

Census Tracking Steps

1. Start with known information	MagiCensus uses any previous database information
2. Find and Preserve Census records	MagiCensus tells you age and name of individual for any census year. Lets you record online URL or link to a picture.
3. Extract information	MagiCensus has easy to use preset extraction forms
4. Enter Events into Database	MagiCensus automatically adds events from extraction form into database.
5. Create Spreadsheet	MagiCensus automatically creates the Census Tracker for you.
6. Analyze information and use Timelines	Color codes and comparisons will help you to analyze census information.

Case Study --Wilburn Parsons- Known Information

Father:

Description	Name or Date	Place
Given Name	Wilburn /Parsons/	
Birth	20 MAR 1850	Ashe Co., North Carolina, United States
Death	19 OCT 1925	Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
Burial		Parsons Cemetery, Big Mud, Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
Marriage	12 JAN 1871	Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States

Mother:

Description	Name or Date	Place
Given Name	Sarah Marinda /Howell/	
Birth	7 JUN 1842	Parsons Branch, Grethel, Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
Death	13 MAR 1919	Parsons Branch, Grethel, Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
Burial		Parsons Cemetery, Big Mud, Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
LDS Ordinances	B: Y C: Y I: Y E: Y S...	

Children:

#	Sex	Description	Name or Date	Place
1	F	Given Name	Louie /Parsons/	
		Birth	12 AUG 1881	Grethel, Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
		Death	25 DEC 1970	Toler Creek, Pike Co., Kentucky, United States
		Burial		Parsons Cemetery, Big Mud, Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
		Spouse	John P. /Meade/, Junior	
		Marriage	17 SEP 1902	Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
		Marriage	17 SEP 1902	Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States
		LDS Ordina...	B: Y C: Y I: Y E: Y S...	

Empty Census Tracker- Displays suggested ages and when name changes occur.

Double-click name to edit individual, birthdate to view timeline, or a cell for extraction data. Add/Remove Columns... Print to HTML...

Name		United States								
		1 JUN 1860	1 JUN 1870	1 JUN 1880	1 JUN 1890	1 JUN 1900	15 APR 1910	1 JAN 1920	1 APR 1930	
Wilburn /Parsons/	20 MAR 1850 NC	10	20	30	40	50	60	69	****	
+ Sarah Marinda /Howell/	7 JUN 1842 KY	17	27	37 (Parsons)	47	57	67	****	****	
1. Louie /Parsons/	12 AUG 1881 KY	****	****	****	8	18	28 (Meade)	38	48	

Show children's spouses Show grandchildren

Legend

Each cell contains one of the following:

- Linked to census record with matching age
- Linked to census record with age discrepancy
- No census record linked
- matching age (new surname if changed), location in census
- "recorded age" (expected age) (new surname if changed), location in census
- expected age

Based on Marriage Information 1871 in Floyd Co. Kentucky, I will start looking in the 1880 Floyd County Census.



Open the 1880 Extraction form for Wilburn Parsons in MagiCensus. Preserve the image link and sourcing information in top box of extraction form. (Add note, found 3 Parson families and 2 Howell Families on this page- most likely related- may have found Sarah's parents)

Compare Census Information with known Information and link family to database (this adds the events to the database automatically)

Date: 1 JUN 1880 Search Online

Place: Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States View Enumerator Instructions

District or Division: District 36

Source: 1880 United States Federal Census New Source... Additional Source Properties

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URL: :3AUS%3Bcensus%3B12990652%3B218964427%3B10%3B10&polarity=&searchtype=1&offset=0&scale=1 Open in browser

Extracted household:

Go to	Link	Dwelling #	Family #	Name	Color	Sex	Age	Birth Month	Relationship	Marital Status	Married Within the Year	Occupation	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Wilburn /Parsons/ (1850-1925)	Unlink	214	216	Wilburn Parsons	W	M	30		Head	M		Farmer	yes	yes	NC	NC	NC
Sarah Marinda /Howell/ (1842-1919)	Unlink			Sallie Parsons	W	F	40		wife	M		Keeping		yes	KY	KY	KY
Isaak /Parsons/ (Est 1871 -Est 1950)	Unlink			Isaak Parsons	W	M	8		son	S					KY	NC	KY
Polly /Parsons/ (Est 1877 -Est 1950)	Unlink			Polly Parsons	W	F	2		daughter	S					Ky	NC	KY

Individual Editor

Gender: **Female** FamilySearch Person Identifier: FamilySearch

Name: **Polly /Parsons/** (Double-click to add) Title: **(Double-click to add)**

Events

Event	Date	Place	Quality	Info
Birth		Kentucky, United States	Secondary	
Census	1 JUN 1880	Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States	Secondary	+

Add... Edit... Delete

1880 Census cells turn yellow or green, to show the extraction form linked.
 Green = birth ages match Yellow= potential for different information.

