

THE CENSUS RECORDS OF DENMARK

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

No country produced records with the aim in mind that they would be of later value to genealogists, so the researchers must use whatever records were prepared, with the information they contain.

Most countries have compiled census records at different periods of time in order to glean from them a variety of statistics. In most cases census returns are of great value to the genealogist.

Few countries, if any, have as many complete census records as Denmark. The original jurisdiction for tabulating, storing and filing was The Chamber of Finance (*Rentekammeret*) in the office of tabulation, which later became known as the Bureau of Statistics and is now the Department of Statistics. The census returns are delivered from this agency to the National Archives (*Rigsarkivet*) for final safekeeping, filing and control.

The census of 1769 was taken on a national basis through parish ministers, but consisted only of statistics. It is therefore of no genealogical value. The returns for 1787 and thereafter contain much more information and are of great value in research. They were taken on printed forms which clearly outlined what information was wanted. The listing was prepared in handwriting. The parish clerk, who in most cases was the parish school teacher, took the census and was expected to follow the prescribed form painstakingly.

Every person in a household was listed, including the servants living in. Also persons who were staying with the family were to be listed if they were there the day the census was taken.

The census lists are, as a whole, correct and dependable. It may happen that a name or an age is recorded incorrectly, and at times it would appear that some individuals were not fully certain of their age.

Ecclesiastical census returns were taken locally in a few parishes and cities. In such cases they are filed with the parish registers, but are in most cases incomplete and not to be confused with the civil census taken on a national basis.

PERIOD OF TIME

As stated, the first census of Denmark on a national basis was taken in 1769. Thereafter censuses were taken in the following years: 1787, 1801, 1834, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1920 and every five years thereafter. There were a few variations in the years the census was taken in some of the colonies and the duchies. A special supplement was taken in the year 1771.

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In general, all the national census returns give names of all persons, ages, social and occupational status, and various other items of genealogical value. For specific contents, see the tables that follow.¹

¹See also Research Paper, "Major Genealogical Record Sources in Denmark" by the Genealogical Society, Series D, No. 5.

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YEAR	DATE	CONTENT OF CENSUS	MISSING RECORDS
1787	1 July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (City, street name and number.) Parish, village, hamlet and larger farms. 2. Full name of every person in each household. A woman's maiden surname is always included. 3. Relationship in family, or position within each household. Children of first or subsequent marriage of either parent. Illegitimate children. 4. Each person's age, e.g., 1st year, 45th year, etc. 5. Person's title, profession or occupation. 6. Marital status and if person is in first or subsequent marriage. 7. Miscellaneous information which sometimes includes visiting at home, blind, living on parish relief, etc. 	Christian's Island
1801	1 Feb.	Same as 1787	Frederiksborg Slottsgn, Frederiksborg Co., Fuglslev, Randers Co. (partly missing)
1834	18 Feb.	Same as 1787 and 1801 except no. 6. Information of first or subsequent marriage is missing in 1834 and all census records thereafter.	All of Copenhagen City, except for St. Annæ Øster and Vester Districts.
1840	1 Feb.	Same as 1834.	<p>Cities of Faaborg, Frederikshavn, Frederiksund, Grenaa, Hobro, Korsør, Mariager, Middelfart, Nykøbing paa Mors, Nysted, Præstø, Roskilde, Rudkøbing, Rødby, Sorø, Stubbekøbing, Svanneke and Varde.</p> <p>Parishes Husby & Sønder Nisum (Ringkøbing Co.) Island Læsø (Hjørring Co.) Mors (Thisted Co.)</p>

YEAR	DATE	CONTENT OF CENSUS	MISSING RECORDS
1845	1 Feb.	Same as 1834, but other information added: Every person's birthplace (and in all census returns thereafter).	Sigerslevvester parish (Frederiksborg Co.) Øster Ulslev & Godsted parishes (Maribo Co.) Jordup and Lejrskov parishes (Ribe Co.) Husby & Sdr. Nisum parishes (Ringkøbing Co.)
1850	1 Feb.	Same as 1845; also 1850 and on; information is requested about each person's physical and mental condition, such as deaf, dumb blind or insane.	Kværndrup parish (Svendborg Co.) Storby & Hornum parishes (Vejle Co.)
1855	1 Feb.	Same as 1845, religious affiliation added.	Nothing.
1860	1 Feb.	Same as 1855	Nothing.
1870	1 Feb.	Same as 1855	Nothing.
1880	1 Feb.	Same as 1855	City of Hobro Brønshøj parish (Copenhagen Co.)
1890	1 Feb.	Same as 1855	Gentofte parish (Copenhagen Co.)
1901	1 Feb.	Same as 1855, date of birth recorded instead of age. Also added are: 1. Year of marriage or divorce. 2. The year the marriage dissolved because of death of spouse. 3. Number of living children. 4. Number of dead children, including those stillborn.	Nothing.
1906	1 Feb.	No birthplace listed. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, in 1901 not listed, otherwise same as 1901.	Nothing.
1911	1 Feb.	Same as 1906	Nothing.
1916, 1920	1 Feb.	Similar to the previous census; restricted as to usage.	
After 1920 every 5th year.			1935 destroyed 1945 destroyed 1955 destroyed

