

Washington

Census

Washington Territorial Census Rolls, 1857–1892.

Microfilm	20 rolls		Census	Washington
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The censuses of Washington Territory exist out of the need for the territory to demonstrate that it had achieved the requisite population for entering the Union. Each county took its census, and some variety exists from one county to another. The dates vary by county. *Washington Territorial Census Rolls*, R929.3797/E92W/1987, is the printed guide to the collection. The censuses available are:

Adams 1885, 1887, 1889
 Asotin 1885, 1887, 1889
 Chehalis 1858, 1860, 1871, 1885
 Clallam 1857, 1860, 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887
 Clark 1857, 1860, 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887
 Columbia 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889
 Cowlitz 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887
 Douglas 1885, 1892
 Franklin 1885, 1887
 Garfield 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1892, 1898
 Island 1857, 1860, 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887
 Jefferson 1860, 1871, 1874, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891
 King 1856, 1871, 1879, [Seattle] 1880, 1881, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, [Seattle] 1892
 Kitsap [Slaughter] 1857, 1860, 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889
 Kittitas 1885, 1885, 1889
 Klickitat 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889
 Lewis 1857, 1860, 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887
 Lincoln 1885, 1887, 1889
 Mason [Swamish] 1857, 1871, 1879, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1892
 Pacific 1883, 1885, 1887
 Pierce 1857, 1871, 1878, 1879, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1892,
 San Juan 1885, 1887, 1889
 Skagit 1885, 1887
 Skamania 1860, 1871, 1885, 1887
 Snohomish 1883, 1885, 1889
 Spokane 1885, 1887
 Stevens 1871, 1878, 1885, 1887
 Thurston 1871, 1873, 1875, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891
 Wahkiakum 1857, 1885, 1887
 Walla Walla 1885, 1887m, 1892
 Whatcom 1860, 1871, 1885, 1887, 1889
 Whitman 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889
 Yakima 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887.

Counties

**San Juan County Will Book One by Thomas R. Branigan, 1985.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #1321237	San Juan Co.	Item 8 on roll
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History

Washington County Histories, Cox Library.

Microfilm	8 rolls		Locality	Washington
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There are 34 titles.

Immigration

Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Seattle, Washington, 1949–1954.

Microfilm	5 rolls	NARA M1398	Locality	Washington
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Customs Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Port Townsend and Tacoma, Washington, 1894–1909.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1484	Locality	Washington
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Customs Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Seattle, Washington, from Insular Possessions, 1908–1917.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1485	Locality	Washington
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Land

Abstracts of Washington Donation Land Claims, 1855–1902.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M203	Locality	Washington
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These abstracts are taken from a three-volume series and provide the basic details from the claims regarding “donation” land claims in the territory, and later the state, of Washington between 1855 and 1902. At the beginning of the first roll is the index which is identified as volume IV. Marie Freeman’s *Washington Territory Donation Land Claims, An Abstract of Information in the Land Claim Papers of Persons Who Settled in Washington Territory before 1856*, R929.3797/W319.

Military—Indian Wars (1815–1858)

Indian War Muster Rolls, 1855–1856.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Washington
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Isaac I. Stevens was the first Territorial Governor of Washington and in addition, was the Superintendent of Indian Affairs. It was his responsibility to negotiate treaties with the Indians in order to open lands for white settlement. In 1854–1855 he worked out treaties with Indian leaders in western Washington and set out for the eastern slopes to negotiate with the Blackfoot. Because of a gold rush in the Colville area, prospectors traversed the Indian lands. Several of them were killed, and in November 1855 the Indian Agent, A. J. Bolen, was murdered. The U.S. Army dispatched Major Haller and a company of troops into the Indian country on a punitive expedition. He and his troops were soundly defeated and retreated.

Since Governor Stevens was amongst the Blackfoot, Acting Governor Charles Mason issued a call for volunteers to fight the Indians on 14 October 1855. There were six companies in the First Regiment of the Washington Territorial Volunteers. The men enlisted for three months. With their terms’ expiring in January 1856, Governor Stevens, who had since returned, issued a call for six companies to form the Second Regiment.

There were several major battles and skirmishes, and both sides committed atrocities. In November 1856 U.S. Army General Wood ordered all of Washington Territory east of the Cascade Mountains closed to white settlement. His decision removed the source of the friction, and hostilities ceased.

The enlistment records give the soldier's name, age, physical description, nativity, details of his service, and equipment brought with him such as gun, horse, &c.

The finding aid to the records is *Washington Territorial Volunteers' Papers: Indian War Muster Rolls 1855–1856*, R929.3797/W317/1990, which contains two indexes—one for each regiment.

Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Union

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

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M558	Locality	Washington
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Naturalization

Indexes to Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, Southern Division (Tacoma), 1890–1950.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1237	Locality	Washington
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Indexes to Naturalization Records of the King County Territorial and Superior Courts, 1864–1889 and 1906–1928.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1233	Locality	Washington
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Indexes to Naturalization Records of the Thurston County Territorial and Superior Courts, 1850–1974.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1234	Locality	Washington
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Index to Naturalization Records of Snohomish County Territorial and Superior Courts, 1876–1974.

