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Lincoln, NE Census – 1913-1915

History of the Census

Lincoln, Nebraska was a major distribution center for thousands of German immigrants from Russia. While many families made Lincoln their permanent home, others eventually journeyed on to neighboring towns and states. A young student of sociology at the University of Nebraska, Mrs. Hattie Plum Williams, became interested in this ethnic group and made these people her prime area of study. She realized there were inaccuracies in the 1910 Federal census due to the language barriers and a reluctance on the part of many to trust the "officials." Hattie Plum Williams decided to conduct her own comprehensive census among the Germans from Russia living in Lincoln.

The survey was begun in the late fall of 1913, after the "beetfielders" had returned to Lincoln from their summer jobs in the sugar beet fields. Williams continued working on the census until it was time for the workers to return to the fields in the spring of 1914. She resumed again in the fall of 1914 and probably continued into early 1915. This census is unique because it is the only known census ever made of Germans from Russia in any American community.

The information collected by Hattie Plum Williams was used to write her sociology dissertation, *A Social Study of Russian Germans*, which is available for loan through the AHSGR library or for purchase from the online purchase page.

Questions on the Census

- Name of person
- Relation to number 1
- Sex
- Speaks English
- Age at last birthday
- Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced
- Number years of present marriage
- # of children born to mother

of children now living
Place of birth of the person
Place of birth of the person's father
Place of birth of the person's mother
Year of coming to Lincoln
Year of immigration to U. S.
Whether naturalized or alien
When Naturalized
Where Naturalized
Trade, profession or work done by this person
For whom do you work
of years in beet fields
Employer, Employee or self employed
Whether out of work 1 Apr, 1913
of weeks out of work in 1912
Able to read
Able to write
Attended school since 1 September, 1912
Own or rent home
Own free or mortgaged
Ticket to USA prepaid
Name of Pastor
Number of years in Russian Army
Whether blind (both eyes)
Whether deaf and dumb
What newspapers do you take

About these Records

Over many years, Gerda Stroh Walker and Delbert D. Amen transcribed the data from the original census lists to individual family sheets. Every effort was made to type all data exactly as it was given on the original census. No attempt was made to correct the spelling or interpret the intent of the census takers, who seem to have used a great deal of phonetic spelling.

There are errors and omission in the census. Some families are listed on two or more census sheets. This is due to some overlap in the areas assigned to each census taker or because a family moved during this period. Some people are missing from the census. This may be because they were out of town, moved from an area where the census takers had not yet covered to one where the census was completed, or because the families refused to provide any answers. Those scattered throughout Lincoln, and not in one of the major areas of concentration of Germans from Russia, may have been overlooked. Some incorrect information is due to a misunderstanding on the part of the census taker or because the informant elected to give incorrect answers.

Delbert D. Amen indexed these family group sheets according to the home village of the heads of household. Every effort was made to list all place names correctly. After each village names the area or province in which the village was located is indicated. The exact location of some Russian villages is unknown. This index was originally published in 1984 edition of Clues, Part 2.

Acquiring Copies

Copies of the family group sheets listed in the index may be requested from AHSGR.
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AHSGR - Lincoln Census Index - Surnames by Village

Name	No. in Family	Year Came to Lincoln
Norka, Saratov, Volga top		
Alexander, John	7	1901
Alt, Henry	5	1890
Arndt, Henry	5	1912
Arndt, Philip	9	1891
Arschenbrenner, Peter	6	1901
Aschenbrenner, Conrad	2	1900
Aschenbrenner, Wilhelm	5	1913
Bauer, Conrad	5	1891
Bauer, Henry	4	1891
Bauer, Henry	2	x
Bauer, Peter	5	1889
Becker, Adam	6	1900
Becker, Henry	6	1892
Blum, John	2	1903
Blum, John	3	1892
Brehm, Adam	8	1902
Brehm, Conrad	2	1877
Brehm, Conrad	10	1899
Brehm, Conrad	6	1905
Brehm, Conrad	1	1913
Brehm, George	8	1900
Brehm, John George	5	1904
Brehm, Henry	9	1892
Brehm, Henry	6	1893
Brehm, Henry L.	7	1878
Brehm, John	6	1892
Brehm, Marie Elizabeth	1	x
Brehm, Nick	8	1899
Brehm, Peter	5	1901
Brehm, Peter G.	6	x
Brehm, Wilhelm	2	1905
Brill, Ludwig	4	1898
Burbach, Conrad	1	1913
Burbach, Friedrich	6	1908
Burbach, George	7	1909
Burbach, Henry	7	1906
Burbach, Henry	1	1907

