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INTRODUCTION

On the 73 rolls of this microfilm publication, A3378, are black-and-white reproductions of enumeration district maps for the twelfth through sixteenth censuses of the United States, 1900–1940. These maps were microfilmed by the Bureau of the Census in the 1950s. These records are part of the Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group (RG) 29.

BACKGROUND

The Bureau of the Census was established in the Department of Commerce and Labor by order of the Secretary of that Department on July 1, 1903. Previously, temporary census offices conducted and compiled census enumerations.

Each census year, the nation was divided into enumeration districts, which varied in size and geographic coverage. The terms census jurisdictions, divisions, districts, or subdivisions were used in earlier censuses. The terms “Enumeration District” and “Enumerator” were first used in the 1880 census.

An Enumeration District, as used by the Bureau of the Census, was an area that could be covered by a single enumerator (census taker) in one census period (two to four weeks for the 1930 Census). Enumeration Districts varied in size from one city block in densely populated urban areas to an entire county in sparsely populated rural areas.

Beginning with the 1880 census, the Census Bureau prepared enumeration district maps for the individual enumerators as well as an office copy of each map. The office copies of the enumeration district maps have been accessioned into the National Archives. This series currently consists of approximately 110,000 printed, photocopied, and manuscript maps of counties, cities, lesser political units, and unincorporated areas, 1880–1980. Only a small number of maps are available for 1880 and 1890, but the number of maps increases with each succeeding census. Beginning with the 1910 Census, these maps were drawn in such a way that the enumeration district boundaries coincided with other legal boundaries. Enumeration district maps show the boundaries and the numbers of the enumeration districts, which were established to help administer and control census data collection. Wards, precincts, incorporated areas, urban unincorporated areas, townships, census supervisors’ districts, and congressional districts may also appear on some maps.

The content of enumeration district maps varies greatly between states and over time. The base maps were obtained from a variety of sources that include postal route maps, General Land Office maps, soil survey maps, and maps produced by city, county, and state government offices as well as commercial printers. The

basic enumeration district map is the county map, but there are frequently also maps for minor civil divisions (cities, towns, villages, precincts, townships, and so forth). The Bureau annotated the maps with the boundaries and numbers of individual Enumeration Districts, usually added in an orange grease or wax pencil.

RECORDS DESCRIPTION

The maps reproduced in this microfilm publication are arranged alphabetically by state, then by county, then by census year, then by local jurisdiction. As noted above, however, there are gaps in coverage. Although most counties are included, not all census years for a given county may be included. Coverage is most complete for the 1930 and 1940 censuses. This undoubtedly indicates that the Bureau's collection of maps for the 1930 and 1940 censuses was more extensive than for the 1900–1920 censuses.

Larger maps were filmed two or more times, each image being a portion of the entire map. Smaller maps were photographed as a single image.

These maps were microfilmed in black-and-white by the Bureau of the Census in 1951, or perhaps somewhat later, in advance of their transfer to the National Archives. Due to the nature of the original maps, the reproduction quality may be poor. “Blueprint” maps reproduce as black with white lines and words for geographic features. Color areas on original maps reproduce as varying shades of gray or black. The orange grease pencil enumeration district lines and numbers frequently reproduce in gray poorly or not at all. Some original “black and white” maps may reproduce poorly if the black geographic feature lines were fairly light in comparison to other maps filmed on the same roll.

Despite the varying quality in reproduction, this set of maps is a useful record of change in geographic features for much of the United States. In addition, examination of these maps will enable researchers to determine whether they wish to purchase a xerographic or photographic reproduction of the original map from NARA's Cartographic and Architectural Branch.

Roll 4 begins with a short “retakes” section of maps refilmed to ensure legibility.

RELATED FINDING AIDS AND RECORDS

Extant enumeration district maps for 1880–1940 are listed in James B. Rhoads and Charlotte M. Ashby, comps., *Cartographic Records of the Bureau of the Census*, Preliminary Inventory 103 (Washington: National Archives and Records Service, 1958). Original enumeration district maps used by the Census Bureau for the 1900–1940 censuses, as well as earlier and later censuses, have been accessioned into the National Archives and are in the Cartographic and Architectural Branch at

the National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

Enumeration district maps for the 1930 census have been microfilmed in color as National Archives Microfilm Publication M1930, *Enumeration District Maps for the Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930* (36 rolls).

Written descriptions of enumeration districts have been reproduced as National Archives Microfilm Publication T1234, *Descriptions of Census Enumeration Districts, 1830–1950* (156 rolls).

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¹ Cook Co., Illinois, maps are arranged alphabetically by town, then by census year.

² La Salle Co., Illinois, maps are arranged by census year, then by town.

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³ Brooklyn is also known as Kings County; Manhattan is also known as New York County.

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