Name	Birth Date Birth Place	United States								
		1 JUN 1850	1 JUN 1860	1 JUN 1870	1 JUN 1880	1 JUN 1890	1 JUN 1900	15 APR 1910	1 JAN 1920	1 APR 1930
Wilburn /Parsons/	20 MAR 1850 NC	2 mo.	10	20	30 Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States	40	50	60	69	****
+ Sarah Marinda /Howell/	7 JUN 1842 KY	7	17	27	"40" (37) (Parsons) Floyd Co.	47	57	67	****	****
1. Louie /Parsons/	12 AUG 1881 KY	****	****	****	****	8	18	28 (Meade)	38	48
2. Isaak /Parsons/	EST 1871 KY	****	****	****	8 Floyd Co.	18	28	37-39	47-49	57-59
3. Polly /Parsons/	EST 1877 KY	****	****	****	2 Floyd Co.	12	22	31-33	41-43	51-53

Next, I looked for Wilburn in 1870 as a teenager. Could not find Wilburn, but in Floyd Co. Kentucky found an Isaac Parsons born in N.C. with a son Will. Using the information from the 1880 census (Wilburns father born in N.C.) good chance this is a match.

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real Estate Value	Personal Estate Value	Birthplace	Father Foreign Born	Mother Foreign Born	Birth Month	Marriage Month	Attended School
27	Isaac Parsons	39	M	W	Farmer		250	NC					
28	Levina	36	F	W	Keeping house			NC					
29	Wilburn	19	M	W	Farmer			NC					yes
30	Adolphus	16	M	W				NC					yes
31	John H.	14	M	W				NC					
32	Sarah	11	F	W				NC					
33	Jane	9	F	W				NC					
34	Abraham S.	6	M	W				NC					
35	Mary	1	F	W				NC					

Date: 1 JUN 1870 Search Online

Place: Floyd Co., Kentucky, United States View Enumerator Instructions

District or Division: Precint 5

Source: 1870 United States Census, population schedule New Source... Additional Source Properties

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URL: m%3Aproquest%3AUS%3BCensus%3B1633858%3B-1%3B9%3B10&searchtype=1&offset=0&threadtype=p Open in browser

Extracted household:

Go to	Link	Dwelling #	Family #	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real Estate Value	Personal Estate Value	Birthplace	Father Foreign Born	Mother Foreign Born	Birth Month	Marriage Month	Attended School
Isaac /Parsons/ (Est 1830-Est 1910)	Unlink			Isaac Parsons	39	M	W	Farmer		250	NC					
Levina (Est 1833-Est 1910)	Unlink			Levina	36	F	W	Keeping H...			NC					
Wilburn /Parsons/ (1850-1925)	Unlink			Will	19	M	W	Farmer			NC					yes
Adolphus /Parsons/ (Est 1853-Est ...)	Unlink			Adolphus	16	M	W				NC					yes
John H /Parsons/ (Est 1855-Est 1920)	Unlink			John H	14	M	W				NC					
Sarah /Parsons/ (Est 1858-Est 1920)	Unlink			Sarah	11	F	W				NC					
Jane /Parsons/ (Est 1860-Est 1900)	Unlink			Jane	9	F	W				NC					
Abraham S. /Parsons/ (Est 1863-Est...)	Unlink			Abraham S.	6	M	W				NC					

Name		United States							
		1 JUN 1840	1 JUN 1850	1 JUN 1860	1 JUN 1870	1 JUN 1880	1 JUN 1900	15 APR 1910	1 JAN 1920
Isaac /Parsons/	EST 1830 NC	9	19	29	39 Floyd Co, Kentucky, United States	49	69	78-80	88-90
+ Levina	EST 1833 NC	6	16	26 (Parsons)	36 Floyd Co	46	66	75-77	85-87
1. Wilburn /Parsons/	20 MAR 1850 NC	****	2 mo.	10	"19" (20) Floyd Co	30 Floyd Co., Kentucky	50	60	69
1+ Sarah Marinda /Howell/	7 JUN 1842 KY	****	7	17	27	"40" (37) (Parsons) Floyd Co.	57	67	****
1.1. Louie /Parsons/	12 AUG 1881 KY	****	****	****	****	****	18	28 (Meade)	38
1.2. Isaak /Parsons/	EST 1871 KY	****	****	****	****	8 Floyd Co.	28	37-39	47-49
1.3. Polly /Parsons/	EST 1877 KY	****	****	****	****	2 Floyd Co.	22	31-33	41-43
2. Adolphus /Parsons/	EST 1853 NC	****	****	6	16 Floyd Co	26	46	55-57	65-67
3. John H /Parsons/	EST 1855 NC	****	****	4	14 Floyd Co	24	44	53-55	63-65
4. Sarah /Parsons/	EST 1858 NC	****	****	1	11 Floyd Co	21	41	50-52	60-62

The Will Parsons in 1870 is one year different than the Willburn Parsons in 1880 and they were both born in N.C. living in the same county. It is safe to assume that these are the same person. One census may not give accurate birth information. However, when 2 or 3 censuses show similar information, then birth years can be believed.

