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## U.S. Federal Census Records: What They Can Tell Us About Our Nation and Our Ancestors

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**No Taxation Without Representation!** 

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Servitude for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.

Article 1, Section 2, Paragraph 3 of the US Constitution

# Free Colored Persons. Males. Females.

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**Source**: 1820 US Fed. Census, New York City, New York, 4 Ward.

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Source: 1850 Scott County, KY. Slave Schedule, Page 573, Ancestry.com LE

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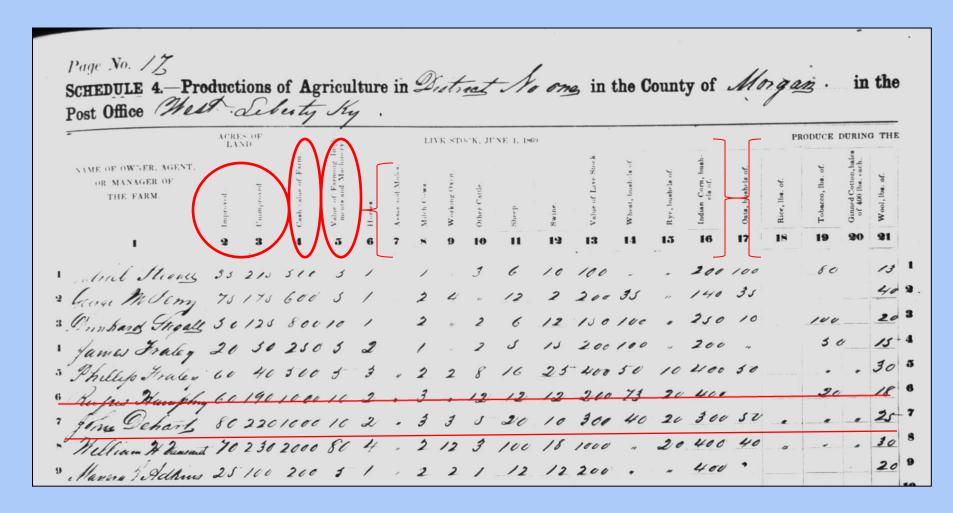
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#### Agricultural Schedules



**Source**: 1870 Morgan Co. KY. Agricultural Census, Louisville Metro Archives

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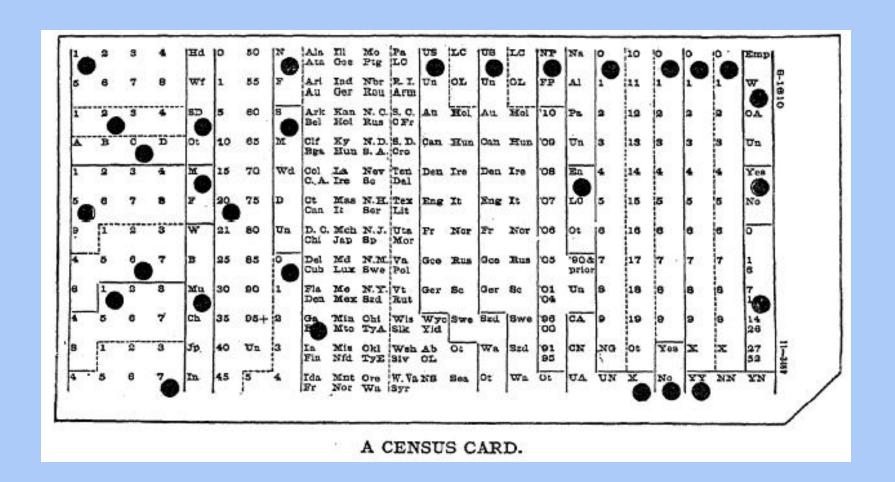
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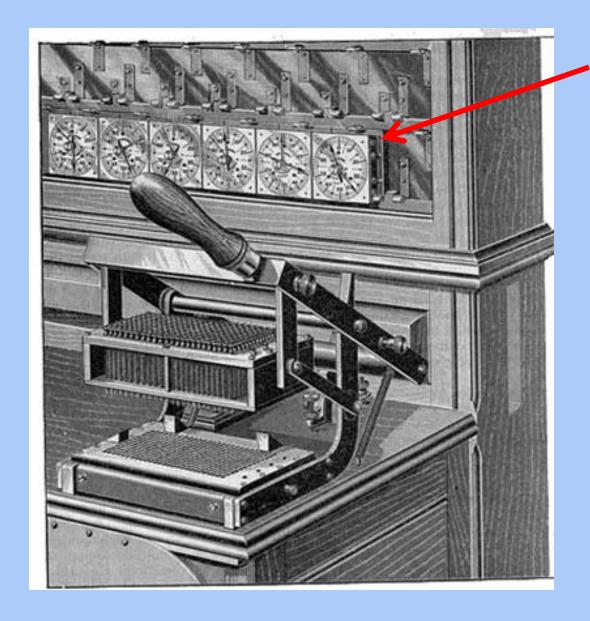
**Source**: 1850 Jefferson County, KY., - Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives



A pantograph used to create punch cards



Tabulating cards measured 3 1/4" X 7 1/2"



Data recording dials

Hollerith Card Reader

### Act of March 6, 1902

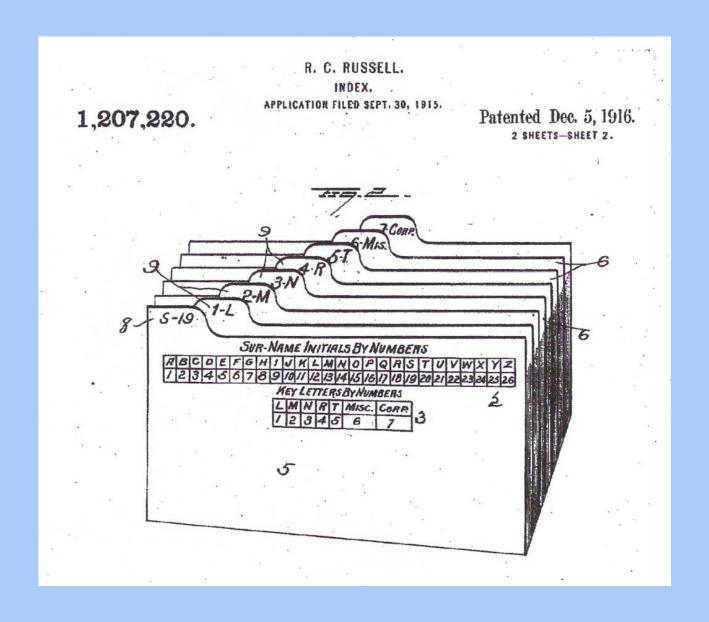
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Permanent Census Office

With amendatory acts, and provisions of other acts relating to the Census Office





Robert Russell's 1916 patent for indexing Federal Census records



Photo source: New York Times, Page 1, Jan. 11, 1921

### 1890 Veterans Census [a supplement to the 1890 Population schedule]

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Source: 1890 Veterans Census, Kent Co., OH., ED., 135, P. 1, Ancestry.com LE



The stock market crash of 1929 led to 23% unemployment rate



NARA microfilming of Census records, ca. 1930's





POPULATION SCHEDULES OF THE
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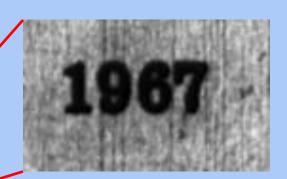
Harrison and Hart Counties

Title page of the 1860 Census microfilm for Harrison and Hart County, KY.



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Census Bureau employees creating Soundex cards (ca. 1936-).

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The events of 1941 brought big changes to the mission / needs of the Census Bureau.

#### Seeds of the "72 Years" rule

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS WASHINGTON 25

August 26, 1952

Dr. Mayne C. Grover Archivist of the United States .ashington 25, D. C.

Lear Dr. Grover:

It is the policy of the Bureau of the Census to provide the maximum physical protection for the records which document its major programs, and take available to as many people as possible the information contained in such records consistent with national security and the rights of individuals concerned. With these ends in mind, we wish to make the following

seventy-two years

D. After the lapse of seventy-two years from the emmeration date of a decennial census, the National Archives and Records Service may disclose informstion contained in these records for use in legitimate historical, genealogical or other worth-while research, provided adequate precautions are taken to make sure

#### Public Law 95-416 95th Congress

#### An Act

To amend chapter 21 of title 44, United States Code, to include new provisions relating to the acceptance and use of records transferred to the custody of the Administrator of General Services.

Oct. 5, 1978 [S. 1265]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 21 of GSA. title 44, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(a) In section 2103 delete the words "fifty years" in subsection (2) and substitute in lieu thereof the words "thirty years".

(b) Section 2104 of title 44, United States Code, is amended-

(1) by inserting "(a)" immediately before "The Administrator";

(2) by striking out the third and fourth sentences therein and inserting in lieu thereof the following "Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, when the head of a Federal agency states, in writing, restrictions that appear to him to be necessary or desirable in the public interest with respect to the use or examination of records being considered for transfer from his custody to the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall, if he concurs, and in consultation with the Archivist of the United States, impose such restrictions on the records so transferred, and may not relax or remove such restrictions without the written concurrence of the head of the agency from which the material was transferred, or of his successor in function, if

any. In the event that a Federal agency is terminated and there is no successor in function, the Administrator is authorized to relax, remove, or impose restrictions on such agency's records

GSA. Transferred records, relating to acceptance and "72 Year" Rule goes into effect.

Approved October 5, 1978.

