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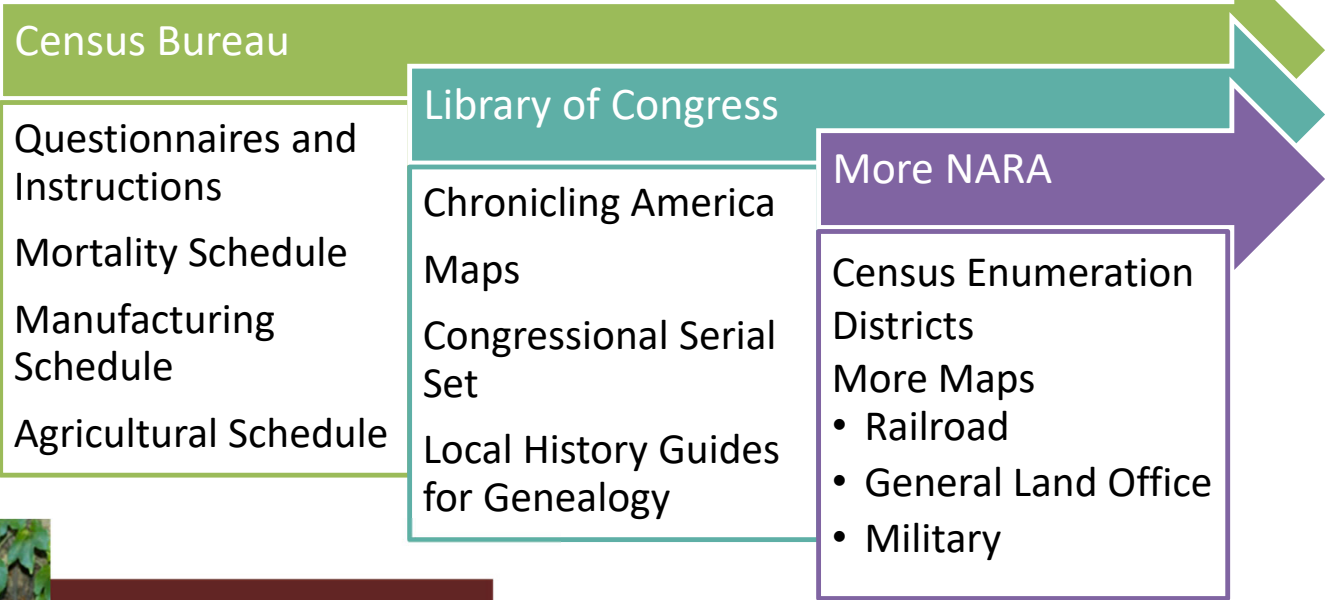
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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation** (60 mins.)
 - Unique Census Records
 - Library of Congress
 - Less Well-Known NARA Records
- **Q&A** (30 mins.)

Road Map



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Getting to Know Census Procedures

Census Procedures

- 1790 – 1870 – U.S. Federal Marshals
 - Little training
 - 1790 – 1820, enumerators determined what to collect from the census acts passed prior to the census
 - 1830 was first year of printed schedules
- 1880 began specially hired and trained enumerators
- 1880 – 1950 census conducted primarily by door-to-door visitation

CHAP. II.— <i>An Act providing for the enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States.</i> (a)		STATUTE II. March 1, 1790.
<p>SECTION I. <i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> That the marshals of the several districts of the United States shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required to cause the number of the inhabitants within their respective districts to be taken; <u>omitting in such enumeration Indians not taxed, and distinguishing free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, from all others; distinguishing also the sexes and colours of free persons, and the free males of sixteen years and upwards from those under that age;</u> for effecting which purpose the marshals shall have power to appoint as many assistants within their respective districts as to them shall appear necessary; assigning to each assistant a certain division of his district, which division shall consist of one or more counties, cities, towns, townships, hundreds or parishes, or of a territory plainly and distinctly bounded by water courses, mountains, or public roads. The marshals and their assistants shall</p> <p>‘An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States,’ according to the best of my ability.” The enumeration shall commence on the first Monday in August next, and shall close within nine calendar months thereafter. The several assistants shall, within the said nine months, transmit to the marshals by whom they shall be respectively appointed, accurate returns of all persons, except Indians not taxed, within their respective divisions, which returns shall be made in a schedule, <u>distinguishing the several families by the names of their master, mistress, steward, overseer, or other principal person therein, in manner following, that is to say:</u></p>	[Obsolete.] Marshals in the several districts of the U. States to take the enumeration.	
		Mode of enumeration.
		May appoint assistants.
		Marshals and
	The enumeration, to commence on the first Monday in August, 1790, and close in nine months.	Returns to be by schedule.

1790 Census Instructions - Statute

Sec. 5. *Be it enacted*, That every person whose usual place of abode shall be in any family on the aforesaid first Monday in August next, shall be returned as of such family; and the name of every person, who shall be an inhabitant of any district, but without a settled place of residence, shall be inserted in the column of the aforesaid schedule, which is allotted for the heads of families, in that division where he or she shall be on the said first Monday in August next, and every person occasionally absent at the time of the enumeration, as belonging to that place in which he usually resides in the United States.

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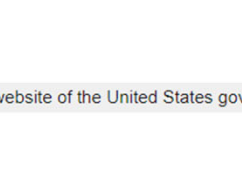
Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That each and every person more than sixteen years of age, whether heads of families or not, belonging to any family within any division of a district made or established within the United States, shall be, and hereby is, obliged to render to such assistant of the division, a true account, if required, to the best of his or her knowledge, of all and every person belonging to such family respectively, according to the several descriptions aforesaid, on pain of forfeiting twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered by such assistant, the one half for his own use, and the other half for the use of the United States.

What person
of a family shall
render an ac-
count of the
numbers there-
in,

and penalty for
refusing.

1790 Statute Continued

Written Instructions



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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 marshalls even received printed schedules which to record households' responses. The marshalls 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. marshalls. 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.

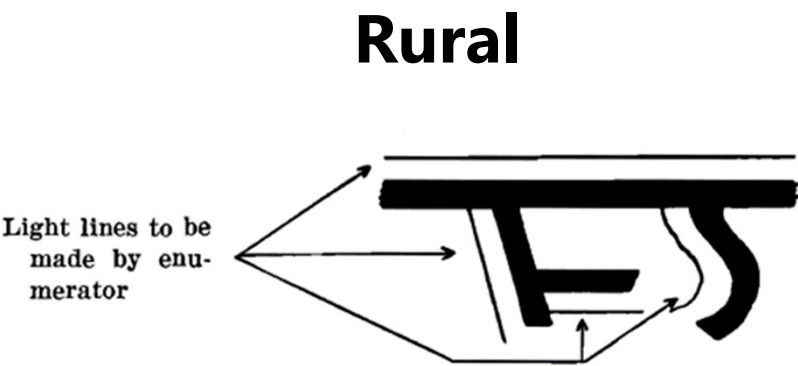
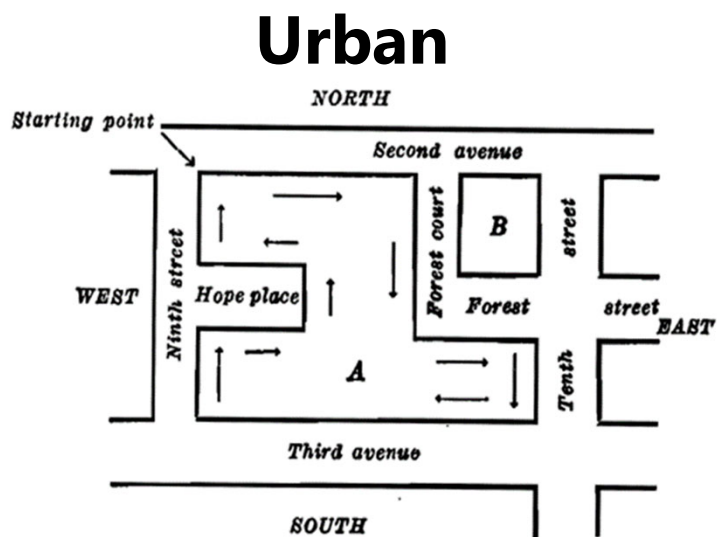
As more and more households received and returned their questionnaires by mail, the role of census-taker changed. Today, the majority of households are counted by mailed questionnaires. Census-takers visit places frequented by transient households (shelters and soup kitchens, campsites, etc.) and households 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.

https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/census_instructions/

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Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That each marshal shall appoint an assistant for each subdivision, who is a resident therein, to whom he shall give a commission under his hand, authorizing him to perform the duties herein assigned to assistants;

How to Walk Down the Street



1920 Census Instructions

Not Home?

