

U.S. Federal Census Research
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A Timeline of Census History (https://www.census.gov/history/img/timeline_census_history.bmp)

United States Census Abbreviations
(https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Census_Abbreviations)

Blank Census Forms for each U.S. Census year
(https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Census_Forms

United States Census Records for Beginners
(https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Census_Records_for_Beginners)

Index of Census Questions Asked Each Year
(https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/index_of_questions/)

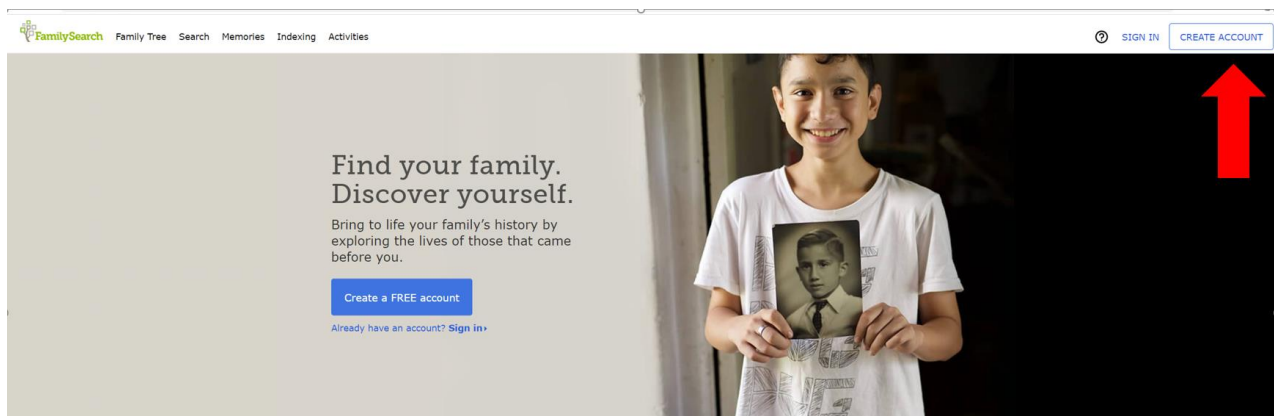
Pinyin to Wade-Giles Conversion Table
(<http://www.eastasianlib.org/ctp/RomTable/Chipinyintowade.pdf>)

