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Cc: eisenhauer@policy-lab.org; tobiasraabe@uni-bonn.de

Betreff: Re: HEGIS data

Dear Mr. Raabe,

This is in reply to your email of July 11, 2017. You had a question about the county codes and county names in the Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS): Institutional Characteristics of Colleges and Universities, 1982-1983.

The National Archives can provide limited support on the datasets in its custody, especially when it comes to questions about the content of the files.

From your message, I understand that you found a discrepancy between the coded county value in columns 078-080 in Record Type 120 and the county name in columns 050-059 in Record Type 130. From the example you provided, I found one instance where Sacred Heart College in North Carolina has the county code 001, but the county name Gaston. In the other records where the county name is Gaston, the county code is 071 and this corresponds to what is in the Worldwide Geographical Location Codes.

I suspect the discrepancy with the Sacred Heart College record may be due to a data entry error with the county code. The zip code and city name listed for Sacred Heart College matches some of the other institutions located in Gaston County as listed in the file. The county code for Sacred Heart College probably should be 071 for Gaston County and not 001.

It is possible data entry errors may also be the reason why other county codes are not matching up with the county names. In order to determine if the county code or county name is correct, you may need to use the other location information (zip code and city name) to determine the correct county.

I hope this is helpful. If you have additional questions about the holdings and services of the Electronic Records Division, please contact us. Our email address is cer@nara.gov and our telephone number is (301) 837-0470.

Sincerely,

Lynn Goodsell

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National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

On Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 11:19:15 AM UTC-4, Tobias Raabe wrote:

Dear Support,

I recently obtained a copy of Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS XVII): Institutional Characteristics of Colleges and Universities, 1982-1983 (<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1561001>) via e-delivery.

I would like to know whether there is an active support for the dataset in case I have questions. Do you offer help or is a different institution charged with this task?

To briefly describe my problem, I am currently working with the county codes and the county names of institutions. The county codes must coincide with county names using the Worldwide Geographical Location Codes (WGLC, <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015055327129>) to map codes to names according to the technical documentation. But I found several instances where two different names are assigned to the same county code. For example, county code 1 in North Carolina is related to the names Alamance and Gaston, but WGLC states that it should be Alamance alone. Since it is crucial for my analysis to connect institutions to the correct county, I am wondering which of both variables is more reliable and should be used in ambiguous cases.

I am very grateful for your support.

Best regards,

Tobias Raabe