The Kingdom of Denmark prior to 1920 did not include the present counties of Haderslev, Tønder and Aabenraa-Sønderborg. These counties were part of Schleswig-Holstein for which the Danish King was a duke until 1864. The census returns for the duchy for the period prior to 1864 are as follows:

**CENSUS RECORDS OF SØNDERJYLLAND
(SOUTH JUTLAND) AND SCHLESWIG**

YEAR	DATE	CONTENT	AVAILABLE
1803	13 Feb.	Same as national census of 1787.	Ærø (with Æreskøbing and Marstal) and Heligoland. Cities: Aabenraa and Flensborg The eight parishes in Tystrup district, Vejle county and Christiansfeld in Haderslev County. Gram and Hvidding Districts (Haderslev Co.) Skodborg parish in Skodborg District (Haderslev Co.) Lundtofte District (Tønder Co.) Most are written in German.
1835	1 Feb.	Same as the national census of 1834	Missing: Christiansfeld, Gram, Hvidding and Haderslev districts
1840	1 Feb.	Same as 1835.	Seems to be complete.
1845	1 Feb.	Same as the national census of 1845	Missing are: Haderslev County except for Gram, Hvidding, Nørre Rangstrup and Tystrup Districts
1850		No census	War between Denmark and Germany.
1855	1 Feb.	Same as 1845, religious affiliation added.	Missing are: Cities Hadtslev and Frederikstad, Aabenraa Co., Husn Co., Løgumkloster Co. and Tønder Co., Ejdersted and Kappel (small places).
1860	1 Feb.	Same as 1855	Missing are: Cities Eckernførde, Frederikstad Slesvig and Fredriksort. Femern with town Burg.

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YEAR	DATE	CONTENT	MISSING AND KEPT RECORDS
1803	13 Feb.	Same as the national census of 1787	Only the following are kept: (Tremsbüttel Amt, Perdoel og Bockhorn (estate in Bornhöved parish) Kuhlen in Segeberg parish.
1835	1 Feb.	Same as the national census of 1834.	Missing are: Altona and Pløn Ahrensbock and Pløn Counties.
1840	1 Feb.	Same as 1835.	Missing are Altona and Rensborg.
1845	1 Feb.	Same as 1835.	Seems to be complete.
1850		No census	War between Denmark and Germany.
1855	1 Feb.	Same as 1835 with religious affiliation added.	Missing are: Segeberg (except Bramstedt), Steinsburg Co., Sydditmarsken (except Mel- dorf and Koog Districts); Itzehoe estate (except Wandsbeck).
1860	1 Feb.	Same as 1855.	Totally missing (might be in Kiel).

The census returns from the colonies were not always taken at the same time as the national census; for example, they were not included in the 1787 census, and the subsequent returns were usually taken at a later date than the national ones.

The information given is similar to that recorded in the census of the homeland.

CENSUS RECORDS OF THE DANISH POSSESSIONS

Færøerne (Faroe Islands)	Grønland (Greenland)	Vestindia (West Indies)	Trankebar (Tranquebar, India)	Frederiksnager (Small place in India)
Aug-Sept. 1801	1834	1841	1835	1840
18 Aug. 1834	1840	1846		
24 June 1840	1845	1850		
24 June 1845	1850	(St. Thomas District missing)		
1 Feb. 1850	1855	1855		
		1857		
1 Oct. 1855	1860	1860		
1 Oct. 1870		1870		
1 Feb. 1880		1880		
1 Feb. 1890		1890 (incomplete)		
		1901		

AVAILABILITY

The copies of the original census returns taken under national jurisdiction are available in the National Archives at Copenhagen. Microfilm copies have been made of all these from the years 1787 to 1911 inclusive, and are available for use at the Genealogical Society library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

In an effort to find a certain locality in a census record, two useful works are available. These books are:

1. *Post og Telegraf Adresse Bog for Kongeriget Danmark*. This postal guide is especially valuable where small localities are involved that do not appear in an atlas. The place name, parish and county are given.
2. The *Genealogical Guidebook and Atlas of Denmark* shows the districts (*herreds*) as well as parishes and counties, and this information is essential to find the appropriate census returns. If a postal guide is not readily available for determining the parish in which a very small locality is situated, the atlas can still be used to determine its approximate position and the nearest likely parish of which it is a part.