United States Census Research Strategies

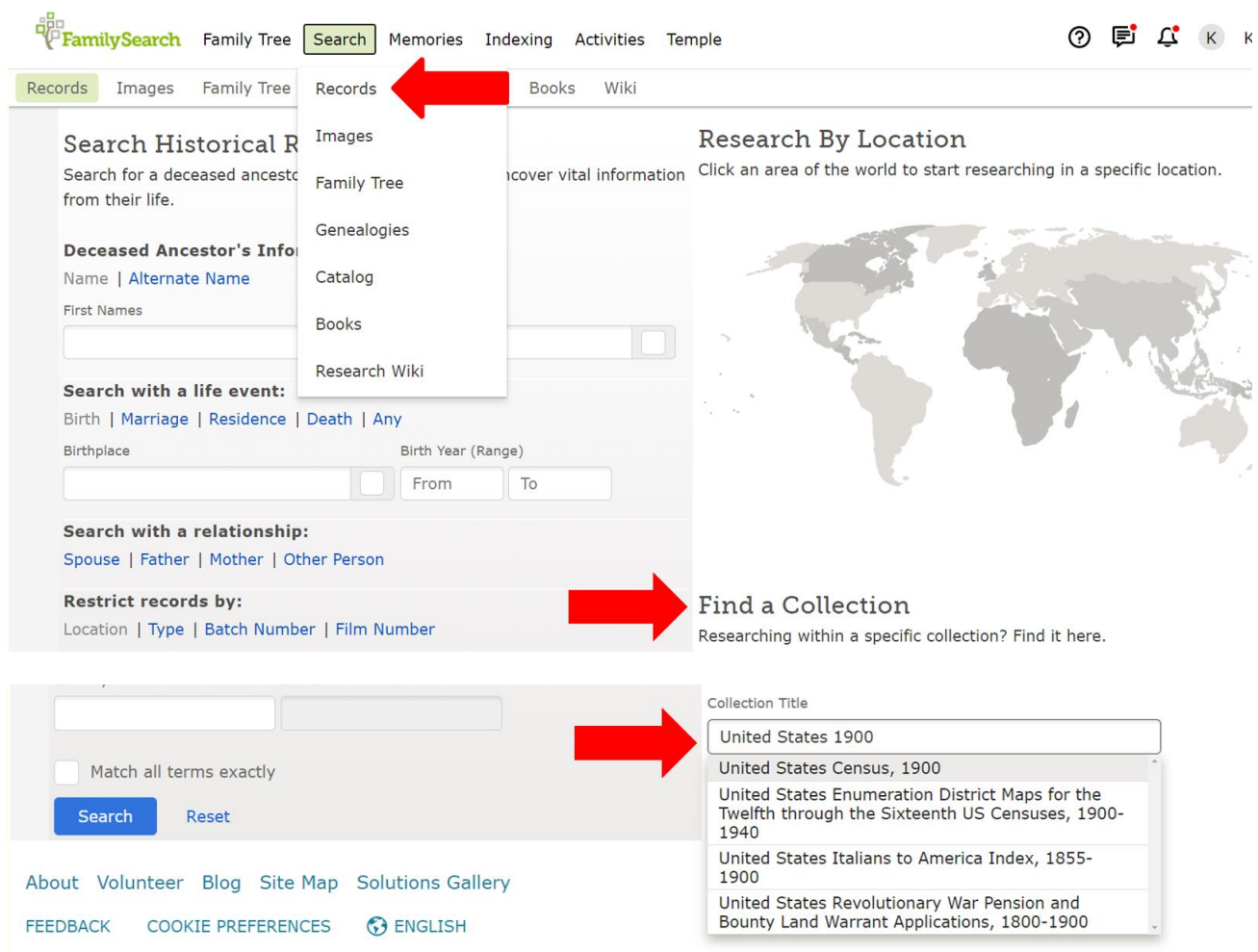
- Begin searching the most recent census year and work back in time
- Search for one census year at a time
- 5 years age difference is okay
- Try different spellings (Especially important for Chinese-American research)
- Wildcard searching (*)
- Try using the surname only or try one name only
- Search using all names (Paper names, real names)
- Search for family members
- Try a different index at a different website (search formulas different)
- Always look at the images the indexes can be incorrect
- Identify immigration clues

FamilySearch.org – Free

1 – Create an Account



2 – Search > Records > Find a Collection > United States Census



3 – United States Census, 19xx > Search

United States Census, 1900

Description

Name index and images of population schedules listing inhabitants of the United States in 1900. This was the twelfth census conducted since 1790. The searchable index covers all states including the Armed Forces (foreign country where census occurred) and the Indian Territory. Images can also be viewed using the browse option and includes all states including the Armed Forces (foreign country where census occurred) and the Indian Territory.

[How to Use this Collection »](#)

Search Collection

Deceased Ancestor's Information

First Names

Last Names

Race

Chinese

Marital Status

Any

Relationship to Head of Household

Any

Search with a life event:

Birth | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

Birthplace

China

Birth Year (Range)

From

To

Search with a relationship:

[Spouse](#) | [Father](#) | [Mother](#) | [Other Person](#)

Restrict records by:

[Location](#) | [Type](#) | [Batch Number](#) | [Film Number](#)

Country

United States

State or Province

California

☐ Match all terms exactly

Search

Reset

4 – Search Results. Click on name or icons for index and image

Information

Alternate Name

First Names

Last Names

Race

Chinese

Marital Status

Any

Relationship to Head of Household

Any

Search

Birthplace

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Birth Year (Range)

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Search with a relationship:

[Spouse](#)

[Father](#)

[Mother](#)

[Other Person](#)

United States Census, 1900

[Search all collections](#)

1 Collections selected

1-20 of 40,099 Results for Birthplace: China Country: United States State or Province: California

