

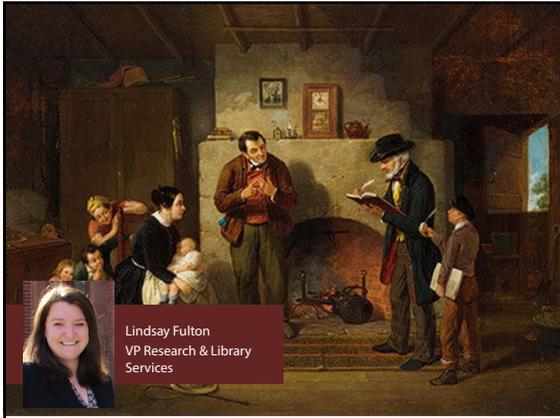
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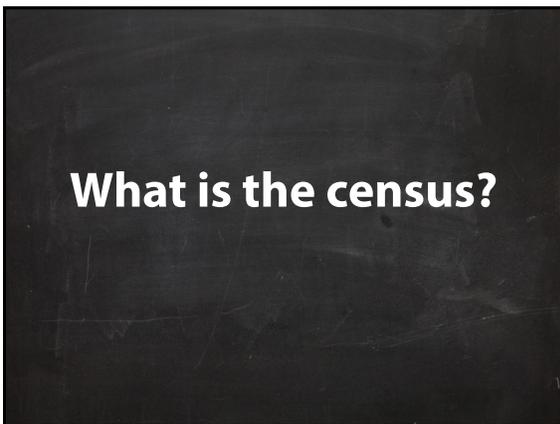
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U.S. Federal Census

- 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

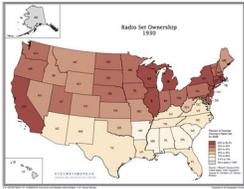
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Purpose

- 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

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Technology



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

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

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

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How did the government organize the enumeration of the census?

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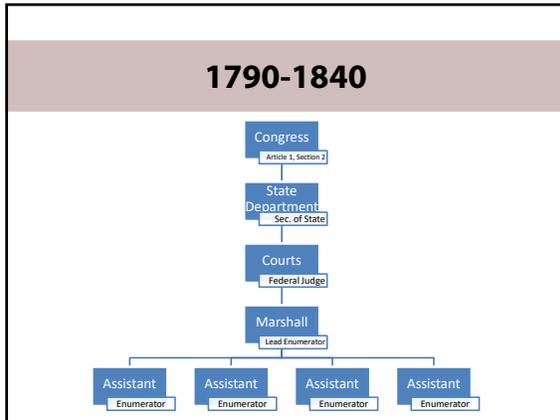
Federal Project

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

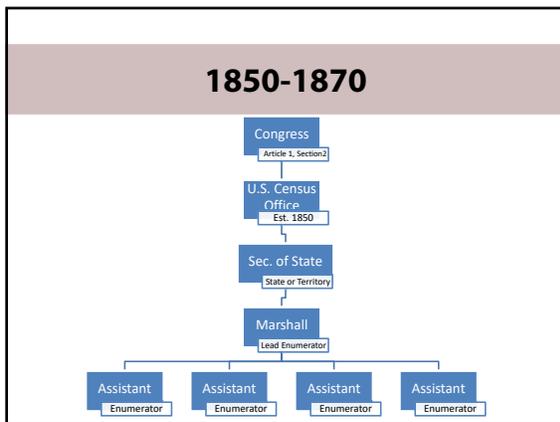
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Organized Hierarchy

