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Okay, so I'm going to take you through a

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brief tutorial on how to

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conduct this research yourself.

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And I have chosen familysearch.org,

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which is the completely free

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genealogy website

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that has over 8 billion records

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for you to choose from.

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So let's get started.

00:00:18:17 - 00:00:21:01

We'll go to records

00:00:21:01 - 00:00:23:04

and I'm choosing my deceased grandmother,

00:00:23:04 - 00:00:24:18

Mittie as is the example.

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Mittie. Last name, Morrow.

00:00:27:17 - 00:00:30:19

She was born in Greene County, Alabama.

00:00:30:19 - 00:00:33:07

In 1919

00:00:35:18 - 00:00:38:02

Immediately we are able to see

00:00:38:02 - 00:00:40:00

that she shows up in the 1930

00:00:40:00 - 00:00:44:09

census living in Mantua, Greene, Alabama.

00:00:44:20 - 00:00:47:12

And her birth year is 1918.

00:00:47:12 - 00:00:49:18

So she's 12 years old in this record.

00:00:49:18 - 00:00:52:00

And what we want to do is find someone

00:00:52:00 - 00:00:53:09

a little older than she is

00:00:53:09 - 00:00:56:00

even though this record would satisfy

00:00:56:00 - 00:00:59:03

their eligibility requirements because

00:00:59:03 - 00:01:02:02

she is living in the South prior to 1940.

00:01:02:02 - 00:01:03:14

But let's go and

00:01:03:14 - 00:01:06:01

view the original document.

00:01:09:07 - 00:01:11:09

so down below it lists

00:01:11:09 - 00:01:13:16

that she is

00:01:13:16 - 00:01:16:02

a daughter in this household

00:01:16:02 - 00:01:17:08

which means that that is her

00:01:17:08 - 00:01:19:01

relationship to the head of household,

00:01:19:01 - 00:01:21:19

so we should expect to see a father

00:01:21:19 - 00:01:23:20

and I will expand this

00:01:23:20 - 00:01:24:13

so that you can see

00:01:24:13 - 00:01:26:16

the actual census record

00:01:26:16 - 00:01:30:09
and lo and behold, here is her father,

00:01:30:09 - 00:01:33:01
Percy Morrow, listed as head of household.

00:01:33:01 - 00:01:35:15
So since we found Percy

00:01:35:15 - 00:01:38:17
and let's look at some details about Percy

00:01:38:17 - 00:01:41:00
Oh, too far.

00:01:42:05 - 00:01:43:16
that's highlight him.

00:01:43:16 - 00:01:48:05
So he is born 1896 in Alabama

00:01:48:05 - 00:01:50:16
and he's living in Mantua

00:01:50:16 - 00:01:52:13
Greene County, Alabama.

00:01:52:13 - 00:01:54:06
So we're going to put that

00:01:54:06 - 00:01:56:00
in our next set of

00:01:56:00 - 00:01:58:13
search criteria for Percy.

00:02:06:20 - 00:02:08:11
Greene County.

00:02:08:11 - 00:02:11:10
1896.

00:02:15:11 - 00:02:16:18
Excellent. So the first record

00:02:16:18 - 00:02:18:19
that shows up is Percy except for it

00:02:18:19 - 00:02:22:14
it has his birthday as November 1894.

00:02:22:14 - 00:02:25:13
All of the birth dates are estimates

00:02:25:13 - 00:02:27:14
at this point in history.

00:02:27:14 - 00:02:28:20
So we see here

00:02:28:20 - 00:02:30:13
that Percy is six years old

00:02:30:13 - 00:02:35:12
in this record and let's scroll down

00:02:35:12 - 00:02:37:19
and let's see

00:02:37:19 - 00:02:40:09
he is born in Alabama.

00:02:40:09 - 00:02:42:04
The relationship to head of household

00:02:42:04 - 00:02:43:04
his grandson.

00:02:43:04 - 00:02:45:17
So we actually are able to go

00:02:45:17 - 00:02:50:16
back in time and see someone who

00:02:50:16 - 00:02:53:16
is possibly

00:02:53:16 - 00:02:58:20
a member of the freedom generation.

00:02:58:20 - 00:03:01:12
We have grandmother here, Harriet Morrow

00:03:01:12 - 00:03:05:04
She is born October 1841.

00:03:05:04 - 00:03:06:20
And let's see.

00:03:06:20 - 00:03:09:06
And she's born in North Carolina.

00:03:09:06 - 00:03:11:09
This shows that she has four

00:03:11:09 - 00:03:12:08
living children

00:03:12:08 - 00:03:14:20
and that she's been married for 25 years

00:03:14:20 - 00:03:16:10
and that her, both her mother

00:03:16:10 - 00:03:18:08
and her father are also born

00:03:18:08 - 00:03:19:20
in North Carolina.

00:03:19:20 - 00:03:22:15
This record would actually serve

00:03:22:15 - 00:03:24:14
to indicate

00:03:24:14 - 00:03:27:08
that I descend from enslaved ancestry

00:03:27:08 - 00:03:30:12
because here in the 1900 record

00:03:30:12 - 00:03:33:00
we didn't have to go back to 1870.

00:03:33:00 - 00:03:34:15
We see that

00:03:34:15 - 00:03:37:00
we bump into an enslaved

00:03:37:00 - 00:03:39:13
ancestor, Harriet Morrow.

00:03:39:13 - 00:03:41:02
And we know that she is enslaved

00:03:41:02 - 00:03:43:16
because North Carolina is a slave state.

00:03:43:16 - 00:03:44:15
She is black.

00:03:44:15 - 00:03:47:09
She was born in 1841 in North Carolina,

00:03:47:09 - 00:03:50:16
which we can pretty much assume that she

00:03:50:16 - 00:03:54:03
was enslaved during that period of time.

00:03:54:03 - 00:03:58:00
So that is our proof standard.

00:03:58:00 - 00:03:59:14
But we will just look at the

00:03:59:14 - 00:04:01:16
original record, open this up

00:04:08:05 - 00:04:11:14
and once we, let's find them here.

00:04:11:14 - 00:04:14:10
Let's see

00:04:14:10 - 00:04:16:18
down, down, down. Here she is.

00:04:16:18 - 00:04:19:17
So Harriet Morrow is the head of household

00:04:19:17 - 00:04:22:20
and this is, this is them down here.

00:04:22:20 - 00:04:25:03
Harriet Morrow, his mother,

00:04:25:03 - 00:04:27:12
her daughter Tillie,

00:04:27:12 - 00:04:29:03
her son Lonnie,

00:04:29:03 - 00:04:30:07
which is Percy's

00:04:30:07 - 00:04:33:04
uncle and his brother Eddie.

00:04:33:04 - 00:04:34:12
So this is his household.

00:04:34:12 - 00:04:36:06
And this record would prove

00:04:36:06 - 00:04:37:14
that the family descends

00:04:37:14 - 00:04:40:18
from American chattel slavery. Thank you.