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Road Map

Census Bureau

Questionnaires and Instructions
 Mortality Schedule
 Manufacturing Schedule
 Agricultural Schedule

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Getting to Know  
Census Procedures

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Census Procedures

- 1790 – 1870 – U.S. Federal Marshals
  - Little training
  - 1790 – 1820, enumerators determined what to collected 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

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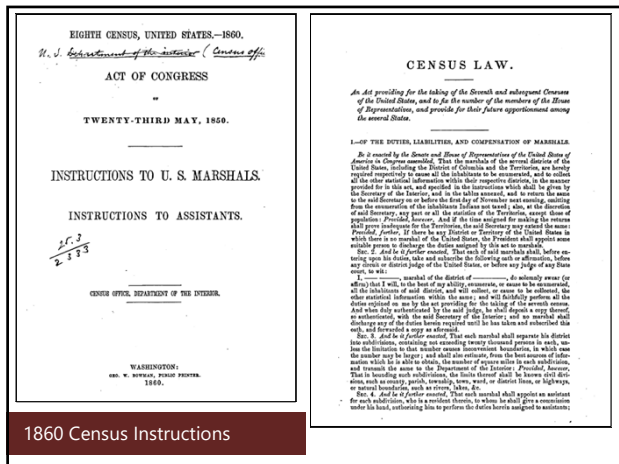
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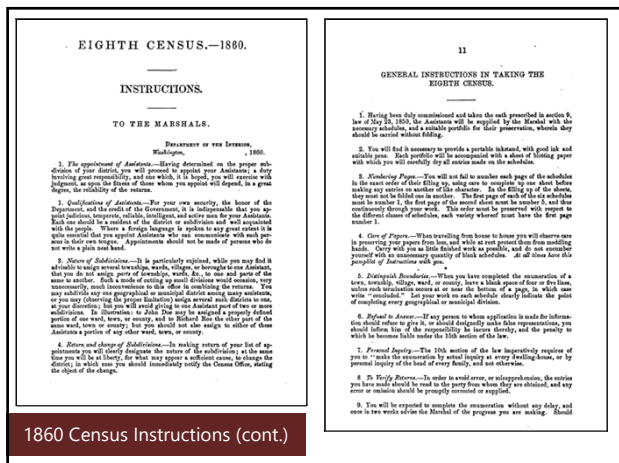




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### How to Walk Down the Street

**Urban**

Starting point  
NORTH  
Second avenue  
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**Rural**

Light lines to be made by enumerator

1920 Census Instructions

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### Not Home?

Not Home?

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1940 Census – Clear Creek, CO

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### Doesn't make sense?

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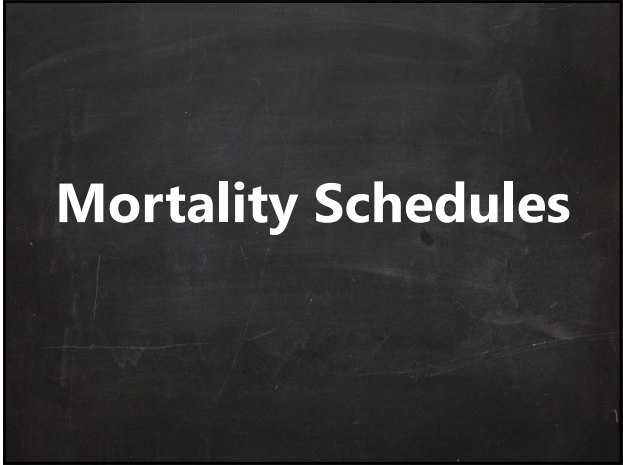
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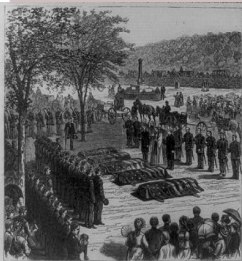
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### Mortality Schedules

- 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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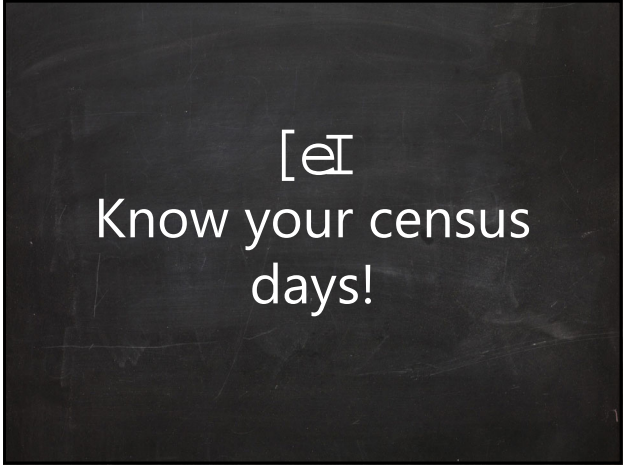
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Industry and Manufacturing Schedules

