

Answer Key:

1. Yes.

It appears that “L.H. McWilliams” and “Leonidas McWilliams” are the same person because they were born approximately the same year and they were both born in Ohio.

“Anna” may have been a nickname for “Rosana”. Rosana and Anna were both born approximately the same year and both are born in Vermont.

2. Yes.

The 1880 census records additional McWilliams’s on the same census page; William McWilliams and Thomas B McWilliams.

3. Perhaps the family struggled to have children for a while. Perhaps the father was away from home for a few years (and therefore could not father children). Using information from the 1900 census, it appears that Rosana/Anna only birthed three children. **Therefore, it does not seem likely that we are missing children.**

4. Ohio (that is his birthplace in both censuses).

5. You can combine information from both censuses to conclude what year the couple married.

In the 1880 census, their oldest child, Ralph, is 13 years old. If they married about one year before he was born, they would have been married sometime around 1867.

The 1900 census states they have been married for 35 years. That would mean they married in 1865. Therefore they married sometime between 1865 and 1867.