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Introduction

This microfilm reproduces on 156 rolls of 35mm microfilm 513 original volumes of descriptions of geographic subdivisions (enumeration districts) that were used in the decennial United States censuses from 1830 to 1950. These records are part of Record Group 29, Records of the Bureau of Census.

The census subdivision or enumeration district served as the basic geographic area of a size that could be covered by a single census taker (enumerator) within one census period. It may have been as large as one county or as small as part of a city block, depending on the density of population. The term "subdivision," referring to a part of the supervisor's or marshal's division or district, was used in the early censuses. With the 1880 census the term was changed to "enumeration district" and the census taker was officially called an "enumerator."

For the censuses of 1830 and 1840 the two volumes included in this microfilm are entitled Accounts of Compensation to Assistant Marshals. They contain brief statements identifying the geographic jurisdictions covered by each census taker, as well as his name and rate of pay. Later volumes from 1850 to 1900 show both "names of persons employed as enumerators" as well as "descriptions of their subdivisions." Beginning in 1910 the names of the enumerators were no longer included in the volumes, which by then were called Descriptions of Enumeration Districts. The records are further described in entries 2, 3, 13, 27, 42 and 189 of National Archives Preliminary Inventory No 161, *Records of the Bureau of Census*.

A table of contents for each census year has been provided. The original volumes are arranged by assigned volume number, beginning anew with each census year. Within individual volumes the pages are typically arranged numerically by supervisor's or marshal's district and thereunder numerically by subdivision or enumeration district. This arrangement often conforms to an alphabetical arrangement by county. Major cities are sometimes arranged separately from the counties. As an aid to the user the 1850 and 1860 volumes, which have little order in the original, have been filmed out of the original page sequence so that the states and territories appear on film in alphabetical order.

The amount of detail shown in the volumes varies greatly from year to year, from a brief

statement of the town or jurisdiction covered by the census taker to the streets and landmarks that form the boundaries. In the earlier years the distinction between two subdivisions is not always clear, as in the examples "Part of Bristol County" and "Remainder of Bristol County." Typically included are the number of the subdivision (enumeration district), the county, township, city, ward, borough or other civil division that comprises it or a description of its boundaries, the number of square miles it contains and the name of the assistant marshal, census taker or enumerator with his post office address and rate of pay (1830 to 1900 only). The number of returns from each subdivision (population, dwellings or farms from the ongoing or previous census) is sometimes included. The 1870 volume includes an "industrial description" that indicates whether the economy of the subdivision is primarily commercial, residential, industrial or mining.

The 1900, 1940 and 1950 volumes were microfilmed prior to the preparation of this final microfilm. The 1900 volumes were the first to be filmed by the National Archives and were originally assigned roll numbers 1-10, which now have been renumbered to follow the chronological sequence of the remaining film (see table of contents). The 1940 and 1950 volumes were also given obsolete roll numbers when they were filmed while still in the Bureau of the Census before they were deposited in the National Archives and they also have been assigned new roll numbers.

After 1880 it is often helpful to use the descriptions in conjunction with the enumeration district maps that exist in the National Archives. The maps cover only a few counties for the 1880 and 1890 censuses, but cover nearly all of the counties and cities for the later censuses of 1900 to 1960. The maps were marked by hand in the census offices at the time of each census to show the boundaries that each enumerator was to follow. These maps are reproducible on request, although their size often precludes their being microfilmed on 35mm film and their colored boundaries are difficult to interpret when reproduced as black and white copies.

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2	<p>1850 (Filmed out of original order. Although 1850 census schedules exist for Oregon Territory, no subdivision descriptions are included in this volume.) Alabama, 153-154, 156-157 [original page numbers] Arkansas, 190-192 California, 251-252 Connecticut, 1-3 Delaware, 38 District of Columbia, 10 Florida, 56 Georgia, 76-80 Illinois, 240-243 Indiana, 146-152 Iowa, 114-115 Kentucky, 159-166 Louisiana, 82-84 Maine, 117-127 Maryland, 12-14 Massachusetts, 136-143 Michigan Territory, 5-9, 230-235 Minnesota Territory, 130 Mississippi, 15, 17-18</p>

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Alabama
Arkansas
Arizona Territory
California
Colorado Territory
Connecticut
Dakota Territory
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Idaho Territory
Illinois
Indians - All States
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan

Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico Territory
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Utah Territory
Vermont
Virginia
Washington Territory
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming Territory

- 4 1880 (Missing Alabama, Arizona Territory, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Montana Territory, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania & Wisconsin)
Dakota Territory (part)
Delaware (part)
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Idaho Territory
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
5 Louisiana
Maine
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota

	Mississippi
	Missouri
6	Nebraska
	Nevada
	New Hampshire
	New Jersey
	New Mexico Territory
	New York
	North Carolina
	Rhode Island
	South Carolina
	Tennessee
	Texas
	Utah Territory
	Vermont
	Virginia
	Washington Territory
	West Virginia
	Wyoming Territory
7	1890
	Alabama
	Arizona Territory
	Arkansas
	California
	Colorado
	Connecticut
	Delaware
8	District of Columbia
	Florida
	Georgia
8	Idaho
	Illinois
9	Indiana
	Iowa
	Kansas
10	Kentucky
	Louisiana
	Maine
	Maryland
11	Massachusetts
	Michigan
	Minnesota

12 Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico Territory
13 New York
14 North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
15 Pennsylvania
16 Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
17 Utah Territory
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming
18 1900
Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
19 Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois

20	Indian Territory
	Indiana
	Iowa
	Kansas
21	Kentucky
	Louisiana
	Maine
	Maryland
	Massachusetts
22	Michigan
	Minnesota
	Mississippi
	Missouri
	Montana
23	Nebraska
	Nevada
	New Hampshire
	New Jersey
	New Mexico
	New York Supervisor's Districts 1-3
24	New York Supervisor's Districts 4-19
	North Carolina
	North Dakota
	Ohio
25	Oklahoma
	Oregon
	Pennsylvania
26	Rhode Island
	South Carolina
	South Dakota
	Tennessee
	Texas
	Utah
	Vermont
27	Virginia
	Washington
	West Virginia
	Wisconsin
	Wyoming
28	1910
	Alabama
	Arizona

	Arkansas
	California
	Colorado
	Connecticut
	Delaware
	District of Columbia
	Florida
29	Georgia
	Idaho
	Illinois (Cook County)
	Illinois (except Cook County)
30	Indiana
	Iowa
	Kansas
31	Kentucky
	Louisiana
	Maine
	Maryland
32	Massachusetts
	Michigan
33	Minnesota
	Mississippi
	Missouri
34	Montana
	Nebraska
	Nevada
34	New Hampshire
	New Jersey
	New Mexico
	North Carolina
	North Dakota
35	New York Supervisor's District 1 (Manhattan & Bronx)
	New York Supervisor's District 2 (Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond, towns in Nassau & Suffolk counties)
	New York Supervisor's Districts 2-20
36	Ohio
	Oklahoma
	Oregon
37	Pennsylvania
38	Rhode Island
	South Carolina
	South Dakota

39	Tennessee
	Texas
	Utah
	Vermont
40	Virginia
	Washington
	West Virginia
	Wisconsin
	Wyoming
	Alaska
	Hawaii
	Puerto Rico
41	1920
	Alabama
	Arizona
	Arkansas
42	California
	Colorado
43	Connecticut
	Delaware
	District of Columbia
	Florida
	Georgia
	Idaho
44	Illinois
45	Indiana
	Iowa
46	Kansas
	Kentucky
	Louisiana
47	Maine
	Maryland
	Massachusetts
48	Michigan
	Minnesota
49	Mississippi
	Missouri
50	Montana
	Nebraska
	Nevada
	New Hampshire
	New Mexico

51	New Jersey New York Supervisor's Districts 1 & 2 (Manhattan & Bronx) New York Supervisor's District 3 (part) (Kings County)
52	New York Supervisor's District 3 (part) and 4-6 (Queens & Richmond) New York Supervisor's Districts 7-22
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54	Ohio
55	Oklahoma Oregon
56	Pennsylvania
57	Rhode Island South Dakota Tennessee
58	Texas Utah
59	Virginia Washington
60	West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming Alaska Hawaii Panama Canal Zone Puerto Rico Virgin Islands
	1930
61	Alabama Arizona Arkansas
62	California (Alameda Co to Los Angeles [part])
63	California (Los Angeles [part] to Yuba Co)
64	Colorado Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia
65	Florida Georgia
66	Idaho Illinois (Adams Co to Cook Co outside Chicago) Illinois (Chicago)

67	Illinois (Crawford Co to Woodford Co)
68	Indiana
	Iowa
69	Kansas
	Kentucky
70	Louisiana
	Maine
	Maryland
71	Massachusetts
72	Michigan
73	Minnesota
	Mississippi
74	Missouri
75	Montana
	Nebraska
	Nevada
	New Hampshire
76	New Jersey
	New Mexico
77	New York (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan & Richmond)
78	New York (Queens)
	New York (Albany Co to Jefferson Co)
79	New York (Lewis Co to Yates Co)
80	North Carolina
	North Dakota
81	Ohio (Adams Co to Lorain Co)
82	Ohio (Lucas Co to Wyandot Co)
83	Oklahoma
	Oregon
84	Pennsylvania (Adams Co to Perry Co)
85	Pennsylvania (Philadelphia Co to York Co)
	Rhode Island
86	South Carolina
	South Dakota
	Tennessee
87	Texas
88	Utah
	Virginia
89	Washington
	West Virginia
90	Wisconsin
	Wyoming