- 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



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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

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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

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**SCHEDULE 5. - Products of Industry in Wickham Township in the County of Orange State of Ohio during the Year ending June 1, 1880, as enumerated by me, W.W. Bruce. Don't Marcell.**

Name of Corporation, Company, or Individual, producing Article for Annual Value of \$100.	Manufacture of Hides or Products.		Capital Invested in Plant and Machinery.	Year Made and, including Post.		Kind of Machinery Employed.		Wages.	Annual Product.			
	Quantity.	Value.		Quantity.	Value.	Question.	Kinds.		Value.			
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<u>Haines &amp; Clippett Sawmill</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>Lumber</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>Sawm</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1000</u>
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### 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



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### 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.

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### 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)

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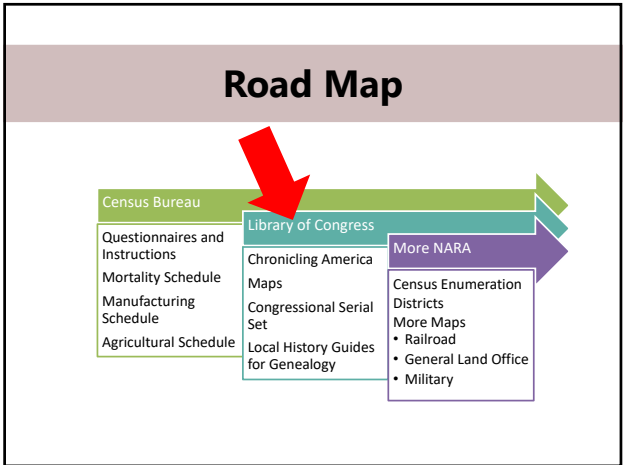
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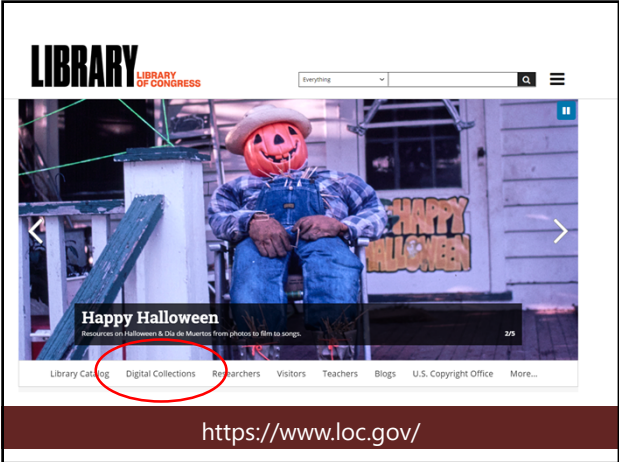
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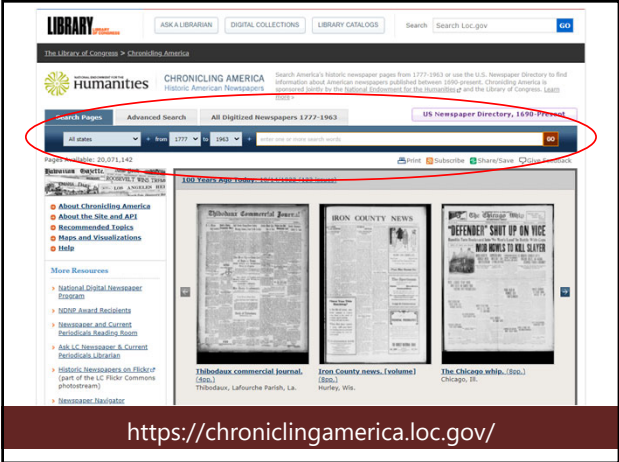
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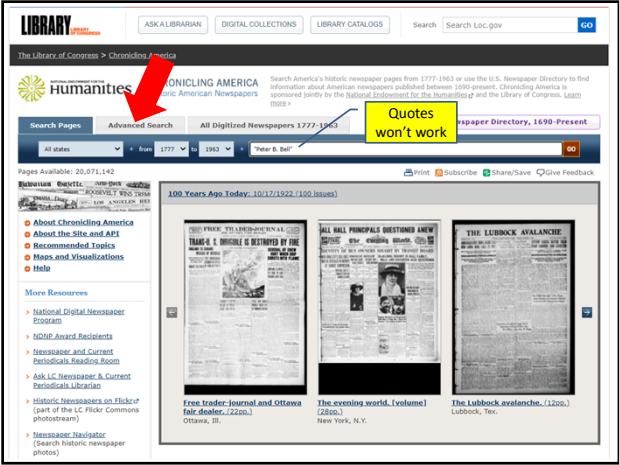
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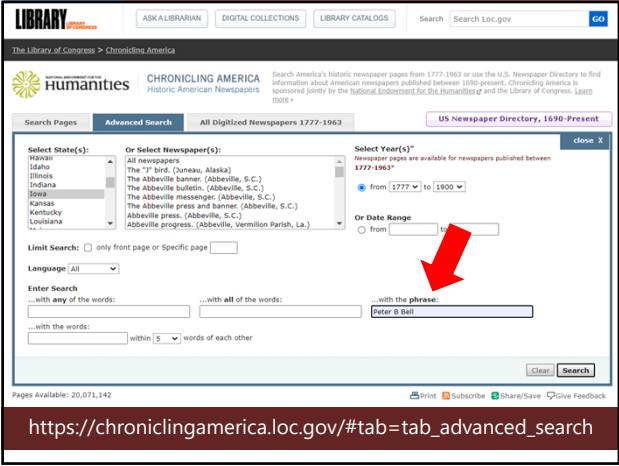


