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On the 13 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the schedules of the Census of Florida taken by that State in 1885, partially with funds provided by the Federal Government. All counties then in the State are represented with the exception of Alachua, Clay, Columbia, and Nassau. Schedules for these counties were not received by the National Archives and appear to have been lost many years ago.

The act of March 3, 1879, providing for the taking of the tenth and subsequent censuses, also made provision for any State or Territory to take a "semi-decennial" census "according to the schedules and forms of enumeration in the census of the United States." This census was to be taken "during the two months beginning on the first Monday in June of the year which is the mean between the decennial censuses of the United States." A "full and authentic copy of all schedules returned" was to be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior on or before the first day of the following September. If a State or Territory complied with these provisions it was to receive from the Federal Treasury 50 percent of the amount paid to all supervisors and actual enumerators within the State or Territory in the preceding United States Census. This sum, furthermore, was to be increased by one-half the percentage of gain in population in such State or Territory between the two United States censuses immediately preceding the State or Territorial enumeration.

In accordance with the requirements of this law, censuses were taken in 1885 in the States of Florida, Nebraska, and Colorado, and in the Territories of New Mexico and Dakota, and the copies required were filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Interior. They were later transferred to the Office of the Director of the Census Bureau. No editing or publishing of the returns was ever done by the Federal Government. With the exception of those for the Territory of Dakota, the copies were transferred by the Bureau of the Census to the National Archives in 1944.

The Census of 1885 of Florida was taken as of the first day of June of that year on three general schedules for population, agriculture, and manufactures. A fourth schedule, mortality, was taken as of the date of the enumeration. A schedule for social statistics was authorized but not used. The schedules measure about 21 by 16 inches. Space on Schedule 1, population, was provided for the entry of 50 names on each page and there were 4 pages to each schedule, lettered A, B, C, and D, with each page numbered in sequence. B was the verso of A and D the verso of C. Schedule 2, agriculture, contained space for the

entry of 10 names on each page. Each schedule was paged, lettered, and numbered in the same manner as Schedule 1. Schedule 3, manufactures, contained space for 45 entries on a single page and was blank on the verso. Schedule 4, social statistics, was not used. Schedule 5, mortality, contained space for 36 names on a single page, with instructions on the verso.

The schedules are arranged alphabetically by name of county and thereunder numerically by type of schedule. Arrangement within the schedules is by enumeration district, precinct, or city. There are population schedules for all counties, but for some counties there are no schedules for agriculture, manufactures, or mortality. Following the population schedules for each county there appears the authentication by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, with the Florida Seal, dated August 28, 1885.

These schedules are part of the records in the National Archives designated as Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. Schedules for the State census of 1885 have also been microfilmed for Colorado (M158) and Nebraska (M352).

The records reproduced in this microfilm publication were prepared for filming by Kathleen E. Riley, who also wrote these introductory remarks and provided the other editorial material.

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3	Escambia, Franklin, and Gadsden
4	Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough (Hillsboro), and Holmes
5	Jackson
6	Jefferson and Lafayette
7	Leon, Levy, and Liberty
8	Madison and Manatee
9	Marion and Monroe
10	Orange and Polk
11	Putnam, St. Johns, and Santa Rosa
12	Sumter, Suwannee, and Taylor
13	Volusia, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington