

Louisiana

Census

Nonpopulation Census Schedules for Louisiana, 1850–1880.

Microfilm	15 rolls	NARA MT1136	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	----------	-------------	----------	-----------

The social statistics and agriculture returns plus the 1880 manufacturing schedules are featured in this collection. The arrangement is by type of record, census, year, county, and individual.

Immigration

Passenger Lists Taken from Manifests of the Customs Service, Port of New Orleans.

Microfilm	5 rolls		Immigration	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	-------------	-----------

These are volumes numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. They contain customs passenger lists for the years 1813–1867. They appear to have been copied from cargo manifests and passenger lists. Each volume has an alphabetical index. It is important to note that these lists provide coverage for thirteen earlier years than the federal lists.

Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1820–1902.

Microfilm	93 rolls	NARA M259	Immigration	Louisiana
-----------	----------	-----------	-------------	-----------

These are the unbound passenger lists of vessels arriving at the port of New Orleans from foreign ports, 1820–1902 and January 1903. Most of the lists are those submitted by masters of vessels to the collector of customs at New Orleans. Some cargo manifests that included names and sometimes ages of passengers were inserted as substitutes for missing documents. The lists are arranged chronologically by arrival date of vessel. They normally give the name of each passenger, age, sex, occupation, the country to which he or she belonged, and the country he or she intended to inhabit. Notations as to the number of and cause of deaths on board are also reported.

Milton P. Rieder has published the early records as *New Orleans Ship Lists*, R929.3/L8OR, in two volumes covering 1 January 1820–23 June 1823. W. M. von Maszewski's *German Emigration Ships to New Orleans 1865–1869* treats German colonists, many of whom settled in Texas.

Quarterly Abstracts of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1820–1875.

Microfilm	17 rolls	NARA M272	Immigration	Louisiana
-----------	----------	-----------	-------------	-----------

These are the bound and unbound quarterly abstracts of passenger lists of vessels arriving at the port of New Orleans from foreign ports between January 1820 and July 1875. These are copies of passenger lists in the form of unbound quarterly abstracts 1820–1844 and some later years and a series of bound copies of abstracts for the period 1845–1875. There are gaps in both series. Some unbound abstracts for the years 1845–1850 were inserted as substitutes for missing documents in the bound series. They are arranged chronologically by arrival date of vessel and contain the names of the vessels, their dates of arrival, the port of embarkation, and usually the same information required on the passenger lists themselves.

Alphabetical Card Index to Ships Arriving at New Orleans before 1900 [i.e., 1853–1900].

Microfilm	32 rolls	NARA T527	Immigration	Louisiana
-----------	----------	-----------	-------------	-----------

Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1900–1952.

Microfilm	22 rolls	NARA T618	Immigration	Louisiana
-----------	----------	-----------	-------------	-----------

Proofs of Citizenship for Seamen's Protection Certificates for the Port of New Orleans, Louisiana, 1800–1857.

Microfilm	12 rolls	NARA M1816	Immigration	Louisiana
-----------	----------	------------	-------------	-----------

Authorized by the act of 1796, seamen's protection certificates were issued by the Collector of Customs at individual ports to merchant seamen and masters of merchant vessels engaged in foreign trade. They were voluntary and not required. Seamen had to produce proof of citizenship and pay the requisite fee for the certificate.

The purpose of the certificates was to prevent detention and impressment of American seamen on U.S. merchant vessels and was a direct response to the policy of Great Britain which considered that a British subject was always a British subject.

The declaration for a certificate include the name of the seaman, his age, place of birth, place of residence, port and date of declaration, and the seamen's height, hair color, eye color, and complexion. The name of a witness and a certificate number also appear. The numbering system usually began anew each year although sometimes it was carried over. The unnumbered certificates are filmed first for each year. No declarations before 1850 are numbered.

There are gaps in the records. Certificates exist for 1800, 1802, 1804–1807, 1809–1812, 1814–1816, 1818–1819, 1821, 1850–1851, and 1855–1857.

Consult Ruth Dixon's *Indexes to Seamen's Protection Certificate Applications and Proofs of Citizenship: Ports of New Orleans, Louisiana, 1808–1821, 1851–1857, New Haven, Connecticut, 1801–1843, Bath, Maine, 1833–1868: Additional Ports of ...; Record Group 36, Records of the Bureau of Customs, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., R929.373/D621I/1998*, to determine if a record exist for a particular individual.