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF CENSUS
SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES
POPULATION SCHEDULE

State Colorado Ward of city _____ Unincorporated place _____
(Name of unincorporated place having 100 or more inhabitants)

County Clear Creek Township and other division of county _____ Block Nos. _____ Institution _____
(Name of institution and lines on which entries are made)

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LOCATION		HOUSEHOLD DATA			NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITIZENSHIP	RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1935														
Line No.	Street, avenue, road, etc.	Name number (in column and house) residence	Number of household in order of residence	House owned (O) or rented (R)	Value of home, if owned, at monthly rental; if rented, I received	Name of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940, was in this household. BE SURE TO INCLUDE: 1. Persons temporarily absent from household. Write "AB" after names of such persons. 2. Children under 1 year of age. Write "Infant" if child has not been given a first name. Enter ⓧ after name of person furnishing information.	Relationship of this person to the head of the household, as wife, daughter, father, mother-in-law, grandson, lodger, lodger-in-law, servant, his hand, etc.	Age (Y) Sex (M) Married (W) Divorced (D) Years and time spent in foreign birthplace (Year or Mo.) Not completed	If born in the United States, give State, Territory, or possession. If foreign born, give country in which birthplace situated on January 1, 1935.	If born in the United States, give State, Territory, or possession. If foreign born, give country in which birthplace situated on January 1, 1935.	CODE (Leave blank) Citizenship of the foreign born	COUNTY	STATE (or Territory or foreign country)	On a farm? (Yes or No)	D (Dense black)	C (Census black)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Urban John Jr	Son		Utah	94	Samuel														
						Lynn M	Son		California	98	Samuel														
						Hella F	Daughter	F W 1 S No	Louisiana	85															
		48 R	20			Gammann Robert A	Head	M W 61 S No H+ 30	Colorado	91	Samuel														
						Bortchko Parry H	Laborer	M W 62 S No C+ 70	Wisconsin	63	Samuel														
		49 R	10			Rice Carl	Head	HA W 53 S No 90		99	Samuel														
						Melvin	brother	M W 28 S No 90		99	Samuel														
		50 O	800X			Kinsel Adolph E	Head	M W 27 M No 8 8	Kansas	70	P	Cherokee	Colo.	Yes	9132										
						Rose M	wife	F W 24 M No 8 8	Colorado	91	P	Cherokee	Colo.	No	9132										
						William D	Son	M W 4 S																	
						Robert A	Son	M W 1 S																	
						Alex A	brother	M W 29 S																	

Note: U.S. Highway 40

446. Identification of Persons Furnishing Information.—
Write an X with a circle around it ⊗ in col. 7 after the name of the person who furnishes you with the information concerning the members of the household. (See illustrative example.) If you find it necessary to obtain the information from a person who is not a member of the household write

1940 Census – Clear Creek, CO

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447 Column 8 Relationship of This Person to the Head of

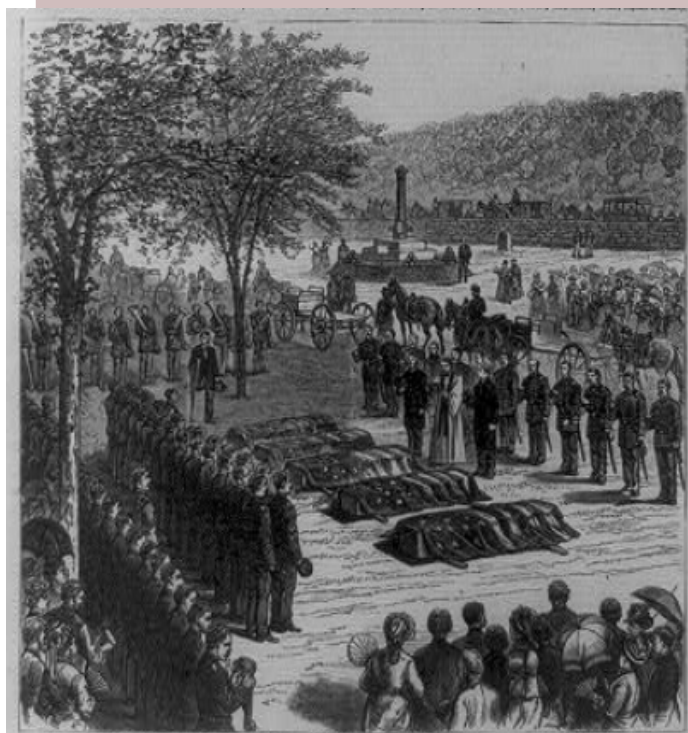
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Doesn't make sense?
Check the census
instructions



Mortality Schedules


Mortality Schedules



- Taken in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880
- Name of the deceased person
- Age, race, gender, cause of death, and occupation also included
- Died between 1 June (of the previous year) and 31 May (of the census year)



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Know your census
days!

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
						

1850, Mercer County, PA

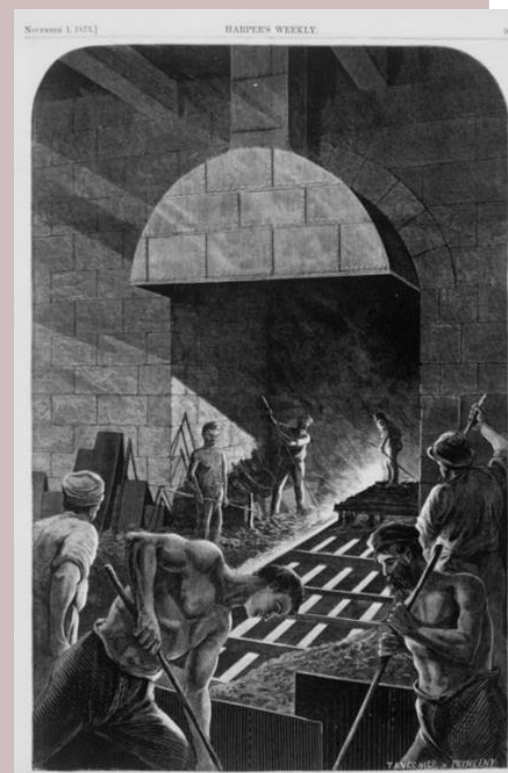
SCHEDULE 3.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1850, in Selawick Township in the
 County of Spencer State of Pennsylvania, enumerated by me, A. H. Hooper Ass't Marshal.

NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the Year ending 1st June, 1850, whose usual Place of Abode at the Time of his Death was in his Family.	DESCRIPTION.					PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	The Month in which the Person died.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	Number of DAYS ILL.
	Age.	Sex.	White, or Colored.	Free or Slave.	Maiden or widowed.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	John Ann Rygley	26	F			Pennsylvania	June		Consumption 3 years	
2	Joseph H. Haines	72	M			"	Sept		Consumption 1 d	
3	Rebecca J. Gill	1	F			"	July		Scarlet fever 7 d	
4	Joseph W. Dawson	1	M			"	June		Scarlet fever 15 d	
5	James M. Ensland	46	M		M	"	April	Iron master	Inflammation lungs 16 d	
6	Emeline (Pier)	21	F			"	Dec		Puffblown heart 54 d	
7	Thomas Bagnall	64	M		M	England	March	Farmer	Inflammation lungs 5 d	
8	Matthias Zehner	24	M		M	Pennsylvania	April	Farmer	Scarlet fever 6 w	
9	Nancy J. Jennings	4	F			"	June		Billings fever 12 d	
10	William Davis	10	M			"	Sept		Inflammation lungs 8 d	
11	John Anderson	62	M		M	"	October	Farmer	Dropsy 9 d	
12	John A. Stone	72	M			"	Dec		Unknown 30 d	
13	Mary Merchant	25	F		M	"	March		Unknown 1 d	
14	Frederic Gearing	62	M		M	"	March	Farmer	Unknown 14 d	
15	John Hays	64	M		M	"	Dec	Farmer	Inflammation lungs 2 w	
16	Ann Linn	60	F		M	"	June		Unknown 1 d	
17	Caroline Birchard	3	F			"	Sept	Farmer's wife	Consumption 2 years	
18									Breast 1 year	
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Industry and Manufacturing Schedules

Industry and Manufacturing Schedules

- 1820 and 1840 Industry questions embedded in Population Schedule
- 1850-1880 – Industrial-Manufacturera
- Operations valued at \$500 or more
- Available digitally on Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org



Industry Related Questions in Population Schedule

- 1820 - Numbers of persons engaged in Manufactures
- 1840 – Number of persons in each family engaged in Manufacturers and Trades

Industry and Manufacturing Schedules (1850-1880)

- Name of the manufacturer
- Type of business or product
- Amount of capital invested
- Quantities, kinds, and value of raw materials used
- Quantities and value of product produced annually
- Kind of power or machinery used
 - Extensive detail by 1880
- Number of men and women employed
- Average monthly cost of male and female labor
 - Broke out skilled mechanic and “ordinary” labor by 1880

1850-1860 Industrial and Manufacturers Census Schedules

Schedule 5 – Products of Industry in _____ in the County of _____ State of _____ during the Year ending June 1, 18__
 as enumerated by me, _____ Ass't Marshal

Name of Corporation, Company, or Individual, producing Articles to the Annual Value of \$500	Name of Business, Manufacturer, or Product	Capital Invested in Real and Personal Estate in the Business	Raw Material Used, including Fuel			Kind of Motive Power, Machinery, Structure or Resource	Average Number of Hands Employed		Wages		Annual Products		
			Quantities	Kinds	Value		Male	Female	Average monthly cost of male labor	Average monthly cost of female labor	Quantities	Kinds	Values
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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1880 Industrial and Manufacturers Census Schedules

Schedule 3. – Manufactures. – Products of Industry in _____, in the County of _____, State of _____
 during the twelve months beginning June 1, 1879, and ending May 31, 1880, as enumerated by me, _____ ass't Marshal

Name of Corporation, Company, or Individual producing to the value of \$500 annually	Name of Business, Manufacturer, or Product	Capital (real or personal) invested in the business	Greatest number of hands employed at any time during the year	Average number of hands employed		Wages and Hours of Labor								Months in Operation				Power Used in Manufacture											
				Males above 16 years	Females above 15 years	Children and youth under 15 years	Males from November to May	Average day's wages for skilled mechanic	Average day's wages for unskilled laborer	Total amount paid for wages during the year	On full time	On 1/2 time only	On 1/3 time only	Idle	Value of Material (including Mill Supplies and Fuel)														
															Value of Product (including Jobbing and Repairing)														
															If Water Power is Used												If Steam Power is Used		
															On What River or Stream?	Height of Fall, in feet	Number	Kind	Breadth, in feet	Revolutions per minute	Horse-power	Number of bales	Number of engines	Horse-power					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	

<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/genealogy/charts-forms/>

Manufacturing Schedule - Census

SCHEDULE 5. Products of Industry in Chardon township in the County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio during the Year ending June 1, 1850, as enumerated by me, Wm. H. Miller Ass't Marshal.

