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Introduction

On the nine rolls of this microfilm publication, M1805, are reproduced schedules of mortality and manufacturing for North Carolina, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. The material reproduced is part of the Records of the Bureau of Census, Record Group, (RG) 29.

Background

In 1956-1957, the original schedules were in the custody of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History and/or the North Carolina State Library and were microfilmed at that time. In due course, positive copies of this microfilm were deposited in the National Archives Microfilm Reading Room, Washington, DC, for use by researchers.

This microfilm was assigned the numbers GR1, GR25, GR26, and GR31, the numbers by which it was referred in the *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives* (Washington, DC: National Archives, 1985). In 1994, GR1, GR25, GR26, and GR31 were collectively assigned a new number, M1805, in order to issue it as an official National Archives Microfilm Publication.

Records Description

Mortality schedules include persons who died during the year preceding the taking of the census. For example, the 1850 mortality schedules include persons who died between June 1, 1849, and May 31, 1850. The 1850 through 1870 schedules include the following information for each decedent: name, age, sex, race, marital status, occupation, state or country of birth, cause of death, length of last illness, and month during which death occurred. The 1880 schedules include additional information, such as the state or country of birth of the decedent=s father and mother, name of attending physician, place at which the fatal illness was contracted if it was not contracted at the decedent=s usual place of residence, and the enumeration district and family number of the household in which the decedent resided.

Manufacturing schedules in 1850 and 1860 reported the name of the manufacturer; type of business or product; amount of capital invested; quantities, kinds, and value of raw materials used; quantities, kinds, and value of product produced annually; kind of power or machinery used; number of men and women employed; and average monthly cost of male and female labor. The amount of detail reported in the schedules increased in 1870 and again in 1880. In 1880 supplemental schedules were also used for specific industries, such as lumber, boot and shoemaking, and saw, flour, and grist mills. However, small manufacturing operations which produced less than \$500 worth of goods were not included on any of the schedules.

Included in the correction (retake) pages at the end of roll 7 are four pages of the 1870 agricultural schedules which were filmed separately from the manufacturing and mortality schedules.

For more information about nonpopulation census schedules, see Carroll D. Wright, *History and Growth of the United States Census* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1900; reprinted by Johnson Reprint Company, New York, 1966).

Related Records

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