Indians

Letterbook of the Natchitoches-Sulphur Fork Factory 1809–1821.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA MT1029	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	--------	-------------	----------	-----------

This micropublication contains copies of the letter sent to the Superintendent of Indian affairs in Washington, D.C., military officers, merchants, and others in one of the first trading posts established west of the Mississippi River. Located a short distance above Natchitoches, the trading post was moved upriver to Sulphur Fork, Arkansas, in 1818. There is a gap in the letters from 26 May 1820 to 9 March 1821 when the factor was ill and died.

Land

Unbound Records of the General Land Office Relating to Private Land Claims in Louisiana 1767–1802.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1381	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	------------	----------	-----------

Bound Records of the General Land Office Relating to Private Land Claims in Louisiana 1767–1892.

Microfilm	8 rolls	NARA M1382	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	------------	----------	-----------

The Papers of Vicente Sebastian Pintado.

Microfilm	6 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

Vicente Sebastian Pintado (1774–1829) was the surveyor general of Spanish West Florida. His collection of papers numbers 1500 items and includes correspondence, bills of sale, court transcripts, testimonies, surveys, notebooks, plats, land grants, maps, petitions, and other such related papers primarily for the period, 1800–1817. By the very nature of his office, most of the items pertain to land and land surveys in Spanish West Florida (Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana).

In 1817 Pintado left for Havana, Cuba, where he died two years later. Although the United States desperately needed his papers to settle outstanding land claims, the United States refused the widow's offer to buy. She in turn sold them to General John Wilson of Missouri who later gave half of his share to Rezin Bowie, brother of James Bowie of the Alamo. Eventually the collection was deposited in the Louisiana State University Library. W.P.A. transcripts of the LSU collection exist on a five-reel set, but the legibility is very, very poor.

Land Claims Case Files and Related Records of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 1844–1880.

Microfilm	16 rolls	NARA M1115	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	----------	------------	----------	-----------

Military—War of 1812 (1812–1815)

Louisiana War of 1812 Pension Applications.

Microfilm	6 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

Pensions became possible in 1876 for veterans and widows of veterans of the War of 1812. The records are in alphabetical order by the name of the veteran.

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served during the War of 1812 from the State of Louisiana.

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

The index is arranged in alphabetical order with surnames of variant spellings grouped together.

Military—Indian Wars (1815–1858)

Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1837–38 in Organizations from the State of Louisiana.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M241	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	--------	-----------	----------	-----------

This is the alphabetical card index to the compiled service records of volunteers soldiers in units from Louisiana who served in the campaign in Florida in 1837–1838. Each card gives the name of the soldier, his rank, and his unit of service.

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Florida War in Organizations from the State of Louisiana.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M239	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	--------	-----------	----------	-----------

This is the alphabetical card index to the service records of volunteer soldiers in Louisiana units in the Florida War, also known as the Seminole War, in 1836. Each card gives the name of the soldier, his rank, and his unit.

Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Union

Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Louisiana.

Microfilm	4 rolls	NARA M387	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	-----------	----------	-----------

Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Confederate

Louisiana Confederate Pensions.

Microfilm	142 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	-----------	--	----------	-----------

Miscellaneous

Archives of the Spanish Government of West Florida, 1789–1816.

Microfilm	7 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

Louisiana Miscellany.

Microfilm	5 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

The documents in the collection involve the history of Louisiana. Container 12 contains genealogical data from family Bible and tombstone inscriptions compiled by Carrie White Avery, *Louisiana Records*, in two volumes with an index.

Natchez Trace Collection Provincial & Territorial Documents 1759–1813.

Microfilm	10 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	----------	--	----------	-----------

This collection of documents is a portion of a collection housed at the University of Texas at Austin. The documents are primarily from the colonial and territorial period of Louisiana and Mississippi. They include marriage contracts, conveyances, probates, land surveys, and such private papers as letters, journals, and receipts. Most of the documents were seemingly county and parish courthouse records. They are arranged by location and thereunder in chronological order.

Consult Judy Riffel's *Calendar of the Natchez Trace Collection Provincial & Territorial Documents 1759–1813*, R016.9763/C149/1999 to determine the contents of the individual reels.

