

How to use a Census

Teachers Guide

The 21st March, 2021 sees the UK conduct its national census. This occurs every ten years, always on a Sunday, and provides both the government and historians with an amazing resource.

The data from the 2021 census will be held by the Office for National Statistics for one hundred years. This means that the results from the 1921 census will become available in early 2022 and is eagerly being awaited by historians and statisticians.

The United Kingdom has conducted a national census every decade since 1801 (with the exception of 1941 due to the Second World War). Since 1841, individual's names have been recorded along with their age and occupation making it an amazing resource.

The dates of the accessible censuses are as follows:

1841	6 June
1851	30 March
1861	7 April
1871	2 April
1881	3 April
1891	5 April
1901	31 March
1911	2 April

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink. The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, (1) passed this night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	RELATIONSHIP to head of Family.	AGE last birthday.		PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards.	BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every person in Foreign Country.	IDENTITY.
		Male.	Female.	Single.	Married.				
Emil Granlund	Head	39		Married	6	Red Timber 557 (Docks)	Freeland, Sweden	Swedish	
Alfred Granlund	Wife		37	Married	6		Dunham South Shields	British	
Henry Granlund	Father	70		Married	55	Retired Marine School	Freeland, Sweden	Swedish	
Henry Granlund	Son	18		Single	0	School	Dunham South Shields	Swedish	
Alfred Granlund	Son	12			0	School	Dunham South Shields	Swedish	
Alfred Granlund	Son	9			0		Dunham South Shields	Swedish	
George Granlund	Son	7			0		Dunham South Shields	Swedish	
George Granlund	Son	5			0		Dunham South Shields	Swedish	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that the Schedule is correct in all particulars.

(1) I have read the instructions on the other side of this paper, and I certify that the entries are correct in all particulars.

(2) I have made the necessary corrections to the entries in the Schedule, and I have signed the same in the presence of the person to whom the entries relate, or in the presence of some other person who is qualified to give evidence as to the correctness of the entries.

Signature: *Emil Granlund*
 Postal Address: *16 Mortimer road, South Shields*

If you would like to use census material with your class, it can provide an incredible window into the past, allowing pupils to use accessible primary material to discover amazing information from history.

We have enclosed a copy of the 1911 census from Mortimer Street in South Shields for yourselves and your class to use. The census of Emil Granlund gives us a fascinating snapshot of one family home, in a house that still stands today.

Using this census you can uncover who lived in this house, their ages, relationships, jobs and place of birth. Nine people shared a five roomed house, we know the occupation of Emil and his elderly father, we can speculate which school his children attended and most fascinatingly of all, wonder how Emil and his 70 year old father ended up living in South Shields when they were Finnish! - You can still find Emil's house by putting the address into Google Earth!

To access more census material contact your local records office or visit Ancestry (charges apply).

Alternatively, please contact 4schools@durham.ac.uk to arrange for a bespoke local history session centred on your school and its surrounding area.