1850 U.S. Federal
Census, Geauga
County, Ohio

Manufacturing Schedule Detail

SCHEDULE 5.—Products of Industry in Parkman Township in the County of Geauga State 285
of Ohio during the Year ending June 1, 1850, as enumerated by me, W W Bruce Ass't Marshal

Name of Corporation, Company, or Individual, producing Articles to the Annual Value of \$500.	Name of Business, Manufacture, or Product.	Capital invested in Real and Personal Estate in the Business.	Raw Material used, including Fuel.			Kind of motive power, machinery, structure, or resource.	Average number of hands employed.		Wages.		Annual Product.		
			Quantities.	Kinds.	Values.		Male.	Female.	Average monthly cost of male labour.	Average monthly cost of female labour.	Quantities.	Kinds.	Values.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
X 1 <u>James Moffat</u>	<u>Sawmill</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>Saw Logs</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>18</u>		<u>10000 ft lumber</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1000</u>
X 2 <u>Louis Guitner</u>	<u>Grumey</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>Berkins</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>Power</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>36</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>300 skins</u>	<u>U. Leather</u>	<u>500</u>
			<u>300</u>	<u>Calfskins</u>	<u>150</u>						<u>300</u>	<u>Calfskins</u>	<u>301</u>
3 <u></u>	<u></u>		<u>111</u>	<u>Shapkins</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>327</u>					<u>101</u>	<u>Shap</u>	<u>37</u>

1850 U.S. Federal Census, Geauga County, Ohio, Manufacturing and Industry Schedule

Agricultural Schedules

- 1820-1840 Agriculture question embedded in Population Schedule
- 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880, 1885
- Name of the farmer, statistics about livestock and produce
- Available digitally on Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org



Agricultural Schedules (1850-1860)

- Limited to farms valued at more than \$100
- Name of the farmer, owner, or manager
- Acreage- both improved and unimproved
- Inventory of livestock (by breed)
- Count of agricultural goods produced in the previous year (by crop)
- Cash value of the farm- including machinery, livestock, goods produced, etc.

Agricultural Schedule (1870-1880)

- Limited to farms valued at more than \$500
- Acreage- both improved and unimproved (1880 by crop)
- Inventory of poultry and the number of eggs produced (1880)

Value of Real Estate Owned

SCHEDULE I. Free Inhabitants in the City of Burlington, the County of Des Moines, State of Iowa											
enumerated by me, on the 5 day of June, 1850. John Paul Ass't Marshal											
The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.			Sex and Age			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.		Place or Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Edgar	1	16					Iowa			
2	Stephen	2	16					"			
3	Frederick	2	16					"			

38	1850-1851	John B. Bell	41	16	Miller	5	2000	Mo	✓		
39		Lavinia	29	3				Mo	✓		
40		Elizabeth	16	3				Mo	✓		
41		Mary	14	3				Iowa	✓		
42		John	12	3				Mo	✓		

16	1850-1851	Wm. Luffe	20	16	Black	✓		Iowa	✓		
17		Stephen	22	3				Iowa	✓		
18		Frederick	2	16				Iowa	✓		
19		Harriet	14	3				"			
20		Elizabeth	14	13				Ohio	✓		
21		Chas. Briggs	15	16	Lawyer	✓		Iowa	✓		
22		Rebecca	23	3				Iowa	✓		

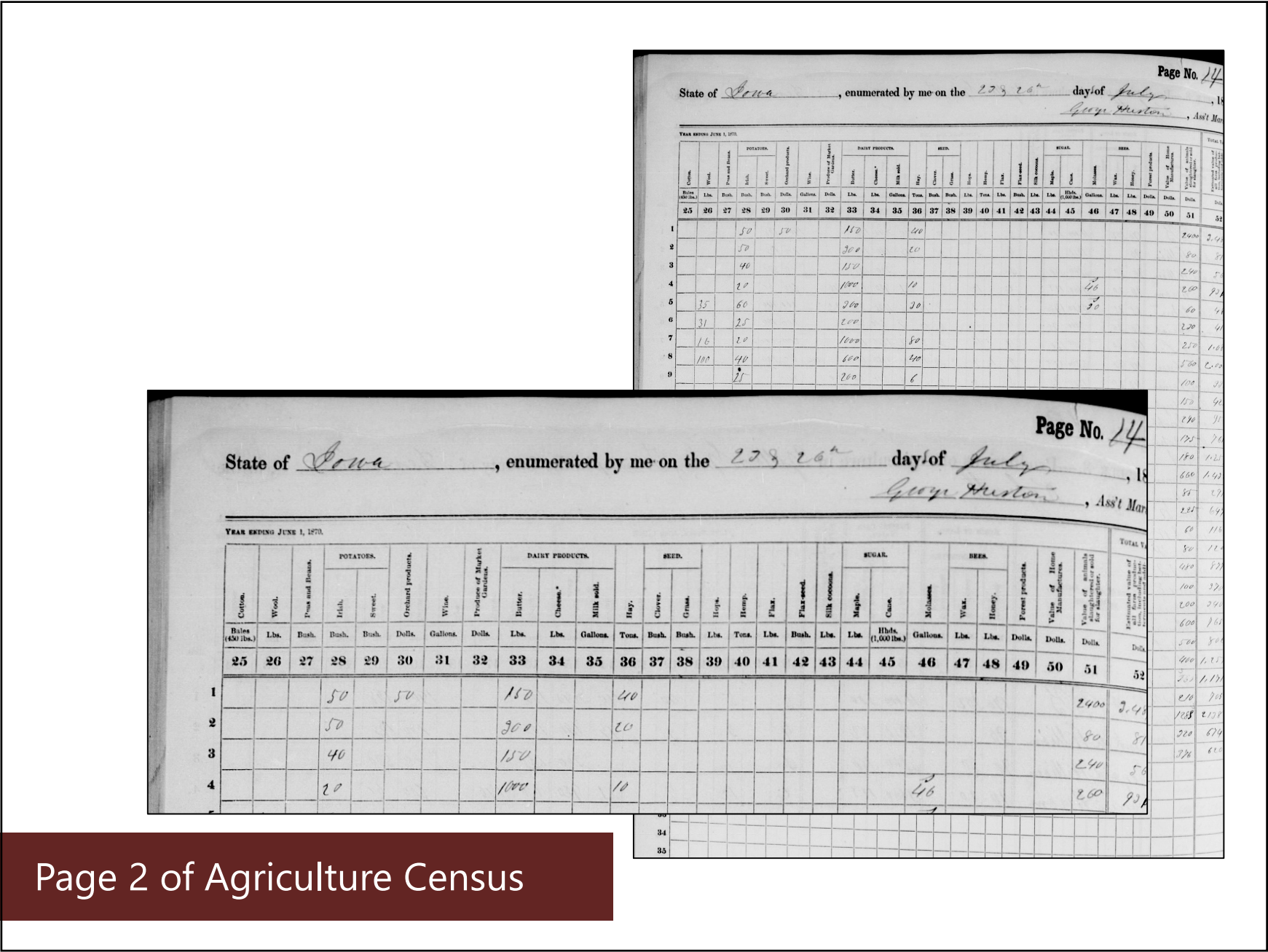
1850 Census, Des Moines County, Iowa

Name of Agent, Owner, or Manager.	UNIMPROVED.															WHEAT.									
	Improved.			Of farm.	Of farming land and machinery.	Total amount of improvements including value of stock.	Horses.	Mules and Asses.		Milk Cows.	Working Oxen.	Other Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Value of all live stock.	WHEAT.		Indian Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Buckwheat.	Rice.	Tobacco.		
	No.	Acres.	Value.					Spring.	Winter.																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
Bell P.B.	170	152		15,100	570		5		5		40		40	2690	105			1400	175					1	
Frank M. Williams	20			1450	50		4		3		3		17	680	105			700	175					2	
Leonard Williams	70	80		5700	150		3		1					300	150			160	500					3	
Wm. H. H.	70	20		3600	125		2		12		7		21	920	60	170		600	60					4	
Bonds J. H.	65	15		3200	175		8		2		8	12	5	1105	60	20		100	140					5	
Wm. H. H.	50	30		3000	75		4		5		6	10	7	680	80			100	100					6	
Baker A. L.	160	60		8500	150		4		16		3	5	12	1205	100			200	200					7	
Robert H. H.	110	40		5600	200		7	1	7		34	34	20	1950	100		100	600	100					8	
Vernice James	40	20		1500	75		5		3				6	520	50	50		200						9	
William H. H.	70			900	80		2		2		1		12	370	57			250	75					10	
Edward Joseph	140	60		6000	150		2	2	6		1	6	28	838	100	50		200	385					11	
William John	80	20		3000	100		7		3		4		12	425	60			600	40					12	
John H. H.	40	40		2600	150		4		1		1		21	570	125			1400	500					13	

Name of Agent, Owner, or Manager.	UNIMPROVED.			Of farm.	Of farming land and machinery.	Total amount of improvements including value of stock.	Horses.	Mules and Asses.		Milk Cows.	Working Oxen.	Other Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Value of all live stock.	WHEAT.		Indian Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Buckwheat.	Rice.	Tobacco.	
	Improved.	Wood land.	Other unimproved.					Spring.	Winter.															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Vernice James	40	20		1500	75		5		3				6	520	50	50		200						9
William H. H.	70			900	80		2		2		1		12	370	57			250	75					10
Edward Joseph	140	60		6000	150		2	2	6		1	6	28	838	100	50		200	385					11
William John	80	20		3000	100		7		3		4		12	425	60			600	40					12
John H. H.	40	40		2600	150		4		1		1		21	570	125			1400	500					13

