

Making the Most of the US Federal Census

*Class 1: A History of the Census for
Family Historians*

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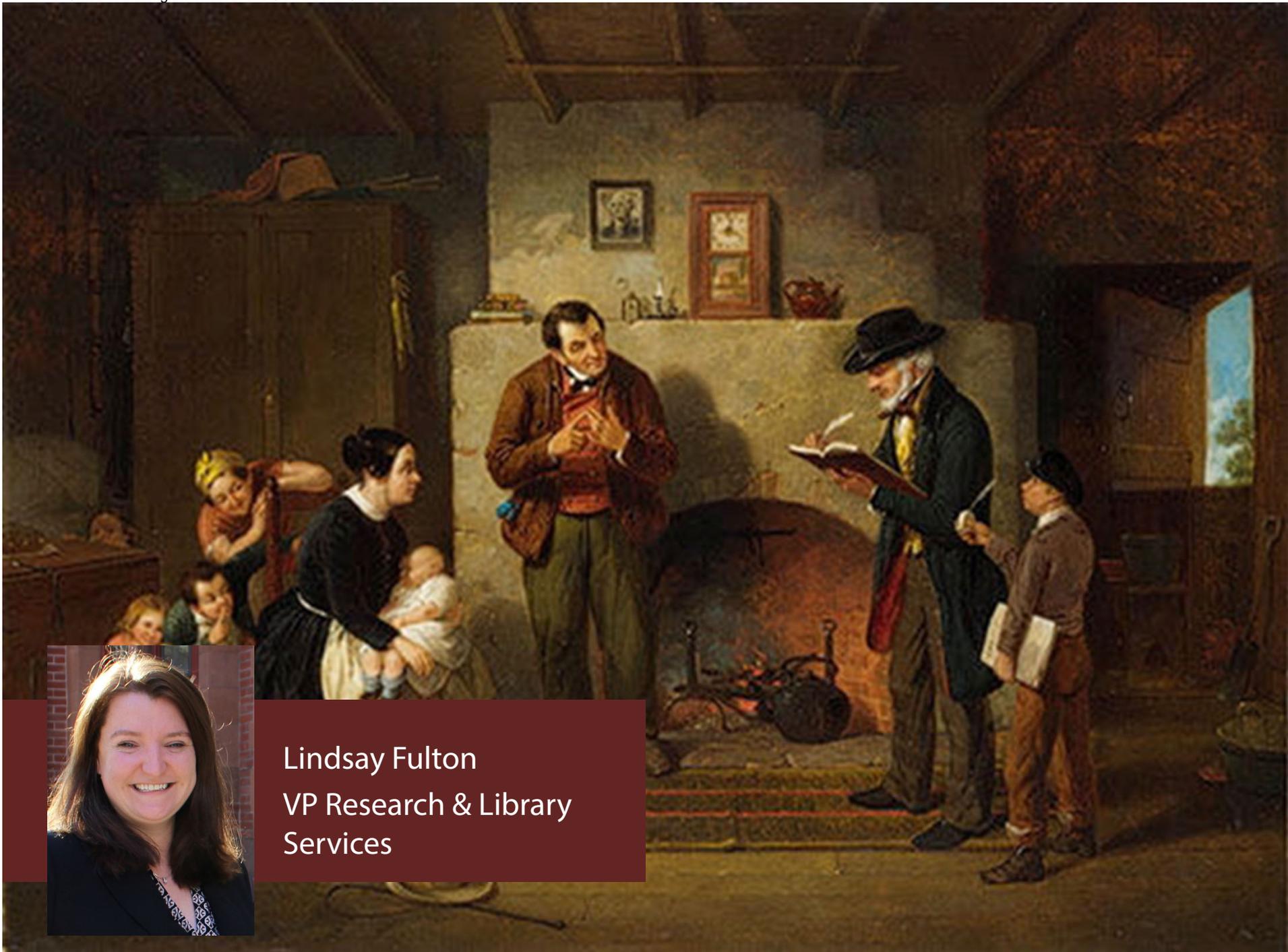


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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Purpose of the U.S. Federal Census
 - How was it organized?
 - How does this affect our research?
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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What is the census?

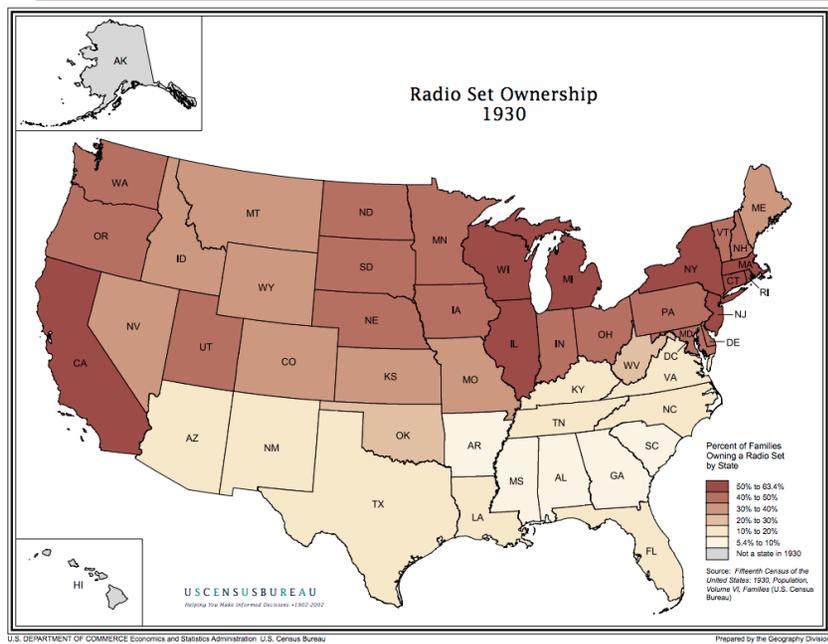
U.S. Federal Census

- Authorized by Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution to make an accurate count of the U.S. population for representative purposes (1787)
- Taken every ten years-
 - 1st enumeration- 2 August 1790
 - The 1950 census (last available census)-1 April 1950
 - The last census- 1 April 2020
 - Next census to become available- 1 April 2032
- Began under the jurisdiction of U.S. State Department (1790-1840); currently, under the U.S. Census Bureau

Purpose

- Apportionment- 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives divided among the 50 states, based on the state population
- Redistricting- The results are used to adjust or redraw electoral districts based on where populations have increased or decreased
- Federal Funding and Policy-It helps communities get its fair share for schools, hospitals, roads, and public works

Technology



- Radios: 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970
- Television Sets: 1950, 1960, 1970
- Telephone: 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000
- Air Conditioning: 1960, 1970, 1980

Depending on the census year, a schedule can reveal...

- Name
- Age
- Relationships
- Place of birth
- Parents' place of birth
- Marital status
- No. of children born
- Year of immigration
- Naturalization status
- Veteran status
- Education level
- Occupation
- Income level
- Value of real estate

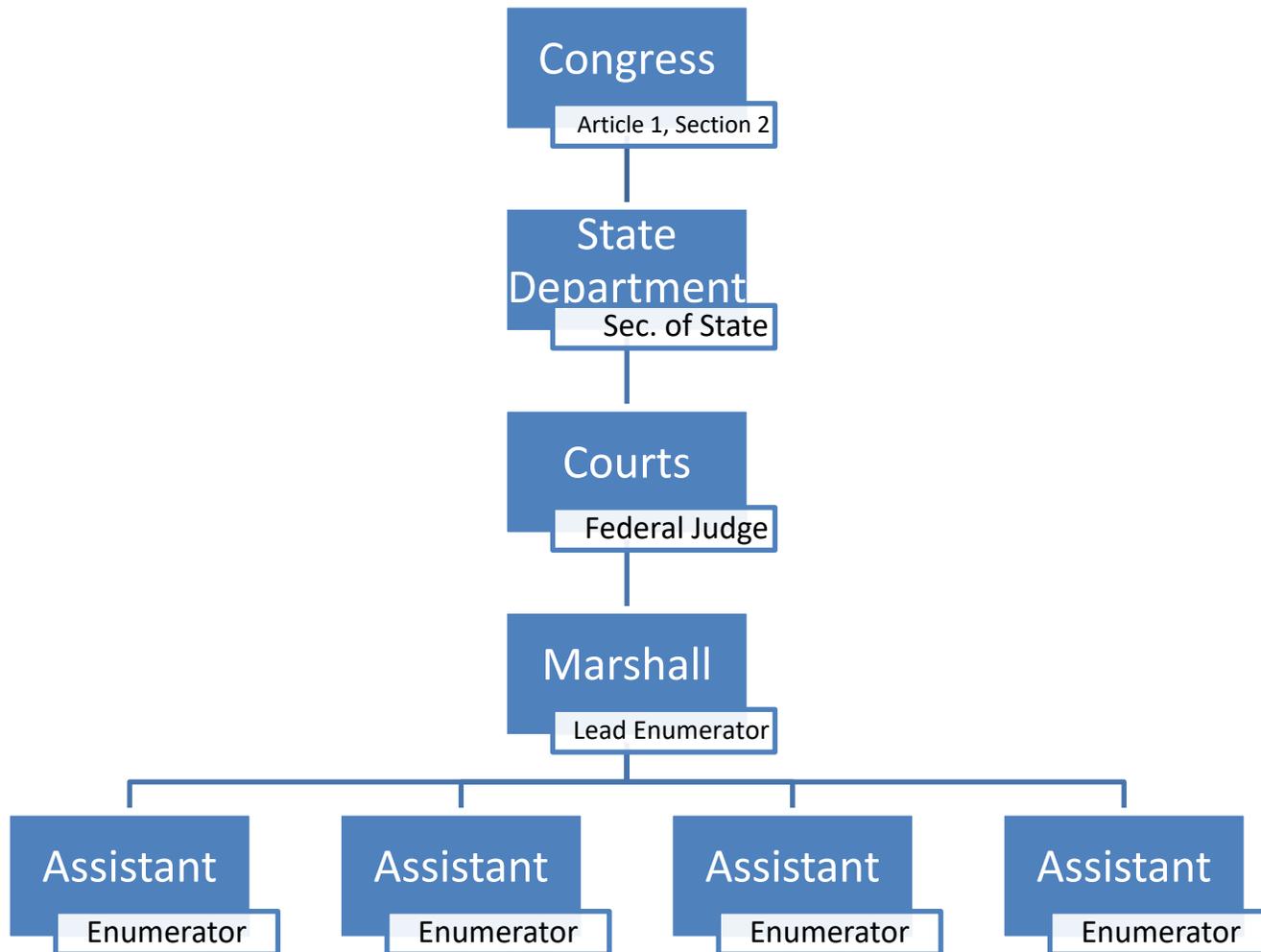
How did the government organize the enumeration of the census?

