

## Description

Data are transcribed from the 1851 Agricultural Census for Glengarry County, Ontario, and Vaudreuil County, Quebec.

## Format

A data set of 3180 households in Glengarry County, Ontario and Vaudreuil County, Quebec with data on the following variables.

RowNumA	Row number for the data.
Name	First name of the occupant of the land.
Surname	Surname of the occupant of the land.
NameOrigin	Surname origin: English, French, Irish, Scots (see Details below)
Concession	Concession number or name (see Details below)
Lot	Lot number (see Details below)
Area	Subdivision of Townships or County (see Details below)
AcresTotal	Total area of land (in acres)
AcCultivated	Total area under cultivated or developed (in acres)
AcCrops1851	Total area under crops in 1851 (in acres)
AcPasture	Total area of land in pasture in 1851 (in acres)
AcGardenOrchard	Total area devoted to garden or orchard (in acres)
AcWoodWild	Total area not developed; wood or wild land (in acres)
WheatAc	Area planted in wheat (in acres)
WheatBsl	Production of wheat (in bushels)
BarleyAc	Area planted in barley (in acres)
BarleyBsl	Production of barley (in bushels)
RyeAc	Area planted in rye (in acres)
RyeBsl	Production of rye (in bushels)
PeasAc	Area planted in peas (in acres)
PeasBsl	Production of peas (in bushels)
OatsAc	Area planted in oats (in acres)
OatsBsl	Production of oats (in bushels)
BuckwheatAc	Area planted in buckwheat (in acres)

BuckwheatBsl	Production of buckwheat (in bushels)
MaizeAc	Area planted in maize (in acres)
MaizeBsl	Production of maize (in bushels)
PotatoesAc	Area planted in potatoes (in acres)
PotatoesBsl	Production of potatoes (in bushels)
Hay	Production of hay (in tons)
Tobacco	Production of tobacco (in lbs.)
Wool	Production of wool (in lbs.)
ApplesBsl	Production of apples (in bushels). (see Details below)
MapleSugarLbs	Production of maple sugar (in lbs.)
FulledClothYards	Production of fulled cloth (in yards)
FlannelYrds	Production of flannel (in yards)
BullsOxenSteers	Number of bulls, oxen or steers
MilchCows	Number of milch cows
Calves	Number of calves
Horses	Number of horses
Sheep	Number of sheep
Pigs	Number of pigs
ButterLbs	Production of butter (in lbs.)
CheeseLbs	Production of cheese (in lbs.)
BeefCwt	Production of beef (in cwt.)
PorkCwt	Production of pork (in cwt.)
ValueProperty	Value of Property (in £). (see Details below)
County	Name of county
Township	Name of township
TownshipNum	Township number within the county
DistrictNum	Census District Number
SubDistrictNum	Census Sub-District Number
PageNum	Page number for the list of occupants in the original sheets.
LineNum	Line Number within the page for the original sheets
RowNumB	Row number for the data.

## Details

The 1851 census was actually carried out in 1852, although it refers to 1851. More details can be found at the Library and Archives Canada site, referred to below under Source.

*NameOrigin:* A rough measure of "ethnicity" based upon Surname. It is "rough" because some surnames may be used by more than one ethnic group. This is especially true of "English" names. For all English names, the Personal Census was checked for further evidence. Moreover, the ethnicities are not completely distinct.

*Concession and Lot:* For Ontario these numbers give the location of the farm, according to land surveys carried out in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. In Glengarry County, there are four townships, and each township is divided into nine (running SW to NE roughly) concessions, and numbered from south to north. Each Concession is divided into rectangular 200 acre plots, numbered from the NE to the SW from 1 to 38. The graphic shows parts of Kenyon, Concessions VII, VIII and IX (Fiskes Corners is on the boundary of VIII and IX, and Laggan between VII and VIII. MacMaster Road is between Lot 6 and Lot 7, and Fiskes Corners Rd is between Lot 12 and Lot 13.) There are some exceptions to this general rule. It is possible to find the latitude and longitude of any farm using this website from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry: [https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/MakeATopographicMap/index.html?viewer=Make\\_A\\_Topographic\\_Map.MATM](https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/MakeATopographicMap/index.html?viewer=Make_A_Topographic_Map.MATM)



Parts of Concessions VII-IX , Kenyon Township, Glengarry County, Ontario

In Vaudreuil County, Quebec, there are also concessions, but they are irregular in shape, and named rather than numbered (e.g. Cote St. André), although the lots have a similar "piano key" shape.

*Area:* The concession and lot system described above only operated in Glengarry County, and in Newton Township in Vaudreuil County. In the remainder of Vaudreuil, "Concession" refers named sub-areas (e.g. Cote St George, Cote St. André) and lot numbers were not referenced, though they existed. For Vaudreuil, these "Concessions" are used as the Area variable. For

Glengarry, each of the townships has been divided into NW, NE, SE, and SW according to the numbered Concession and Lots. So, LancasterSE consists of Concessions 1-4, Lots 1- 24. In Newton in Vaudreuil, NewtonN consists of Concessions 1-3, and NewtonS, Concessions 4-8.

*ApplesBsl:* Enumerators were given “extra columns” to collect data on agricultural production not covered by the standard columns. The enumerators for Lancaster, Charlottenburgh and Kenyon collected data on the production of apples. The enumerator for Lochiel did not collect data on apples, but instead, recorded the number of acres devoted to hay. Those data on hay are not included

*ValueProperty.* For Glengarry County, there are no data for this column. However, for St.-Polycarpe in Vaudreuil County, the enumerators recorded this information, although there are no details of how the assessment was made.

### **Source**

The ordinal manuscripts can be found and downloaded from: <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1851/Pages/about-census.aspx>. The last four variables (before RowNumber2) allow one to find the original.