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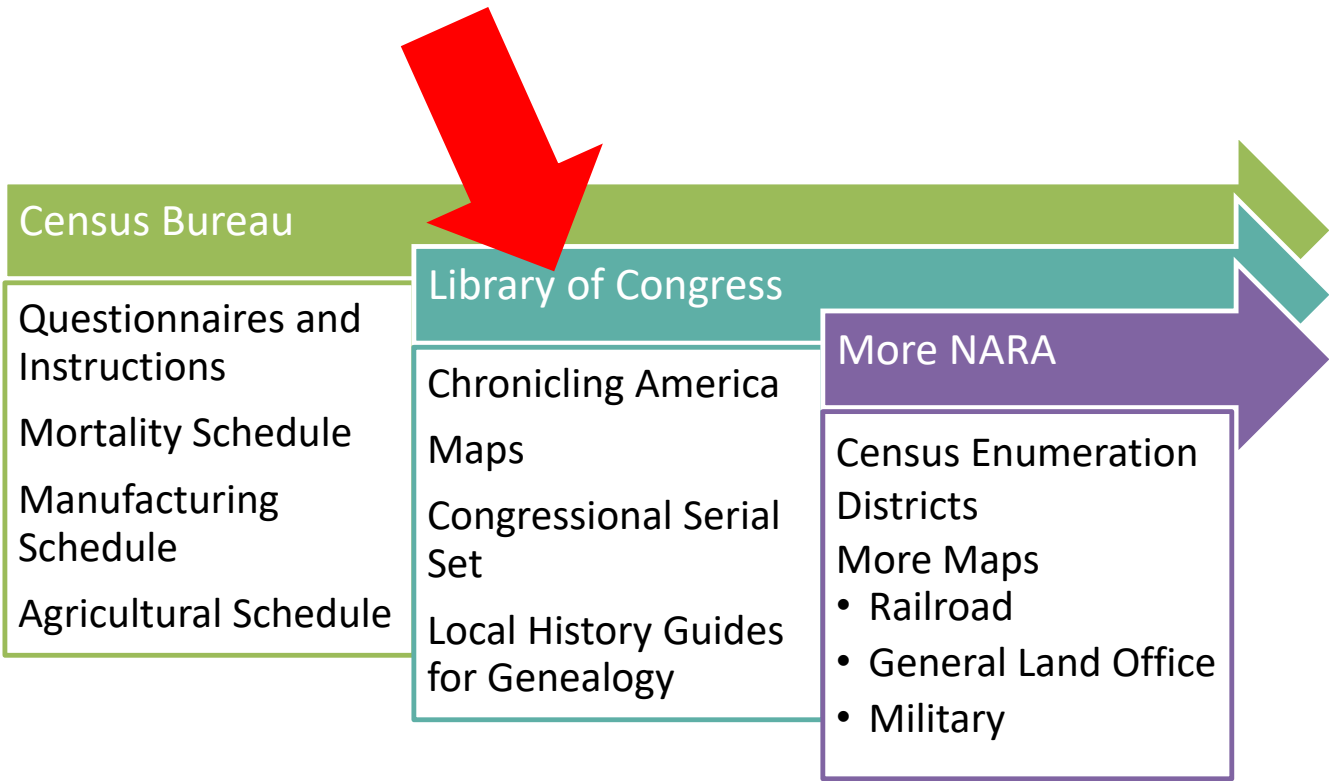
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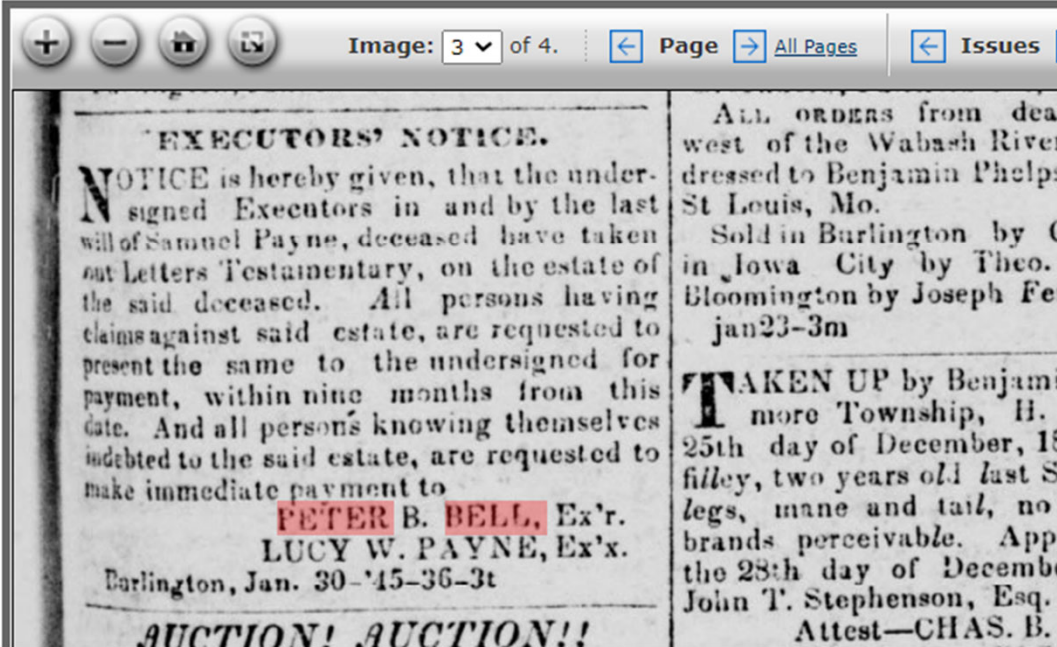
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TIMOTHY FOX, Chairman.
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For the Hawkeye and Patriot.

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At a numerous meeting of the citizens of Yellow Spring Village precinct, held on the 27th Feb., 1841, the House being called to order, Judge Rankin was called to the Chair, and J. Bruce appointed Secretary. The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chair, the following resolutions were presented, and unanimously adopted by the meeting:

1st, Resolved, That this meeting appoint three persons from precinct No. 4, to represent us in the Convention to be held in Burlington on the fourth of March next.

Whereupon Alexander Wright, Peter Dolbee, and Thomas Blair were unanimously chosen said Committee.

2nd, Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to support the nomination made by the Democratic Whig Convention at Davenport, in May next, for Delegate to Congress.

3d, Resolved, That we do not consider ourselves bound to support any man for Representative of this District, that shall not have been duly nominated by the Democratic Whig Convention of this County.

4th, Resolved, That this meeting appoint a Committee of Correspondence, consisting of four members of the Yellow Spring Village precinct, to act in concert with our political friends throughout the country.

On which Joshua Swank, Alexander Wright, James Gillmore, and Peter B. Bell, were appointed said Committee.

5th, Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and published in the Hawkeye and Patriot.

On motion, adjourned.

DAVID RANKIN, Chairman.
James Bruce, Secretary.

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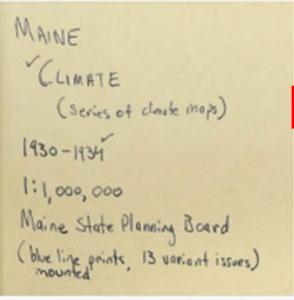
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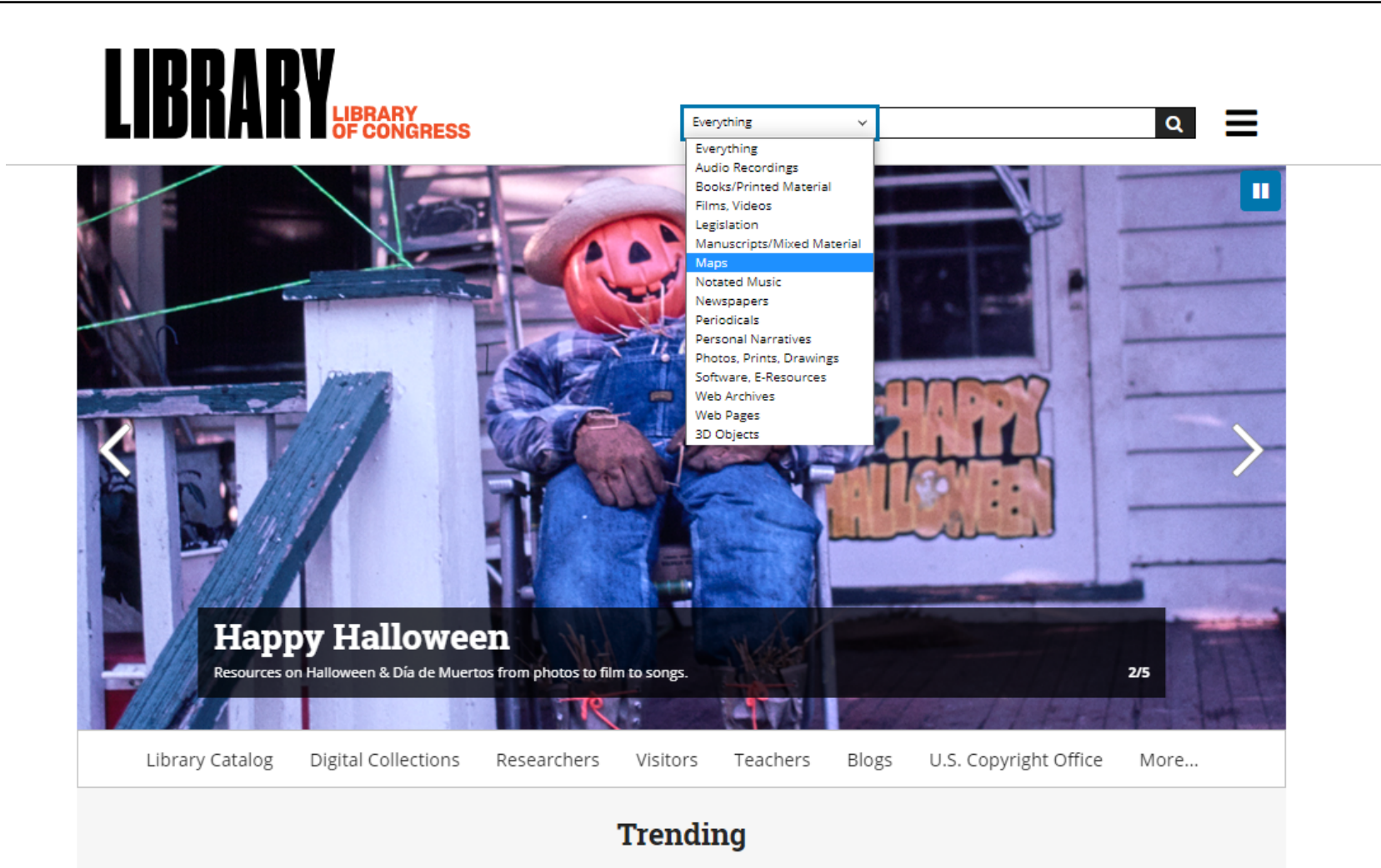
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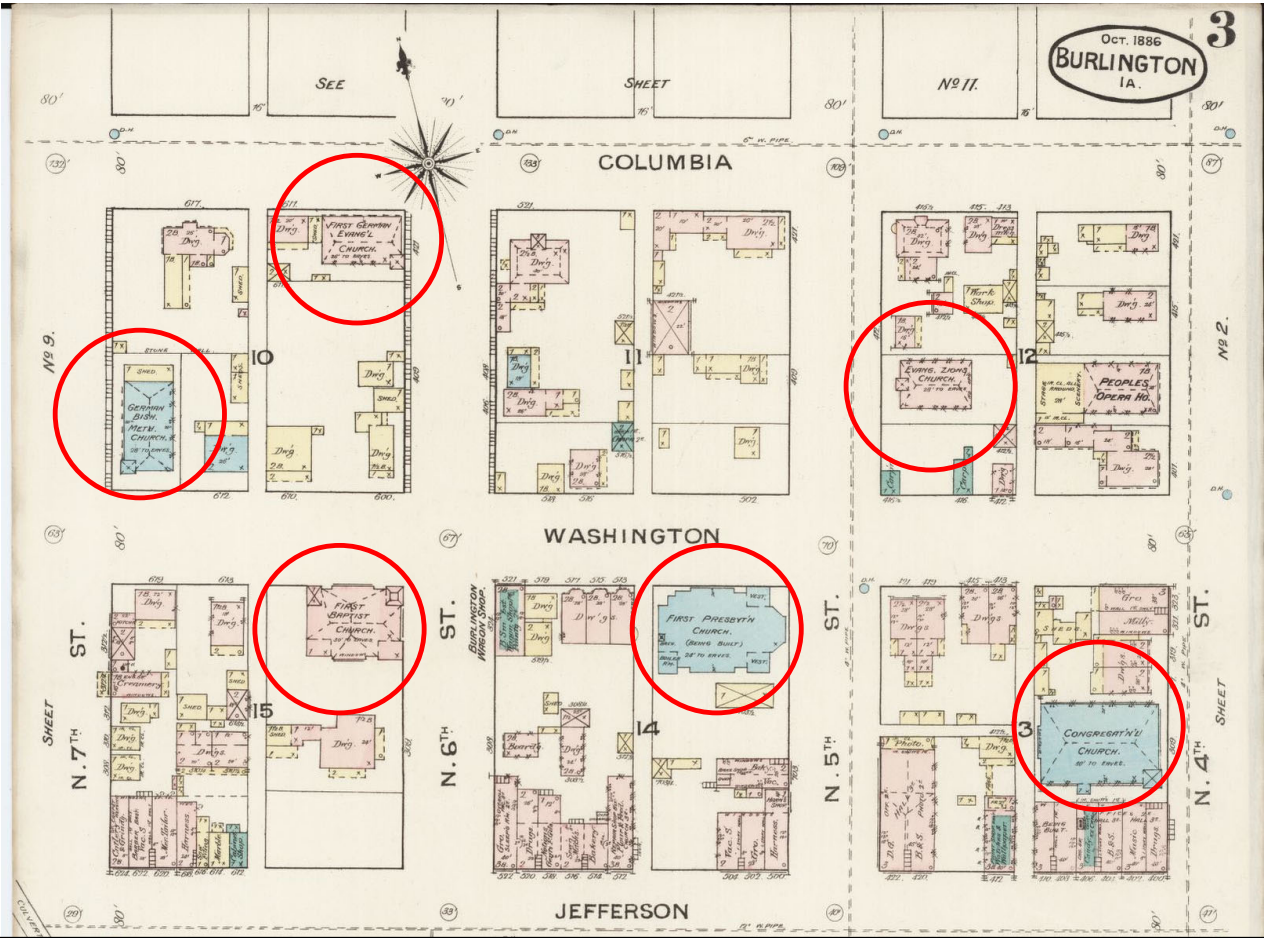
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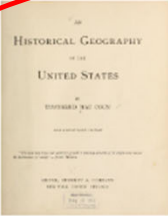
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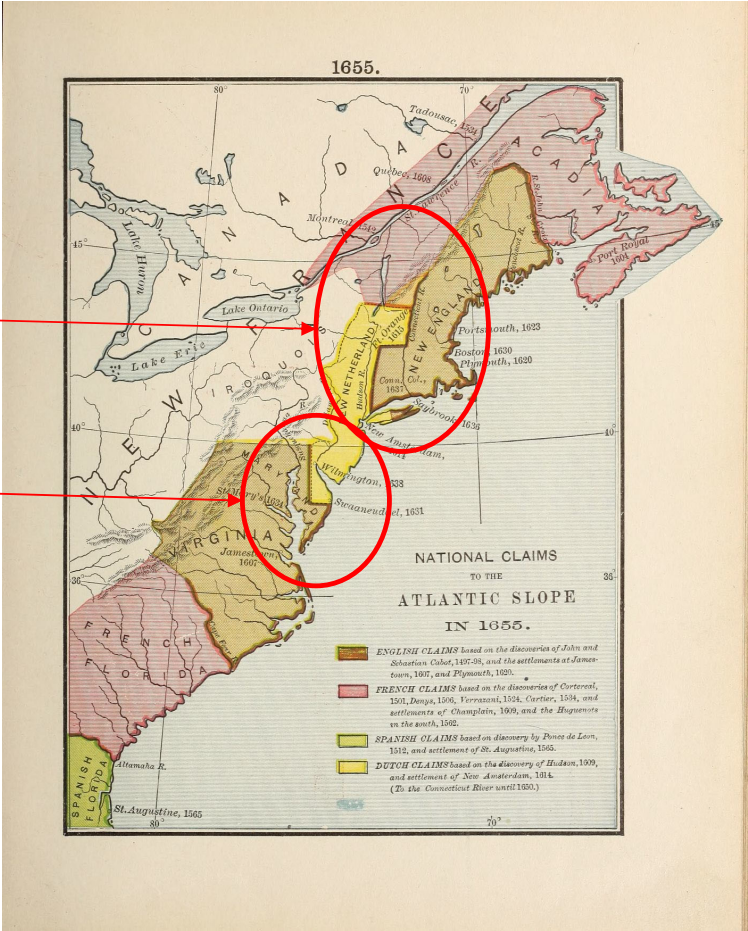
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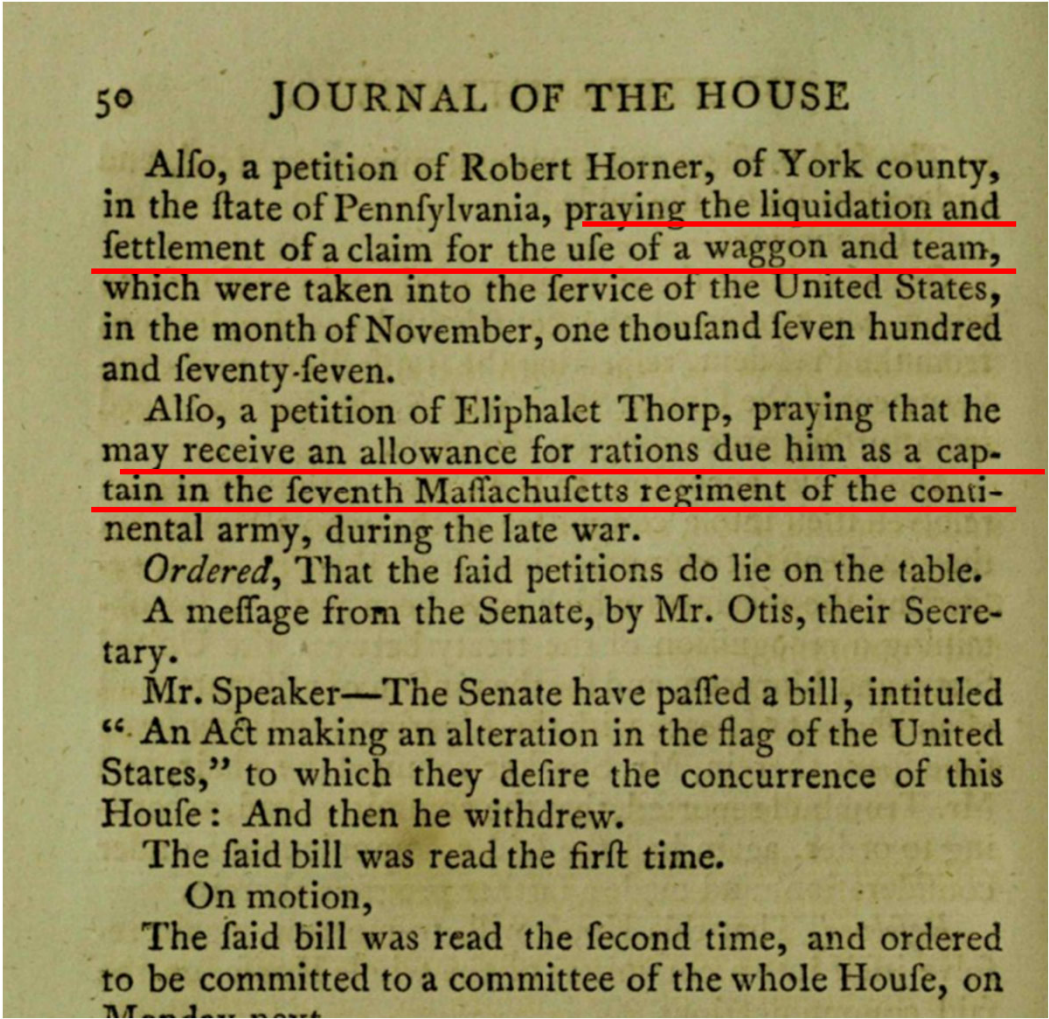
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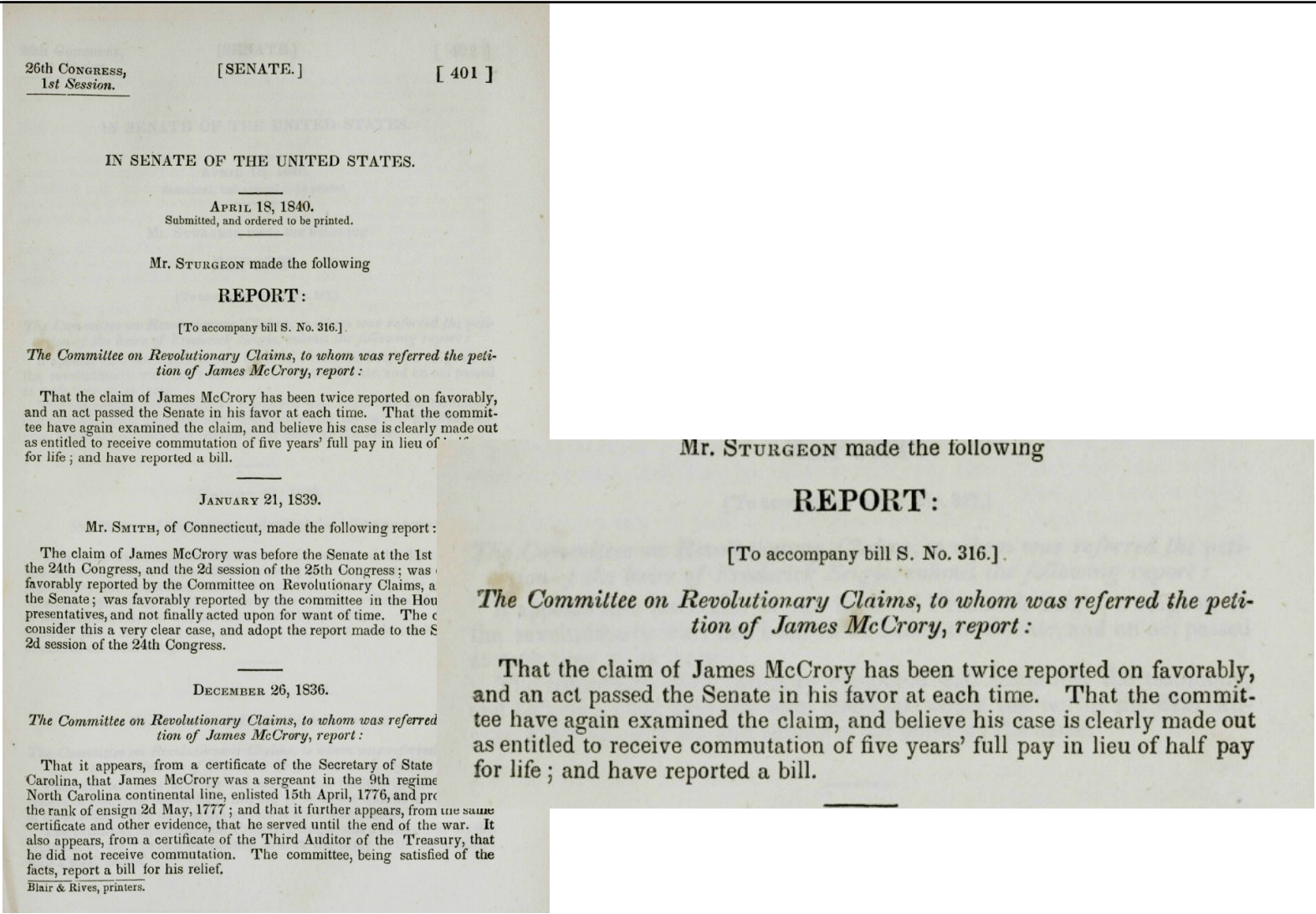
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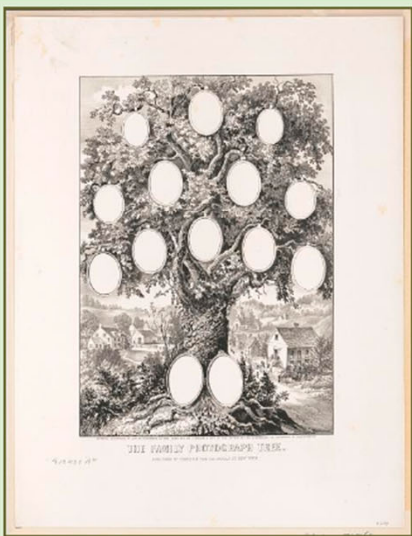
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The Library of Congress holds vast and unique resources for genealogy and family history research. Not all such materials are online, of course. But getting started with digital collections and other online resources can help better prepare you for an in-person research visit. Working with online materials sharpens your skills and helps focus your research questions so that, when you are able to come do research here, you will get the most out of your visit. This guide offers several ways to begin your research from your home computer. It is divided into three sections: [Digital Primary Resources](#) provides direct access to digitized collection materials; [External Resources](#) assembles links to websites with more online research materials; and [Books](#) provides a bibliography of print materials that you can access through your local library, or other organizations.

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This page displays a number of digital collections at the Library of Congress containing diaries for the American Civil War era. Diaries can be a very useful source when tracing your ancestors.

Federal Writers Project (WPA) Interviews with Formerly Enslaved Americans

- [View the Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936 to 1938 Collection](#)
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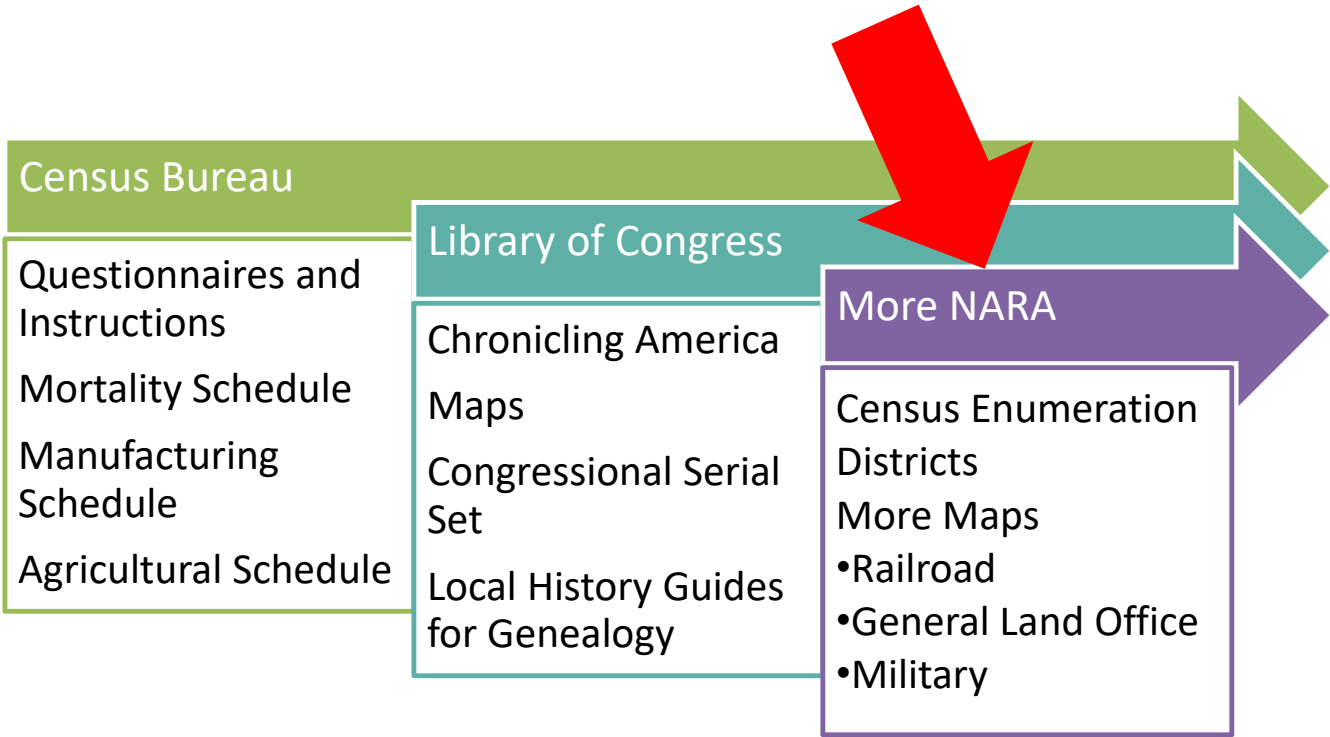
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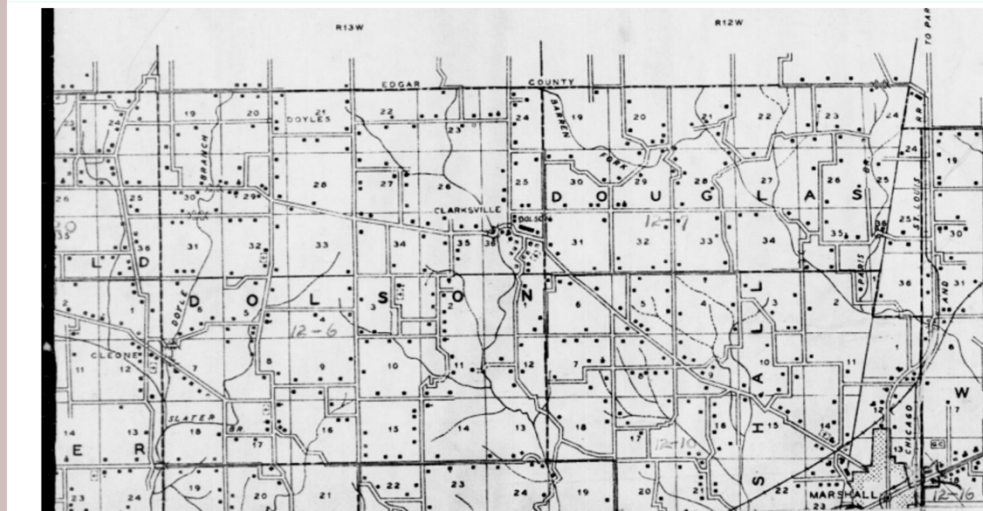
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1950 Enumeration District Map – Milton, MA

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City street map showing built-up areas, streetcar/railroad lines, river piers (numbered, proprietors identified), municipal wards (numbered), and projected street-system grid to the northern end of Manhattan Island.