Number of results to show: 20 50 100

Export Results 1-20

Name	Events	Relationships	View
Yong Kow Employee United States Census, 1900	birth: December 1849 China residence: 1900 Plano and White River Townships, Tulare, California, United States immigration: 1879	other: Theophilus Elam, Eliza A Elam, Mattie I Elam, Mary S Elam, Auguste C Elam, James B...	
Ah Kow Employee United States Census, 1900	birth: December 1855 China residence: 1900 Rough and Ready Township, Nevada, California, United States immigration: 1882	other: John F Schroeder, Catherine Schroeder, Lillie Schroeder	
Leong Kow Boarder United States Census, 1900	birth: August 1864 China residence: 1900 Bakersfield city Ward 3-5, Kern, California, United States immigration: 1880	other: Leong Bo, Mee Bo, Sing Leung, Ah Ghun	
Oh Kow Boarder United States Census, 1900	birth: October 1839 China residence: 1900 Santa Clara Township Santa Clara town, Santa Clara, California, United States immigration: 1874	other: Loung Wing Hop, Sua Tim Hop, Jim Hop, Tom Hop, John Hop, Luong Hop, Lung Choro, Wang...	
Mark Kow Other United States Census, 1900	birth: December 1858 China residence: 1900 San Jose Township Pajoma city Ward 5, Los Angeles, California, United States immigration: 1881	other: Wing Chung, Tom Yung, Fong Gin Let, Ach Won, Mar Yee, Mar On, Chang You	
Ah Chrolr Employee	birth: April 1862 China residence: 1900 Precinct 6 San Francisco city Ward 40, San	other: Julius C Reiss, Mrs. J C Reiss, Ferdinand Reiss, Mrs. George Dent, May Reiss, Lillie...	

5 – Index and Image.

Joet Kow

United States Census, 1900

Tools

Review and Attach Record

Name:

Joet Kow

Event Type:

Census

Event Date:

1900 • [Edit](#)

Event Year:

1900

Event Place:

Precinct 11 San Francisco city Ward 43, San Francisco, California, United States

• [Edit](#)

Event Place (Original):

ED 271 Precinct 11 San Francisco city Ward 43, San Francisco, California, United States

Gender:

Male

Age:

46

Marital Status:

Married

Race:

Chinese

Race (Original):

Ch

Years Married:

20

Birth Date:

Aug 1854

Birthplace:

China

Marriage Year (Estimated):

1880

Immigration Year:

1879

Father's Birthplace:

China

Mother's Birthplace:

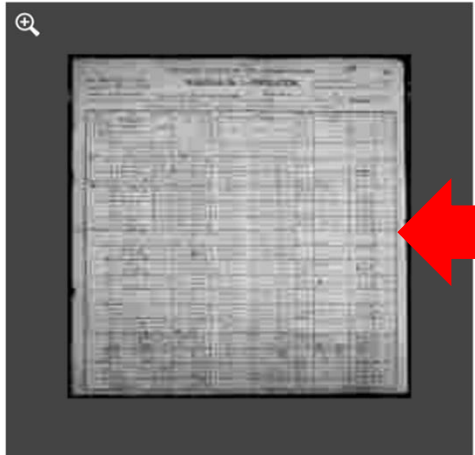
China

Relationship to Head of Household:

Head

Relationship to Head of Household (Original):


Head




View the original document. The original may contain more information than was indexed.

Record Collection:

United States Census, 1900



Document Information:



Similar Historical Records

No similar records were found.

6 - Image. You can zoom in or out of image. You can download the image.

FamilySearch

Family Tree Search Memories Indexing Activities Temple

Records Images Family Tree Genealogies Catalog Books Wiki

United States Census, 1900

California

San Francisco

ED 271 Precinct 11 San Francisco city Ward 43

Source Box

Attach to Family Tree

Image 2 of 15

Download

Tools

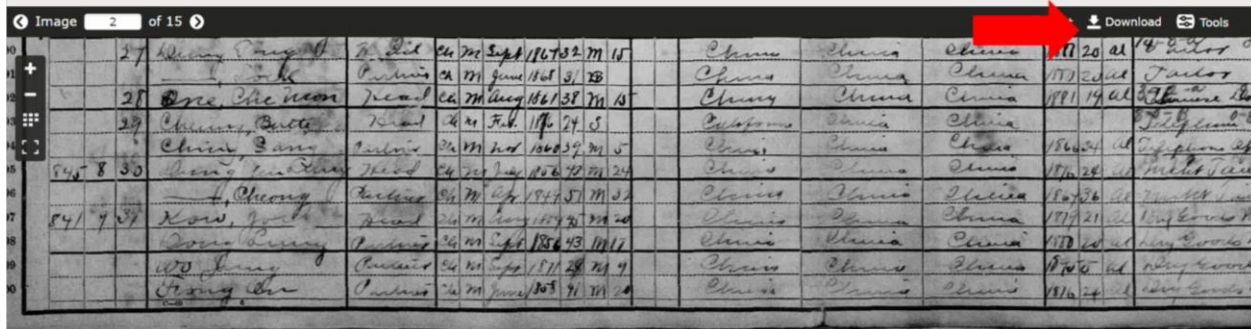


Image Index

Information

Name	Titles and Terms	Event Year	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Race	Number of Living...	Years Married
Joet Kow		1900	Male	46	Married	Chinese		20
Luny Dong		1900	Male	44	Married	Chinese		17
Jung Wo		1900	Male	29	Married	Chinese		9