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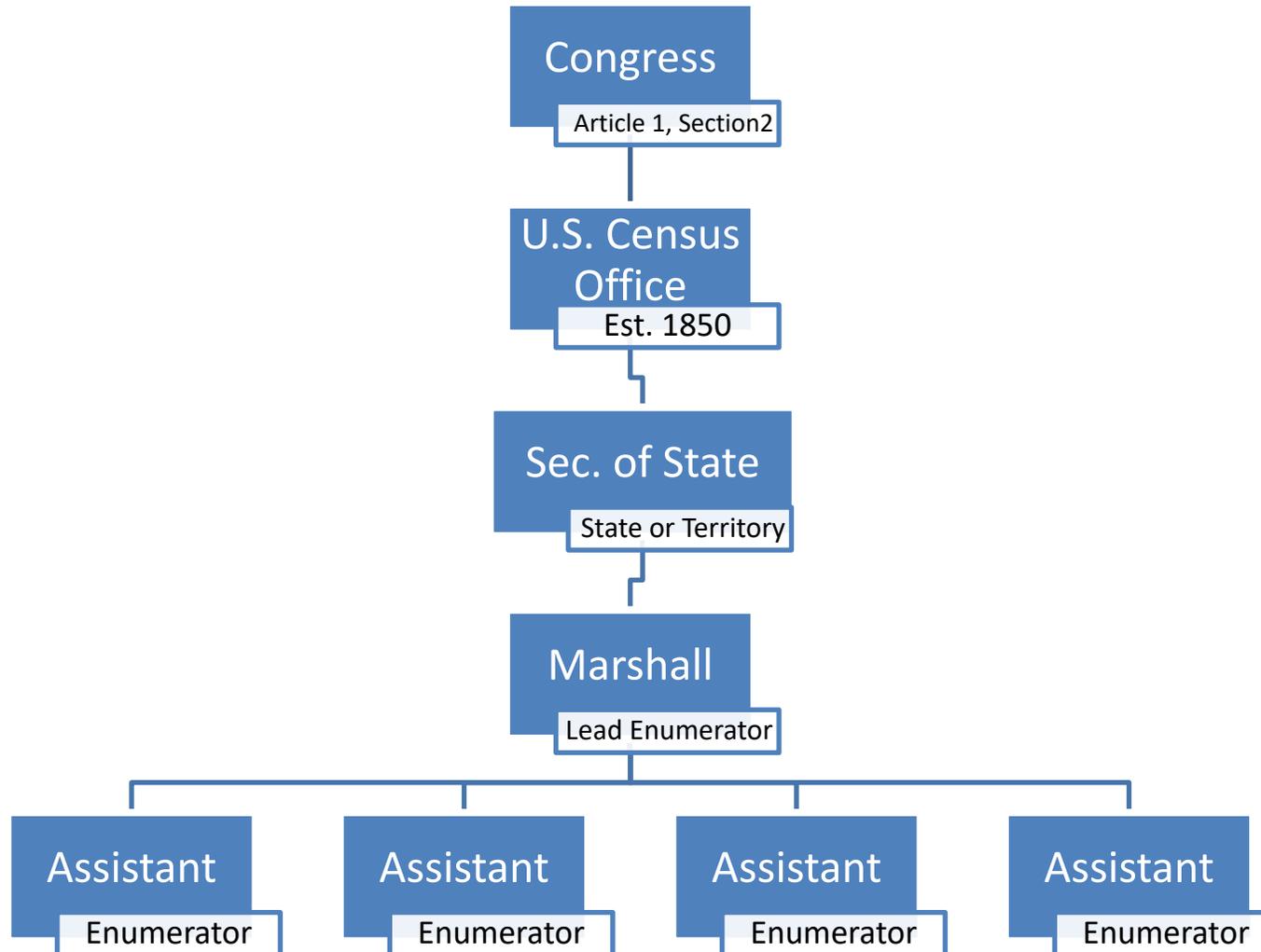
- Organized hierarchy
- Enumerator training
- Written instructions
 - Prepared forms (1830 and after)
- Planned conservation and maintenance
- Reporting and data

