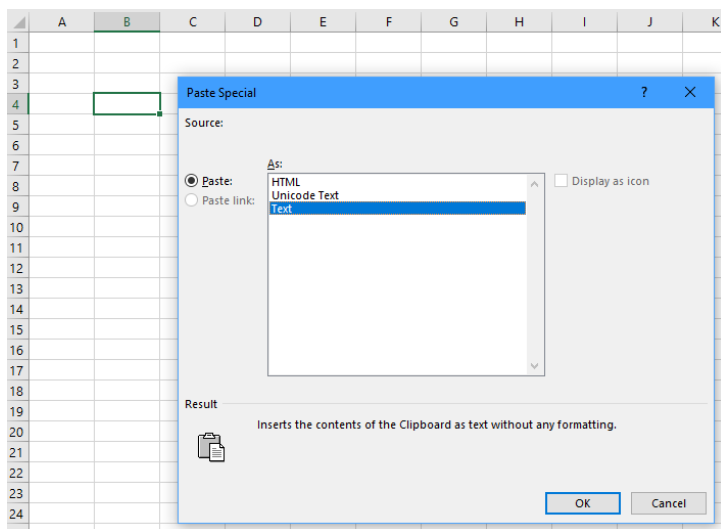
Step 3 Extracting the Data from the Census Record

1. On Ancestry.com, **find your “Target Ancestor”** and a census record you want to extract.
2. **Note the image number** you are looking at.
3. Go 5 to 10 pages before your “Target Ancestor.”
4. **Click on the people icon** (at the bottom) to open the transcriptions.
5. **Click anywhere in the transcriptions section.**
6. “Select All” data, by holding down the **CTRL** button on the keyboard + **A** (Windows) or **CMD + A** (on a Mac). This will highlight everything.



Dwelling Number	Family Number	Surname	Given Name	Age	Birth Year	Gender	Race	Occupation	Real Estate Value	Personal Estate Value	Birth Place	Married Within Year	Attended School	Cannot Read, Write	Disability Condition
64	60	Henly	Rebecca	30	1830	Female		Tailoress	200		North Carolina				
64	60	Henly	Flora	8	1852	Female					North Carolina				
64	60	Henly	Mary	5	1855	Female					North Carolina				
64	60	Henly	Ellen	1	1859	Female					North Carolina				

7. **Copy all the data with CTRL + C** (Windows) or **CMD + C** (Mac). Or Right Click and choose Copy.
8. **Go to your new Excel spreadsheet.**
9. **Select Cell B4.** (Below the source information you entered in the top rows.)
10. **Right Click** and choose **Paste Special**.
11. When the **Paste Special** box pops up, (shown below) choose **Text**, click **OK**.



12. **Highlight all rows at the top you want to remove, right-click and choose “delete.”**
This will remove unwanted data and pull up the data in one click. (Remember when you do this, to highlight the rows where the numbers are, not the cells.)
13. In cell A1 type “Image.”
14. **In column A, note the image number** from the Ancestry.com’s image on all lines pasted in each step.
15. **Drag the first image number** by grabbing the handle in the lower right corner of the cell

Dwelling No.	Family No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Birthplace	Married	1860 Attended School	Cannot Read, Write	Condition
58	54	Robbins Calvin	8	Male					North Carolina				
58	54	Robbins Manly	6	Male					North Carolina				
58	54	Robbins Mary	4	Female					North Carolina				
58	54	Robbins Angeline	1	Female					North Carolina				
59	55	Newby Nath	63	Male	F	500	800		North Carolina				
59	55	Newby Franes	42	Female	H				North Carolina				
59	55	Newby William	19	Male	Student				North Carolina	Yes			
59	55	Newby Nathan	15	Male					North Carolina	Yes			
59	55	Newby Franes	13	Female					North Carolina	Yes			
59	55	Newby Frank	10	Male					North Carolina	Yes			


and drag down for the length of the data to identify this first set of data as being from image 1.

16. **Repeat these steps for 5 to 10 pages on either side of your Target Ancestor, adding them to the bottom starting in the B Column.** This will capture as many neighbors as possible.
17. **Remember to note the image number each time you paste new data** into your spreadsheet. The image numbers are important later.
18. **SAVE EARLY – SAVE OFTEN!**

Social Security Death Index's Social Security Death Index (SSDI), 1935-2014 – ([Social Security Death Index](#))

The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) can be found in several places and are free to use. They can be found on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, MyHeritage.com, and FindMyPast.com. This is where you will want to start and collect all data

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Name: Frances Madsen

Social Security Number: _____

Birth Date: 17 Aug 1880

Issue Year: 1966

Issue State: California

Last Residence: 90814, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California, USA

Death Date: 15 Jan 1972

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found for your ancestor. You will want to note the Social Security Number before moving on to the next step.

Additionally, the Last Residence is not always the last address of your ancestor. It could be that of the person filing the claim or settling the estate. Either way, it may provide clues.

Social Security Claims and Applications Index, 1936 – 2007

This database picks up where the SSDI leaves off. You also want to search this index for additional information. Make sure to match the Social Security numbers from the SSDI. To ensure you have the right person. Only Ancestry has the Social Security Claims and Applications Index. Here you will also want to note the Social Security Number and extra notes at the bottom for variations of the ancestor's name (especially for women).

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Name:	Herman Miller Madsen
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	25 May 1880
Birth Place:	Laramie, Wyoming
Father:	Christophe Madsen
Mother:	Laura Nelson
SSN:	
Notes:	May 1937: Name listed as HERMAN MILLER MADSEN

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Where to find the Social Security Death Records

On **Ancestry**, click the Search tab at the top of the home page, drop down to Card Catalog, and do a Keyword search for "SSDI." You will find both record sets. Search for your ancestor after 1935 in both record sets. [This direct link may take you there.](#)

Discovery Experiences on FamilySearch

([Inside Scoop at FamilySearch](#))

To find the Discovery Center, go to familysearch.org/discovery and make sure you are logged into your account.

In this episode we talked about "All About Me".

From there you can choose a variety of options about the year you were born or choose another date.

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NAME MEANING Name meaning and origin What does your name mean?	NAME POPULARITY Constance Henley How many people share your names?	MY HERITAGE Constance Henley Where in the world does your name come from?	POPULAR SONGS Popular song from the year
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY Top technology breakthroughs of the year	COST COMPARISON First-Class Stamp	COST COMPARISON Movie Ticket	SPORTS FRIGGS Who won the World Series?

To choose another date, (like for your ancestor), click the "View a Different Date" button in the upper right corner of the screen.