

## AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

## Manuscript Collections

Name of collection: U.S. Census Records for Worcester County, 1850-1870	Location: Oversize volumes "U"
Size of collection: 24 oversize volumes	N.U.C.M.C. number: N.A.
Finding aids: <p>For an explanation of the U.S. Census schedules and methods, see Carroll D. Wright, <u>The History and Growth of the U.S. Census</u> (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1900), pp. 39-57. Volumes #1-6 have been indexed; file is located in Readers' Services Department.</p>	
Source of collection: <p>Source unknown</p>	
Collection Description: <p>The U.S. Census, 1850-1870, for Worcester County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is contained in 24 oversize volumes. The federal government established six schedules of inquiry to be used for census returns in 1850 and 1860 [see contents list]. All but Schedule #2 (slave inhabitants) can be found in these volumes. The five schedules are grouped by town or city. The only important changes instituted in the 1860 census returns were in Schedule #1 (free inhabitants), which required that the "profession, occupation, or trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age" be listed, instead of only males, as was the case in the 1850 census; and that a separate return be made for real <u>and</u> personal estate, instead of just real estate.</p> <p>The census records for 1870 were entered on five remodeled schedules of inquiry [see contents list], while the earlier Schedule #2 was omitted.</p>	

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<u>Volume #1:</u> 1850	<u>Volume #6:</u> 1850	<u>Volume #10:</u> 1860
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<u>Volume #2:</u> 1850	Royalston	Auburn
Charlton	Rutland	Leicester
Dana	Southborough	Westminster
Douglas	Southbridge	Gardner
Dudley	Spencer	Ashburnham
Fitchburg	Lancaster	
Gardner	Sterling	<u>Volume #11:</u> 1860
Grafton	Sturbridge	Harvard
Hardwick		Bolton
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<u>Volume #3:</u> 1850	Millbury	Lancaster
Athol	Milford	Clinton
Ashburnham	Upton	Douglas
Auburn	Sutton	Dudley
Berlin	Northbridge	Webster
Blackstone	Northborough	Oxford
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Brookfield	Shrewsbury	<u>Volume #12:</u> 1860
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Harvard	<u>Volume #8:</u> 1860	Petersham
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Lancaster	Mendon	Templeton
Leicester	Blackstone	Royalston
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	Sturbridge	West Boylston
<u>Volume #5:</u> 1850	Charlton	Berlin
Templeton	Rutland	Northborough
Uxbridge	Princeton	Southborough
Warren	Paxton	
Webster	Holden	
Westborough		
West Brookfield		
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Winchendon		

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Oxford  
Paxton  
Petersham  
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Schedules

Schedules used in 1850-1860 Census Returns:

- #1 Free Inhabitants
- #2 Slave Inhabitants [not used in Worcester County Census<sup>1</sup>]
- #3 Mortality Records
- #4 Agricultural Production
- #5 Products of Industry
- #6 Social Statistics

Schedules used in 1870 Census Returns:

- #1 Enumeration of Population
- #2 Mortality Records
- #3 Agricultural Records
- #4 Products of Industry
- #5 Social Statistics

For a detailed explanation of the contents of each schedule, see the accompanying photocopies from Carroll D. Wright, The History and Growth of the U.S. Census (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1900), pp. 45-46, 54-55.