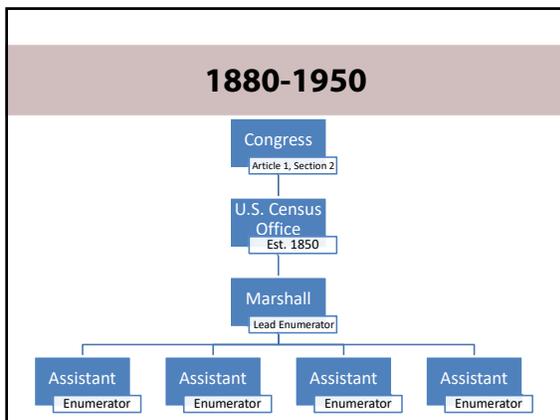
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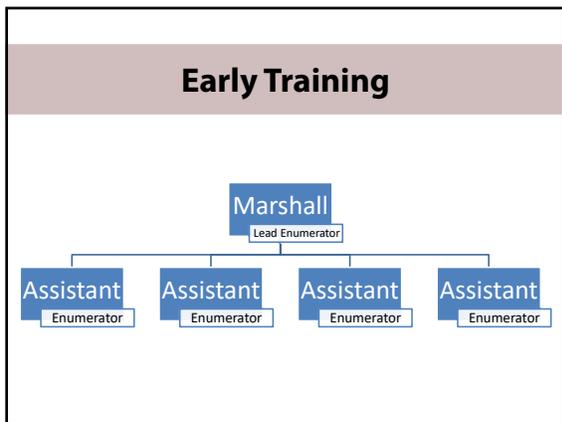
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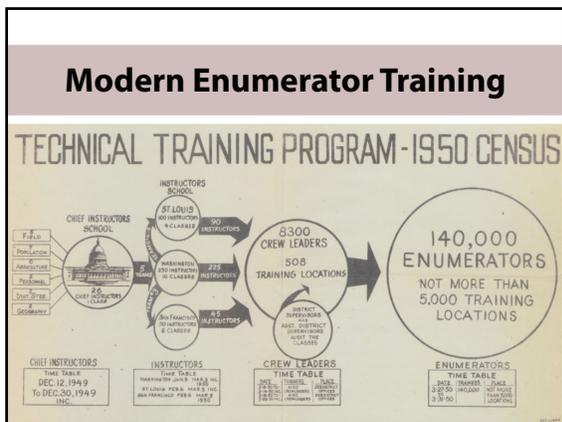
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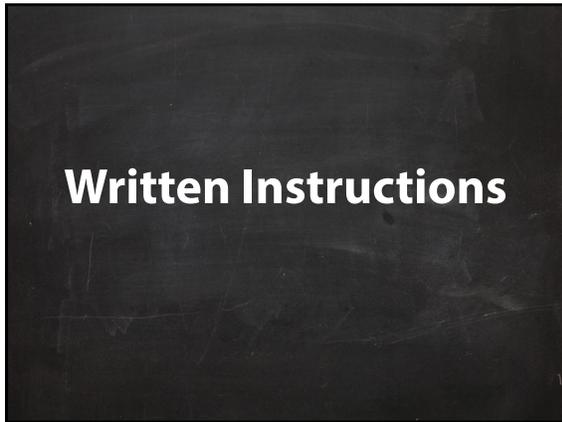
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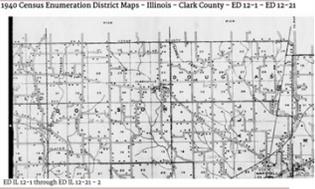
Instructions

- 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

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Assigned Area

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



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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)

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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.

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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

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Non-Population Schedules

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

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Specific Forms

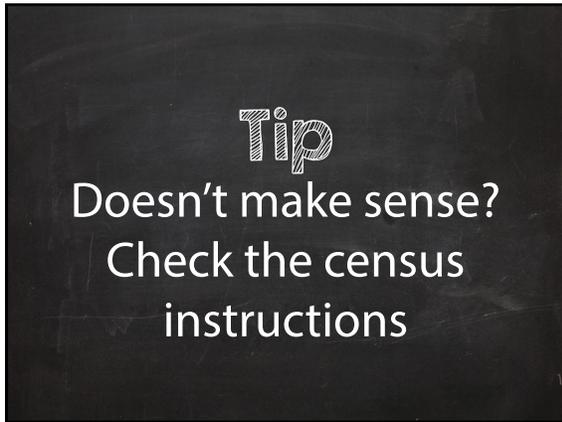
1880 Mortality Schedule, Deer Lodge, MT

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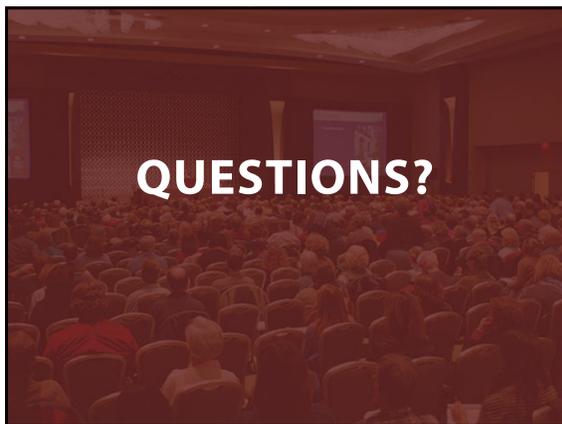
Questions to Ask

- 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....

