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## **Abstract**

This data is created from the census of the Philadelphia Almshouse from 1807 to 1810. The census is from the Philadelphia City Archives, Guardians of the Poor. We used microfilm loaned to us from the Mormon Library in SLC, Film 956,463.

## **Keywords**

Almshouse, Philadelphia, poverty

## **Disciplines**

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PROJECT XXIII: ANALYSING PEOPLE IN THE CENSUS OF THE ALMSHOUSE 1807-1810

CODEBOOK:

| COLUMNS | ITEM  |
|---------|---|
| 1-16    | LAST NAME OF PAUPER   |
| 17-29   | FIRST NAME OF PAUPER  |
| 30-31   | AGE OF PAUPER IN YEARS<br>(round off months to the nearest year; for people with estimates of age, use an average, e.g. 70 a 80 means between 70 and 80--so code 75)<br>00=unknown age  |
| 32      | SEX OF PAUPER<br>1=male<br>2=female<br>3=unknown  |
| 33      | RACE OF PAUPER<br>1=white or none indicated<br>2=black or mullato<br>3=yellow   |
| 34-35   | PLACE OF NATIVITY<br>00=not indicated or unknown<br>01=Ireland<br>02=England<br>03=Scotland<br>04=Germany<br>05=France<br>06=Philadelphia/N. Liberties/Southwark<br>07=Pennsylvania (not Philadelphia)<br>08=Delaware<br>09=Maryland<br>10=New Jersey<br>11=New York<br>12=Virginia<br>13=North or South Carolina<br>14=Georgia<br>15=New England (Mass., New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut)<br>16=Cape Henlopen<br>17=Wales<br>18=Bermuda<br>19=Holland<br>20=New Orleans |

21=Jamaica  
22=Guinea  
23=Surrinam  
24=West Indies  
25=Sweden  
26=Norway  
27=Switzerland  
28=China  
29=Africa  
30=Nova Scotia  
31=Bordentown  
32=Hamburgh  
33=Duck Creek Cross Roads  
34=Amsterdam  
35=Christiana Creek  
36=Oxford Township  
37=Hanover  
38=Londonderry  
39=Montgomery County  
40=Germantown  
41=Moyamensing  
42=Bourbon  
43=Easton  
44=Harford Township  
45=Bustletown  
46=Little York  
47=Zealand  
48=Lewistown C.H.  
49=Head of Elk  
50=Lancaster  
51=North Shields  
52=(assign new numbers)

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TIME OF RESIDENCE IN ALMSHOUSE

(round off to nearest years)

1 year should be coded as 01, etc.

COPY DOWN REMARKS ABOUT PAUPERS BUT DO NOT ENTER ON COMPUTER  
KEEP A LIST OF ANY QUESTIONS

## I. PROJECT:

1. By analysing characteristics of the people in the census of the almshouse 1807-1810, we will learn more about the types of people who were in the almshouse and why they were there. This is a companion project to Projects IV and XXIII which cover earlier periods.
2. Code information about the people in the almshouse in 1807-1810 as indicated in the codebook below. Also, write down the "REMARKS" about these people, which give us some clue to their lives.
3. Take down all people until the last page where most of the names do not have any other information. [Do not go past "END"]. This should be approximately 500 people.
4. When you have recorded all the people, enter the information on one of the terminals in the math department in file: HIST23
5. Source:  
U.S. Film    Guardians of the Poor  
956,463    Almshouse Census  
Item 1      1807-1810  
              [Phila City Archives]

## III. USING THE COMPUTER, SETTING TABS:

USE THE MATH DEPARTMENT TERMINALS--USER 10

1. Sign onto Wordstar (using WS) as indicated in the instructions how to do that.
2. Push N to create a Non-Document file
3. The name of the file you want is : HIST23
4. Once the file has appeared you need to clear the old tabs and set the new tabs. You do that by the following:
  - A. Push ^ov (where ^ means hold down the CTRL key while pushing the o and v)
  - B. Push ^on (this will clear the already existing tabs)when the computer asks you which tabs to clear,  
  
push A (which stands for all tabs)  
  
and hit RETURN

C. Push ^oi

when the computer asks you which tab to set,

enter 17 and hit RETURN

D. Push ^oi again

when the computer again asks which tabs to set,

enter 30 and hit RETURN

E. This procedure should clear the already existing tabs and set new tabs at 17 and 30

F. To get to the end of the file, enter ^QC

G. You may also wish to turn off the INSERT ON

Do that by pushing ^v

H. To save your file, enter: ^KD