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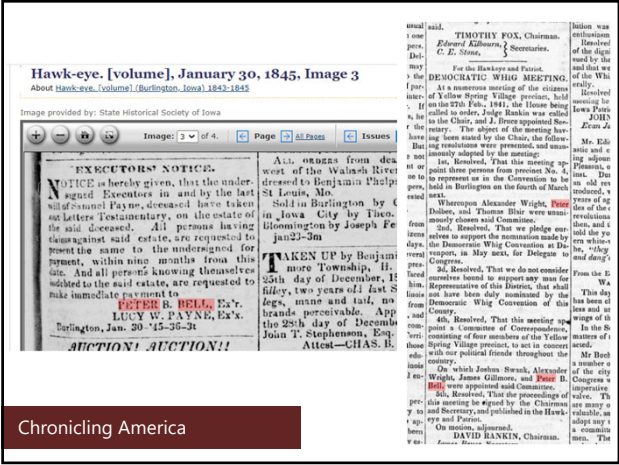




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- Births & deaths
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
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
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
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Map of Mercer Co., Pennsylvania : from actual surveys

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Contributor: A. Pomroy & S.W. Thayer; Pomroy, A.; Hopkins, H. W. (Henry Whitmer); Rogers, Griffin Morgan

Date: 1850

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Maps of Pennsylvania--counties M-MT.

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Detail from Mercer County 1860 Map

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1889 perspective map of the city of Burlington, Ia.

Perspective map not drawn to scale. Single-page view. LC Parameters: maps (2nd ed.) 307 Available also through the Library of Congress Web site as a raster image. Includes title and index to points of interest. Available.

Contributor: American Publishing Co. (Baltimore, Md.); Wright, H.; Varley, H. (Henry)

Date: 1889

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa.

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Burlington, Des Moines

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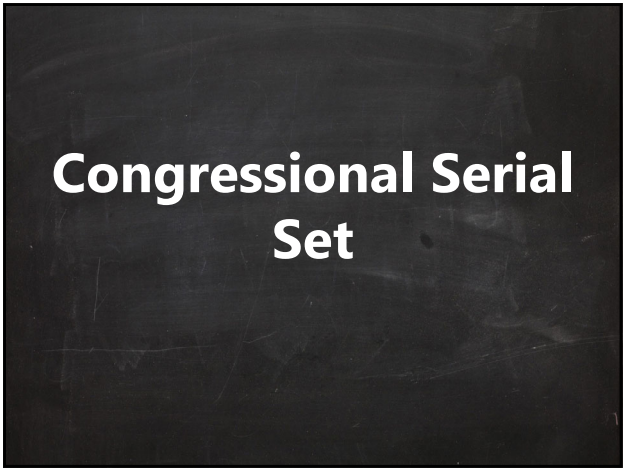
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### Congressional Serial Set

