

SURVEY OF HISTORICAL DATABASES WITH LONGITUDINAL MICRO-DATA, version 2

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If your organization is responsible for multiple databases (that are not integrated), please fill in a form for each database.

0/ Do you agree to put the following information on the internet
(at appropriate places like www. historicaldemography.net or the new developed collaboratory on longitudinal historical databases)

Yes

1/ Identifying information

Name of database:	Texas Counties Database
Location:	ICPSR - University of Michigan
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2/ Main objective and scope of the database:

A Original goal	Study the population of six Texas Counties from 1850 to 1910
B Which part has been realized	All

FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CONCERN THE ACTUAL STATE OF THE DATABASE

3/ Sources: Please enter Yes or No and the time period for the main sources included in the database

Yes /no	Start year	End year	Type of source	Comments (such as breaks in period or geographic coverage)
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Y/	1850	1910	Baptisms	Not complete for all places; some places have no church registers
Y/	1850	1910	Marriages from church registers	Same
Y/	1850	1910	Burials	Same
N			Population registers (continuous) maintained by a church	
Y	1850	1910	Civil birth certificates	Very incomplete
Y	1850	1910	Civil marriage certificates	Marriage licenses are very problematic, but we have them
Y	1850	1910	Civil death certificates	Very incomplete
N			Civil population registers	
Y	1850	1910	Census	Fully transcribed manuscript census for a sample of households
N			Nominative lists	
N			Genealogies (from more than one source)	
Y	1850	1910	Other: Property tax data	
Y/N			Other:	
Y/N			Other:	

4/ How was the sample (or samples) defined?

Letter-based samples of six Texas Counties (Gillespie, Webb, Red River, Angelina, DeWitt, Jack).

5/ Units of observation: Please enter Y or N for each unit that can be followed over time; the number of units can be given in thousands

	Type	Number	Comments:
Y/N	Individuals		Not known
Y/N	Married couples		Not known
Y/N	Families		Not known

Y/N	Households		Not known
Y/N	Farms		Not known
Y/N	Other:		
Y/N	Other:		
Y/N	Other:		

6/ Describe the geographic area under observation

Six Texas Counties (Gillespie, Webb, Red River, Angelina, DeWitt, Jack).

7/ Is information available about related individuals who are not in the sample?

Examples: *Marriage registers often include occupations of parents.*
A population register sample may include everyone in the household of an individual in the sample.

U.S. Censuses sometimes include birthplace of parents, even if they are not enumerated.

8/ What events can be identified? Do events have dates?

Y/N	Event	Are these events dated? Y/N/P (= partial dates, e.g. year only)	
Y	Birth	Y	Comment:
Y	Marriage	Y	Comment:
Y	Death	Y	Comment:
Y	Migration	N	Comment: Migration between censuses can sometimes be inferred
Y/N	Other:	Y/N/P	Comment:
Y/N	Other:	Y/N/P	Comment:
Y/N	Other:	Y/N/P	Comment:

9/ These questions describe the way observation is censored.

A) How do individuals enter observation?

Birth, entry into census	
B) How do individuals leave observation?	
Death, exit after last census	
C) Are some entry or exit dates unknown?	
Yes - all	
D) Are some entries or exits interval censored (i.e. the exact date is unknown, but it can be located between two known dates)?	
Yes	
10/ Residence and Household (Y/N/Partly)	
N	Can observations be linked to geographic locations?
N	Are the dates and locations of movements within the observation area recorded?
Y	Are all individuals who lived in the households of sample members recorded?
11/ Kinship relations	
A) How is kinship recorded in the sources?	
Census records relationships; church registers have some relationships	
B) How deep (number of generations) is the available kinship information?	
C) Are the variables for each generation comparable, or are their serious differences and if yes can you describe them?	

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12/ Linkage

Which sources and units of observation have been linked?

	Y/N/Partly	Comments:
Births/Baptisms	Y	
Marriages	Y	
Deaths/Burials	Y	
Population registers	NA	
Census	Y	
Nominative lists	NA	
Other: Property Tax registers	Y	
Other:	Y/N/P	
Other:	Y/N/P	
Other:	Y/N/P	

How is linkage represented in the database? *For example, do all occurrences of an individual include a universal identification number? Are records linked to each other but not to a universal ID? What was used to establish a link?*

University ID for each individual and household

13 / What data structures have been constructed from the original source data to aid analysis

		Comments:
N	Date of entry and date of exit by individual	
Y	Events by individual	
Y	Time constant information (date of birth, sex, etc.) by individual	
Y	Husband-Wife pairs	
Y	Mother-child and Father-child pairs	

Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	
Y/N	Other:	

14/ What reference/coding systems have been linked to the data?

N	Occupational titles (like HISCO):
N	Locations (including geo-referenced systems):
N	Other (religion, civil status etc.):
Y/N	Other:
Y/N	Other:
Y/N	Other:

**15/ Have you developed any software for analysis or data extracting?
Please describe the capabilities and outputs of these programs.**

This work was done a long time ago, and all the software would have to be recreated.