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**Schedules of the
New Mexico Territory
Census of 1885**



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CENSUS OF 1885

On the six rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the schedules of the census of New Mexico taken by the territory in 1885, in part with funds provided by the Federal Government. All counties of the territory are represented.

The act of March 3, 1879, providing for the taking of the 10th and subsequent censuses, made provision for any State or territory to take a "semi-decennial" census "according to the schedules and forms of enumeration in the census of the United States." This census was to be taken "during the two months beginning on the first Monday in June of the year which is the mean between the decennial censuses of the United States." A "full and authentic copy of all schedules returned" was to be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior on or before the first day of the following September. If a State or territory complied with these provisions it was to receive from the Federal Treasury 50 percent of the amount paid to all supervisors and actual enumerators within the State or territory in the preceding U.S. census. Furthermore, this sum was to be increased by one-half the percentage of gain in population in such State or territory between the two U.S. censuses immediately preceding the State or Territorial enumeration.

In accordance with this act, censuses were taken in 1885 in the States of Florida, Nebraska, and Colorado, and in the Territories of New Mexico and Dakota, and the required copies were filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Interior. They were later transferred to the Office of the Director of the Census Bureau. No editing or publishing of the returns was ever done by the Federal Government. With the exception of those for the Territory of Dakota, the copies were transferred by the Bureau of the Census to the National Archives in 1944.

The Census of 1885 of New Mexico was taken as of the first day of June on the four general schedules of population, agriculture, manufactures, and mortality. A schedule for social statistics was authorized but not used.

The schedules measure about 16 by 21 inches and are organized alphabetically by county and thereunder by the number assigned to each type of schedule, i.e., population, agriculture, manufactures, and mortality. Within each type of schedule the records are arranged by Enumeration District. The pages of each type of schedule are numbered in sequence; however, each enumerator began a new sequence of pages. Schedules 1, 2, 3, and 5 have, respectively, spaces for 50, 10, 45, and 36 line entries (schedule 4 was the one authorized but not used).

Following the schedules there appears the authentication, dated August 10, 1885, by the Superintendent for the Taking of

the Census of New Mexico.

These records are in the National Archives and are a part of the Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. The records reproduced in this microfilm publication were prepared for filming by Kathleen E. Riley, who also wrote these introductory remarks and provided the other editorial material.

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4	San Miguel.
5	Santa Fe, Sierra, and Socorro
6	Taos and Valencia