- House and Senate Documents and House and Senate Reports
  - Reports of congressional committees
  - Documents include all other papers ordered printed by the House or Senate
- Began 1817 – 1819, the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Numbering system, e.g. decoding H.rp 948 (78-1) 10764
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### Value for Family Historians

• Private claims for military service	• Lands surveys, post road routes
• Relief petitions	• Military registers
• Patent lists	• Census statistics
• Land grants	• Lighthouse reports
• War of the Rebellion records	• DAR grave registers
• Official Register (Federal employees)	• Private Petitions and Memorials
• Maps of exploration and state boundaries	
• Native American data	

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### American State Papers

- First 13 Congresses - 1789-1838
- Topics
  - Foreign Relations
  - Indian Affairs
  - Finances
  - Commerce and Navigation
  - Military Affairs
  - Naval Affairs
  - Post Office Department
  - Public Lands
  - Claims
  - Miscellaneous

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### Accessing the Serial Set

- Congressional Information Service (now LexisNexis and Readex) have digitized and indexed.
- Heritage Quest
- American Memory at LOC has [American State Papers](#)
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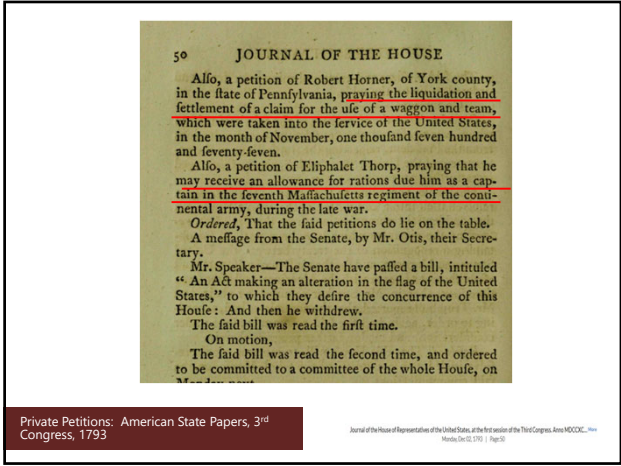
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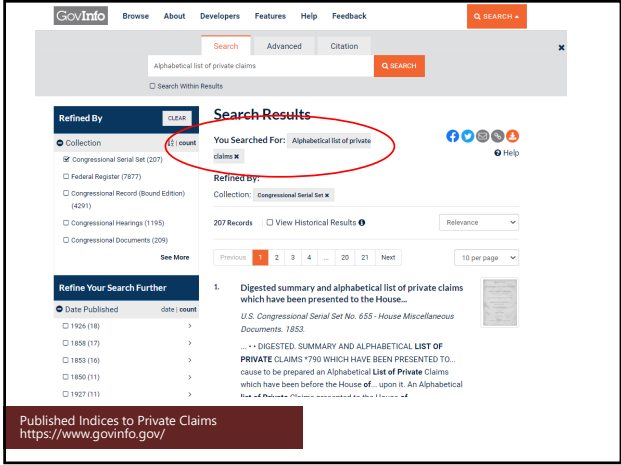




