

**A New Database for the Study of Southern Lynchings**  
**CODEBOOK: 1900 Section**  
**NSF Project #SES-0521339**  
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Variable Name	Variable Label	Variable Description																						
uniqidch	Random ID	Random identification number for each individual case.																						
year	Year lynching occurred	This variable indicates the year in which the individual was lynched.																						
mo	Month lynching occurred	This numeric variable indicates the month of the year in which the lynching occurred.																						
day	Day of month lynching occurred	This numeric variable indicates the day of the month on which the lynching occurred.																						
state	Two-letter abbreviation for state where lynching occurred	<div>This character variable presents the two-letter abbreviation for the state in which the lynching occurred.</div> <table><thead><tr><th>CODE</th><th>STATE</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>AL</td><td>Alabama</td></tr><tr><td>AR</td><td>Arkansas</td></tr><tr><td>FL</td><td>Florida</td></tr><tr><td>GA</td><td>Georgia</td></tr><tr><td>KY</td><td>Kentucky</td></tr><tr><td>LA</td><td>Louisiana</td></tr><tr><td>MS</td><td>Mississippi</td></tr><tr><td>NC</td><td>North Carolina</td></tr><tr><td>SC</td><td>South Carolina</td></tr><tr><td>TN</td><td>Tennessee</td></tr></tbody></table>	CODE	STATE	AL	Alabama	AR	Arkansas	FL	Florida	GA	Georgia	KY	Kentucky	LA	Louisiana	MS	Mississippi	NC	North Carolina	SC	South Carolina	TN	Tennessee
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county	Name of county where lynching occurred	This character variable lists the name of the county in which the lynching occurred.										
cofip	ICPSR code for county where lynching occurred	This numeric variable indicates the county in which the lynching occurred, using a coding scheme developed by the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. Note that county codes are not unique between states.										
name1	First reported name for victim	This character variable identifies the victim's name as reported in the Beck-Tolnay inventory of lynch victims. For victims with more than one reported name, this field will include the first name reported for the victim.										
name2	Second reported name for victim	If more than one name was reported for a lynch victim in the Beck-Tolnay inventory, this character variable identifies the second reported name. For victims with only one name reported in the Beck-Tolnay inventory, this variable will be blank.										
name3	Third reported name for victim	If the Beck-Tolnay inventory included three names reported for a single victim, this character variable identifies the third reported name. For victims with only one or two names reported, this field will be blank.										
race	Reported race of victim	<div>This character field indicates the race of the victim as reported in the Beck-Tolnay inventory.</div> <table><tr><td><u>CODE</u></td><td><u>RACE</u></td></tr><tr><td>BLK</td><td>Black</td></tr><tr><td>WHT</td><td>White</td></tr><tr><td>OTH</td><td>Other race</td></tr><tr><td>UNK</td><td>Race unknown</td></tr></table>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>RACE</u>	BLK	Black	WHT	White	OTH	Other race	UNK	Race unknown
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mob	Race of mob	<div>This character variable indicates the main racial composition of the mob that carried out the lynching, as recorded in the Beck-Tolnay inventory.</div> <div><div>CODERACE_OF MOB</div><div>BLKBlack</div><div>WHTWhite</div><div>OTHOther race</div><div>UNKRace unknown</div></div>
offense	Alleged offense of victim	This character variable indicates the reason given by the mob for lynching this particular individual.
frstname	First name in Beck-Tolnay inventory	This character variable indicates the first name for the victim, as recorded in the Beck-Tolnay inventory. It should be noted that there may be more than one name reported for each victim, and that this variable indicates the first reported name.
lastname	Last name in Beck-Tolnay inventory	This character variable indicates the last name for the victim, as recorded in the Beck-Tolnay inventory. It should be noted that there may be more than one name reported for each victim, and that this variable may take on different values if matches are identified in the census for more than one reported name.
namen	Number of name from database	This field is a repeat of information included in namenum.
foundn	Found name	This field is a repeat of information included in foundnum.
namenum	Number of reported names for this victim	<div>This numeric variable identifies the number of names reported for this victim, and included in the Beck-Tolnay inventory. Note that unnamed victims are identified as having one name.</div> <div><div>CODEVALUE</div><div>1One name reported for this victim</div><div>2Two names reported for this victim</div><div>3Three names reported for this victim</div></div>