Organized Hierarchy

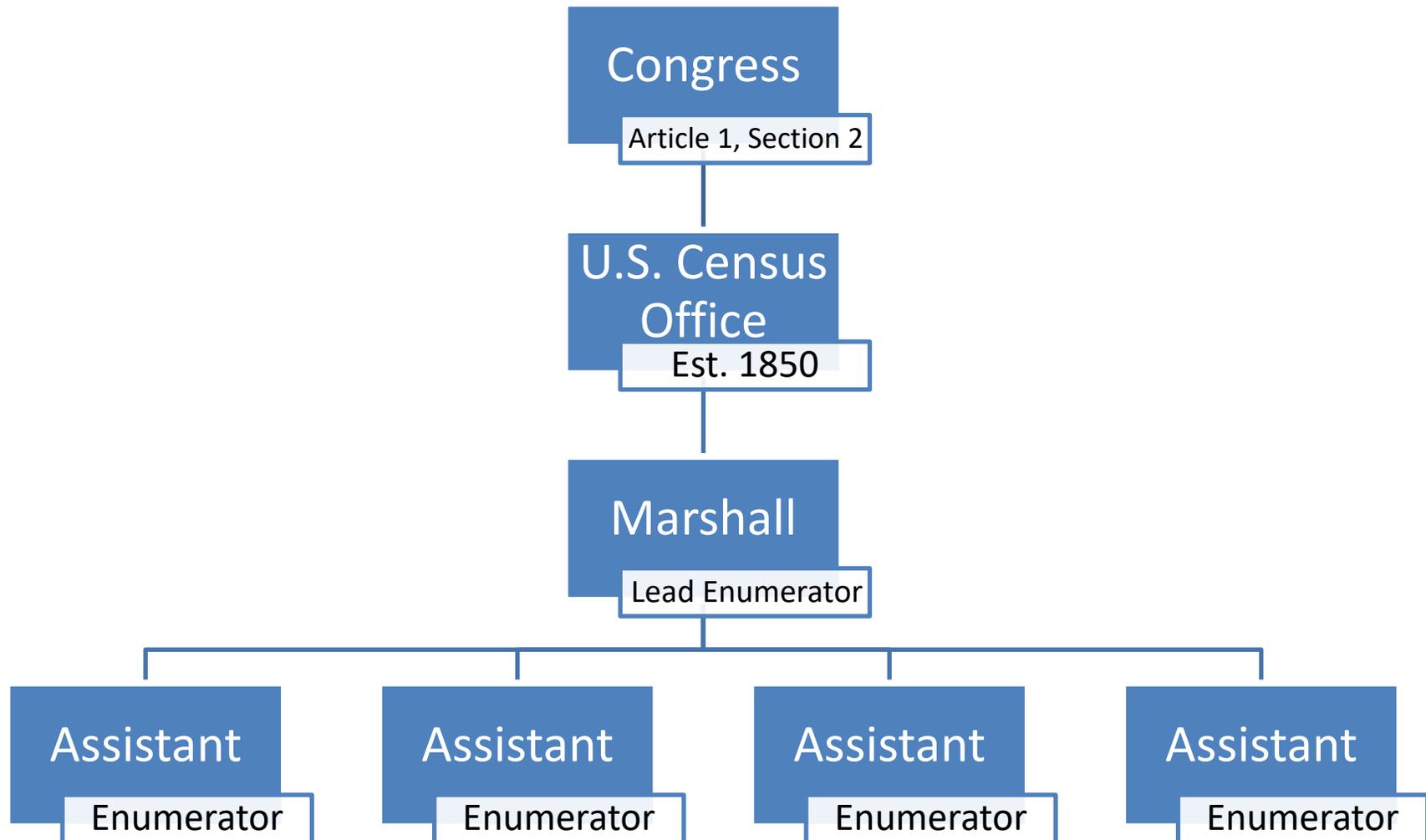
1790-1840



1850-1870

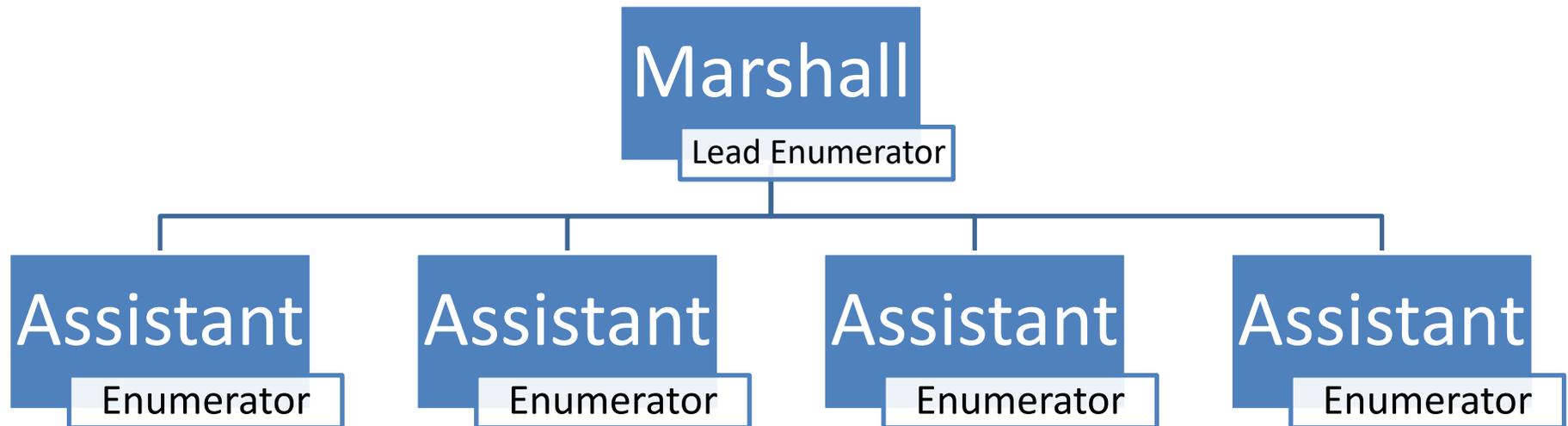


1880-1950

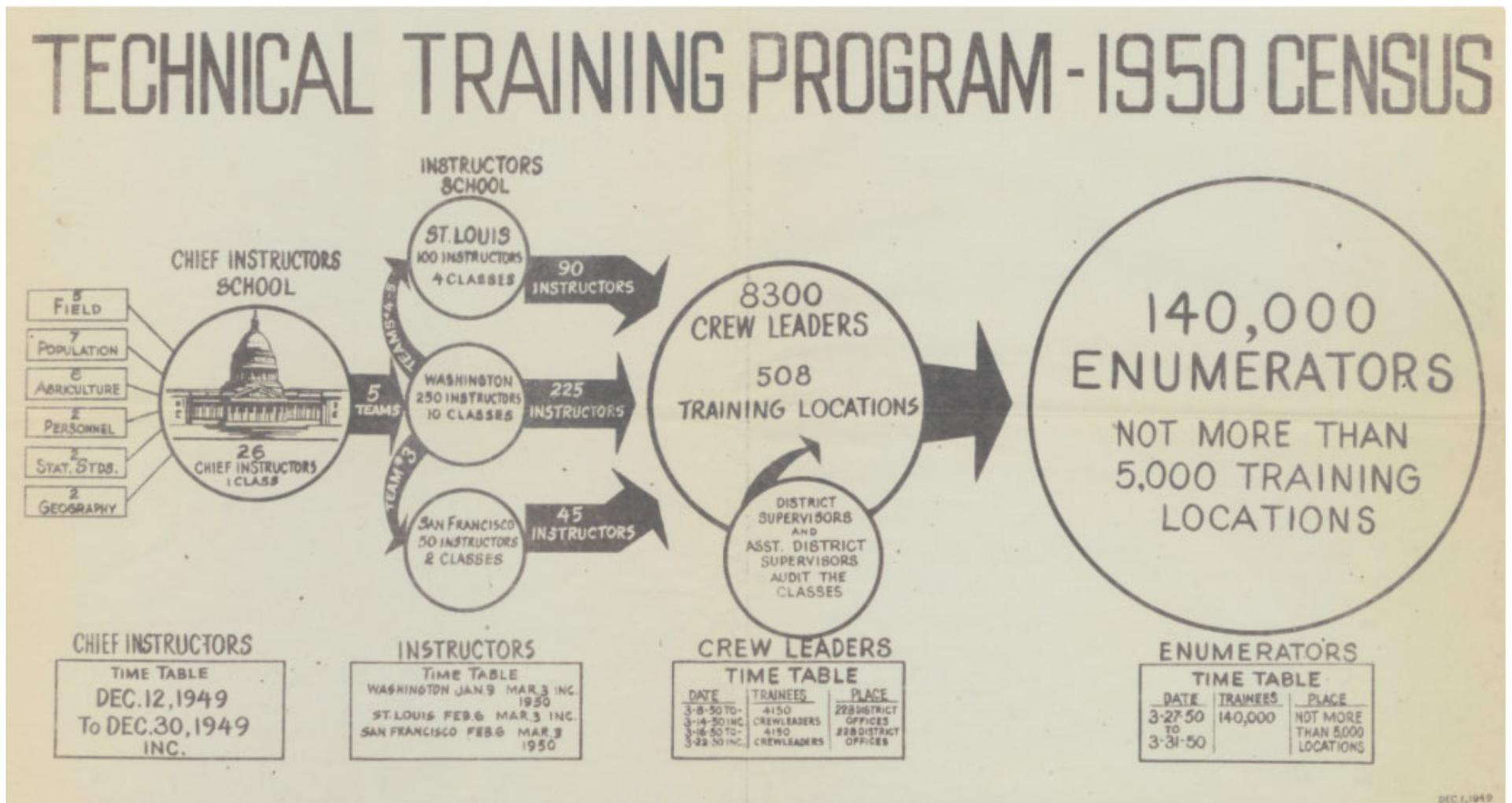


Enumerator Training

Early Training



Modern Enumerator Training



Written Instructions

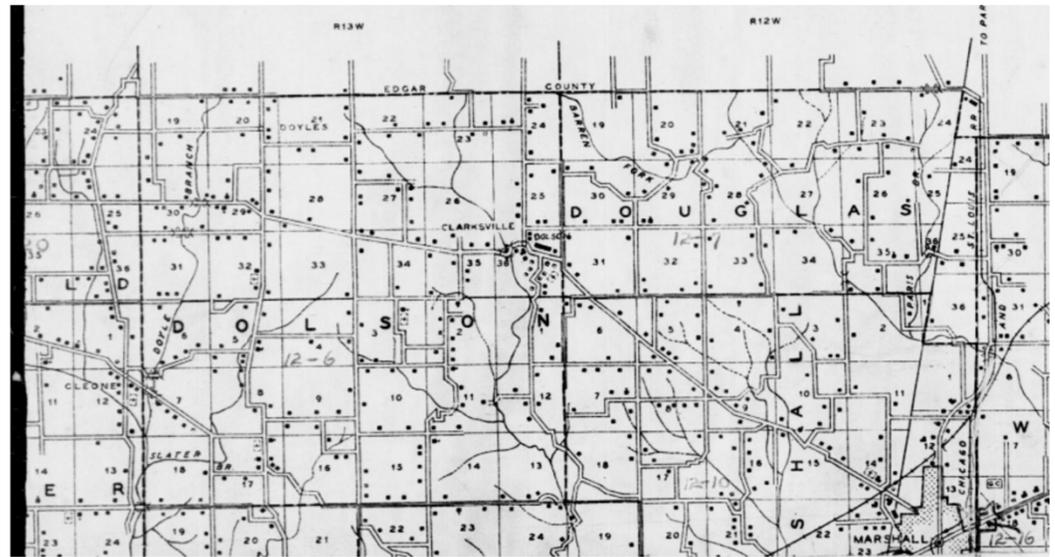
Instructions

- Assigned area (Enumeration District)
- When to start enumeration (Census Day)
- What form to use
- Questions to ask
- How to enumerate information
- How to submit information

Assigned Area

- 1790-1870- enumerators were assigned a specific division, usually town, city, or county
- 1880-present- enumerators were assigned an enumeration district

1940 Census Enumeration District Maps - Illinois - Clark County - ED 12-1 - ED 12-21



ED IL 12-1 through ED IL 12-21 - 2

Enumeration District Maps

- National Archives and Records Administration
 - Physical (1880-1990)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/> (20th century)
- FamilySearch.org (20th century)
- Ancestry.com (20th century)

When to start?

- Enumeration Day
 - Date that the census taker arrived at the front door to record the data.
- Census Day-
 - Date established by the US Government as the benchmark for households when answering a census question.

Census Day

1790- 1800	1810	1820	1830- 1900	1910	1920	1930- 2020
2 August	6 August	7 August	1 June	15 April	1 January	1 April

1870 Census-Bedford, TN

Page No. 16 } Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Civil district No. 20, in the County of Bedford, State of Tennessee, enumerated by me on the 16th day of July, 1870. 

Post Office: Shelbyville Tenn  James J. Smith, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		10	PARENTAGE.		13	14	EDUCATION.		18	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.		
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12			15	16		17	19	20
The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.			Age at last birth-day. If under 1 year, give months in fraction, like, 1/2.	Sex—Males (M.), Females (F.)	Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and up.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards, whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.
1		Bledsoe Martha E	7	F	W				Tennessee										
2		Allen William	27	M	B	Farm laborer			"						/			/	
3	99	Bledsoe Joseph H	20	M	W	Farmer	290		"										
4		— Ruthie S	19	F	W	Keeping House			"										
5		— Martha E	1	F	W				"										
6	100	Bledsoe Thomas	26	M	W	Farmer	553		"									/	
7		— Stepney	24	F	W	Keeping House			"										
8		— Hiesman	2	M	W				"										
9		— Martha J	1/2	F	W				"										

QUESTIONS?