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The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has custody of over 5 million maps. Maps and related cartographic records are often useful for genealogical research. They can:

- provide important information on place names and localities at the time the maps were created
- show changing political boundaries, counties and minor civil subdivisions
- sometimes include names of individual land owners or residents.

The following cartographic series have particular significance to genealogists and may be used in the Cartographic and Architectural Research Room of the National Archives in College Park, |

Census:

- Census enumeration district maps** were prepared by the Bureau of the Census decennially from 1880 to 1970. They consist of approximately 110,000 printed, photocopied, and manuscript maps of cities, counties, lesser political units, and unincorporated areas. Only three maps exist for 1880, but the number of available maps increases with each succeeding census. The maps, arranged

Other Cartographic Records of Genealogical Interest

- The Department of Agriculture prepared and published small scale civil division maps of the United States decennially for the years 1840-1900. Similar maps are also available for 1909, 1915, 1920, 1931, 1935, and 1940. These maps indicate county boundaries and names as they then existed within all states and territories of the continental United States. During the 1930s, approximately 2,200 civil division maps spanning the period 1789-1932 were prepared in conjunction with a Work Projects Administration (WPA) study known as the Atlas of Congressional Roll Calls.
- Regional and state postal route maps in the Records of the Post Office Department, RG 28, are dated 1839-1960. Rural delivery route maps cover the period 1900-37. State and regional postal route maps show county names and boundaries, post offices and delivery routes, and distances and frequency of service between post offices. Names of individuals are sometimes shown on rural delivery maps.
- The Geological Survey records contain manuscript and published topographical quadrangle maps, 1888-present. They indicate extensive cultural and physical features such as county and township names and boundaries, towns, roads, railroads, houses, schools, churches, cemeteries, mountains, valleys, streams, and lakes.

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Positions of Humphreys' Division, Battle of Fredericksburg, Decr. 13th...[and] Decr. 14th, 15th & 16th, 1862.


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[Learn more about Cartographic Records at the National Archives →](#)

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/maps>

Cartographic and Architectural Records at the National Archives in College Park, MD

Research Online




You can search the National Archives Catalog to find descriptions and digitized images of historical maps and cartographic data files as well as documents and photographs related to geography.

View all:



- Catalog's Cartographic Holdings

Online Highlights


- New Fortification Index Available Online
- RG 407: WWII Records Now Fully Digitized and Available Online
- RG 241: Restored Patents Now Fully Digitized and Available Online
- Record Group 26: Records of the U.S. Coast Guard, Series: Lighthouse Plans and Maps, 1793 - 1939
- Record Group 145: Records of the Farm Service Agency, Indexes to Aerial Photographs of the United States, 1953 - 1957
- General MacArthur Report Maps, 1940-1947




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Railroad Maps




Ship Plans



World War II



Civil War Maps



Fort Plans

<https://www.archives.gov/research/cartographic>

Railroad Maps

- Answers the question: Is it possible my ancestor traveled by rail?
- Early maps include canals – migration routes
- Right-of-Way maps 1875-1930
- Railroad valuation maps
 - 1913 Valuation Act to set freight rates
 - Landowners names



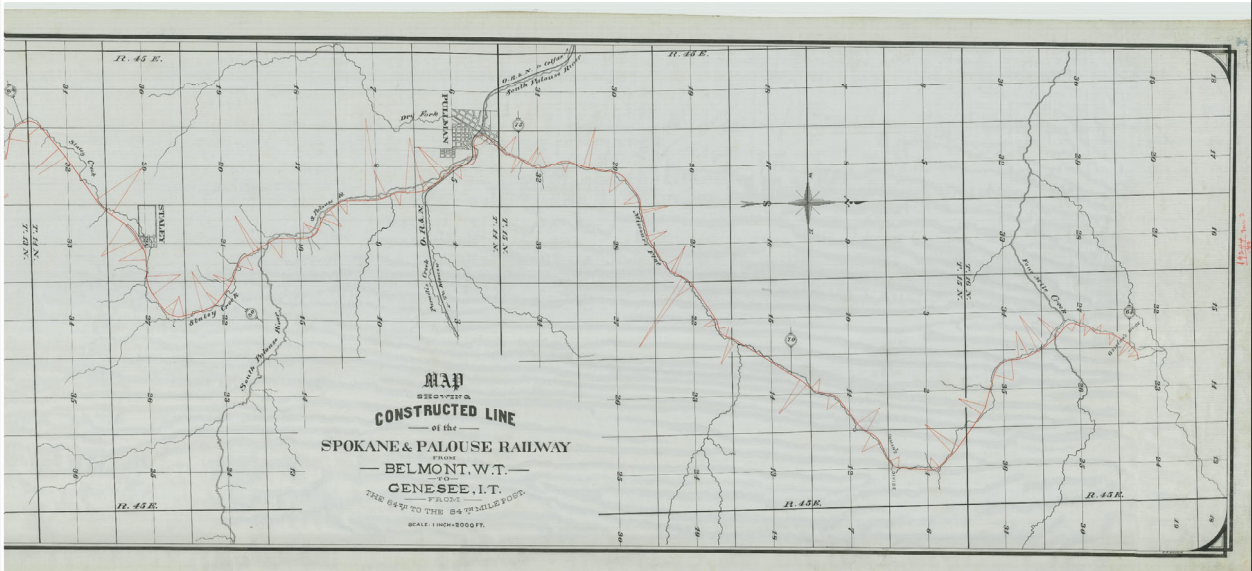
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Record Group 49:
 Records of the Bureau of
 Land Management, 1685 -
 2006

Series:
 Railroad Maps Related to
 the 1875 Act Granting to
 Railroads the Right-of-
 Way Through the Public
 Lands of the United
 States, ca. 1875 - ca. 1930

File Unit:
 Bundle 229: Spokane
 and Palouse Railway

Item:
 Map Showing
 Constructed Line of
 the Spokane &
 Palouse Railway
 from Belmont, W.T.
 to Genesee, I.T.



RG49 – Right of Way 1888

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Alabama

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Index by State to Valuation Maps

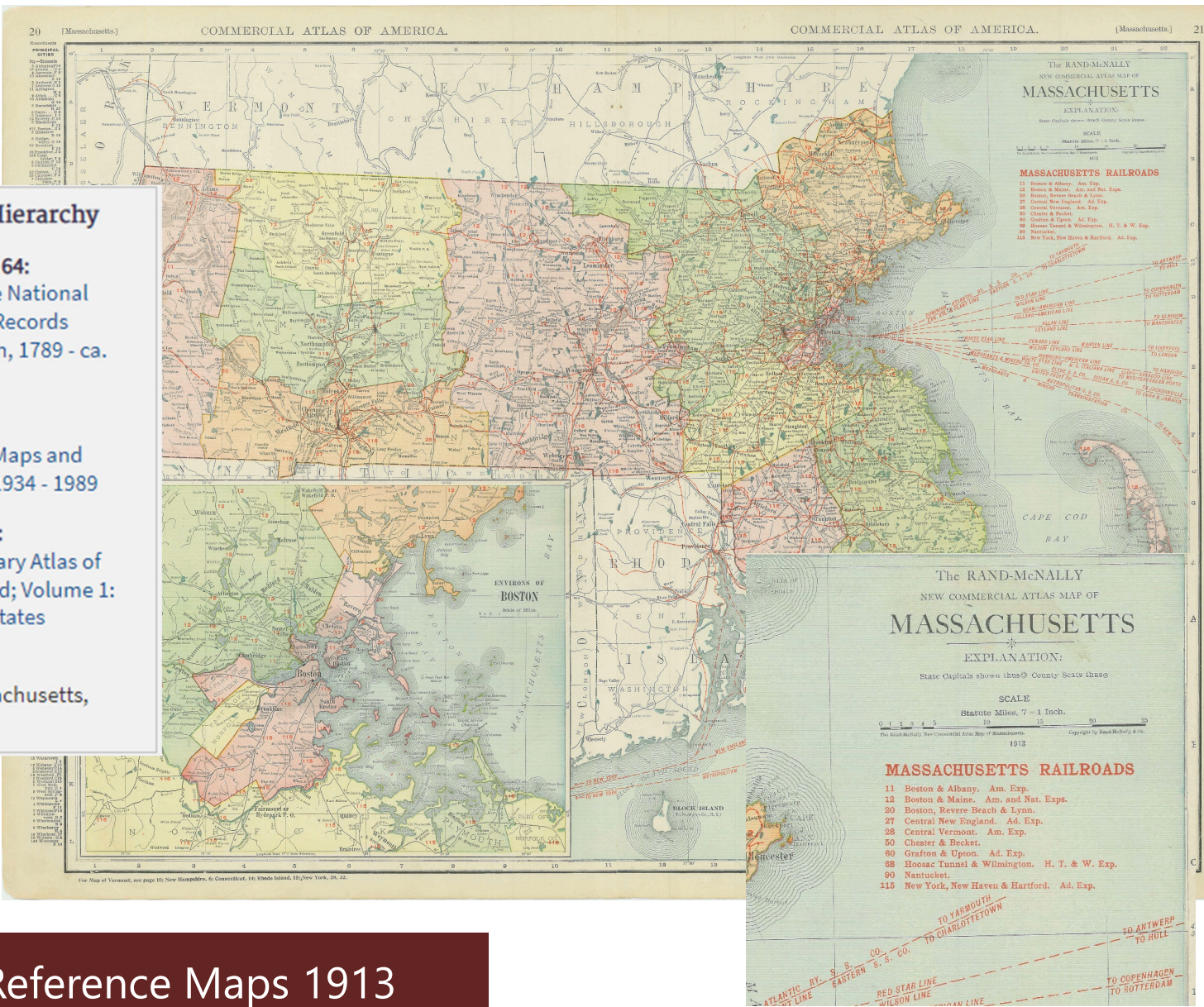
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RG64 – Reference Maps 1913