CENSUS ARRANGEMENT

The districts or *herreds* are arranged alphabetically on microfilm within each county. Within each district or *herred*, the parishes also are usually arranged alphabetically. The only division between the districts on a film is a darker page, on which the following information is given in ink:

1. Name of district (old or new)
2. Names of parishes in the district
3. Possible changes of parishes from one district to another, etc.

The darker page is a very important factor in the census search, although it is often very hard to read.

In the first two census returns, 1787 and 1801, the researcher will discover that the county names used are the old ones before the re-naming and reduction of the number of counties was introduced.

The cities are arranged by themselves in alphabetical sequence, and a blank page is in most cases the only division between the cities on the film, otherwise the city censuses are arranged exactly as the parishes.

COPENHAGEN CITY

A census search in Copenhagen city is a difficult, but not an impossible task. The census is divided into districts and quarters as follows:

1. Royal Court and Military Personnel, Nyboder - Holmen - Dokken.
2. Christianshavns Quarter I. Christianshavns Quarter II.
3. Frimands Quarter, Klædebo Quarter.
4. Købmager Quarter.
5. North Quarter, Rosenborg Quarter.
6. St. Annæ Quarter.
7. St. Annæ Quarter, St. Annæ East Quarter.
8. St. Annæ East Quarter, Snarens Quarter, Strand Quarter.
9. West Suburbs Quarter, Klædebo Quarter, West Quarter, East Quarter.

A list of the streets of Copenhagen as they appeared in the early census follows. They are arranged in alphabetical order and the quarter to which they belonged is listed. In some of the later censuses of Copenhagen, a darker page will be found at the beginning of each part, listing the streets within the quarter.

STREETS IN COPENHAGEN ABOUT 1787-1834

<i>Streets (Gader)</i>	<i>Sections (Kvarterer)</i>	<i>Streets (Gader)</i>	<i>Sections (Kvarterer)</i>
A		D	
Aabenraa	Rosenborg	David Skolemesters gaard	Købmager
Admiralgade	Øster Kvarter	Diderich Badchers gang	Købmager
Adelgade, ny	St. Annæ Vester	Dronningensgade	Christianshavn
Amager Torv	Strand & Frimands	Dronningens brede & tværgade	St. Annæ, Øster & Vester
Amagerstræde	Christianshavn		
Amaliagade	St. Annæ, Øster		
Amalienborg Torv	St. Annæ, Øster		
Alleen ved Garnisions K.	St. Annæ, Øster	Dybensgade	Øster
Anthonstræde	Købmager		
Adelgaden, ny og i gangen	St. Annæ, Øster		
Annagade, Sct.	St. Annæ, Øster	E	
		Endeløvstræde	Snarens
B		F	
Baadsmadsstræde	Christianshavn	Farvergade	Vester
Badstuestræde	Snarens	Fortunstræde	Øster
Bag Volden	Rosenborg	Fyrens Gang	Vester
Bag Hovedvagten	Købmager	Færgestræde Lille	Øster
Bag Børsen og ny Børs	Strand	Færgestræde Store	Øster & Strand
Balsamgaden	St. Annæ, Vester	Fiolstræde	Klædebo
Boldhusgaden	Øster	Frederichsborggade	Vester & Klædebo
Borregaden og i gangen	St. Annæ, Vester	Frederiksholm Kanal	Vester
Brolæggerstræde	Snarens	Frederiksholm Torv	St. Annæ, Øster
Brygger Længden	St. Annæ, Vester	Frue Kirkegaard	Klædebo
Brøndstræde og Bag Volden	Rosenborg		
Børsen, bag det nye	Strand		
C		G	
Cadetgaden	St. Annæ, Øster & Vester	Gaasegaden	Vester
Canalen	Snarens, Strand & St. Annæ, Øster	Gl. Myndt og i Gangen	Købmager & Snarens
Cannikstræde Store og Lille	Klædebo	Gl. Torv	Vester, Nørre
Canine Længden	St. Annæ, Vester	Gothersgade	Købmager, Rosenborg & St. Annæ, Øster
Clareboderne	Købmager & Rosenborg		
Closterstræde	Frimands	Grønnegade og i Gangen	Købmager & St. Annæ, Vester
Chr. Bernikovstræde	Købmager	Grønland i mod	St. Annæ, Vester
Compagnistræde	Snarens	Giertrudsstræde St.	Klædebo & Rosenborg
		Graabrødre Torv	Frimands