Ancestry.com – Subscription \$\$

1 – Search > Census & Voter Lists > U.S. Federal Census Collection

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Trees', 'Search', 'DNA', 'Health', 'Help', and 'Extras'. The 'Search' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'All Collections', 'Census & Voter Lists', 'Birth, Marriage & Death', 'Immigration & Travel', 'Public Member Trees', 'Military', 'Card Catalog', and 'Member Search'. The 'Census & Voter Lists' option is highlighted with a red arrow. The main heading is 'Census and Voter Lists' with a link to 'View sample images and collection details'. Below this is a search form with fields for 'First & Middle Name(s)', 'Last Name', 'Year', 'Location', 'Birth', 'Death', 'Lived In', 'Marriage', 'Arrival', 'Military', and 'Any Event'. There is also a section for 'Add family member' with fields for 'Father', 'Mother', 'Sibling', 'Spouse', and 'Child'. On the right, the 'Narrow by Category' section lists 'U.S. Federal Census Collection', 'U.K. Census Collection', 'Canadian Census Collection, 1851-1916', '1700s Censuses', '1800s Censuses', and '1900s Censuses'. The 'U.S. Federal Census Collection' is highlighted with a red arrow. Below this is the 'Featured data collections' section, which includes '1940 United States Federal Census', 'Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980', and 'U.S., Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940'.

2 – Scroll down the page until you see the census collections by year. Select the year you want to search.

The screenshot shows the 'U.S. Federal Census Collection' search page. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Trees', 'Search', 'DNA', 'Health', 'Help', and 'Extras'. The 'Search' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'All Collections', 'Census & Voter Lists', 'Birth, Marriage & Death', 'Immigration & Travel', 'Public Member Trees', 'Military', 'Card Catalog', and 'Member Search'. The 'Census & Voter Lists' option is highlighted with a red arrow. The main heading is 'U.S. Federal Census Collection'. Below this is a search form with fields for 'First & Middle Name(s)', 'Last Name', 'Year', 'Location', 'Birth', 'Death', 'Lived In', 'Marriage', 'Arrival', 'Military', and 'Any Event'. The 'Lived In' section is highlighted with a red arrow. On the right, there is a 'View all collections included in this search' link. Below this is the 'More help' section, which includes links to 'U.S. Census Facts', 'Enlarging a Census Image to Print', and 'Download blank census forms'. Below that is the 'Search Tips' section, which includes a tip about census records.

Included data collections:

1790 United States Federal Census
1800 United States Federal Census
1810 United States Federal Census
1820 United States Federal Census
1830 United States Federal Census
1840 United States Federal Census
1850 U.S. Federal Census - Slave Schedules **FREE**
1850 United States Federal Census
1860 U.S. Federal Census - Slave Schedules **FREE**
1860 United States Federal Census
1870 United States Federal Census
1880 United States Federal Census **FREE**
1890 United States Federal Census Fragment
1890 Veterans Schedules of the U.S. Federal Census **UPDATED**
1900 United States Federal Census
1910 United States Federal Census
1920 United States Federal Census
1930 United States Federal Census
1940 United States Federal Census **FREE** **UPDATED**
U.S. Enumeration District Maps and Descriptions, 1940 **FREE**
U.S. Federal Census - 1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885 **FREE INDEX**

3 – Search the collection.

1900 United States Federal Census

Search ☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Birth **Month** **Year** **Location**

☐ Exact to country

Lived In

☐ Exact to...

Marriage

Arrival

Any Event

Add family member: [Father](#) [Mother](#) [Sibling](#) [Spouse](#) [Child](#)

First & Middle Name(s) **Last Name**

Father

Mother

Sibling

Spouse



Provided in
association with
National Archives and
Records
Administration

Browse this collection

To browse this image set, select from
the options below.

State

County

Township

Enumeration District

Related data collections

4 – Results. View record to see index and image.