Non-Population Schedules

- Agriculture Schedules
- Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
- Indian Censuses
- Industry and Manufacturing
- Mortality Schedules
- Slave Schedules
- Social Statistics Schedules
- Veterans Schedules

Specific Forms

Received July 31 80.

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 Supervisor's Dist: No. 78
 Enumeration Dist: No. 10

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
 Note B.—In making entries in columns 6, 7, and 8, an affirmative mark only will be used, thus /, except in the case of Divorced persons, column 8, when the letter "D" is to be used.
 Note C.—For instructions relative to the entries in column 14, see back of this Schedule.
 Note D.—In column 17, note distinctly if no Physician was in attendance, thus (None.)

SCHEDULE 5.—Persons who DIED during the Year ending May 31, 1880, enumerated by me in Deer Lodge, in the County of Deer Lodge, State of Montana, John W. Kauter, Enumerator.

1. Name of the person deceased.	2. Personal Description.			3. What was the civil condition of the person who died?			4. NATIVITY.			13. Profession, occupation or Trade. Not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.	14. The month in which the person died.	15. Disease or cause of death.	16. How long a resident of the county? If less than 1 year, state month in months, thus— <u>6</u> .	17. If the disease was not contracted at place of death, state the place.	18. Name of attending Physician.
	4. Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, state in months and days. If over 1 year, state in years and months. If under 1 month, give day in fractions, thus— <u>4</u> .	5. Sex—Male (M) Female (F).	6. Color—White (W), Black (B), Native (N), Chinese (C), Indian (I).	7. Single	8. Married	9. Divorced (D)	10. Place of birth of this person, naming the state or Territory of the U. S., or the country, if of foreign birth.	11. Where was the Father of this person born? As in column 9.	12. Where was the Mother of this person born? As in column 9.						
1. <u>70 Mrs. Maria K. Allen</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Dr. J. W. Kauter</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Spasmodic Cholera</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>Do not attend</u>	<u>1</u>
2. <u>24 Lewis Daniel</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>Wales</u>	<u>Wales</u>	<u>Wales</u>	<u>Miller</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Cerebral meningitis</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Do not attend</u>	<u>2</u>
3. <u>48 Mr. Robert W. Miller</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>Montana</u>	<u>Montana</u>	<u>Montana</u>	<u>Miller</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Spasmodic Cholera</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Do not attend</u>	<u>3</u>
4. <u>183 Mrs. Stephen Albert</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>Montana</u>	<u>Eng</u>	<u>Eng</u>	<u>Walt</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Long Fever</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Dr. Holmes</u>	<u>4</u>
5. <u>184 Mr. Peter Dell</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Walt</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Cholera</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Dr. Holmes</u>	<u>5</u>
6. <u>202 Mrs. J. W. Miller</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>Montana</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Walt</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Cholera</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Dr. Holmes</u>	<u>5</u>

1880 Mortality Schedule, Deer Lodge, MT

Questions to Ask

- Name
- Relationship to the head of household
- Profession, occupation, or trade
- Nature of industry
- Place of birth
- Married within the year
- Can speak English
- Person sick on the day of enumeration
- And many more....

Resources

- *The Census Book: Facts, Schedules & Worksheets for the U.S. Federal Censuses* by William Dollarhide
- *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790–1920* by William Dollarhide and William Thorndale
- *Portable Genealogist: Using the Federal Census: 1790–1840 and Using the Federal Census 1850-1950* by Lindsay Fulton
- FamilySearch wiki
- Ancestry.com
- United States Census Bureau- [census.gov/history](https://www.census.gov/history)



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The first censuses counted the population and provided information on population by county. In 1790, the census also categorized white males by age: those under age 16 and those age 16 and older. Over the years, Congress has authorized additional questions, enabling us to better understand the nation's inhabitants and their activities and needs. In fact, one of the nation's founders, James Madison, suggested that the census takers ask additional questions that would help lawmakers better understand the needs of the nation.

For example, the 1810 Census also collected economic data (on the quantity and value of manufactured goods). In 1850, the census began collecting "social statistics" (information about taxes, education, crime, and value of estate, etc.) and mortality data. In 1940, additional questions were asked of a sample of the population, including questions on internal migration, veteran status, and the number of children ever born to women. These questions helped society understand the impact of the Great Depression.

Through the decades, the census has collected data on race, ancestry, education, health, housing, and transportation. An examination of the questions asked during each census illustrates changes in our nation's understanding of race, the impact of immigration, growth of the Hispanic population, and computer usage. As a result of the census's evolution, the constitutionally mandated census has grown to provide important information about the U.S. population and its housing. Coupled with data from the economic and government censuses and demographic and economic surveys, the U.S. Census Bureau provides governments, scholars, planners, businesses, and individuals the data they need to build schools, plan highways, open businesses, and distribute the billions of dollars in federal spending that sustains a growing population.



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For an article about 1920 censuses scheduled to become available for free online at [FamilySearch Historical Record Collections](#) see the [U.S. Census Population Schedules, 1920](#) Wiki page. Ancestry.com (subscription site) has indexes and images of all 1920 federal censuses. HeritageQuestOnline.com (subscription site) has images of all 1920 federal censuses. A [Soundex](#) index for each state is also available on microfilm.

For details, see individual state census Wiki pages. For tips if the first census index search does not work, see the [United States Census Searching](#) Wiki page.

A free Internet index to the 1920 United States Census can be viewed at [FamilySearch](#). This index includes every name listed on the census. Index includes the name, residence, estimated birth year, age in years, birth place, relationship to head of house, gender, race or color, marital status, father birth place, mother birth place, film number, digital CC number, image number and sheet number.



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Census Forms

Census extraction forms are doubly valuable: not only do they allow researchers to see the format and column headings for various census years (especially if the schedules themselves are hard to read), they also provide a clean and convenient method for extracting and filing important information you find.

US Census Forms



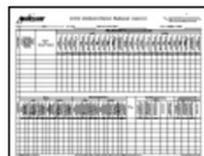
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Other Charts & Forms

Ancestral Chart

Allows you to record the ancestors from whom you directly descend.

Research Calendar

Gives an account of every record source you have searched.

Research Extract

Summarizes information which may be time-consuming or difficult to reread quickly.

Correspondence Record

Helps you keep track of those with whom you have corresponded.

Family Group Sheet

Enables you to compile complete, correct and connect families.

Source Summary

ancestry.com/cs/census-forms

Procedure to Enumerate Information

- 1790-1840
 - General guidelines provided by the Marshall
 - 1790 instructions survive
- 1850-2020
 - Specific instructions given to each assistant
 - Frequently asked questions
 - Common mistakes
 - Clarification



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Coming Soon!



Entertainers Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Joey Bishop, Sammy Davis, Jr., were members of show business "Rat Packs."

Return next month to use census data and records to learn more about the "Rat Packs" and how they helped

U.S. Census Bureau History: The 1937 Hindenburg Disaster

On May 6, 1937, the rigid German airship Hindenburg arrived at its Lakehurst, NJ, Naval Air Station destination after departing Frankfurt, Germany 3 days earlier. A crowded landing field of newspaper and radio journalists, film and still camera people, family, friends, and ground crew waited for the airship despite arriving hours behind schedule. As the Hindenburg prepared to dock with its mooring mast, it suddenly burst into flames forcing passengers and crew to jump from windows to escape the inferno. In seconds, the airship



For the Record



In the decade before the Hindenburg disaster, aviators made the first solo airplane flights between the United States and Europe.

On May 21, 1927, [Charles Lindbergh](#) became the first pilot to

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Census Instructions

The decennial census has always required a large workforce to visit and collect data from households. Between 1790 to 1870, the duty of collecting census data fell upon the U.S. Marshals. A [March 3, 1879 act](#) replaced the U.S. Marshals with specially hired and trained census-takers to conduct the 1880 and subsequent censuses.

During the early censuses, U.S. Marshalls received little training or instruction on how to collect census data. In fact, it was not until 1830 that marshals even received printed schedules on which to record households' responses. The marshals often received limited instruction from the [census acts](#) passed prior to each census.

Beginning with the 1880 census, specially hired and trained census-takers replaced the U.S. marshals. Door-to-door census by temporary census-takers was the primary method of conducting the census until the U.S. Census Bureau began mailing questionnaires to households in 1960.

As more and more households received and returned their questionnaires by mail, the role of census-taker changed. Today, the majority of households are counted by mailed questionnaires. Census-takers visit places frequented by transient households (shelters and soup kitchens, campsites, etc.) and households that do not return their mailed questionnaires (during the "Nonresponse Follow-Up" phase of the census). As a result, the "Instructions to Enumerators" provided here include the congressional acts U.S. marshalls reviewed during the early census, specially-published instructions for door-to-door census, and lastly, guides used for the limited number of personal interviews conducted during nonresponse follow-up operations.



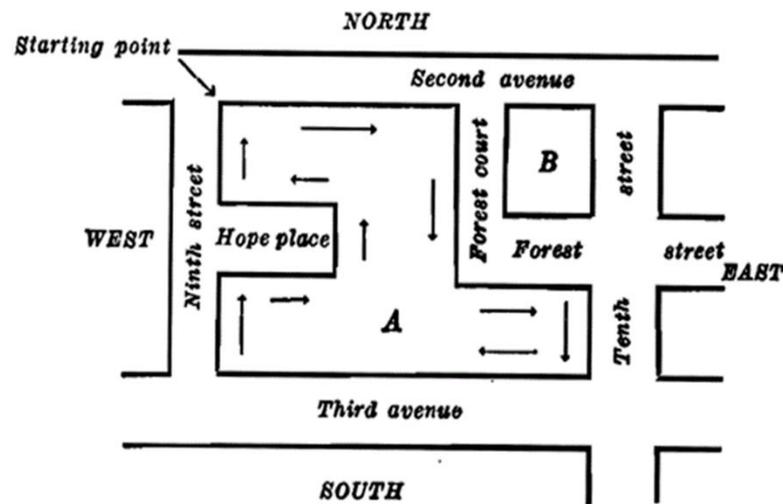
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Collecting information from a Winnebago Indian family during the 1910 census.