Naturalization

Index to Certificates of Naturalization Issued by Louisiana Courts, 1831–1906.

Microfilm	8 rolls	7RA-22	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--------	----------	-----------

Index to New Orleans Naturalization Petitions.

Microfilm	29 rolls	7RA-229	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	----------	---------	----------	-----------

Newspapers

New Orleans Christian Advocate Marriages and Deaths, 1850–1915.

Microfilm	6 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

These are microfilm copies of the columns of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate* which carried announcements of deaths and marriages between 1850 and 1915. Abstracts appear in E. M. Tipton and Ema L. Tipton, *Marriages and Obituaries from the New Orleans Christian Advocate*, R929.373/T595M. Their first volume covered the period 1851–1860.

The Picayune, 25 January 1837–31 December 1867.

Microfilm	96 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	----------	--	----------	-----------

Published in New Orleans, Louisiana, *The Picayune* is a major source for Louisiana local history and genealogy. Because of the proximity of New Orleans to Texas, this newspaper is especially helpful for research in the era of the Republic of Texas and antebellum Texas.

Parishes

St. Landry

***Index to marriage records, 1879-1912**

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL # 870688	St. Landry	Louisiana
-----------	--------	--------------	------------	-----------

***Index to marriage records, 1912-1936**

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL # 870689	St. Landry	Louisiana
-----------	--------	--------------	------------	-----------

Religions and Churches

Records of the Diocese of Louisiana and the Floridas, 1576–1803.

Microfilm	12 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	----------	--	----------	-----------

The first roll contains the introduction, an alphabetical list, and calendars to the collection. The calendars were prepared at the University of Notre Dame Archives and are in chronological order.

The documents on rolls 2 to 12 relate to ecclesiastical affairs and include items pertaining to marriages, funerals, dispensations, grants of indulgences, the assignment and transfer of priests, and ecclesiastical finances. There are, for example, a 1796 census report on parishes under the care of Father Pierre Josef Didier in Illinois and Missouri, a roster of the Second Battalion of the Infantry of Mexico on 18–19 August 1796, and correspondence relating to the financial affairs of the New Orleans Charity Hospital.

Southwestern Presbyterian, 1869–1876.

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

This newspaper was published in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Helen Mason Lu has abstracted the items of a genealogical nature as *Southwestern Presbyterian Newspaper Abstracts, 1869–1877* on microfiche.

Taxation

Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Louisiana 1863–1866.

Microfilm	10 rolls	NARA M769	Locality	Louisiana
-----------	----------	-----------	----------	-----------

Vital Records—Deaths

Louisiana Statewide Death Indices.

Microfilm	4 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

The records are arranged alphabetically by name of decedent by periods of time. The years of coverage are 1900–1929, 1930–1939, and 1940–1944. An entry consists of the decedent's surname, forename(s), age [in hours, days, months, or years], date of death, numerical code for the parish of death, volume, and certificate number.

Vital Records

New Orleans, Louisiana Vital Records Indices.

Microfilm	22 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	----------	--	----------	-----------

The death indices are contained on five rolls for the following years: 1804–1885, 1886–1907, 1908–1916, 1917–1935, 1936–1946. The records are arranged chronologically and thereunder alphabetically by name of the decedent. An entry consists of the decedent's surname, forename(s), age [in hours, days, months, or years], date of death, sex, color, date of death, volume, and page number.

The birth indices on two rolls of microfilm cover 1790–1879 and 1880–1897. An entry consists of the surname of the child, forename(s), forename of father, forename and surname of the mother, sex, color, date of birth, volume, and page number.

The marriage indices span 1831–1892, 1893–1906, 1907–1914, 1915–1925, 1926–1936, and 1936–1947. The entries are arranged chronologically per annum by name of groom followed by the name of the bride, and the certificate number.

Voters

Louisiana Voter Registration Books, 1898.

Microfilm	7 rolls		Locality	Louisiana
-----------	---------	--	----------	-----------

The Index to 1898 Voter Registration books Housed at Louisiana State Archives, R929.3763/I38/1989, is arranged by parish and thereunder alphabetically by name of voter.

* denotes film that is owned by the LDS Church but is on indefinite loan to the Genealogy Section.