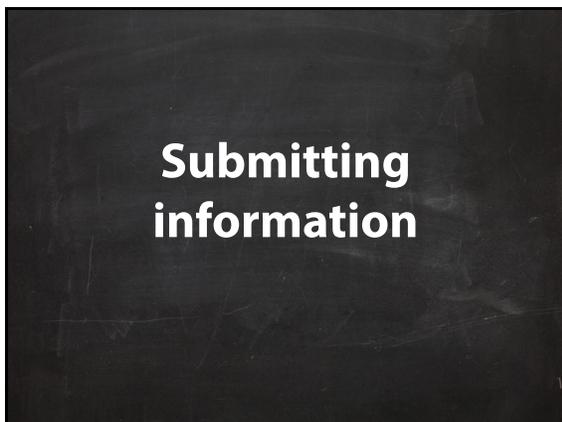
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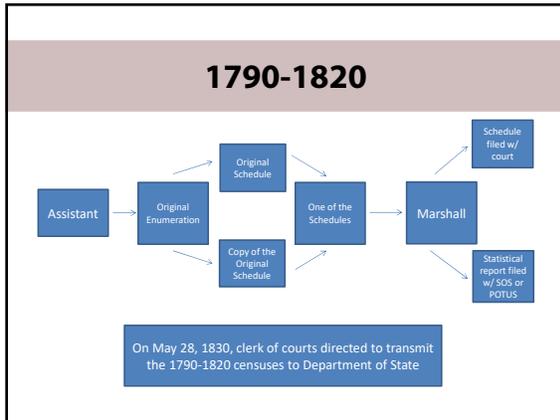
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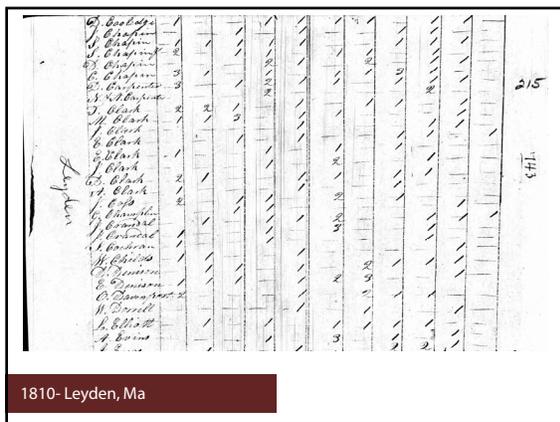
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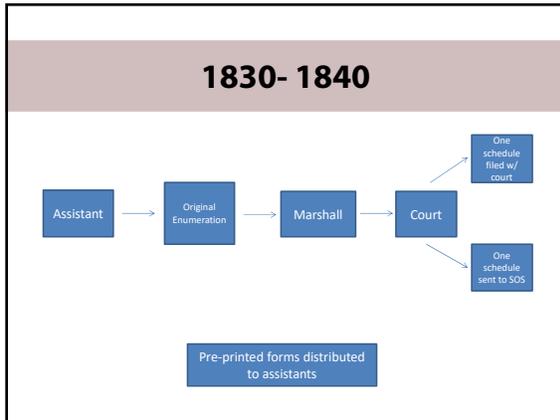