In 1860 Where do I look for Isaac Parsons? I could look in Floyd Co. KY, except I notice that Sarah Parsons, the youngest kid in 1860 is born in North Carolina. I do find the family and filled out the extraction form, and then compared the information in the Census Tracker and timeline. I did find a Hardin Parsons living next door in 1860 age 54. Could this be a father? More tracking is needed.

Name	Birth Date Birth Place	United States							
		7 AUG 1820	1 JUN 1830	1 JUN 1840	1 JUN 1850	1 JUN 1860	1 JUN 1870	1 JUN 1880	1 JUN 1900
Isaac /Parsons/	EST 1 JUN 1830 NC	****	0	9-11	19-21	"30" (29-31) Ashe, North Carolina, United States	"39" (39-41) Floyd Co, Kentucky, United States	49-51	69-71
+ Levina	EST 1 JUN 1834 NC	****	****	5-7	15-17	"25" (25-27) (Parsons) Ashe	"36" (35-37) Floyd Co	45-47	65-67
1. Wilburn /Parsons/	20 MAR 1850 NC	****	****	****	2 mo.	"9" (10) Ashe	"19" (20) Floyd Co	30 Floyd Co., Kentucky	50
1+ Sarah Marinda /Howell/	7 JUN 1842 KY	****	****	****	7	17	27	"40" (37) (Parsons) Floyd Co.	57
2. Adolphus /Parsons/	1853 NC	****	****	****	****	"7" (6-8) Ashe	"16" (16-18) Floyd Co	26-28	46-48
3. John H /Parsons/	EST 1855 NC	****	****	****	****	"5" (4-6) Ashe	"14" (14-16) Floyd Co	24-26	44-46
4. Sarah /Parsons/	EST 1857 NC	****	****	****	****	"3" (1-4) Ashe	"11" (11-14) Floyd Co	21-24	41-44
5. Jane /Parsons/	EST 1861 NC	****	****	****	****	****	9 Floyd Co	19	39
6. Abraham S. /Parsons/	EST 1863 NC	****	****	****	****	****	6 Floyd Co	16	36

Age	Date	Person	Event	Place	Source
19	20 MAR 1850	son Wilburn /Parsons/	Birth	Ashe Co.,North ...	Floyd County Cemeteries
23	1853	son Adolphius /Parsons/	Birth	Ashe Co.,North ...	
25	EST 1855	son John H /Parsons/	Birth	Ashe Co.,North ...	
27	EST 1857	daughter Sarah /Parsons/	Birth	Ashe Co.,North ...	
29-31	1 JUN 1860	wife Levina	Census	Ashe,North Car...	1860 United States Federal C...
29-31	1 JUN 1860	Isaac /Parsons/	Census	Ashe,North Car...	1860 United States Federal C...
29-31	1 JUN 1860	son John H /Parsons/	Census	Ashe,North Car...	1860 United States Federal C...
29-31	1 JUN 1860	daughter Sarah /Parsons/	Census	Ashe,North Car...	1860 United States Federal C...
29-31	1 JUN 1860	son Adolphius /Parsons/	Census	Ashe,North Car...	1860 United States Federal C...
29-31	1 JUN 1860	son Wilburn /Parsons/	Census	Ashe,North Car...	1860 United States Federal C...
31	EST 1861	daughter Jane /Parsons/	Birth	Ashe Co.,North ...	
39-41	1 JUN 1870	daughter Sarah /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	son John H /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	son Adolphius /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	daughter Jane /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	son Abraham S. /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	Isaac /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	wife Levina	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	daughter Mary /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	son Wilburn /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
39-41	1 JUN 1870	son Franklin /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co,Kentu...	1870 United States Census, F...
40	12 JAN 1871	son Wilburn /Parsons/ and Sara...	Marriage	Floyd Co.,Kentu...	Floyd County Marriages
49-51	1 JUN 1880	son Wilburn /Parsons/	Census	Floyd Co.,Kentu...	1880 United States Federal C...
95	19 OCT 1925	son Wilburn /Parsons/	Death	Floyd Co.,Kentu...	Floyd County Cemeteries

In the 1850 Census I find Isaac and Levina with no kids in Ashe Co., North Carolina.

At this point, it is time to verify the census information I have found. I need to find marriage records, lands records, death and birth certificates. However, I did find Wilburn's father and mother and potential ages to start my look, and a place to look for records. I found some Howell's that I need to follow and see if that Hardin Parson is a relation.

(p.s. I did find Wilburn's birth certificate with a Louisa Dickson and Isaac Parsons listed on it)