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H		Løngangsstræde	Vester
Helliggeistes Stræde, Store & Lille	Frimands	Løvstræde	Frimands
Helsingørgade	St. Annæ, Vester		
Heste-Møllestræde	Vester	M	
Hjorte Længen	St. Annæ, Vester	Magsstræde	Snarens
Holmens Revier	Øster	Michel Bryggersgade	Vester
Holmshuse se Langbrogade	Christianshavn	Myndtesgade	Købmager, Rosenborg
Hovedvagten, bag	Købmager	Myndten, gl.	Købmager
Hoppens Længde	St. Annæ, Vester		
Hummergade	Øster	N	
Hydskensstræde	Strand	Naboløs	Snarens
Hoybrostræde	Strand	Nellike Gangen	Øster
		Nicolai Kirkegaard	Øster
K		Norgesgade	St. Annæ, Øster
Kattesundet	Vester	Ny Canal	St. Annæ, Øster
Købmagergade	Frimands & Købmager	Ny Børs	Strand
Købmagergade Store & Lille	Klædebo & Rosenborg	Ny Broe	Snarens
Kongens Torv	Købmager, St. Annæ, & Vester	Nygade	Snarens
Kongensgade	Købmager, St. Annæ, & Vester	Ny Torv	Snarens & Vester
Kongensgade Lille	Øster	Norregade, Øster	Nørre & Vester
Knabrostræde		Nørreport, gl.	Nørre & Vester
Store & Lille	Snarens	Nørre Torv	Nørre, Vester & Rosenborg
Klædeboderne	Snarens & Klædebo	Nørrevoild	Nørre
Klærkegade	St. Annæ, Vester	O	
Kongensgade i Kalleboderne	St. Annæ, Vester	Overgaden neden Vandet	Christianshavn
Kirkestræde Store & Lille	Øster	Overgaden oven Vandet	Christianshavn
Klosterstræde	Frimands		
Kokkegaden	Frimands	P	
Kokkegaden i Nyboder	St. Annæ, Vester	Peder Madsens gang	Købmager
Kongensgade paa Christianshavn	Christianshavn	Peder Hvidtfelds-Stræde & Gade	Klædebo
Krusemyntegade	St. Annæ, Vester	Peder Rodes Gang	Øster
L		Pederstræde, St.	Nørre
Lars Bjornstræde		Pilestræde	Købmager
Store & Lille	Nørre	Pistolstræde	Købmager
Lars Leyestræde	Nørre	Prinsensgade	St. Annæ, Vester
Landemærket	Rosenborg	Prinsensgade	Christianshavn
Langebrogade	Christianshavn	Pustervig	Rosenborg
Lavendelstræde	Vester		
Lakesgade	Øster		
Læderstræde	Strand		

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Q			
Qvæsthusgaden	St. Annæ, Øster	Torvegade, Store & Lille Trompetergangen Tugthus-Porten Tværstrædet	Christianshavn Frimands Frimands Frimands
R			
Raadhusstræde	Snarens, Vester	U	
Reignegade	Købmager	Ulfeidsplads	
Rigensgade	St. Annæ, Vester	se Graabrødre	
Rosengaden	St. Annæ, Vester	Torv	Frimands
Rosenborggade	Klædebo, Rosenberg	Ulkegade	Øster
Rosengaarden	Klædebo		
S		V	
Skoubogaden	Snarens, Frimands	Vandkunsten	Vester
Silkegaden	Købmager	Vandmøllestræde	Snarens, Vester
Skindergade	Frimands, Klædebo	Vestergade	Vester, Nørre
Skidenstræde	Frimands, Klædebo		
Skolemesterlængen den nordlige ende af Hjortelæn- gen	St. Annæ, Vester	Vestervold	Vester, Nørre
Slippen	Rosenborg	Vestergade, ny	Vester, Øster
Slotsholm	Strand	Vingaardstræde	Øster
Sluttergade	Vester	Vimmelskafte	Snarens, Frimands
Smedens Gang.	Øster	Vognmagergade	Rosenborg
Snarregaden	Snarens	Voldgade og ud til Volden ved Nørreport	Christianshavn & Klædebo
Sophiegade	Christianshavn		
Springgaden	Rosenborg	Ø	
Stenkulgaden	St. Annæ, Vester	Østergade	Øster & Købmager
Strandstræde			
Store & Lille	St. Annæ, Øster		
Strandgaden	Christianshavn		
Stranden, ved	Øster, Strand		
Stormgade	Vester		
Stokhuslængen	St. Annæ, Vester		
Studiestræde	Nørre		
Svaladergaarden	Øster		
Syndervold	Vester		
Syndervoldstræde	Christianshavn		
Større Stræde	Øster		
Sølvgade	St. Annæ, Vester		
T			
Teilgaardsstræde	Nørre		
Toldbodgade & Vejen	St. Annæ, Øster		
Tornebuskegade	Klædebo, Rosenberg		
Torvet, paa	Christianshavn		

CITY CENSUS RETURNS

Following is a list of census returns taken on a city basis independently of those taken on a national basis.