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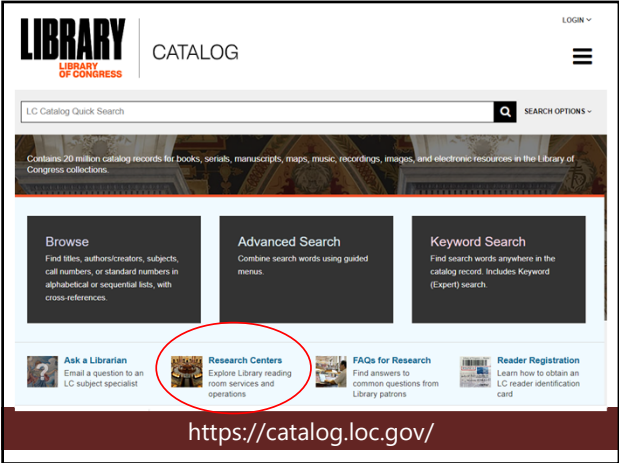
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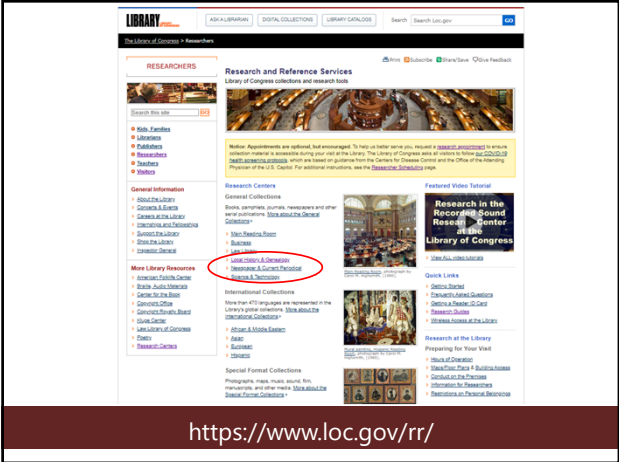
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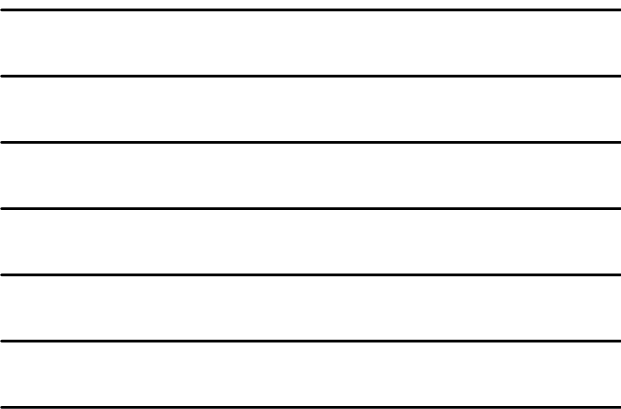
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Digitized Collection Materials
 

The following digitized manuscript collection materials can be helpful in locating information about your ancestor.

**American Colony in Jerusalem, 1870 to 2006**

- View the American Colony in Jerusalem Collection

This collection focuses on the personal and business life of the colony from the waning years of the Ottoman Empire, through World War I and the British Mandate, and into the formation of the state of Israel. It includes draft manuscripts, letters, postcards, telegrams, diaries or journals, scrapbooks, printed materials, photographs, hand-drawn maps and ephemera. Most collection items are in English, with some material in Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, and Swedish.

**Civil War Diaries**

- View Civil War Diaries

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 (FWP) Interviews with Formerly Enslaved Americans**

- View the Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936 to 1938 Collection

This collection contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves. These narratives were collected in the 1930s as part of the Federal Writers' Project (FWP) of the Works Progress Administration, later renamed Work Projects Administration (WPA). In the conclusion of the Slave Narrative project, a set of edited transcripts was assembled and microfilmed in 1941 as the seventeen-volume *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews with Former Slaves*.

**Gladstone Collection on African Americans' Military Service**

- View the William A. Gladstone Afro-American Military Collection

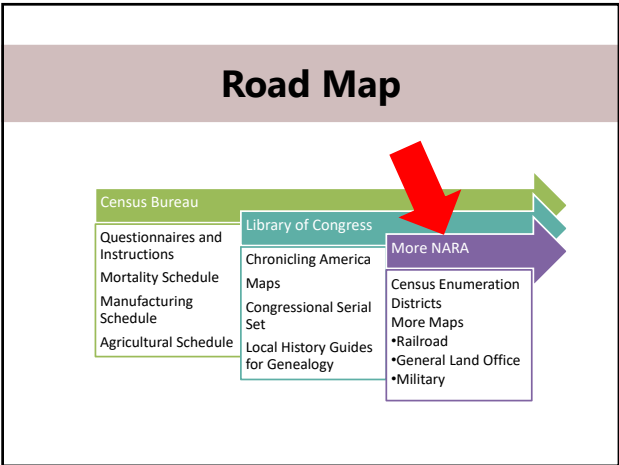
This collection spans the years 1773 to 1867, with the bulk of the material dating from the Civil War period, 1861-1865. The collection consists of correspondence, pay vouchers, orders, muster rolls, enlistment and discharge papers, receipts, contracts, affidavits, tax records, miscellaneous military documents, and printed matter. Most items document African Americans in military service, especially the United States Corps d'Afrique and the United States Colored Troops, which were organized during the Civil War. Also included are many documents concerning slavery and various other Civil War documents that mention African Americans. The Revolutionary War items are primarily pay vouchers to Connecticut blacks who served in the Continental Army. World War I is represented by the papers of Lieutenant Edward L. Goddard of the 370th Infantry, 88th Division. Printed matter includes nineteenth-century speeches and writings on slavery, government orders, broadsides, and twentieth-century booklets and journal articles for scholars or collectors.