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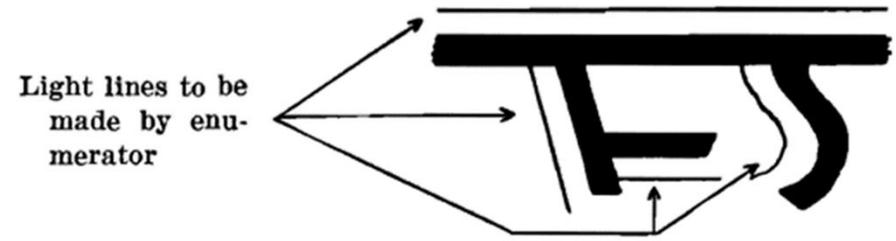
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How to Walk Down the Street

Urban



Rural



Not home?

First Canvassing

124		Edward J. Son	W M 15 NOV Miss		OT N
125		Bobby G. Son	W M 15 NOV Miss		OT ye
126	House no. 98 - No NO	McBride, Cora M. Head	W F 73 WVA Tennessee	7-2	H No
127		Singleton, Donald W. Lodge	W M 27 MAR South Carolina	7-7	WVA
128	House no. 99 - No NO	Done E. wife	W F 25 MAR Tennessee	7-2	WVA
No one at home see sheet 71 line 8 & sheet 9					
129	House no. 100 - No NO	Hamy, Epharim Head	W M 48 MAR Miss		WVA
130		Bernie wife	W F 24 MAR Miss		H N
131	House no. 101 - No NO	Ricketts, Nelson H. Head	W M 83 MAR Miss		U
132		Alma M. wife	W F 78 MAR Miss		H No
133	House no. 102 - No NO	Holman, Charles H. Head	W M 69 MAR Miss		OT N
134		Melissa wife	W F 65 MAR Miss		H N
BORDERED DISTRICT ON THIS SIDE () Proceed my west to end of Washington Street enumerating east to intersection of Hefner street.					

Second Attempt

MISS
Carroll County
8-16"

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

April 19, 1950
Robert H. DeLoe
W. B. M. Muller May 7, 1950

FORM P1

1950 U.S. Federal Census, Carroll Co., MS

FOR BIRTH BY STATE		FOR ALL PERSONS		FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER	
99 - No NO	Adair, Carrie Head	W F 43 NOV	Miss	WVA	24 Home, mail, private home P
	Virginia Sater	W F 7 45 NOV	Miss	WVA	40 Home, mail, private home P
	Moore, Aron	W M 89 NOV	Miss	OT yes	20 Car. Oper, private home P
100 - No NO	Hansen, Ned Head	W M 36 MAR	Miss	WVA	30 Automobile, U.S. Trade School G

1950 U.S. Federal Census, Carroll Co., MS

On Vacation?

Household No.	Person Name	Sex	Age	Marital Status	Place of Birth	Occupation	Notes
232	Quedberg, Henry L. Head	w	35	m	Georgia		
	Beulah W. wife	w	35	m	New York		
	* Persons transferred from 245 "Missed Persons forms"						
658 901	Olson, Corinne		26	f			
	Robertson, Alma M.		27	f			2.
	Wm. J.		103	m			
654 902	Judith Ann		20	f			
	Cadena, Barbara H.		25	f			2.
	Love, Ronnie H.		106	m			
	* Persons not assigned to dwelling units						
657 903	Hemmett, Virginia		18	f			
	Magonia, Gilbert		53	m			

1950 U.S. Federal Census, Monroe, Co., FL

Individual Census Reports

① What is your name?

(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial)

② Where do you usually live?
 Here (Check this box if you usually live in this house or if you have no usual place of residence.)
 Some place else (Check this box if you usually live some place else. Enter the address of that place in the space provided below.)
 (a) Address of that place:

(Number and street and apartment number)

(City, town, or township)

(County) (State)
 (b) In addition to the above address describe fully your home location in the space provided below. (For example: On west side of Adams Road between Morris and Parker Streets, or, on east side of Plainville Road (RFD No. 2) 2 miles north of Clinton.)

 (c) Give the name of one person who is living there now.

(Enter name or write "no one.")

③ What is your relationship to the head of the household where you usually live?
 I am the head.
 I am not the head.
 If you are not the head, enter your relationship to the head of the household in which you usually live.
 If you have no usual place of residence, enter your relationship to the head of this household.

(For example: Son, daughter, wife, son-in-law, lodger, lodger's wife, maid, hotel guest, patient, etc.)

④ What is your race? (Check one box or enter name of race.)
 White Negro or What race? _____

⑤ What is your sex? (Check one.)
 Male Female

⑥ How old were you on your last birthday?

(Years old) (For infants under one year of age, enter month of birth as April, May, Dec., etc.)
 (2)

⑦ Where were you born?
 _____ or _____
(State) (Territory, possession, or foreign country)

⑧ Are you a citizen of the United States? (Check one.)
 Yes, I was born in the United States or its Territories or possessions.
 Yes, I was born in a foreign country, but became a citizen.
 Yes, I was born in a foreign country of American parents.
 No, I am not a citizen of the United States.

⑨ Were you living on a farm a year ago? (Check one.)
 Yes No

⑩ Where were you living a year ago?
(If you are not at home now, answer this question as if you were.)
 In this same house.
 Not in this same house, but in this same county.
 Not in this same county—enter county and State below:

(County) (State or foreign country)
(If you do not know county, enter name of place or nearest place)

⑪ Where were your parents born? (Check the box or enter name of Territory, possession, or foreign country.)
 Father:
 Continental United States or _____
(Territory, possession, or foreign country)
 Mother:
 Continental United States or _____
(Territory, possession, or foreign country)

⑫ What is the highest grade of school you have attended? (Check one.)
 Kindergarten
 Elementary school 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 High school 1 2 3 4
 College or professional school 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 I have never attended school

⑬ Did you finish this grade? (Check one.)
 Yes No

⑭ Have you attended school at any time since Feb. 1, 1937? (Check one.)
 Yes No
 (3)

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER

⑮ What were you doing last week? (Check each box that applies to you.)
 (a) I worked at a job, or in my business or profession, or on a farm.
 (b) I was looking for work.
 (c) I had a job, profession, or business from which I was temporarily absent.
 (d) I did housework in my own home.
 (e) I am permanently unable to work.
 (f) None of the above applies to me.

⑯ If you worked last week, how many hours did you work?
 _____ hours

⑰ If you were looking for work last week, how many weeks have you been looking for work?
 _____ weeks

⑱ Last year (1949), did you do any work at all (even for a week or two), not counting work around the house?
 Yes—In how many weeks did you do any work?
 _____ (Include paid vacations)
(Weeks)
 No

⑲ Answer (a), (b), and (c) below:
 If you have done any work since January 1, 1949, not counting work around the house—or if you are now looking for work—Describe the job you held last week. If you did not work last week, describe your last job or business.
 (a) What kind of work did you do?
 Give an exact answer; for example: truck driver, locomotive fireman, able seaman, mechanical engineer, registered nurse, assemble clocks and watches, etc.

 (b) In what kind of business or industry did you do this work?
 Give an exact answer; for example: radio factory, wholesale radio company, retail radio store, radio repair shop, lawyer's office, oil tanker, etc.

 (c) Was this work: (Check one.)
 For a private employer for wages, salary, commission, or tips.
 For government (Federal, State, city, local, etc.).
 For profit or fees in your own business, farm, office, shop, etc.
 Without pay on your family's farm or business.
(Please answer questions on page 5)
 (4)

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Duplicates?

Boston, MA

124	1467	Andrus Henry J	57	M	Com Merchant	Mass							
		— Henry G	25	M	Com Merchant	Mass							
		— Herbert	21	M	McCom House	Mass							
		— Helen C	15	F	at School	Mass						1	
		— Clifford	13	M	at School	Mass						1	
		— Harriet M	11	F	at School	Mass						1	
		Wady Richards	28	M	Coachman	Ireland					1	1	
		Wm. Quinn	25	M	Seaman	N.Y.							