Search Filters

Born: china Broad Exact

Lived In: san francisco... Broad Exact

[Edit Search](#) [New Search](#) [Update](#)

▼ All Categories

- Census & Voter Lists
- 1900s (Decade)

1900 United States Federal Census

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census, the Twelfth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's...

[Learn more about this database...](#)

[Browse Individual Records](#)

Shortcut Keys ►

Results 1-50 of 108,080

View Record	Name	Parent or spouse names	Home in 1900 (City, County, State)	Birth Date	Birthplace	Relation to Head of House	View Image
View Record	John Cou		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Sep 1878	China	Boarder	Image
View Record	Fun Bur Con		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Apr 1848	China	Head	Image
View Record	Wong Cong		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Jan 1855	China	Cook	Image
View Record	Ho Come	Chan Yick	San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Nov 1875	China	Wife	Image
View Record	Loy Coy		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	1882	China	Servant	Image
View Record	Yee Chin		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Apr 1863	China	Boarder	Image
View Record	Chan Chin		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Mar 1865	China	Employee	Image
View Record	Die Din Ching		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Feb 1846	China	Head	Image
View Record	Guin Yip Chin		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Apr 1848	China	Partner	Image
View Record	Wa 22 122 Chin		San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Dec	China	Head	Image

5 – Save image to a tree or download image.

1900 United States Federal Census for Ho Come

California > San Francisco > San Francisco > District 0279

Line Num	Street	House Num	Family Num	Name	Relation to Head	Race	Sex	Birth Month	Birth Year	Age	Marital St	Years Mar	Children	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Immigrant	Years in U	Naturaliz	Occupation	Months N	Attended	Can Read	Can Write	Can Speak	Owned fr	Farm or H	Farm Sch	Line Num
113				Ho Come	Wife	Chinese	F	11	1875	24	M			China	China	China	1875	11											

Ho Come

1900 United States Federal Census

[Detail](#) [Related](#) [Source](#)

Name **Ho Come**

Age **24**

Birth Date **Nov 1875**

Birthplace **China**

Home in 1900 **San Francisco, San Francisco, California**

Ward of City **Brd Assembly Dist**

Street **Prospect Place**

House Number **18**

Sheet Number **6**

Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation **48**

Family Number **121**

Race **Chinese**

Research Log – Keep Track of your Research!

- Keeps you organized
- Reduces duplication of searches
- Where did you search? What did you search for?
- What did you find?
- What was not found?
- What different searches were tried?
- Do you have any comments on the search results?

Research Logs (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Research_Logs)

Example Research Log

Research Objective: Chin F. Sun (paper name) or Gong Yuen Tim, born, 3 May 1903, Guangdong, China and died 25 Sep 2001, Daly City, San Mateo, California, United States. Immigrated to the US about 1917-1918. Married Low Hop Yee, born 28 Nov 1906 and died 8 Mar 1982, United States.
 Researcher – Kelly Summers
 Date – Nov 2020

Source Location Website	Source Collection Details	Search - Goal	Results/Comments
FamilySearch.org	United States Census 1940	Yuen Tim Gong, born 1902-4, China, residence California	nil
		Gong, born 1902-4, China, residence California	Need to know residence in 1940. Death location is Daly City, San Mateo, California
		Add San Mateo county, California	nil
		Gong Yuen, born 1902-4, China, residence California	nil
		Yuen, born 1902-4, China, residence California	Thomas Yuen, San Francisco, San Francisco, California, spouse Chin fay Yuen, children, Chester, Donald, Edward, Steven Shue Yuen, San Francisco, San Francisco, California, boarder Henry Yuen, San Francisco, San Francisco, California, boarder Yow Yon Yuen, San Francisco, San Francisco, California, head
FamilySearch.org	United States Census 1940	Chin F Sun, born 1902-4, China, residence California	nil
		Sun, born 1902-4, China, residence San Mateo, California	nil
		Sun Chin, 1902-4, China, residence California	1 result in California Ginn, employee, birth 1904, China Residence San Francisco, San Francisco, California Unlikely to be the correct person

Homework

- Search for an ancestor in multiple census years
- If you cannot find your ancestor search another website
- Record your searches and results in a research log
 - Include multiple spellings used for searches
 - If a census is found:
- Save the census images found
- Transcribe all the information about your ancestor from the census
 - Look for the details for example which street, who are the neighbors
- Write up an analysis of your ancestor and the information found about him