General Land Office Maps

- Size of sections
- Watercourses
- Some maps include detailed descriptions of the quality of the land

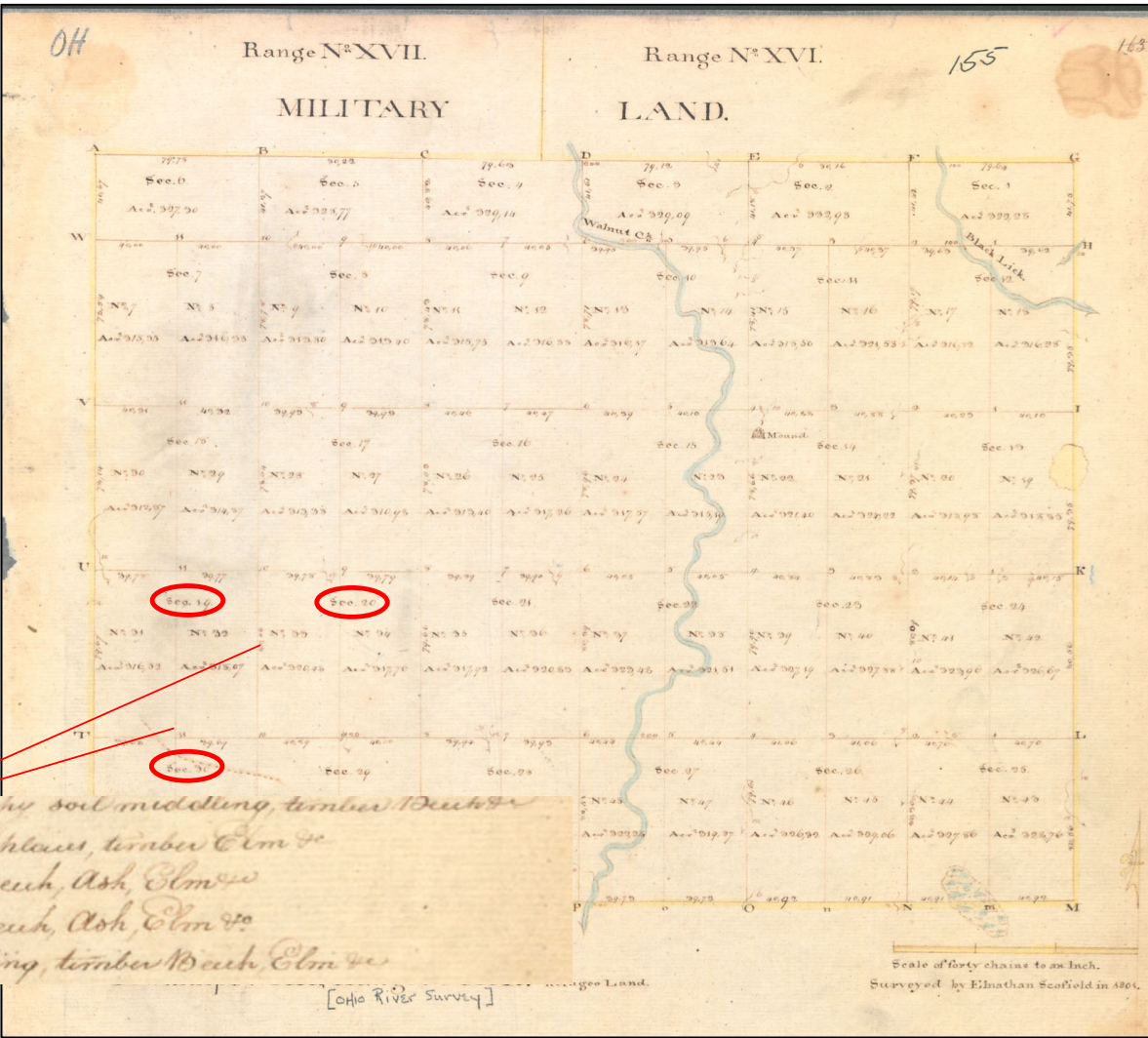
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Series:
 Public Land Survey
 Township Plats, 1789 -
 1946

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 Survey

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 18, 19. Rich low & slashy in places, timber Elm &
 19, 20. Flat land, timber Beech, Ash Elm &
 19, 20. Flat land, timber Beech, Ash Elm &
 20, 29. Flat land, soil middling, timber Beech, Elm &



RG49 – Public Land Township Plat 1804

Military Maps

- Civil Works Map File - Notable are detailed area and county maps of parts of Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Texas, and Virginia during the 1860s. RG 77
- Army Graves Registration Service among the Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, RG 92
- Records of the American Battle Monuments Commission, RG 117.
 - WW I and WW II names and service numbers of some of the U.S. military personnel who are buried overseas

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Record Group 77:

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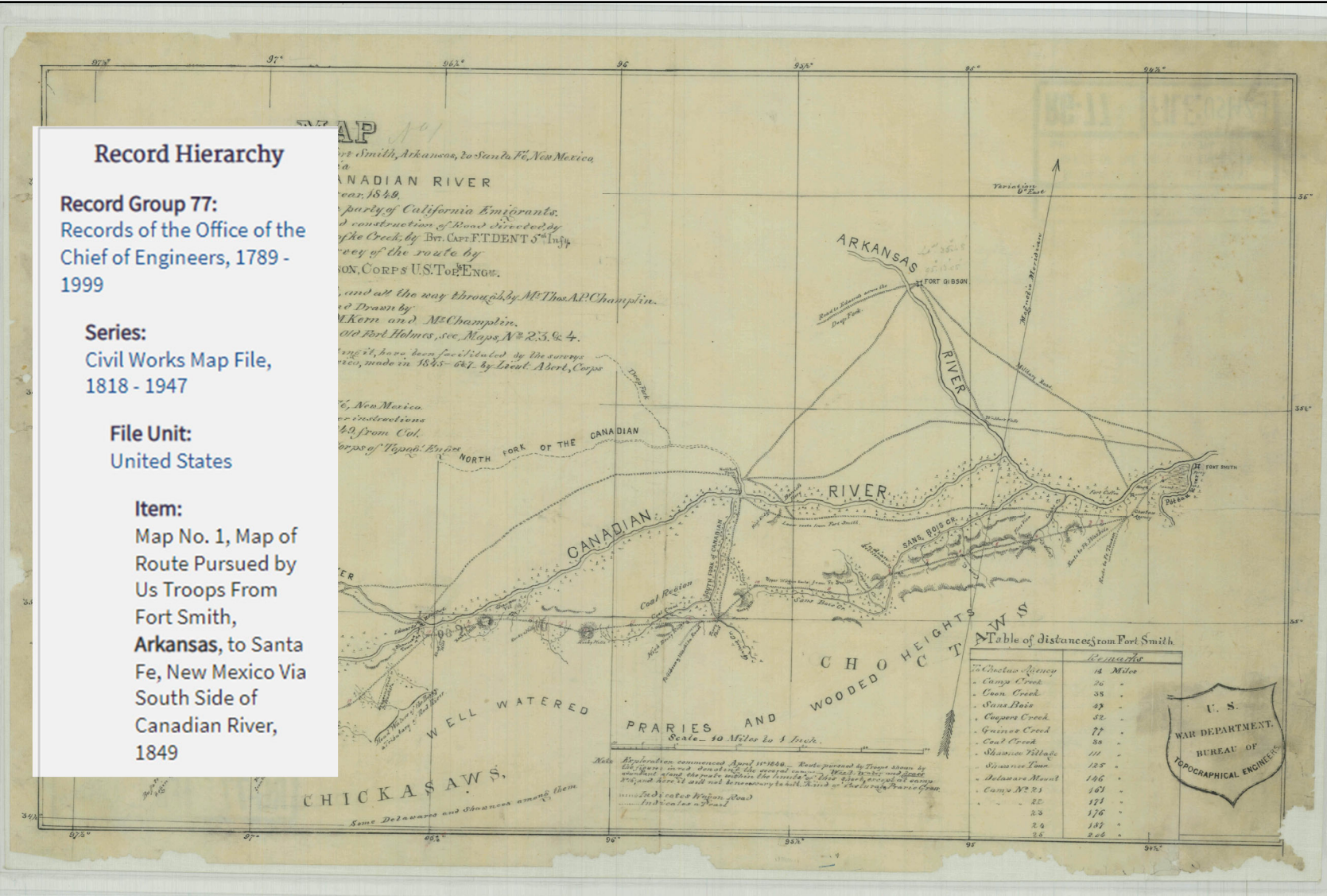
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United States

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Map No. 1, Map of Route Pursued by Us Troops From Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Santa Fe, New Mexico Via South Side of Canadian River, 1849



RG77 Civil Works Map 1849

Summary

- The federal Census Bureau has more tools to help family historians than just the population schedules:
 - Instructions to enumerators
 - Non-population schedules of mortality, agriculture and manufacturing/industry
- The Library of Congress has gems:
 - Chronicling America (historic newspapers)
 - Maps
 - Congressional Serial Set (private petitions from your ancestor to Congress)
- Misc. NARA
 - Census enumeration district maps
 - Maps – railroad, Land Office, civil – trace migrations



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COURSE SCHEDULE

September 28 - Class 1: Overview of the NARA System

Presented by Ann G. Lawthers

The website of the National Archives and Records Administration ([Archives.gov](https://www.archives.gov)) is your at-home portal to a myriad of records. This first class will demonstrate how to navigate the online catalog, access or request records from home, and, because not everything is online, discuss tips for planning a research trip. We will also discuss the difference between the National Archives in Washington, DC and the regional branches found across the country.

October 5 - Class 2: Military and Pension Files

Presented by David Allen Lambert

The military records at the National Archives detail service given between 1775 and 1912. Military expert David Allen Lambert will discuss how to locate, access, and utilize compiled service records, pension applications, and other resources that detail your veteran ancestor's service. He will also discuss briefly more recent records available through the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis (WWI-present).

October 12 - Class 3: Federal Land Records: Bounty Land, Land Entry Files, and Homesteading

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