New York City

3		Sobson Kelige	26	F	"	"							
4	394	Gardner/Henry J	50	M	Commis Merchant	Mass							
5		Cobb, Harriette	38	F	"	"							
6		Gardner Henry J	26	M	The Family were taken	"							
7		— Helen R.	15	F	in Boston last	"							
8		— Clifford	14	M	August,	"							
9		— Harriet M.	10	F	"	"							
10		Esmond Bridget	34	F	Louvain	Ireland							

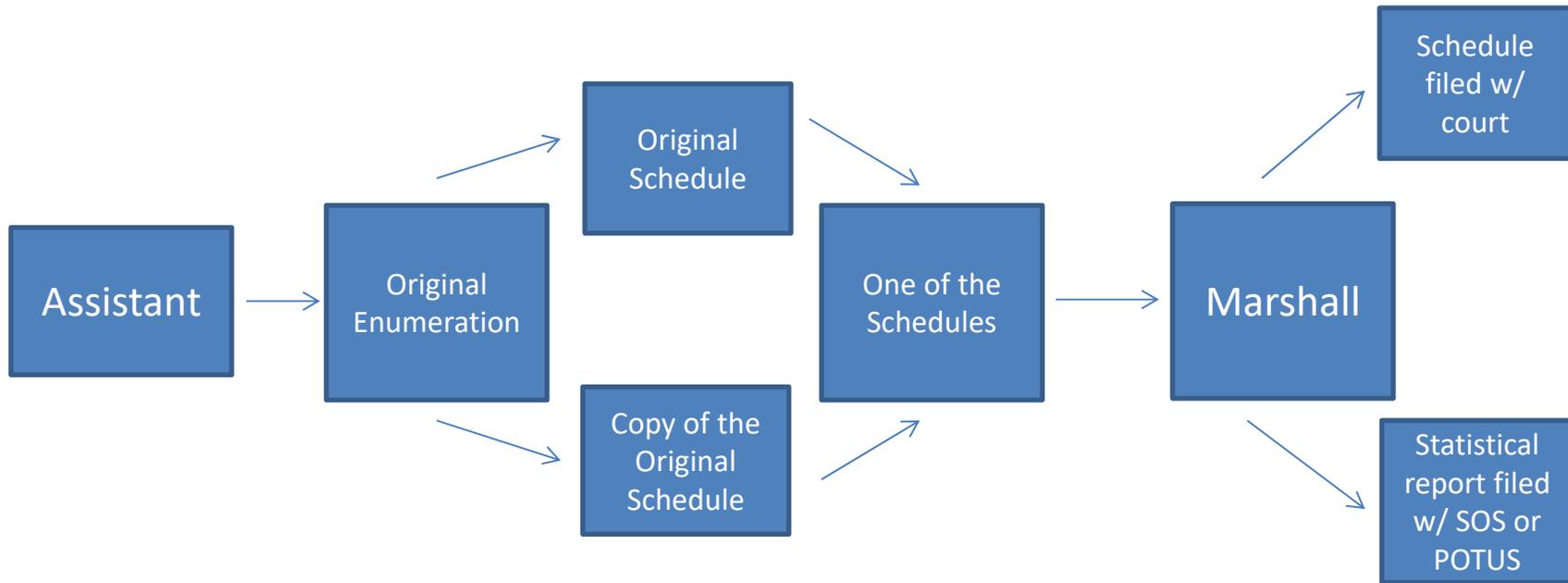
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QUESTIONS?

Submitting information

1790-1820

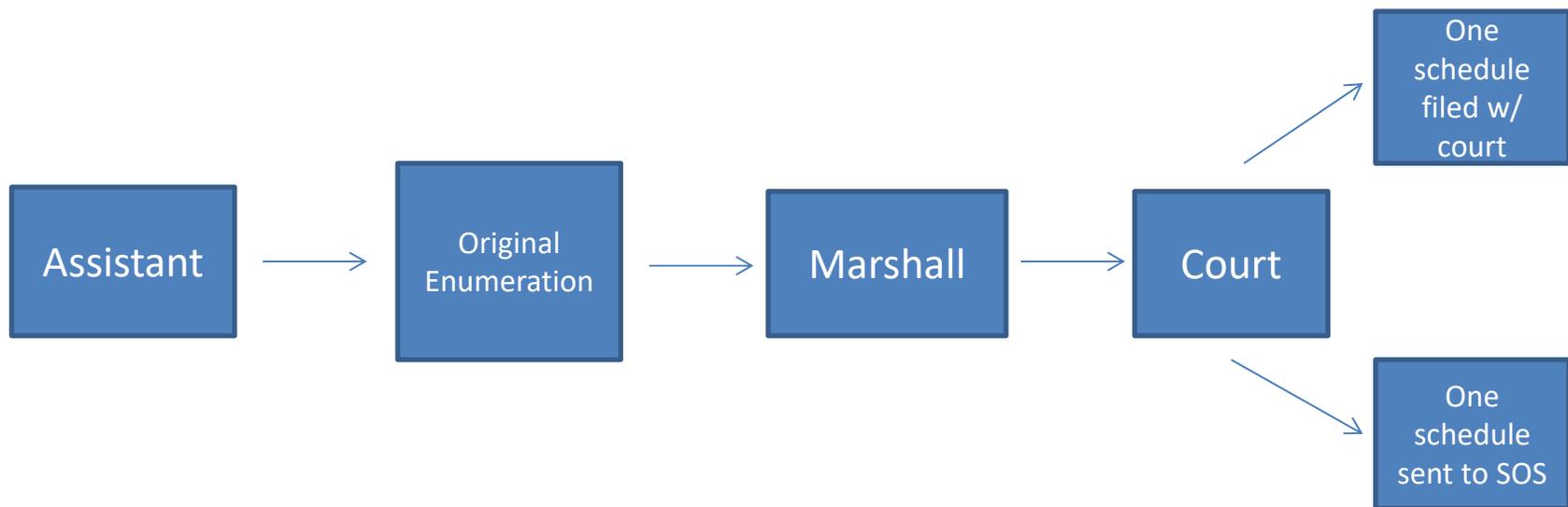


On May 28, 1830, clerk of courts directed to transmit the 1790-1820 censuses to Department of State

Extant Records

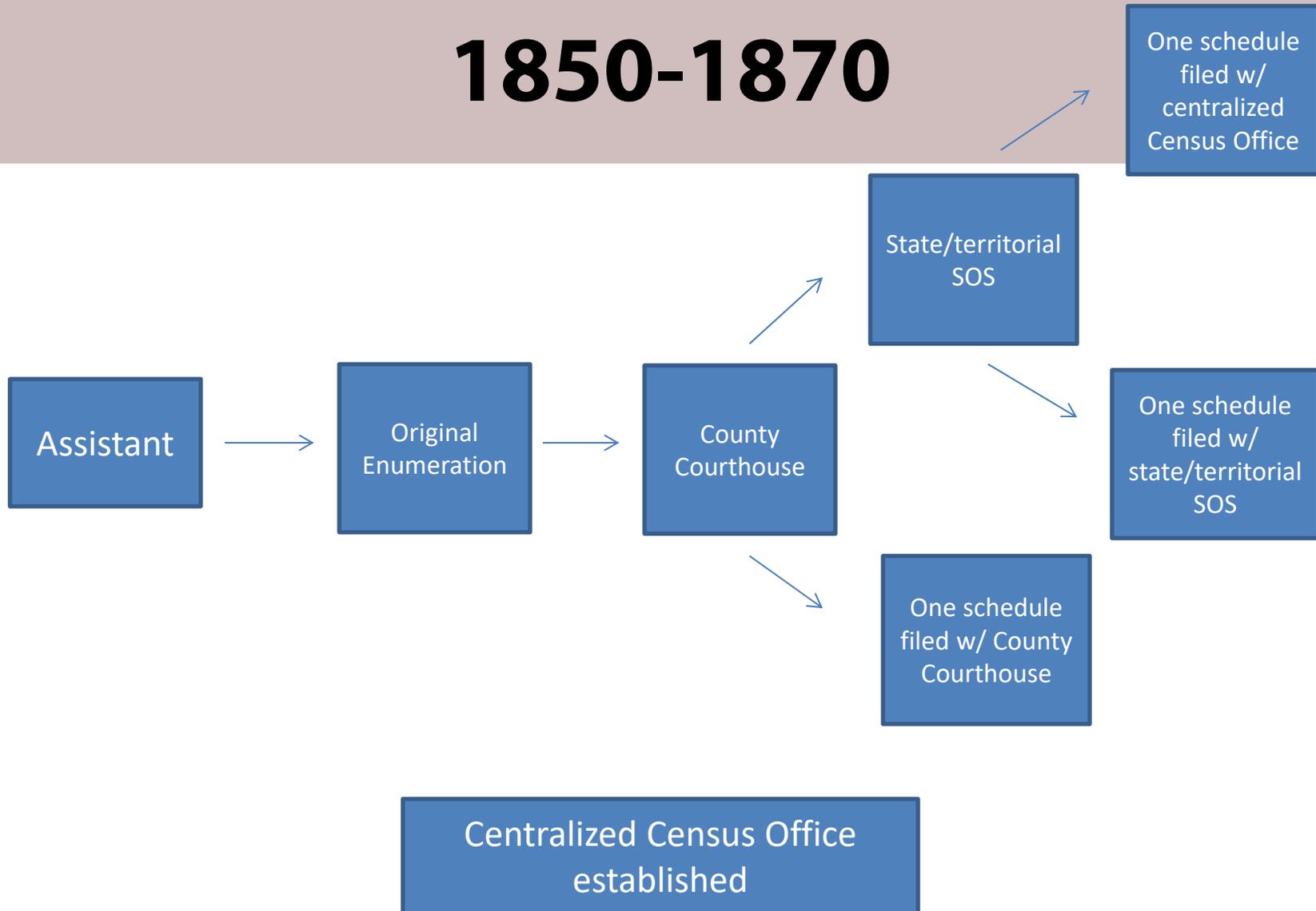
YEAR	STATES WITH EXISTING RECORDS
1790	Conn., Maine, Mass., Md. (<i>except Allegany, Calvert, Somerset, and most of Dorchester Counties</i>), N.C. (<i>except Caswell, Granville, and Orange Counties</i>), N.H., N.Y., Pa., R.I., S.C., Vt. (<i>census year is 1791</i>)
1800	Conn., D.C. (<i>Md. side only, lost for Va. side</i>), Ga. (<i>Oglethorpe County only</i>), Del., Maine (<i>except part of York County</i>), Mass. (<i>except most of Suffolk County</i>) Md. (<i>except Baltimore County, outside Baltimore</i>), N.C., N.H. (<i>except part of Rockingham and Strafford Counties</i>), N.J. (<i>Cumberland County only</i>), N.Y., Ohio (<i>Washington County only</i>), Pa., R.I., S.C. (<i>except Richland district</i>), Va. (<i>Accomack and Louisa Counties only</i>), Vt.
1810	Conn., Del., Ill. (<i>Randolph County only</i>), Ky., La., Maine (<i>except part of Oxford County</i>), Mass., Md., N.H., N.Y. (<i>except Cortland and part of Broome Counties</i>), Ohio (<i>Washington County only</i>), N.C. (<i>except Craven, Greene, New Hanover, and Wake Counties</i>), Pa., R.I., S.C., Tenn. (<i>Rutherford and some of Grainger Counties only</i>), Va. (<i>except Alexandria, Grayson, Greenbrier, Halifax, Hardy, Henry, James City, King, William, Lee, Louisa, Mecklenburg, Nansemond, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Russell, and Tazewell Counties</i>), Vt., W.Va. (<i>except Cabell, Greenbrier, Hardy, and Tazewell Counties</i>)
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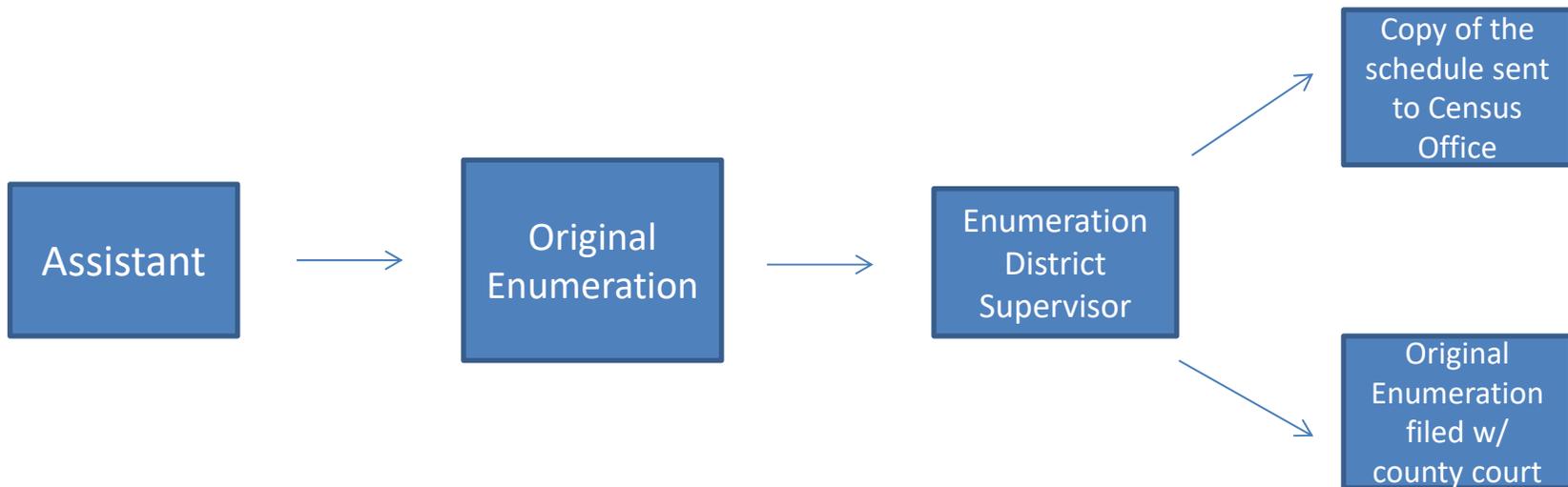


