Proving you are seventy

The night of the Big Wind

Name _____ Date _____

These five people are made up. Each asked for the old age pension in 1909 with one kind of proof. From 1841 to 1909 is 68 years, and from 1851 to 1909 is 58 years. Worked example: age 10 in 1851 makes 10 + 58 = 68 in 1909.

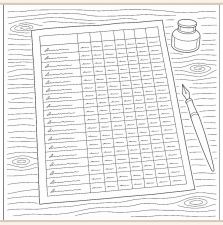
WORK OUT THE AGE

For each person, write how old the proof makes them in 1909. Then write old enough, too young, or cannot tell.

Person	Age in 1909	Old enough / too young / cannot tell
Mary: 1841 census, age 6		
John: 1841 census, age 12		
Bridget: 1851 census, age 8		
Patrick: remembers the Big Wind		
Anne: 1851 census, age 20		

MATCH

Match each picture to the kind of proof it shows.







a person's own memory

remembering the Big Wind

a census search

HOW SURE?

Circle how sure a pension officer could be of each kind of proof.

A census search that finds the person — sure / fairly sure / a guess

The person's own memory of their age — sure / fairly sure / a guess

Remembering the night of the Big Wind — sure / fairly sure / a guess