

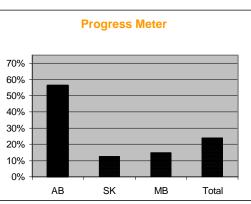
1906 Census of Canada Transcription Report September 2003

The 1906 Census images have been available for public viewing on the National Archives website (<u>www.archives.ca</u>) and in selected Canadian public libraries for seven months.

On the very day of the launch of the 1906 Census images online, the Alberta Family Histories Society launched it's Transcription Centre.

Over 60 volunteers have transcribed 25% of the census images into searchable text during this time. For Alberta, over 50% of the images have been transcribed.

The volunteers do this work 'virtually' - by downloading a spreadsheet template to their personal computers and entering into it the information about persons found in the census for a given province (AB, SK, or MB), census district (22 in total), and census subdistrict. When complete, the spreadsheets are submitted to the AFHS Webster, who reviews the records to standardize the format and abbreviations, converts the spreadsheet to



pdf format and place it on the AFHS website where it is fully searchable using an elaborate tool from Master.com.



Volunteers are recognized in an online Transcribers' Gallery, with photos where available, and information about where the volunteer lives and what their primary historical/genealogical affiliations are (including links to those organizations). The volunteers come from as far North in Canada as Dawson City, Yukon; West in Port Alberni, British Columbia; South in London, Ontario; and East in Montreal, Quebec. In addition, one volunteer is from southern England.

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