92 STAT, 916

PUBLIC LAW 95-416-OCT. 5, 1978

Administrator of General Services pursuant to the specifications and agreements set forth in the exchange of correspondence on or about the date of October 10, 1952, between the Director of the Bareau of the Census and the Archivist of the United States, together with all amendments thereto, now or hereafter entered into between the Director of the Bureau of the Census and the Archivist of the United States. Such amendments, if any, shall be published in the Register.".

Publication in Federal Register.

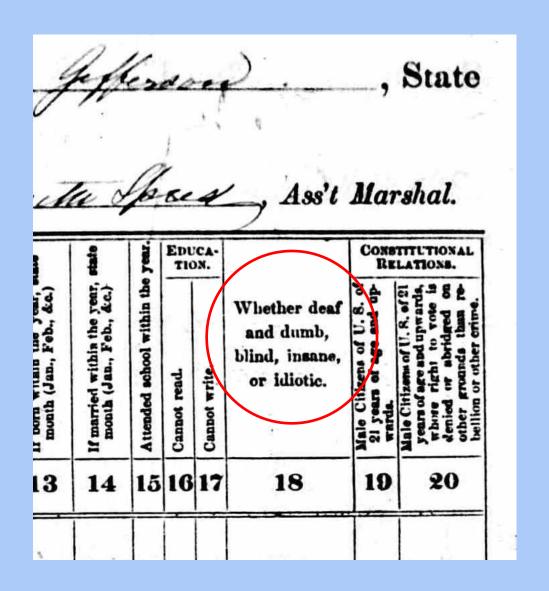
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#### Surviving fragment of the 1890 Census,

Source: Mound Co. III, ED 174, Page 203, Ancestry.com LE

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Source: 1870 Federal Census, Jefferson Co., Ward 7. page 42

# STERILIZATION BILL DEFEATED

C-J-14arb, 1934

House Passes Measure Requiring Continuous

Ballot Count.

Frankfort, Ky., March 5 (49)—After rejecting the sterilization bill the House approved five bills this afternoon including one to speed up the election count and another to create a volunteer militia to war on banditry.

Opponents of the bill of Pat Rankin, Democrat Lancaster, to authorize untermined in restrictions the sterilization of idots, feeble-minded and insane persons confined in State institutions failed. 33 to 46, in an effort to kill the bill by tabling, but succeeded in defeating it, 43 to 40, when it came up for passage on its merits.

The greater part of today's session was devoted by the House to arguments for and against the sterilization bill. Championing it, Representative Rankin said it would result in "economic as well as humanitarian benefits." He said twenty-seven States have passed sterilization bills although the act has been held invalid

Republicans (3), Bruton, Bright and Phelps.

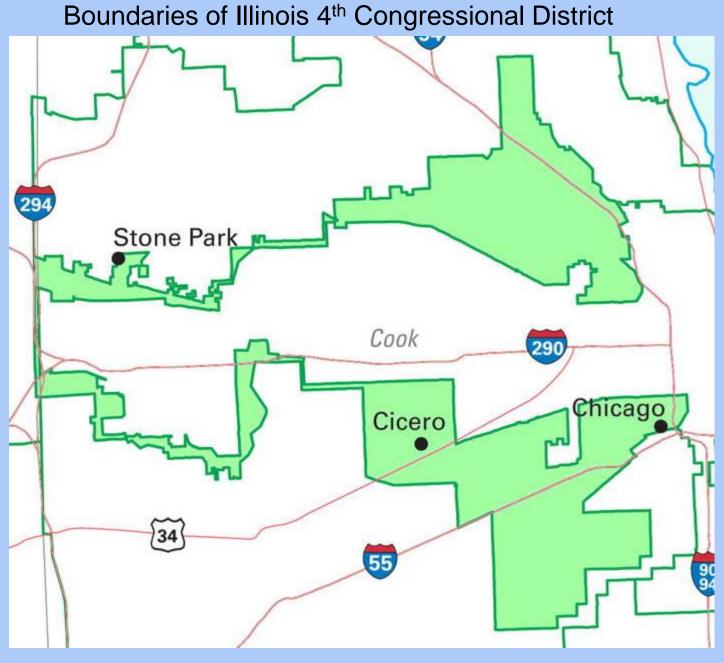
Several Representatives asked to be excused from voting on the bill, stating they had promised friends opposed to the bill on religious grounds that the ywould vote "present" when it came up for passage.

# Reform by Surgery?

Science proposes a remedy for the Kentucky convict Loebs--- perhaps a substitute for the electric chair.

By F. E. Wylie.

Source: Louisville Courier-Journal, 6 March 1934



Source: www.govtrack.us

To learn more about the United Stated Federal Census, please visit:

http://www.census.gov/history/

#### OR

Download your copy of *History and Growth of the United States Census* by Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, 1900. at:

http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/HisGrow1790-1890/HisGrow toc.pdf

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William Dollarhide, *The Census Book: A Genealogist's Guide to Federal Census Facts, Schedules and Indexes,* Heritage Quest: Bountiful, Utah, 2000.