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Introduction

On the four rolls of this microfilm publication, M1810, are reproduced the mortality schedules for New Jersey taken at the same time as the population censuses in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. The material reproduced is part of the Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group (RG) 29.

Background

About 1972 the original schedules were in the custody of the New Jersey State Library and apparently were filmed by that institution. In due course one positive copy of this microfilm was deposited in the Microfilm Reading Room at the National Archives for use by researchers.

This positive copy was assigned the number GR21, the number by which it was referred to in the *Guide* to Genealogical Research in the National Archives (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, revised 1985). In 1994, GR21 was assigned a new number, M1810, in order to issue it as an official National Archives Microfilm Publication.

Records Description

Mortality schedules include persons who died during the year preceding the taking of the census. For example, the 1850 mortality schedules include persons who died between June 1, 1849, and May 31, 1850. The 1850 through 1870 schedules include the following information for each decedent: name, age, sex, race, marital status, occupation, state or country of birth, cause of death, length of last illness, and month during which death occurred. The 1880 schedules include additional information, such as the state or country of birth of the decedent=s father and mother, name of attending physician, place at which the fatal illness was contracted if it was not contracted at the decedent=s usual place of residence, and the enumeration district and family number of the household in which the decedent resided.

On roll 3, the 1880 schedules of parts of Essex, Gloucester, and Hudson Counties are difficult to read due to the manner in which they were microfilmed.

For more information about nonpopulation census schedules, see Carroll D. Wright, *History and Growth of the United States Census* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1900; reprinted by Johnson Reprint Corporation, New York, 1966).

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