

Brute Force Searching of Census Records

1. Open Ancestry, select the census roll of choice. Navigate to the first image of the roll.
2. Copy Record the Source Citation & Source Description and paste into Cell B1 of the spreadsheet
3. In cell A2 enter "Image"
4. Return to Ancestry Census Record Page 1
5. Hover over Line Number. Click and drag to highlight to the bottom to highlight entries.
6. Ctrl-C (Windows), Cmd-C (Mac), or right click and select copy
7. Switch to spreadsheet, select the B2 cell (second row/second column), right click and select Paste Special, Text.
8. Select cell A3, enter the image number (1), grab the lower right corner and drag down to the list line to copy image number
9. Return to Ancestry Record, forward to the next image by clicking on the right image button
10. Hover over the first line number. Click and drag to highlight to the bottom to highlight entries.
11. Ctrl-C (Windows), Cmd-C (Mac), or right click and select copy
12. Switch to spreadsheet, select the next available cell in Column B; right click and select Paste Special, Text.
13. Select cell corresponding cell in Column A, enter the image number, grab the lower right corner and drag down to the list line to copy image number
14. Repeat steps 12-13 for the rest of the Images on the roll.

Save Often.

Post Data Transfer

Select Cell A3; Click on VIEW tab at the top; Freeze Panes

Select the Header Row (A2); Click on Data Tab at the Top; Click Filter

Each Column should now have Down Arrow Handle that can be used to sort the sheet by one or more selected conditions. Narrow your sort by Age, Sec, Race to narrow your results. Filters can be cleared, if necessary.

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See Original Video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upectYEcxnw>