Alaska
American Samoa
Hawaii
Panama Canal Zone
Guam
Puerto Rico
Virgin Islands

1940

- 91 Alabama
Arizona
Arkansas
- 92 California (Long Beach City to San Francisco; Alameda Co to Inyo Co)
- 93 California (Kern Co to Yuba Co)
Colorado
- 94 Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
- 95 Georgia
Idaho
- 96 Illinois (Chicago; Adams Co to Macoupin Co)
- 97 Illinois (Madison Co to Woodford Co)
Indiana
- 98 Iowa
Kansas
- 99 Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
- 100 Maryland
Massachusetts Boston City to Worcester City; Barnstable Co to Franklin Co)
- 101 Massachusetts (Hampden Co to Worcester Co)
Michigan (Detroit City, Flint City, Grand Rapids City; Alcona Co to Allegany Co)
- 102 Michigan (Alpena co to Wexford Co)
Minnesota (Duluth, St Paul, Minneapolis; Aitkin Co to Crow Wing Co)
- 103 Minnesota (Dakota Co to Yellow Medicine Co)
Mississippi
- 104 Missouri (Kansas City, St Louis; Adair - Clark Co)
Missouri (Clay Co to Wright Co)
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada

105 New Hampshire
 New Jersey
 New Mexico
 106 New York (Albany, Buffalo, Bronx, Brooklyn)
 107 New York (Richmond, Manhattan, Queens)
 108 New York (Rochester, Syracuse, Utica; Albany Co to Yates Co)
 109 North Carolina
 North Dakota
 110 Ohio
 111 Oklahoma
 Oregon
 112 Pennsylvania (Erie, Philadelphia, Reading, Pittsburg, Scranton)
 113 Pennsylvania (Adams Co to York Co)
 114 Rhode Island
 South Carolina
 South Dakota
 Tennessee
 115 Texas
 116 Utah
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 117 Washington
 West Virginia
 118 Wisconsin
 Wyoming
 Alaska
 American Samoa
 Hawaii
 Panama Canal Zone
 Guam
 Puerto Rico
 Virgin Islands
 1950
 119 Alabama
 120 Arizona
 Arkansas
 121 California (Alameda Co to Santa Cruz Co, including San Francisco City)
 122 California (Shasto Co to Yuba Co; Alameda City to Pasadena Co)
 123 California (Richmond City to Stockton City, except San Francisco)
 Connecticut
 124 Delaware
 District of Columbia
 Florida (Alachua Co to Washington Co; Jacksonville City to Miami City)

- 125 Florida (St Petersburg, Orlando, Tampa)
Georgia
Idaho
- 126 Illinois (Adams Co to Woodford Co)
- 127 Illinois (Chicago)
- 128 Illinois (Cicero City to Springfield City)
Indiana
- 129 Iowa
Kansas
- 130 Kentucky
Louisiana
- 131 Maine
Maryland
- 132 Massachusetts (Barnstable Co to Worcester Co; Boston City to Malden City)
- 133 Massachusetts (Medford City to Worcester City)
Michigan (Alcona Co to Wexford Co; Dearborn City)
- 134 Michigan (Detroit City to Saginaw City)
Minnesota (Aitkin Co to Roseau Co)
- 135 Minnesota (St Louis Co to Yellow Medicine Co)
Mississippi
- 136 Missouri
- 137 Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
- 138 New Jersey (Atlantic Co to Mercer Co)
New Jersey (Middlesex Co to Warren Co)
New Mexico
New York (Albany Co to Cattaraugus Co)
- 139 New York (Cayuga Co to Yates Co)
- 140 New York (Bronx and Brooklyn)
- 141 New York (Manhattan and Queens)
- 142 New York (Richmond Borough; Albany City to Yonkers City)
North Carolina (Alamance Co to Halifax Co)
- 143 North Carolina (Harnett Co to Yancey Co; Asheville City to Winston-Salem
City)
North Dakota
- Ohio (Adams Co to Henry Co)
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- 145 Ohio (Cleveland City to Youngstown City)
Oklahoma (Adair Co to Pawnee Co)
- 146 Oklahoma (Payne Co to Woodward Co; Oklahoma City to Tulsa City)

147 Pennsylvania (Cambria Co to Perry Co; Philadelphia City)
148 Pennsylvania (Pike Co to York Co; Allentown City to York City)
149 Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
150 Tennessee
Texas (Anderson Co to Comal Co)
151 Texas (Comanche Co to Zavala Co; Amarillo City to Corpus Christi City)
152 Texas (Dallas City to Waco City)
Utah
153 Vermont
Virginia
154 Washington
West Virginia
155 Wisconsin
Wyoming
156 Alaska
American Samoa
Hawaii
Panama Canal Zone
Guam
Puerto Rico
Virgin Islands