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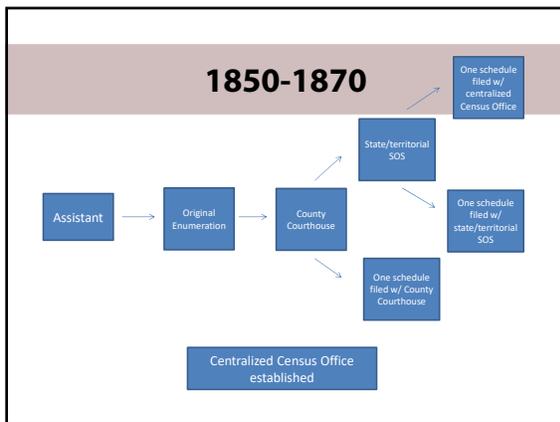
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YEAR	STATES WITH EXISTING RECORDS
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1800	Conn., D.C. (Md. side only lost for Va. side), Ga. (Oglethorpe County only), Del., Maine (except part of York County), Mass. (except most of Suffolk County), Md. (except Baltimore County, outside Baltimore), N.C. (except part of Rockingham and Stafford Counties), N.I. (Cumberland County only), N.Y., Ohio (Washington County only), Pa., R.I., S.C. (except Rockland district), Va. (Accomack and Louisa Counties only), Va.
1810	Conn., Del., Ill. (Randolph County only), Ky., La., Maine (except part of Oxford County), Mass., Md., N.H., N.Y. (except Cortland and part of Broome Counties), Ohio (Washington County only), S.C. (except Currier, Greene, New Hanover, and Wake Counties), Pa., R.I., S.C., Tenn. (Bathurst and some of Grainger Counties only), Va. (except Alexandria, Gooch, Greenbriar, Halifax, Hardy, Henry, James City, King, William, Lee, Louisa, Mecklenburg, Nanamond, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Russell, and Tazewell Counties), Va., W.Va. (except Cabell, Greenbrier, Hardy, and Tazewell Counties)
1820	Conn., D.C., Del., Ga. (except Franklin, Rabun, Twiggs, and some of Columbia Counties), Ill., Ind. (except Daviess County), Ky., La., Maine (except part of Washington County), Mass., Md., Mich., Miss., N.C. (except Currituck, Franklin, Martin, Montgomery, Randolph, and Wake Counties), N.H. (except Grafton, part of Rockingham, and most of Stafford Counties), N.Y., Pa., R.I., S.C., Tenn. (except for Anderson, Blaine, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamilton, Hawkins, Jefferson, Knox, McMinn, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Rhea, Roane, Sevier, Sullivan, and Washington Counties), Va., Vt., W.Va., Wisc.
1830	Ala., Ark., Conn., D.C., Del., Fla., Ga., Ill., Ind., Iowa, Ky., La., Maine, Mass., Md. (except Montgomery, Prince George, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, and Somerset Counties), Mich., Minn., Miss. (except Pike County), Mo., N.C., N.H., N.I., N.Y., Ohio, Pa., R.I., S.C., Tenn., Va., Vt., W.Va., Wisc.
1840	Ala., Ark., Conn., D.C., Del., Fla., Ga., Ill., Ind., Iowa, Ky., La., Maine, Md., Mass., Mich., Minn., Miss., Mo., N.C., N.H., N.I., N.Y., Ohio, Pa., R.I., S.C., Tenn., Va., Vt., W.Va., Wisc.

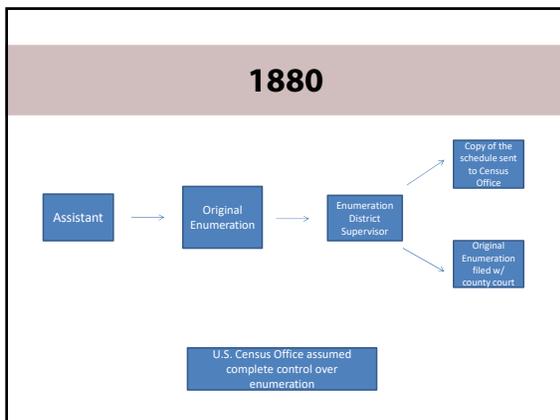
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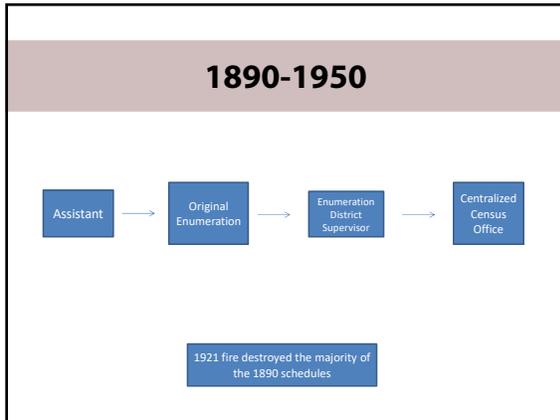
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Known 1890 Records Remaining After the 1921 Fire

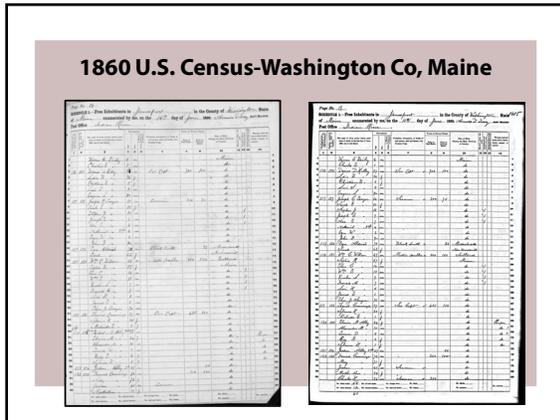
KNOWN 1890 RECORDS REMAINING AFTER THE 1921 FIRE

