



RESEARCH GUIDE

Census Publications: 1790-1940

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Part I : Population Schedules 1790-1930

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FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

N OF COUNTY South Manchester NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Manchester Town

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 2 DAY OF January, 1920.

NAME of person whose place of abode on 1, 1920, was in this family. and, then, the given name and middle initial, if any. and date as January 1, 1920. Omit all born after January 1, 1920.	RELATION. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	SEX M F	RACE W C O	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION. Color or race. Age in years. Married, single, widowed, divorced, or separated. Year of marriage, if married. Year of immigration, if foreign born.	CITIZENSHIP. Naturalized or born citizen. Year of naturalization, if naturalized.	EDUCATION. Highest grade of school attended. Whether able to read and write. Whether able to speak English.	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE.							
							FATHER.		MOTHER.		MOTHER.			
							Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.		
<u>John</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>M. Ill. Ill.</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>Hungary</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Hungary</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Hungary</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Hungary</u>
<u>Annie</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>M. Ill. Ill.</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>Hungary</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Hungary</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Hungary</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Hungary</u>

The Homer Babbidge Library owns microfilmed copies of some of the Population Schedules. These are also known as the *Manuscript Census*, handwritten records of the population containing personal information collected by Census enumerators. The library's collections include microfilm for Connecticut from the 1st-15th Censuses (1790-1930), and for selected years for several other states. More extensive microfilm holdings, additional research guides, finding aids, and expert assistance are available at the **Connecticut State Library** in Hartford, and at the **National Archives and Records Administration** regional facility in Pittsfield, Massachusetts (see contact information page 2).

Decennial Census Population Schedules Microfilm in the Babbidge Microform Research Collection, Level 3

State/territory	Census	Years
CT	1 st -15 th	(1790-1930*)
MA	1 st -14 th	(1790-1920*)
ME	1 st	(1790)
MD	1 st -7 th	(1790-1850)
NH	1 st	(1790)
NY	1 st	(1790)
NC	1 st	(1790)
PA	1 st	(1790)
PR	13 th -15 th	(1910, 1930)
RI	1 st -15 th	(1790-1930*)
SC	1 st	(1790)
VT	1 st	(1790)

Microfilm collection is filed alphabetically by collection title, *United States Bureau of the Census*, and then alphabetically by **state**, on the Microfilm Collection Shelves, Level 3.

Ask for reference assistance at the Research & Information Services Desk, Level 1.

*Note: The *Population Schedules* for most of the 1890 Federal Census (including all New England states) were destroyed in a fire at the Commerce Department in Washington, DC on 10 January 1921.

Name Indexes for the Connecticut Decennial Censuses, 1790-1870

These indexes list, in alphabetic order, the names of the individuals found in the original Census records, their county and town of residence, and the page number where they appear. As of January 2003, the latest commercially available decennial census name index is 1870. For subsequent years, reels must be browsed by geographic area – see the indexes to cities, wards, and enumeration districts following.

Guide	Location (Babbidge)	Guide	Location (Babbidge)
First Census of the U.S. 1790, Connecticut	Ref. F 93 J33 1978	Connecticut Census Index 1840	Ref. F 93 J224
Connecticut Census Index 1800	Ref. F 93 J2	Connecticut Census Index 1850	Ref. F 93 J225
Connecticut Census Index 1810	Ref. F 93 J22	Connecticut Census Index 1860	Ref. F 93 J226
Connecticut Census Index 1820	Ref. F 93 J222	Connecticut Census Index 1870	Ref. F 93 S81 2001
Connecticut Census Index 1830	Ref. F 93 J223		

Indexes to Cities, Wards, and Enumeration Districts for the Microfilm Decennial Census

These following guides (and online index for the 1930 Census) provide the **Census microfilm reel numbers** on which specific counties, towns, and enumeration districts are reproduced.

<i>Federal Population Censuses 1790-1890:</i> a catalog of microfilm copies of the schedules	Ref. HA 37 U548 1977
<i>1900 Federal Population Census</i>	Ref. HA 37 U5482 1978
<i>1910 Federal Population Census</i>	Ref. HA 201 1910b
<i>1920 Federal Population Census</i>	Ref. HA 201 1920b
<i>National Archive Online Index to the 1930 Census</i>	http://1930census.archives.gov/

Note: These volumes also serve as a guide to using *Soundex* microfilm available at the **Connecticut State Library** and the **National Archives and Records Administration Northeast Region Archive**. Soundex is a name classification system based on the way a surname sounds rather than how it is spelled.

