



# Couch Historian Ep. 4

## Introduction to Census Records

# Answer Key

### 1) What was the occupation of Amy Martin (born in Michigan in 1882) in the 1920 US Census?

Did you find she was a public school teacher in Salem, Oregon? Amy Martin is a really common name. We gave you a few clues to enter into the search parameters. When we just searched for Amy Martin, we got over 10,000 hits. When we searched for Amy Martin born in Michigan we got 354 hits. But, when we searched for Amy Martin, born in Michigan in 1882, we got 25 hits, and really only one good one, with a clear name of Amy Martin. Knowing we are looking at Mid-Willamette Valley history, and the person living in Salem is likely to be the one we are interested in also helps. Any details you know about the person's life can help narrow down your search.

### 2) What were the names of the children of Utaro & Tora Yoshikai who lived in Marion County in the 1930s and early 1940s?

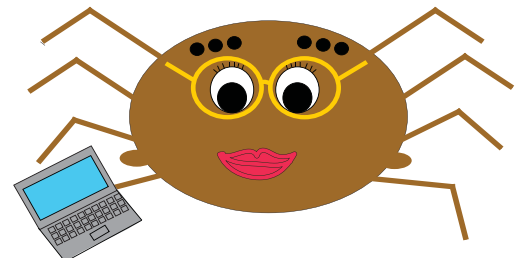
Yoshie  
Yuriko/Lillie  
Tom  
Henry

How did you get there? Did you search the 1930 Census for the last name Yoshikai and the residence of Marion, Oregon? Did you search for Utaro Yoshikai in the 1940 Census in Oregon? Any way you get there, you hopefully found the children listed. It is interesting to note that Yuriko/Lillie went by two different names in the 1930 vs. 1940 Census. While we might have guessed by looking at the birth order and ages that Yuriko was Lillie, we also know from an oral history interview with her brother Henry that she went by both names.

### 3) How many people born in China were living in Salem, Oregon in 1870?

According to census records 25. How did we find that number? In the 1870 Census search, we entered the word "China" in the "birthplace" field. We then clicked on the link to "Residence" and entered "Salem, Marion, Oregon" in this field. This brought up 26 results. The last listed individual actually was residing in Jefferson, Oregon, so we eliminated him from the list. This is not a precise count, we can't be sure that everyone was counted in the census, but it does give us a good number to go off of. When looking at the records of individuals, what can you tell about the types of work Chinese-Americans were doing in Salem at the time?

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# Census Tracking Timeline

Use this form to track information about individuals and their relationships through multiple census

Amos H. Barker

1875

Name of Individual (include any variations)

Birthdate

1880

## U.S. Census

Town/Address: Eureka, Furnas, Nebraska

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace/ Mother's Birthplace	Notes (Occupation/relationship, etc.)
Merriel Barker	37	M	New York	New York/New York	Farmer
Louisa Barker	24	F	Wisconsin	Bavaria/Bavaria	Keeping House
Frank Barker	12	M	Wisconsin	New York/Wisc.	
Amos Barker	5	M	Iowa	New York/Wisc.	
					This seems to be the only viable candidate for our Amos Baker, even though it lists birth in Iowa.

1890

## U.S. Census

Town/Address:

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace/ Mother's Birthplace	Notes (Occupation/relationship, etc.)
Records no longer exist. A fire destroyed 1890 US Census Records.					

1900

## U.S. Census

Town/Address: Howell Prairie, Marion, Oregon

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace/ Mother's Birthplace	Notes (Occupation/relationship, etc.)
Daniel Smith	47	M	Oregon	Missouri/Missouri	Farmer
Jennette Smith	45	F	Wisconsin	Indiana/Indiana	
Ida Smith	9	F	Oregon	Oregon/Wisconsin	
Albert C. Smith	5	M	Oregon	Oregon/Wisconsin	
Amos H. Barker	24	M	Minnesota	New York/Wiscon.	Farm laborer/Boarder

1910

**U.S. Census**

Town/Address: 128 68th St

Portland, Multnomah, Oregon

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace/ Mother's Birthplace	Notes (Occupation/relationship, etc.)
Amos H. Barker	35	M	Minnesota	New York/Minn.	Conductor, Street Car  Married 7 Years  Owns, mortgaged house
Bertha M. Barker	26	F	Oregon	New York/Oregon	
Gordon A. Barker	4	M	Oregon	Minnesota/Oregon	

1920

**U.S. Census**

Town/Address: 1811 Lee Street

Salem, Marion, Oregon

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace/ Mother's Birthplace	Notes (Occupation/relationship, etc.)
Amos H. Barker	45	M	Minnesota	New York/Wiscon	Textile Worker/Woolen Mill Burler/Woolen Mill None  Owns House
Bertha M. Barker	36	F	Oregon	New York/Oregon	
Gordon A. Barker	13	M	Oregon	Minnesota/Oregon	

1930

**U.S. Census**

Town/Address: 1715 Lee Street

Salem, Marion, Oregon

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace/ Mother's Birthplace	Notes (Occupation/relationship, etc.)
Amos H. Barker	55	M	Minnesota	New York/Minn.	Textile Worker/Woolen Mill Textile Worker/Woolen Mill  Owns home. Has a radio set in home. He married first at age 28, she at age 19
Bertha M. Barker	45	F	Oregon	New York/Oregon	

1940

**U.S. Census**

Town/Address: 1715 Lee Street

Salem, Marion, Oregon

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace/ Mother's Birthplace	Notes (Occupation/relationship, etc.)
Amos H. Barker	65	M	Minnesota		Foreman, Finishing Room Woolen Mill  Income for 1939 - \$1,100. (Yearly)
Bertha M. Barker	56	F	Oregon		

Census Tracking Timeline (continued)

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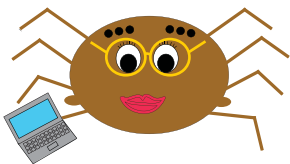
# U.S. Census

Town/Address:

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace/ Mother's Birthplace	Notes (Occupation/relationship, etc.)

Notes:

Death Date



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