- Ala.: Part of Perry County
- Ga.: Part of Muscogee County and all of Washington County
- Ill.: Part of McDonough 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

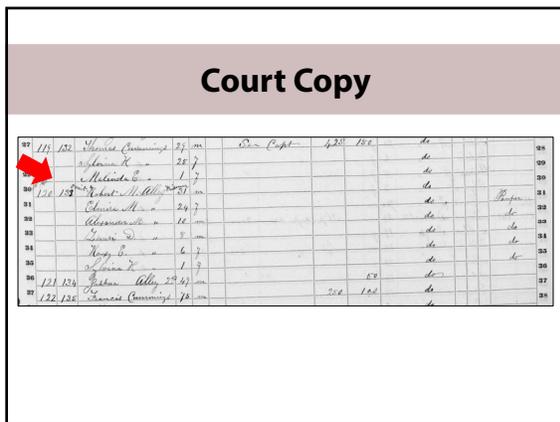
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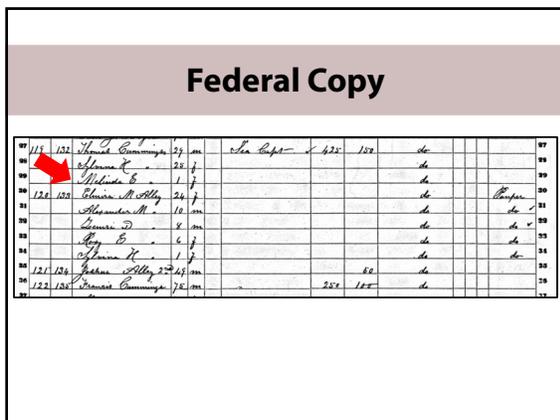
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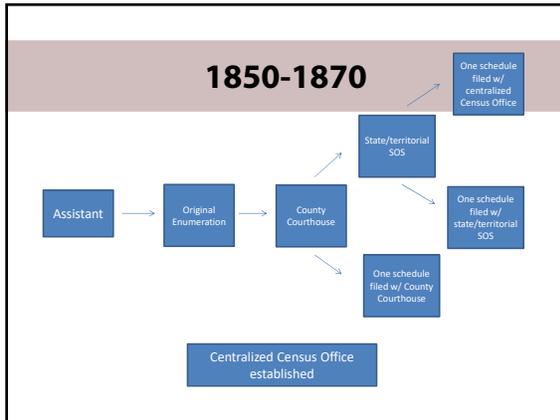
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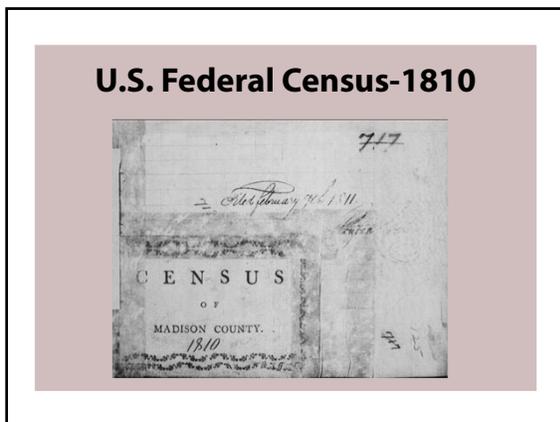
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How to Find Unknown Copies

- Examine county court records
- Ask local historical societies and libraries
- Search collections on Archive Grid

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researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/

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1810 U.S. Federal Census Salem, MA

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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

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How does this affect research?

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized • All in one place • Predictable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mistakes due to human error and sloppiness • Too many cooks

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QUESTIONS?

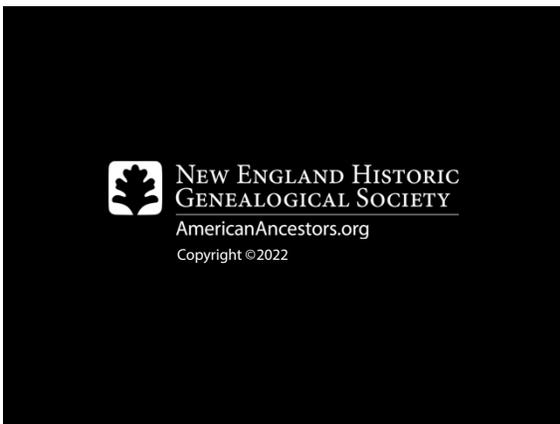
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