<https://guides.loc.gov/genealogy-research-online-resources/digital-primary-sources>

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Census Areas

- 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

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Enumeration District Maps

- National Archives and Records Administration
  - Enumeration District and Related Maps, 1880-1990
  - Enumeration District Descriptions, 1850-1950 (RG29)
- FamilySearch.org (20<sup>th</sup> century)
- Ancestry.com (20<sup>th</sup> century)

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 Enumeration District Maps for Norfolk County, Massachusetts  
 Item:  
 1950 Census Enumeration District Maps - Massachusetts (MA) - Norfolk County - Milton - ED 11-210 to 243

1950 Enumeration District Map - Milton, MA

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Before 1880, Look for Ward Maps

Ward maps of United States cities : a selective checklist of pre-1900 maps in the Library of Congress

Author: [Library of Congress. Map Division](#)

Editor: [David J. Vago and others](#)

Publisher: Library of Congress, for sale by the Dept. of Docs., U.S. Gov. Print. Off., Washington, 1975

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Colton's map of Boston and adjacent cities.

Map of Boston and adjacent cities | Colton's map of Boston

Available also through the Library of Congress Web site as a raster image.

Contributor: J.H. Colton & Co. - Fimrele, Willard

Date: 1855

Map

City & county map of New-York : Brooklyn, Williamsburgh, Jersey City & the adjacent waters

City and county map of New-York

City street map showing built-up areas, water (unimproved times, river piers (numbered), and projected street system grid to the northern end of Manhattan Island.

Contributor: J.H. Colton & Co. - Lyne, James - Fimrele, Willard

Date: 1857

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1856 Map of Boston with Ward #

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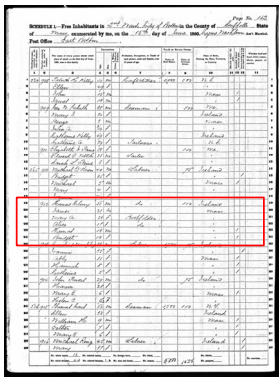
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1860 Census, Boston, Ward 2

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- 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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Searching "1913" Within:

Series

Reference Maps and Drawings, 1934 - 1989  
 Record Group-Records of the National Archives and Records Administration  
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 This series consists of published maps, atlases and architectural drawings. Some of the items in this series may be duplicates of items already filed within the accessioned holdings of the Cartographic section. The majority of the maps in L...  
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 Creators: National Archives and Records Administration, 4/1/1985-; General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, 1949-1985

Alabama  
 From RG: 64  
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Index by State to Valuation Maps

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Record Hierarchy

Record Group 64:  
 Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 - ca. 2007

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 Massachusetts, 1913

RG64 – Reference Maps 1913

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General Land Office Maps

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

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Record Hierarchy

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

Series:  
 Public Land Survey  
 Township Plats, 1789 -  
 1946

File Unit:  
 Ohio - Ohio River  
 Survey

RG49 – Public Land Township Plat 1804

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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 Hierarchy

Record Group 77:  
 Records of the Office of the  
 Chief of Engineers, 1789 -  
 1999

Series:  
 Civil Works Map File,  
 1818 - 1947

File Unit:  
 United States

Item:  
 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

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### 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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### QUESTIONS?

**Hire Research Services**  
*research@nehgs.org*

**Chat with a Genealogist**  
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**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 (NPRC presents).

October 19 - Class 3: Enlarged 1 and 2 Records; Records 1 and 2 and Entry Files; and Miscellaneous

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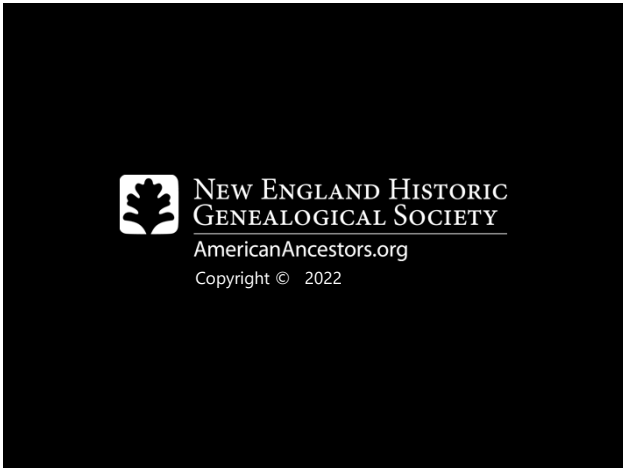
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