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Non-Population Census Schedules Offers Genealogists More Information!

Between 1850 and 1880 the government took special censuses, called non-population schedules, to count unique segments of the population. The best way to find out if an ancestor is named in one of these special censuses is to find them on the regular population schedule, then search the non-population schedules for the same state, county and enumeration district.

The agricultural schedules are from 1850-1880. They will tell you the amount of land, number of various livestock, crops grown and the



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value of land and farm equipment. Mortality schedules list people who died in the 12 month period before the official census date. The deaths were reported to the census takers by family or physicians so omission rates can be as high as 25%. See www.mortalityschedules.com for great links to state records.

Manufacturing and Industry schedules counted manufacturing, mining, fisheries, mercantile, commercial and trading businesses. They were called Industry schedules from 1850-1870. Defective, dependent and delinquent schedules were used only in 1880. They were used to aid the government in budgeting for institutions and prisons. They counted those who were insane, idiots, deaf-mutes, blind, homeless children in institutions, prisoners and paupers/indigent people.

Slave schedules were done for the 16 Southern states in 1850 and 1860. The name of the slave owner was given not the names of the slaves. Information for the slaves included age, sex, and color.

Some of these schedules are online at Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org, at various state archives and libraries, the National Archives in Broomfield, and Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

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