



# Couch Historian Ep. 4

## Introduction to Census Records

# Answer Key

### **1) Can you find photo documentation of the Cherryland Festival that was held in Salem, Oregon during the late 1940s and early 1950s?**

Well we did search every site and only found images on the Willamette Heritage Center's page, surprisingly enough! Note that only a few of the images described on this finding aide are digitized. You could get more images by contacting the Willamette Heritage Center directly.

### **2) Can you find a photograph of Pierre/Peter Kittson who is buried in the St. Paul Cemetery?**

Hopefully, it was easy to guess that the St. Paul Mission Historical Society would be the most likely source for images of Peter/Pierre. This one is tricky, though. The site has three images that are attributed in some way to Peter/Pierre Kittson. But they don't all show up unless you search just the right way. I found three using the search parameter:

Peter AND Kittson

Try some other variations of his name and see how few or how many results you get.

Pierre AND Kittson

"Pierre Kittson"

Peter Kittson

The quotation marks around a search should return items with only this exact phrase. The AND should provide all items with both those words. Just plain will likely give you any item with either word (hence the 300+ results on the last search phrase).

### **3) Can you find a picture of the Electric Apartments (i.e. PGE Building) located at 241 Liberty Street in Salem in the Oregon Historic Photographs Collection database?**

This was an actual project I worked on a few weeks ago and boy was it tough! I eventually found three separate images that included the building, but it took a lot of creative searching. Here is how I went about it and the troubles I ran into. It was a good lesson to me in patience and how to phrase a search.

--I first searched by the address 241 Liberty. It pulled up one image

(<http://photos.salemhistory.net/cdm/singleitem/collection/specialcol/id/2197/rec/1>) , but it was from a later time period than I was looking for.

--Searching for PGE turned up three images, none of which were my building.

--Searching for Portland General Electric, did pull three more images including a better shot of the building (look to the right of the PGE Co sign), and in an earlier time period.

<http://photos.salemhistory.net/cdm/singleitem/collection/max/id/279/rec/1>

--Searching generally for Liberty Street meant I had to look at over 300 images (I didn't have time for that).

--Finally I knew from my project that the building was located next door to the Steusloff Meat Market. I reasoned that maybe if I found a picture of it, it might have my building in the background. And I was right, although I did have to go through 36 results when I searched for - Steusloff Building Liberty: <http://photos.salemhistory.net/cdm/singleitem/collection/specialcol/id/2261/rec/33>