As many of these were taken before 1787 (the year of the first one on a national basis of any genealogical value), they become extremely important in research procedure. Note also that those taken around 1818 and 1820 are also of great value as no national census was taken between 1801 and 1834. They are all in the National Archives in Copenhagen and on microfilm at the Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah.

PERIOD COVERED

PLACES COVERED

1787	General index to parishes, and census of Aarhus Dist. I
1787	Aarhus District II
1787	Aarhus District III
1818	Aalborg
1827-1860	Frederikshavn
1727-1855	Hobro
1769-1824	Horsens
1777, 1801	Fredericia
1820-1832	Grenaa
1787-1850	Holstebro
1818-1860	Nibe
1769-1860	Ribe
1726-1860	Randers
1801-1860	Skagen
1860	Vejle
1769-1860	Viborg

VALUES OF CENSUSES

1. Children not recorded in the parish registers may be listed in the census records.
2. Parents were often living with their children, and since their names, ages and relationships are given, this is an important factor in extending the pedigree. From 1845 their birthplace is also given.
3. The marital status listed in 1787-1801 is of great value since it provides clues to previous marriages.
4. The ages given are helpful in determining birth years.
5. The census is often important in segregating families where husbands and sometimes wives also have the same names.
6. The occupation, the names of farms, villages, streets, etc., are important factors in making the correct pedigree connections.
7. Those returns that show birth places are often the only records that provide clues to places of birth for children born in other parishes.
8. The census will often disclose important information regarding male members being away in military service, or if sailors are at sea or at home, etc. The listed infirmities of a person may explain why no marriage record can be found.
9. The census records, especially those for 1787 and 1801, are invaluable where the parish records are missing and are often the only means by which a pedigree can be extended.

EXAMPLE OF THE VALUE OF CENSUS RECORDS

Suppose Jens Jensen was recorded as age 72 in the 1845 census returns, his birthplace being given as Østerby. Jens Jensen's father, Jens, was a witness at his marriage. He was known to have a brother Hans, three sisters, Anne, Karen and Jensine. These four persons were witnesses to the christenings of Jens Jensen's children.

Searching the parish registers of Østerby, Jens' birth record was found, 3 May 1774. His parents were given as Jens Hansen and Anne Jensdatter. No other Jens was born between 1769 and 1779. A search was next made from 1774 back to 1770 and one child was found:

Hans, born 2 January 1772, father, Jens Hansen.

Jens Hansen and Anne Jensdatter married 6 October 1771. Looking for other children, born after 1774, it was noted that there were many children with a father Jens, but some of them were born too close to each other to be children of the same parents. Also, the father's name was mentioned in different ways: 1. Jens Hansen, 2. Jen Hansen Husmand, 3. Jens Skomager and, 4. Jens Hansen Skomager. The mother's name was always Ane or Anne Jensdatter. It was not known whether our Jens Hansen was a *husmand* (cottager) or *skomager* (shoemaker). The following children were recorded, 1775-1798:

Maren	Chr.	1 Oct. 1775	Father Jens Hansen
Anne	Chr.	5 Mar. 1776	Father Jens Hansen Husmand
Karen	Chr.	5 Apr. 1777	Father Jens Skomager
Niels	Chr.	10 Nov. 1778	Father Jens Hansen
Søren	Chr.	2 Mar. 1780	Father Jens Hansen Skomager
Jensine	Chr.	2 Aug. 1781	Father Jens Hansen
Peder	Chr.	17 June 1783	Father Jens Skomager
Kirsten	Chr.	9 Nov. 1783	Father Jens Hansen Husmand
Jens	Chr.	6 May 1784	Father Jens Hansen
Christen	Chr.	5 Oct. 1785	Father Jens Hansen
Hans	Chr.	6 July 1786	Father Jens Skomager
Anne	Chr.	10 Aug. 1787	Father Jens Skomager
Anne	Chr.	19 Sept. 1788	Father Jens Hansen
Marie	Chr.	9 Nov. 1788	Father Jens Hansen
Jens	Chr.	13 Jan. 1790	Father Jens Hansen Skomager
Marie	Chr.	20 Mar. 1791	Father Jens Hansen
Karen	Chr.	17 Dec. 1791	Father Jens Hansen Husmand
Johanne	Chr.	1 Sept. 1793	Father Jens Hansen Husmand
Peder	Chr.	7 May 1796	Father Jens Hansen
Christine	Chr.	3 Aug. 1798	Father Jens Hansen

There is no doubt that the 22 children belong to more than one family, but how can it be determined to which family they belonged?