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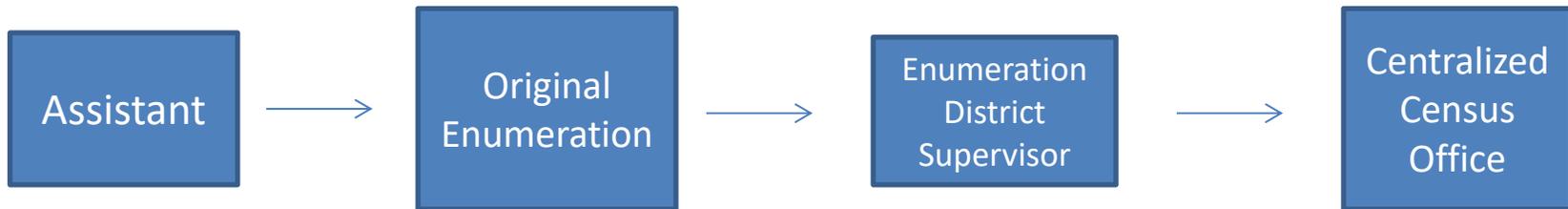


1880



U.S. Census Office assumed complete control over enumeration

1890-1950



1921 fire destroyed the majority of the 1890 schedules

Known 1890 Records Remaining After the 1921 Fire

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Ala.: Part of Perry County

Ga.: Part of Muscogee County and all of Washington County

Ill.: Part of McDonogh County

Minn.: Part of Wright County

N.Y.: Parts of Suffolk and Westchester Counties

N.C.: Parts of Gaston and Cleveland Counties

Ohio: Parts of Hamilton and Clinton Counties

S.Dak.: All of Union County

Texas: Some of Ellis County and all of Hood, Kaufman, Rusk, and Trinity Counties

How does this affect research?

1860 U.S. Census-Washington Co, Maine

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Post Office Indian River

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		10	11	12	13	14
							8	9					
		Warren A. Bailey	6	m					Maine				
		Charles E.	1	m					do				
116	129	Darius D. Kelly	27	m	Sea Capt		900	100	do				
		Lydin B.	26	f					do				
		Christina B.	5	f					do				
		Louis S.	3	m					do				
		August L.	70	m					do				
117	125	Joseph C. Sawyer	38	m	Seaman		200	75	do				
		Frank E.	21	f					do				
		Stephen J.	10	m					do				
		Joseph C.	9	m					do				
		Wm C.	7	m					do				
		Nathaniel	2	m					do				
		Ezra W.	2	m					do				
		John T.	20	m					do				
117	130	Ezra Abbeish	72	m	Black Smith		75		Massachusetts				
		Frank	62	f					New Hampshire				
118	131	Wm C. Wilson	47	m	Wagon Driver		800	150	Scotland				
		Stephen R.	27	f					Maine				
		John C.	14	m					do				
		Wm C.	12	m					do				
		Francis A.	7	m					do				
		Louis H.	8	m					do				
		James C.	1	m					do				
		John J. Sawyer	76	m					do				
119	132	Francis Cummings	25	m	Sea Capt		425	150	do				
		Alfred K.	28	f					do				
		Melinda C.	1	f					do				
120	133	Eliza M. Kelly	24	f					do				
		Abraham M.	10	m					do				
		Lewis D.	8	m					do				
		Ray B.	6	f					do				
		Stephen H.	1	f					do				
121	134	John A. Kelly	27	m				50	do				
122	135	Francis Cummings	78	m			250	100	do				
		May	71	f					do				
		John	41	m	Seaman				do				
		Math Am	24	f					do				
		Charles K.	26	m	Seaman		250		do				

No. white males, 25. No. colored males, No. foreign born, No. blind, No. illiterate, No. deaf and dumb, No. insane, No. paupers, No. convicts.

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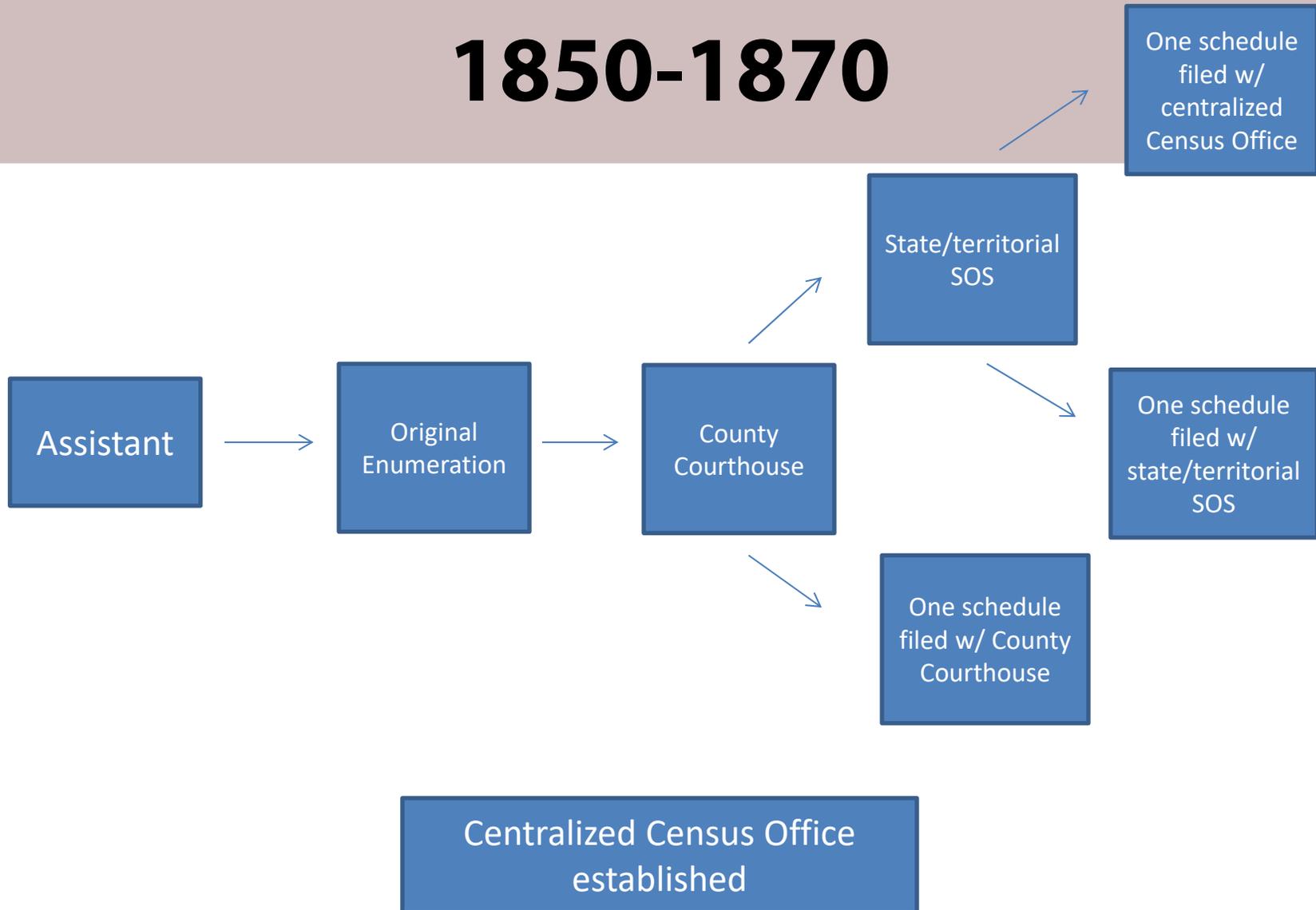
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			Sylvina H "	25	f				do					29
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Federal Copy

