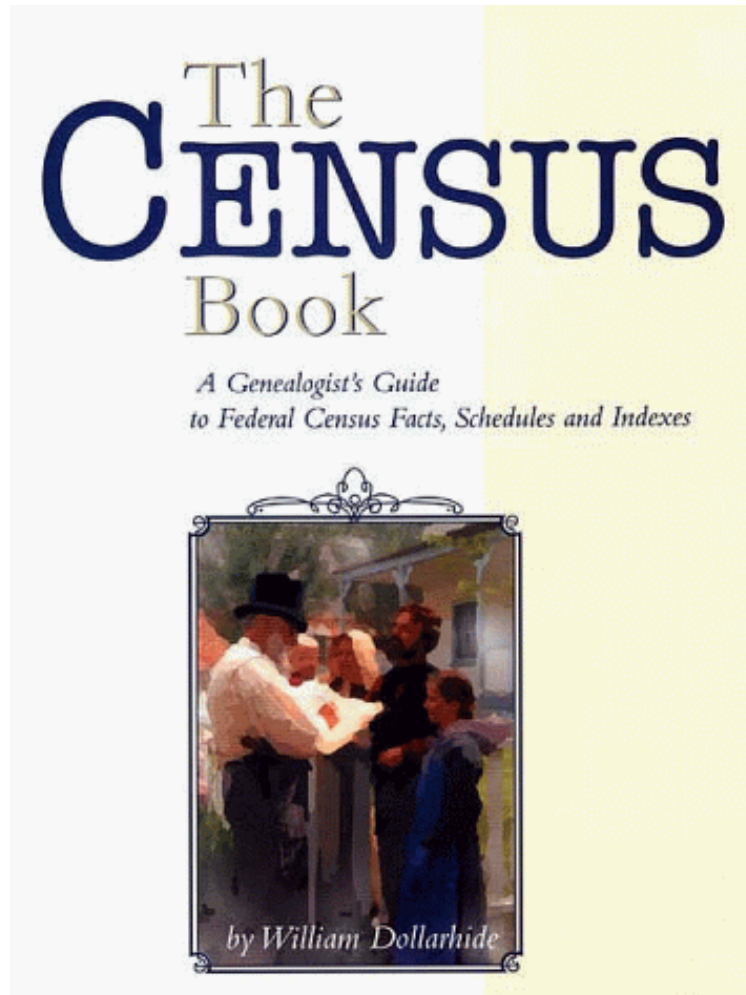


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Preface. This book presents a comprehensive review of U.S. Federal Census facts, schedules, and indexes. The five sections include the following information: 1. An essay on the historic U.S. Federal censuses, detailing census copies, census losses, and some little-known facts about censuses in general. 2. A review of the contents of all U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920, tabulated to show their availability for each state; maps for each census year; and an identification of all known census indexes ever published, whether book, microform, or CD-ROM. 3. A list of countywide census extractions and indexes compiled for each state; those published separately from statewide census indexes. 4. A descriptive review of non-population census schedules, their value to genealogists, and the location of original and microfilmed copies in American repositories. 5. A set of twenty-nine U.S. census extraction forms, covering the period 1790-1930, including Population, Slave, and Mortality Schedules; plus Union Veterans, Soundex, and census comparison sheets. The Census Book is aimed at an audience of amateur genealogists, who represent the largest number of census researchers in America. Census records can provide genealogical data, but they can more frequently provide critical information about a person living in the past, information that may lead a researcher to a precise location in America where even more genealogical sources can be searched. So, in a broader sense, census records are really finding tools for genealogists. They help a family historian find the place where an ancestor lived. In this personal computer era, census indexes on CD-ROM disks have revolutionized the speed, cost, and availability of these databases. The leading vendor of census indexes on CD-ROM, however, has very little history in genealogy; and this review spends considerable space correcting errors found in descriptions of censuses and indexes found on CD-ROM publications.