Next the burial records were checked to see if any of the children died young. Only two were found:

1. Jens, son of Jens Hansen Skomager, bur. 5 Dec. 1789, age 5½ years. (This could only be the Jens christened 6 May 1784.)
2. Anne, daughter of Jens Hansen, bur. 5 April 1788 age 11 months. (This child could only be the Anne who was christened 10 Aug. 1787, and she, too, was a daughter of the shoemaker (*skomager*) since he was mentioned as such at the christening.)

Again a search was made of the marriage records and another couple, Jens Hansen and Anne Jensdatter, were married 10 April 1775.

The census returns of Østerby from 1787 and 1801 were next checked, and the following information was found:

1787

Jens Hansen	age 40	Husmand (Cottager)	1. Marriage
Ane Jensdatter	age 37	housewife	1. Marriage
Hans	age 15		
Jens	age 13		
Anne	age 11		
Niels	age 9		
Sidsel	age 8		
Jensine	age 6		
Kiersten	age 4		
Christen	age 2		
Hans Christensen	age 77	Husband's Father	2nd Marriage
Karen Nielsdatter	age 70	Husband's Mother	1st Marriage

1787

Jens Hansen	age 37	Skomager (shoemaker)	1. Marriage
Anne Jensdatter	age 33	housewife	
Maren	age 12		
Karen	age 10		
Søren	age 7		
Peder	age 4		
Jens	age 3		
Hans	age 1		

1801

Jens Hansen	age 53	Husmand (cottager)	1st Marriage
Anne Jensdatter	age 51		Same
Hans	age 29	Til Søs (at sea)	
Jensine	age 20		
Karen	age 18		
Christen	age 16		
Marie	age 12		
Karen	age 10		
Johanne	age 8		

1801

Jens Hansen	age 48	Skomager (Shoemaker)	
Anne Jensdatter	age 44		
Søren	age 21		
Peder	age 18		
Hans	age 15		
Anne	age 13		
Jens	age 11		
Marie	age 10		
Peder	age 5		
Christine	age 3		

The census of 1787 clearly shows that Jens, born 3 May 1774 (the direct progenitor) was a son of Jens Hansen Husmand, as were all of the children born up to 1 July 1787 (the date the census was taken). Note child Sidsel, age 8, was mentioned in the census. This child was not found in the parish record. Note also the parents of Jens Hansen Husmand were living with him in 1787. Their names, age and marital status are given.

The children, Hans, Anne and Jensine, were the ones mentioned at the christening of their brother, Jens' children.

The 1801 census gave the children of Jens Hansen Husmand between 1787 and 1801. The children, Jens, Anne, Niels, and Sidsel, listed in 1787, were not listed in 1801. They were probably either married or living with some other family. The child, Hans, was listed as being at sea. Jens Hansen's parents could have died between 1787 and 1801 or have been living with one of their other children.

The military levying roll did not start before 1791 and the first three sons of Jens Hansen Husmand were already serving in another parish. They were not found in Østerby parish. The probate records were searched in vain. Both families were probably poor, so no probate was held after their deaths.

It is easy to see that it would have been impossible to segregate the 20 children without the help of the two census records. The 1845 census was also searched, and was valuable in disclosing Jens Hansen's place of birth.

CORRELATION WITH OTHER SOURCES

It is stressed that no one source alone should be used to develop a pedigree or to complete a particular family group. Each source should be used in careful conjunction with other important sources that exist for the same period of time, as each provides its own particular type of information.

Danish Census

1787 Optegnelse 1801

_____ Sogn _____ Amt

Residence or Matrikel No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Enumeration

_____ Parish _____ County

Residence	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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1834 Optegnelse 1840

_____ Sogn _____ Herred
_____ Amt

Residence or Matrikel No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Enumeration

_____ Parish _____ District
_____ County

Residence	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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1845 Optegnelse

_____ Sogn _____ Herred _____ Amt

Residence or Matrikel No.	Family No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Enumeration

_____ Parish _____ District _____ County

Residence	Family No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Optegnelse 1850

_____ Sogn _____ Herred _____ Amt

Residence or Matrikel No.	Family No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Enumeration

_____ Parish _____ District _____ County

Residence	Family No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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1855 Optegnelse