Burbach, John	8	1903
Burbach, John	4	1906
Burbach, John	7	1912
Burbach, Peter	6	1907
Burbach, Phillip	3	1913
Coster, Anna (Schleiger)	4	1891
Deines, Alex	3	1912
Deines, Jacob	7	1902
Deines, Wilhelm	4	1912
Dohring, Jacob	9	1902
Dorr, Henry	4	1911
Fegler, Conrad	5	1906
Feierstein, Conrad	2	1899
Feierstein, Jacob	2	1899
Feierstein, Wilhelm	8	1892
Feuerstein, John	5	1899
Feuerstein, Gottlieb	2	1891
Feuerstein, Ludwig	1	1891
Feurstein, Ludwig	5	1898
Feurstein, Peter	4	1899
Fink, Alex	4	1913
Fischer, Alex	2	1913
Fischer, Heinrich	5	1907
Fischer, John	8	1906
Fischer, John	1	1914
Gabel, Henry	7	1902
Gebel, Conrad	6	1901
Gebel, Wilhelm	1	1908
Gerlach, Adam	2	1905
Gerlach, Henry	12	1892
Gerlach, Henry	3	1907
Gerlach, John	3	1905
Gerlach, Peter	5	1905
Giebelhaus, Conrad	7	1881
Giebelhaus, Henry	6	1881
Glantz, Wilhelm	6	1910
Glantz, Conrad	9	1912
Glanz, Conrad	1	1913
Glanz, Henry	2	1910
Green, Adam	6	1905
Grun, Maxtin	10	1901
Hahn, Anton	6	1900
Hahn, Henry	2	1892
Hahn, Henry	8	1912
Hahn, Henry	3	1912
Hahn, John	6	1891
Hahn, Peter	3	1890
Hahn, Wilhelm	8	1891
Hammer, Jost	3	1913

Hegel, John	8	1892
Heiser., Conrad	4	1888
Heiser, John	9	1888
Heiser, Peter	2	1888
Heiser, Peter	4	1887
Heiser, Nick	7	1888
Helzer, Conrad	7	1900
Helizer, George	4	1912
Helzer, Henry	3	1911
Helzer, Henry G.	3	1891
Helzer, John	3	1891
Helzer, Wilhelm	7	1880
Hessler, Henry	5	1911
Hessler, John	4	1914
Heuser, Heinrich	8	1887
Hinkel, Conrad	7	1906
Hinkel, Conrad	2	1911
Hinkel, John	5	1903
Hinkel, John	4	1900
Hohnstein, Conrad	3	1912
Hohnstein, Conrad	2	x
Holmstein, George	3	1906
Hohnstein, George	8	1911
Hohnstein, Henry	5	1906
Hohnstein, Jacob	5	1902
Hohnstein, John	7	1900
Hugel, Henry	2	1899
Hugel, John	2	1903
Jacobi, George	7	1892
Kaiser, Philip	1	1911
Kaiser, John	6	1905
Keiser, Peter	2	1892
Kildau, George	7	1909
Kildau, Henry	6	1903
Kildau, John	4	1911
Kildau, Karl	4	1911
Kindsvater, Conrad	6	1887
Klaus, Conrad	4	1913
Klanz, Nicolaus	3	1912
Kneiss, Philip	10	1902
Knippel, Henry	7	1890
Kniss, Conrad	4	1905
Kohler, Adam	2	1902
Kohler, John	4	1905
Kohler, John	3	1910
Kohler, John	2	1900
Kohler, Philip	8	1898
Krieger, Conrad	7	1905
Krieger, George	4	1904