Microfilm	3 rolls	NARA M1235	Locality	Washington
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Indexes to Naturalization Records of the Pierce County Territorial and Superior Courts, 1853–1923.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1238	Locality	Washington
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Indexes to Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court Western District of Washington, Northern Division (Seattle) 1890–1952.

Microfilm	6 rolls	NARA M1232	Locality	Washington
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Vital Records—Deaths

Washington. Bureau of Vital statistics. *Index to Death Certificates, 1907–1979.*

Microfilm	12 rolls		Locality	Washington
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These indexes utilize the Soundex system. For the years 1907–1939 the index gives the name of the decedent, sex, age, death date, county or city name, and certificate number. The county or city is represented by a number. For the years 1940–1941 the index gives the name of the decedent, sex, age, death date, and a locality of death represented by the a number. For the years 1942–1947 the index gives the name, sex, age, death date, place code, and certificate number. For 1948–1959 the index gives the name of decedent, sex, age, death date, place code, and certificate number.

It is helpful to have the exact or approximate year of death because the records are grouped according to the following periods: 1907–1902, 1909–1919, 1920–1929, 1930–39, 1940–41, 1942–43, 1944–45, 1946–49, 1950–54, 1955–59, 1960–64, 1965–69, 1970–74, and 1974–79. Numbers are assigned in consecutive order to the counties in alphabetical order followed by cities in alphabetical order. The codes are as follows:

- 1 Adams
- 2 Asotin
- 3 Benton
- 4 Chelan
- 5 Clallam
- 6 Clark
- 7 Columbia
- 8 Cowlitz
- 9 Douglas
- 10 Ferry
- 11 Franklin
- 12 Garfield
- 13 Grant
- 14 Grays Harbor
- 15 Island
- 16 Jefferson
- 17 King
- 18 Kiasap
- 19 Kittitas
- 20 Klickitat
- 21 Lewis
- 22 Lincoln
- 23 Mason
- 24 Ikanogan
- 25 Pacific
- 26 Pend Oreille
- 27 Pierce
- 28 San Juan
- 29 Skagit
- 30 Skamania
- 31 Snohomish
- 32 Spokane
- 33 Stevesn
- 34 Thurston
- 35 Wahkiakum
- 36 Walla Walla
- 37 Whatcom
- 38 Whitman
- 39 Yakima
- 40 Aberdeen
- 42 Bellingham
- 43 Bremerton
- 44 Everett
- 46 Hoquiam

48 Longview
 49 Olympia
 50 Port Angeles
 51 Puyallup
 52 Vancouver
 53 Walla Walla
 54 Wenatchee
 55 Yakima
 56 Renton
 57 Richland
 60 Seattle
 70 Spokane
 80 Tacoma

Index to Death Certificates, 1965–14 January 1997.

Microfiche	94 fiche		Microfiche	Washington
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The index is columnar in format, and entries are arranged according to the Soundex system. The first column is the Soundex code followed by the forename, middle initial, Social Security number, sex, county of residence, date of death [month, day, and year], age, and certificate number.

The equivalents of the county numerical codes are:

701 Adams
 702 Asotin
 703 Benton
 704 Chelan
 705 Clallam
 706 Clark
 707 Columbia
 708 Cowlitz
 709 Douglas
 710 Ferry
 711 Franklin
 712 Garfield
 713 Grant
 714 Grays Harbor
 715 Island
 716 Jefferson
 717 King
 718 Kitsap
 719 Kittitas
 720 Klickitat
 721 Lewis
 722 Lincoln
 723 Mason
 724 Okanogan
 725 Pacific
 726 Pend Oreille
 727 Pierce
 728 San Juan
 729 Skagit
 730 Skamania
 731 Snohomish
 732 Spokane
 733 Stevens

734 Thurston
735 Wahkiakum
736 Walla Walla
737 Whatcom
739 Yakima

Vital Records—Marriages

Washington Marriage Returns July 1891-March 1920, 1–28,333.

Vital Records—Births

Index to Birth Records, 1907–1920.

Microfilm	6 rolls		Locality	Washington
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The records are arranged on the Soundex system based on the paternal surname. The index shows the father, mother, child, date of birth, place of birth, and certificate number.

Frontier Justice: Guide to Court Records of Washington, Territory 1853–1889.

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	Washington
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The court records are arranged by county alphabetically. Within each county each case has been assigned a control number. The cases involves insanity, drunkenness, administration of estates, probate, guardianship, adoption, horse theft, robbery, mortgage, divorce, adultery, fraud, burglary, gambling, assault, insolvency, and other matters.

The two-volume printed guide bears the same title; its call number is R929.3797/P935/1987.

Territorial Assessment Rolls 1847, 1860, 1874, 1875.

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	Washington
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The lists are arranged chronologically. Within each year the counties are listed in alphabetical order. Within each county the taxpayers are listed alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname. The assessments are for real and personal property. The former gives the section, township, range, and acreage or the block and lot numbers for platted realty.

Vital Records

Washington Birth and Death Registers.

Microfilm	93 rolls		Locality	Washington
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These are by county. Coverage includes the period 1891–1907, although it will vary from county to county.

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