_____ Sogn _____ Herred _____ Amt

Residence or Matrikel No.	Family No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Enumeration

_____ Parish _____ District _____ County

Residence	Family No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Optegnelse 1860

_____ Sogn _____ Herred _____ Amt

Residence or Matrikel No.	Family No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Enumeration

_____ Parish _____ District _____ County

Residence	Family No.	Person's Name	Age	Marital Status	Profession	Remarks	Totals
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Danish Census

Folketallet 1870 _____ By _____ Sogn _____ Herred _____ Amt

Personer eller Hænderes Navn	Familien Antal	Personers Nummer	Personers Navn	Ejdr	Alder	Agtelighed Skilling	Kærligheds Tilstand	Fødested	Sættling i Familien	Erhverv	Hæderstegn					Aarsvarstegn
											Adm.	By	Blod	Erk.	Stadst.	

Census _____ Town _____ Parish _____ District _____ County

Personer	Family Count	Person's Number	Person's Name	Sex	Age	Marital Status	Religion	Occupation	Relationship	Education	Honors					Remarks
											Adm.	By	Blod	From Birth	From Later Time	

Folketallet 1880 _____ By _____ Sogn _____ Herred _____ Amt

Personer eller Hænderes Navn	Familien Antal	Personers Nummer	Personers Navn	Ejdr	Alder	Agtelighed Skilling	Kærligheds Tilstand	Fødested	Sættling i Familien og Erhverv	Erhverv	Hæderstegn					Aarsvarstegn
											Adm.	By	Blod	Erk.	Stadst.	

Census _____ Town _____ Parish _____ District _____ County

Personer	Family Count	Person's Number	Person's Name	Sex	Age	Marital Status	Religion	Occupation	Relationship and Occupation	Education	Honors					Remarks
											Adm.	By	Blod	From Birth	From Later Time	

Folketallet 1890 _____ By _____ Sogn _____ Herred _____ Amt

Personer eller Hænderes Navn	Familien Antal	Personers Nummer	Personers Navn	Ejdr	Alder	Agtelighed Skilling	Kærligheds Tilstand	Fødested	Sættling i Familien	Erhverv	Hæderstegn					Aarsvarstegn
											Adm.	By	Blod	Erk.	Stadst.	

Census _____ Town _____ Parish _____ District _____ County

Personer	Family Count	Person's Number	Person's Name	Sex	Age	Marital Status	Religion	Occupation	Relationship	Education	Honors					Remarks
											Adm.	By	Blod	From Birth	From Later Time	

Danish Census

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1901

1	Address after Street Name	2	Family Enumeration Number	3	Person's Name	4	Sex: Male (M) Female (F)	5	Marital Status	6	Religion	7	Profession	8	Year of Nativity in Birth	9	Last Residence	10	Relationship	11	Connection	12	Employer	13	Year of Marriage	14	Year of Spouse's Death	15	Number of Living Children	16	Number of Deceased Children	17	Marriage	18	Remarks
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MAIN LIST

1	Address	2	Family Enumeration Number	3	Person's Name	4	Sex: Male (M) Female (F)	5	Marital Status	6	Religion	7	Profession	8	Year of Nativity in Birth	9	Last Residence	10	Relationship	11	Connection	12	Employer	13	Year of Marriage	14	Year of Spouse's Death	15	Number of Living Children	16	Number of Deceased Children	17	Marriage	18	Remarks
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1906

Hoved List

1	Address after Street Name	2	Family Number	3	Person's Name	4	Sex	5	Marital Status	6	Religion	7	Profession	8	Year of Nativity in Birth	9	Last Residence	10	Relationship	11	Connection	12	Employer	13	Year of Marriage	14	Year of Spouse's Death	15	Number of Living Children	16	Number of Deceased Children	17	Marriage	18	Remarks
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Main List

1	Address	2	Family Number	3	Person's Name	4	Sex	5	Marital Status	6	Religion	7	Profession	8	Year of Nativity in Birth	9	Last Residence	10	Relationship	11	Connection	12	Employer	13	Year of Marriage	14	Year of Spouse's Death	15	Number of Living Children	16	Number of Deceased Children	17	Marriage	18	Remarks
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1911

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1	Address after Street Name	2	Family Enumeration Number	3	Person's Name	4	Sex: Male (M) Female (F)	5	Marital Status	6	Religion	7	Profession	8	Year of Nativity in Birth	9	Last Residence	10	Relationship	11	Connection	12	Employer	13	Year of Marriage	14	Year of Spouse's Death	15	Number of Living Children	16	Number of Deceased Children	17	Marriage	18	Remarks
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MAIN LIST

