

## NOTES AND QUERIES

### THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY BRITISH CENSUS ENUMERATORS' BOOKS

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Many readers of **Local Population Studies** will be familiar with the Census Enumerators' Books. Analyses of these books have multiplied since the pioneering studies of Armstrong, Anderson and Tillott.<sup>1</sup> To provide a guide to the growing literature, Carol Pearce and Dennis Mills of the Open University have collaborated with Ros Davies and Richard Wall of the Cambridge Group, to make available a **computerised bibliographical service**. This service provides information on a very much larger scale than the research paper by Pearce and Mills.<sup>2</sup> Not only are new bibliographical items being added as they come to hand, but also the scope of the full annotation is much greater than the brief details given in the research paper. Included in the bibliography are well over 200 items in which the authors have made substantial use of Enumerators' Books relating to the 1841-1881 Censuses.

The annotations are organised under the following eight main topic headings:

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| 1. Methodology Content          | 5. Occupational Studies  |
| 2. Demographic Topics           | 6. Social Stratification |
| 3. Family Analysis              | 7. Migration Topics      |
| 4. Household Size and Structure | 8. Spatial Analysis      |

Below these are about eighty sub-headings, e.g. techniques used under (1) and the total check list amounts to about 250 different uses of census data, e.g. whether population pyramid is shown, whether proportion of native born has been calculated, whether percentage of children as scholars is given, which social stratification and occupational classifications are used, etc.

This project is supported by a grant to Dr D. R. Mills by the Social Science Research Council. Authors wishing to supply titles and/or copies of their publications for annotation should send them to:

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Persons wishing to purchase copies of the bibliography should write for an order form to the Data Editor, SSRC Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, 27 Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1QA.

The bibliography is arranged alphabetically by author, but can be sorted, upon request, by county or by census date. Selections can also be made from the full bibliography according to the topic or combination of topics

studied (see list above). Full details are given of every work containing the field requested; thus a request for a special run on Migration will receive the full annotation of all the entries where migration is one of the topics studied. Articles which cover more than one county or census will be listed under each county or census.

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1. W. A. Armstrong, **Stability and change in an English country town**, 1974, chapter 7; M. Anderson, **Family structure in nineteenth century Lancashire**, 1971; P. M. Tillott, 'Sources of inaccuracy in the 1851 and 1861 censuses' in E. A. Wrigley ed. **Nineteenth century society**, 1972.
2. C. G. Pearce and D. R. Mills, **Census Enumerators' Books**, 1982. Available from the Publications Officer, Faculty of Social Sciences, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. Price £1.50 post free.

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