

Example of Evidence Analysis:

1901 England Census: In 1901, Hannah would have been about 24 years old. An entry for the family of "Lorenza" Brown in the [1901 England census](http://www.ancestry.com) was found at Ancestry ([http://www.ancestry.com.](http://www.ancestry.com))¹ Hannah was not listed with her parental family in this census, but the specifics for her father, mother and sister, Eliza are consistent with known information, helping to identify the family as the correct one. They were enumerated at household #133 with the address 2 Lichfield St., Red Lion Inn; this matches Hannah's residence on her marriage certificate. The household of Lorenzo Brown in the 1901 census will be discussed in more depth in the next generation.

A search for Hannah Brown as a single person in the 1901 England census at both Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com) and FindMyPast (www.findmypast.co.uk) located several Hannah Browns. Only one entry seems to be a likely possibility or match, since it is the only one that showed Fazeley as the birthplace. An entry in Heaton Norris, Lancashire found at FindMyPast (www.findmypast.co.uk) records a "Hannh Brown," (age 24, and born in "Stafford, Fazeley") living in the household of Edith A. Rumney on Didsbury Row, Poolstock² as a "Housemaid, Domestic."

Even though this is the best match found, it alone is not compelling evidence, and there is no way at this point to prove that this was the Hannah sought. The "British History In-Depth" (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history>) web site says, "Many young people, especially young women, migrated to towns and cities in search of work as the possibilities of agricultural employment declined. Migration was facilitated by family and other connections. . . [to find] lodging or domestic service in the homes of contacts of this kind."³ Heaton Norris is a little over 86 miles north of Fazeley. This seems to be a long way from home for a young woman unless she actually did have relatives or other close contacts in the area.

¹ "1901 England Census," database, (<http://www.ancestry.com>) entry for Lorenza Brown (age 46), Fazeley, Staffordshire; Class: RG13; Piece: 2653; Folio: 28; p. 22; Tamworth registration district and sub-district; ED 8, household 133. [Digital scan of original records in the National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England.]

² "1901 England Census," database, (<http://www.ancestry.com>) entry for Hannah Brown (age 24) Heaton Norris, Lancashire; Class: RG13; Piece 3288; Folio 46; p. 12; Stockport registration district, ED 18, household 66. [Digital scan of original records in the National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England.]

³ Evans, Eric "Overview: Victorian Britain, 1837-1901" [British History In-Depth](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/overview_victorians_01.shtml) 10 April 2010
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