1	Address	2	Family Enumeration Number	3	Person's Name	4	Sex: Male (M) Female (F)	5	Marital Status	6	Religion	7	Profession	8	Year of Nativity in Birth	9	Last Residence	10	Relationship	11	Connection	12	Employer	13	Year of Marriage	14	Year of Spouse's Death	15	Number of Living Children	16	Number of Deceased Children	17	Marriage	18	Remarks
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DANISH CENSUS WORD LIST

<u>DANISH</u>	<u>ENGLISH</u>		
aar	year	hvervidt	extent
alder	age	idiøter	idiot
amt	county	inflytningen	moved in
anfærd	entered	kjøn	sex
anfærsel	reference to	kommune	community
anmærkninger	remarks	kun	only
antal	number, count	kvindenkjøn	female sex
bagbygning	back building	kønnet	sex
bar	child	landet	country, the
beboere	residents	leve	live
bedkommende	handicaps	lojerende	boarders
befandtes	is found	lærling	student
blind	blind	levenummer	series number
bopæl	residence	n.v.	see and videre
by	village, town	mandkjøn	male sex
byernes	village's, the	med videre	and other (information)
børn	the children	medhjælper	assistant
drengebørn	male child	mittenbygning	middle building
døv	dumb	møster	master
døvstum	dumb (can't speak)	midlertidig	temporarily
egentlige	actual	navn	name
embede	office, post	næringsvei	livelyhood, trade
endnu	yet	o.s.v.	etc.
enhver	each	om	if
enke	widow	ophold	reside(s)
enkemand	widower	optegnelse	record
erhverv	livelihood	personernes	person's, the
erhvervstedet	work place, the	personers	person's
etage	floor, story	pigebørn	female child
fattigvæsenet	welfare, the	saaledes	such
folketallet	census, the	samtlige	each and all
forhus	house in front	senere	later
forklaring	explanation	separat	separated
forretning	business	sidehus	side house
forstandsevner	intellect	sindesygge	mentally ill
forældre	is supported	sleegtinge	relatives
fraskilt	divorced	stand	position
fraværende	away	stedernes	place's, the
fulde	full, complete	stilling	status, position
fyldt	attained	summa	totals
fødested	birthplace	summerisk	statistical
fødselen	birth	svevd	apprentice
fødselsdagen	birth day, the	taget	taken
gaard	farms, homes	tid	time
gift	married	tilligemed	together with
haandvaerk	trade, handicraft	tillægsliste	supplement list
heller	neither	titel	title
herred	civil district	tjeneste	servants
hovedliste	main list	trossætjendelse	religious conviction
hovedperson	boss	trossomfund	religion
hus	house	uddrag	extract
huusfader	housefather	uden	without
huusmoder	housemother	udenfor	outside of
hvilket	which	udlandet	foreign country
hvis	which	udebte	unbaptized(plur)
		udept	unbaptized(sing)
		ugift	unmarried
		vedkommende	person concerned
		vaere	be
		ægteskabeling	marriage

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barn	child	landet	country, the
beboere	residents	leve	live
bedkommende	handicaps	logerende	boarders
befandtes	is found	laerling	student
blind	blind	lbenummer	series number
bopael	residence	m.v.	see med videre
by	village, town	mandskjn	male sex
byernes	village's, the	med videre	and other (information)
brn	children	medhjlper	assistant
drngebarn	male child	mellembygning	middle building
dv	deaf	mester	master
dvstum	dumb (can't speak)	midlertidig	temporarily
egentlige	actual	navn	name
embede	office, post	naeringsvei	livelyhood, trade
endnu	yet	o.s.v.	etc.
enhver	each	om	if
enke	widow	ophold	reside(s)
enkemand	widower	optegnelse	record
erhverv	livelihood	personernes	person's, the
erhvervestedet	work place, the	personers	person's
etage	floor, story	pigebarn	female child
fattigvaesenet	welfare, the	saaledes	such
folketallet	census, the	samlige	each and all
forhus	house in front	senere	later
forklaring	explanation	seperet	seperated
forretning	business	sidenus	side house
forstandsevner	intellect	sindesyge	mentally ill
forsrges	is supported	slaegtninge	relatives
fraskilt	divorced	stand	position
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fulde	full, complete	stilling	status, position
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hovedliste	main list	troesbetjendelse	religious conviction
hovedperson	boss	trossamfund	religion
hus	house	uddrag	extract
huusfader	housefather	uden	without
huusmoder	housemother	udenfor	outside of
hvilket	which	udlandet	foreign country
hvis	which	udbte	unbaptized (plur)
		udpt	unbaptized (sing)
		ugift	unmarried
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		vaere	be
		aegteskabeling	marriage