

Reading the 1897 Census

Russia “How to” Guide, Intermediate Level: Key

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Use your new skills to practice reading [this 1897 census record](#).¹

1. Answer the following questions about the head of household.

Who is the head of household? Which row number are they found on?	Petr Vasilev Balin <i>(Петр Василев Балин);</i> found on row number one.
How old is the head of household?	age 67
What is the head of household’s marital status?	married <i>(ж.)</i>
Where was the head of household born? Where were they registered?	here [place of enumeration] <i>(здесь)</i>
What religion did the head of household belong to?	Russian Orthodox <i>(Прав.)</i>
What was the head of household’s native language?	Russian <i>(Р.)</i>
Was the head of household able to read?	no <i>(нет)</i>
What was the head of household’s occupation? (Hint, use the genealogical word list).	farmer <i>(земледел.)</i>

2. Now look at row number four and answer the following questions.

What is number four’s name?	Evdokia Stepanova Balina <i>(Евдокия Степанова Балина)</i>
Is number four male or female?	female <i>(ж.)</i>
What is number four’s relationship to the head	daughter-in-law, wife of number three

¹ “Переписные листы: Тобольск (уезд),” Верхне-Слинкина, ф. 417, о. 2, д. 169; *FamilySearch*, [FamilySearch.org](#), DGS 7586881, image 78.

of household and/or any other members of the household?	(сноха жена по. 3)
What is number four's social standing?	state peasant (крест. из. госуд.)

3. Now look at row number seven and answer the following questions.

What is number seven's name?	Andrei Vasilev Balin (Андрей Василев Балин)
What is number seven's relationship to the head of household?	brother (братъ)
What is number seven's age?	age 60
What is number seven's marital status?	bachelor (х.)
Where is number seven's usual place of residence?	here (здесь)
What is number seven's additional form of income?	peddler (коробейник)