Krieger, John	5	1908
Krieger, Nick	5	1898
Krueger, George	4	1895
Kruger, Conrad	2	1913
Kruger, Henry	7	1899
Kruger, Henry	3	1913
Kruger, Peter	8	1911
Lehl, Henry	3	1913
Lehl, John	5	1903
Lehl, Ludwig	3	1913
Lehl, Nicholas	6	1890
Lehl, Nick	4	1907
Lehr, Adam	7	1907
Lell, Heinrich	3	1913
Lofink, George	4	1891
Lofink, Peter	4	1898
Lofink, Phillip	5	1892
Lohfing, Conrad	1	1913
Lohfing, John	8	1913
Loos, Adam	7	1906
Loos, Adam Jr.	3	1906
Loos, Alex	6	1890
Loos, Alexander	4	1890
Loos, Christian	3	1890
Loos, Conrad	6	1892
Loos, Conrad	2	1912
Loos, George	6	1906
Loos, Henry	2	1912
Loos, Henry	3	1912
Loos, Henry	4	x
Loos, J. Adam	3	1912
Loos, Jacob	8	1906
Loos, Jacob	1	x
Loos, John	3	1891
Loos, John	2	1907
Loos, John	2	1906
Loos, Ludwig	7	x
Loos, Nick	4	x
Loos, Peter	4	1907
Loving, Conrad	2	1913
Lovink, Conrad	7	1906
Mann, Fred	5	1888
Miller, Alex	6	1910
Mohr, Adam	2	1912
Mohr, George	2	1912
Nagel, Conrad	4	1903
Nagel, Philip	4	1912
Nolde, John	6	1903
Nolde, John	3	1910

Nolde, Wilhelm	3	1908
Reich, Jacob	5	1913
Reich, John	4	1911
Reich, Ludwig	4	1912
Reich, Philip	2	1911
Sader, Henry	2	1901
Sauer, John	2	1896
Sauer, Nick	2	1906
Schafer, Katherine	1	1912
Schleiger, Henry	6	1907
Schleiger, Conrad	1	1912
Schleiger, John	1	1913
Schleiger, Henry	5	1905
Schleicher, John	5	1910
Schleiger, John	9	1891
Schleuger, Peter	4	1911
Schleiger, George	8	1891
Schleiger, Henry	7	1891
Schleiger, Mike	2	1912
Schleuning, Henry	6	1898
Schmeer, John	2	1903
Schnell, Conrad	3	1904
Schnell, Conrad	6	1899
Schnell, Henry	4	1899
Schnell, John	5	1891
Schnell, John	2	1899
Schnell, Ludwig	2	1900
Schreiner, Henry	1	1912
Schwartz, Adam	3	1892
Schwartz, Fred	5	1891
Schwartz, George	4	1893
Schwartz, Henry	3	1889
Schwartz, John	6	1889
Schwartz, Peter	11	1887
Schwarz, George	2	1890
Schwindt, Adam	5	1902
Schwindt, Friedrich	7	1906
Schwindt, George	7	1914
Schwindt, Henry	2	1902
Schwindt, Henry	8	1913
Schwindt, John	6	1899
Schwindt, Ludwig	4	1914
Schwindt, Martin	11	1913
Schwindt, Peter	5	1913
Schwindt, Philip	6	1910
Seder, George	7	1902
Seder, Henry	5	1905
Seder, Peter	2	1905
Sinner, Peter	6	1892

Spahn, Conrad	3	1892
Spahn, Henry	6	1892
Spahn, John	8	1892
Spahn, Peter	2	1892
Sterkel, Diene	1	x
Sterkel, Jacob	7	1906
Sterkel, Jacob	5	1891
Sterkel, Peter	2	1891
Starkel, Peter	4	1911
Sterkel, Philip	8	1907
Traudt, Henry	6	1906
Traudt, Peter	8	1896
Traudt, Philip	9	1908
Traut, George	5	1909
Trout, Heinrich	3	1903
Urbach, John	3	1889
Wacker, Henry	2	1906
Wacker, Peter	5	1913
Weber, George	2	1906
Weber, John	3	1906
Weber, John L.	4	1895
Weber, Jost	4	1913
Weber, Mike	7	1895
Weber, Peter	2	1906
Weber, Philip	3	1907
Weitzel, George	3	1893
Wiegandt, Jacob	1	1913
Wolf, Conrad	2	1914
Wulf, Wilhelm	2	1886
Yost, Conrad	1	1893
Yost, Henry	5	1893
Yost, J. H.	4	x
Yost, Ludwig	2	1910
Yost, P. H.	7	x
Zilg, John	3	1907