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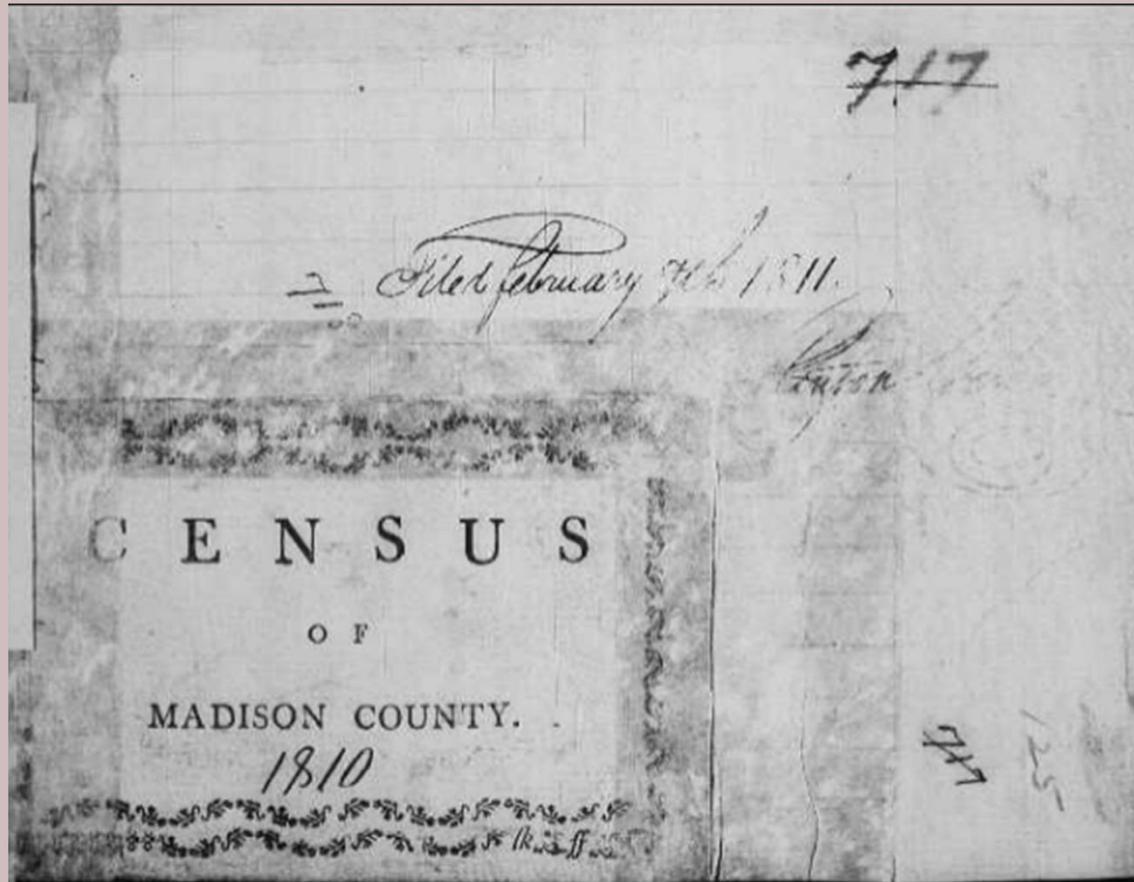
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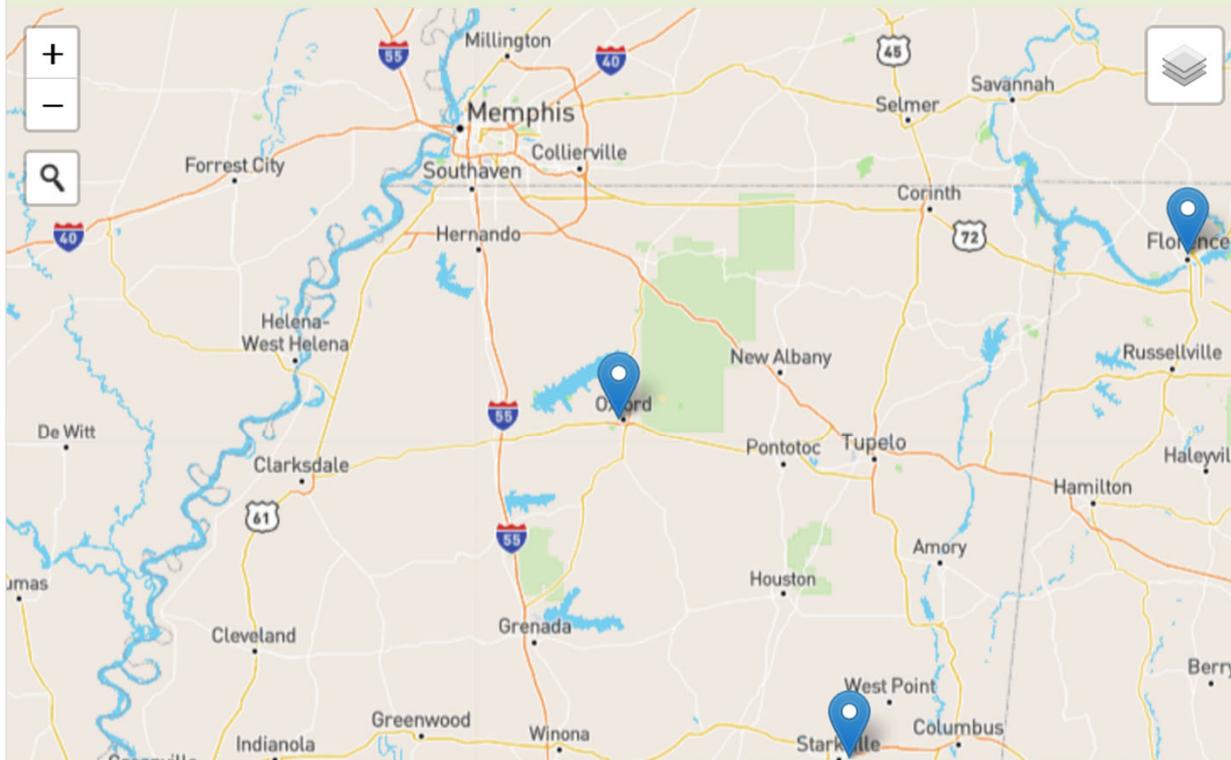
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Name of Head of Family	Free White Males					Free White Females					Total
	10 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 50	10 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 50	
Jacob Moulton			1	1				1			3
Samuel Galutia	1	1	1	2				1			6
Jacob Galutia	3	1	2	1	2			1			10
Wm Perry	1	1	1	1		1	1				5
Saml Brown	3		1	1				1	1		7
Gen Shillabeau	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1		12
David McKean			6	1				2			9
Elyah Towne	2		1		2	1		1			7
Bony Madworth				1	1			1			3
John Chadwick											3
Gate Fortin											2
Jenna Jacobs											3
John Taylor											7
Pierre Jacobs											11
Amos Thomson											3
Peter Anthony											1
John Phillips											11
Jenna Wilson											2
Hara Portsmouth											2
Leora Jones											2
Silas Freeman											2
Brister Braste											2
David Koper	2	2		1	1			1			1
Joseph Koper											8



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pemlibrary Have you ever wondered about the connections between #Archives, #Genealogy, and #BlackHistory? Key documents for conducting #BlackHistoryResearch are census records. In this 1810 Salem census record-book, the columns were divided by race (as you can see in the headings), which can inform researchers about the racial makeup of Salem at the time. Note that unlike the very detailed "free white" column, which records gender and age, the column for non-whites only records number of people in the household, indicating the local government considered those people of lesser importance. The census was taken door to door, meaning that the data it contains can also be read



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1810 U.S. Federal Census Salem, MA

Review

How was the U.S. Census enumerated and organized?

- a) **Hierarchy**
- b) **Enumerator Training**
- c) **Written Instructions**
 - 1. **Enumeration Districts**
 - 2. **Census Day**
 - 3. **Questions**
 - 4. **Procedures**
 - 5. **Submission**
- d) **Prepared Forms**
- e) **Planned Conservation and Maintenance**
- f) **Reporting and Data**

How does this affect research?

Pros

- Organized
- All in one place
- Predictable

Cons

- Mistakes due to human error and sloppiness
- Too many cooks

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