For **urban areas** an additional guide must be used to relate enumeration districts to street names:

Census Descriptions of Geographic Subdivisions and Enumeration Districts 1830-1950

Babbidge Research Microform Collection, Level 1, Shelf #54A

Consult this microfilm to determine which enumeration district numbers in the decennial census microfilm relate to a known street address or area of a city. This publication describes in detail the physical boundaries for each enumeration district within urban areas; e.g. Enumeration District 210 in Manchester in the 1910 Census consisted of addresses "north of center of Middle turnpike and east of center of Main, North Main St., Oakland St. and the line of Oakland St. extended to the northern boundary." For the 1930 Census, the *Online National Archives Index* at <http://1930census.archives.gov/> also searches all enumeration districts and wards in urban areas.

Local Manuscript Census Research Facilities

Connecticut State Library, History and Genealogy Unit **860-757-6580**

<http://www.cslib.org/handg.htm>

The History and Genealogy Unit of the Connecticut State Library maintains and provides access to comprehensive collections of materials on the history of Connecticut and its people in support of the Connecticut State Library's mission to preserve and make accessible the records of Connecticut's history and heritage. Its manuscript census collections include all released records for New England states, as well as New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, through 1850. Finding aids include a collection of Soundex indexes to the Connecticut Census for genealogy research, and a license to Ancestry.com (see below).

National Archives and Records Administration Northeast Region Archive (Pittsfield, Massachusetts) **413-445-6885**

<http://www.nara.gov/regional/pittsfie.html>

This regional branch of NARA holds copies of all decennial Census microfilm available, for all years and states, along with indexes and finding aids, and provides expert assistance in their use.

Part II: Decennial and Non-decennial Census Data Compilations, 1790-1940

Before the 1950 Census, which focused solely on population and housing questions, the decennial Census produced scores of volumes containing rich statistical data on subjects as diverse as mortality, agriculture, manufacturing, and mining. In addition to data compilations on the characteristics of the population, many such specialized statistical publications were released under the umbrella of the Decennial Census, even as non-decennial censuses such as the Census of Business and Census of Manufactures began to be regularly performed. The indexes below together describe both types of output of the Bureau of the Census through 1945, and are annotated to reflect the library's holdings.

Guide to the 1790-1970 Reference Census Volumes: A Checklist of Homer Babbidge Library Holdings

Reference Census Collections, Level 1, Number 0.

This guide, shelved at the very beginning of the 1790-1940 Reference Census Collection monographs, enumerates and indexes all statistical compilations produced as Decennial Census publications. Titles preceded by a blue bullet are part of the Library's Reference Census collection on Level 1, and are shelved by their checklist number.

Non-decennial Census Monographs, 1790-1945

Catalog of United States Census Publications, 1790-1945

Ref. HA 37 U6 L52 1950

Part II of the Catalog, *Publications other than Decennial*, lists statistical publications produced by the Censuses of *Agriculture, Business, Dependent, Defective and Delinquent Classes, Foreign Trade, Government, Housing, Industry, Manufactures, Population (Special Censuses and Negro Statistics), Religious Bodies, Unemployment and Occupation, Vital Statistics, and Censuses in Cuba, Philippine Islands, and Virgin Islands*. Annotations with the Superintendent of Documents number in the margin reflect titles owned by Homer Babbidge Library and shelved by that number in the Federal Documents, Level B.

Internet sites for Early Census Research

Ancestry.com

<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Subscription-based service provides online search/browse capabilities for the 1790-1930 census, with links to images of the original documents.

HeritageQuest

<http://www.heritagequest.com/>

Sales and rentals of census records and Soundex indexes in print, microfilm, and electronic formats.

University of Virginia's **United States Historical Census Browser**

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census/>

Compilations of population and economic statistics for each state culled from the 1790-1960 decennial and other Census publications.

Further Reading

200 Years of U.S. Census Taking: Population and Housing Questions, 1790-1990

Ref. HA 37 U55 B63 1989

Reproduces original data collection forms and questionnaires, and original instructions to Census enumerators

Encyclopedia of the U.S. Census

Ref. HA 37 U55 C66 2000

Provides an overview of each decennial census since 1790, and the history of topics such as race, immigration, gender, and the foreign-born population in surveys performed by the Census department.

Measuring America: the Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000

Ref. HA 37 U62 M43 2002a

Reproduces questionnaires, instructions to enumerators, and provides brief histories of every decennial census from 1790 to 2000.