foundnum	Number of matches identified for this victim	This numeric variable indicates which data record this is for this particular match.												
likegen1	Subjective level of confidence in single matches.	<div>This numeric variable is assigned only for cases with only one potential match identified in the census enumerators' manuscripts. For those cases with more than one possible match identified in the census, this variable will be blank.</div> <table><thead><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>High</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Medium</td></tr><tr><td>-3</td><td>No matches found</td></tr><tr><td>-5</td><td>More than 10 matches found</td></tr><tr><td>-7</td><td>Difficult: Could not narrow to fewer than 3</td></tr></tbody></table>	CODE	VALUE	1	High	2	Medium	-3	No matches found	-5	More than 10 matches found	-7	Difficult: Could not narrow to fewer than 3
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likepct	Subjective level of confidence in match with multiple possible identified.	This numeric variable is assigned only for those cases in which more than one possible match was identified in the census enumerators' manuscripts. Possible values range from 0.10 to 0.90, and the values for all matches in a given case will sum to 1.0. For those cases in which a single match was identified, this variable will be blank.												
coname	Name of county where victim enumerated.	This character variable lists the name of the county where this individual was enumerated in the 1900 census.												
stname	Name of state where victim enumerated.	This character variable lists the name of the state where this individual was enumerated in the 1900 census.												
distnce	Distance between county of lynching and county where victim enumerated.	<div>This numeric code indicates the relative distance between the county in which the lynching occurred and the county where the victim was enumerated in the 1900 census.</div> <table><thead><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Victim enumerated in same county as lynching.</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Victim enumerated in county contiguous to that where lynching occurred.</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Victim enumerated in same state as that in which lynching occurred, in a noncontiguous county.</td></tr></tbody></table>	CODE	VALUE	1	Victim enumerated in same county as lynching.	2	Victim enumerated in county contiguous to that where lynching occurred.	3	Victim enumerated in same state as that in which lynching occurred, in a noncontiguous county.				
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page	Census page number	This variable identifies the page number of the census manuscripts on which the victim was identified.														
supd	Supervisor's district	This variable identifies the census supervisor's district in which the victim was identified.														
enumd	Enumeration District	This variable identifies the census enumerator's district in which the victim was identified.														
town	Town or district	This character variable lists the city, town, township or district where the victim was identified in the census manuscripts.														
slctnote	Note on why this individual selected	<p>This field includes alphanumeric codes that indicate which characteristics led to this individual's being assigned the level of probability listed in variables likegenl or likepct.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>Geography</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>Same name</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>Age</td></tr><tr><td>D</td><td>Race</td></tr><tr><td>E</td><td>Occupation</td></tr><tr><td>F</td><td>Family Member</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	A	Geography	B	Same name	C	Age	D	Race	E	Occupation	F	Family Member
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instname	Jail, Prison, Hospital or other Institution	<p>This dichotomous variable identifies whether the individual in question was enumerated living in an institution.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>Individual not living in an institution</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Individual living in an institution</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	0	Individual not living in an institution	1	Individual living in an institution
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stradd	Street address	Street address where this match was enumerated in the 1900 census.						
dweln	Dwelling number	The number of the dwelling within the census enumerator's district or territory. Dwellings were numbered sequentially in the order in which they were visited by the enumerator.						
famnum	Family number	The number of the family enumerated by the census enumerator's district or territory. Families were numbered sequentially in the order in which they were visited by the enumerator. The family number may be greater than the dwelling number, since more than one family may reside in each dwelling. This number will not be smaller than the dwelling number.						
linep01	Line number for person 1	This variable identifies the line number on which the record for the first member of this household appears.						
namep01	Name of first person in household	The first and last name of the first individual listed in this household, recorded exactly as enumerated in the census.						
victp01	Dummy: Was person 1 the lynch victim?	<p>This dichotomous variable indicates whether the first person enumerated in this household is thought to be the lynch victim.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>Person 1 is not the lynch victim</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Person 1 is the lynch victim</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	0	Person 1 is not the lynch victim	1	Person 1 is the lynch victim
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relp01	Alphanumeric: relation to head for person 1	This alphanumeric variable indicates person 1's relationship to the head of household.						
racep01	Categorical: Race recorded for this person	This categorical variable indicates the race that was recorded for this household member.						

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yobp01	Person 1's year of birth	This variable identifies the year in which Person 1 was born.																										
agep01	Continuous: Age for person 1	This continuous variable indicates the age, in years, for person 1. For infants under the age of 1, their age is recorded as 0.5.																										
marp01	Categorical: Person 1's marital status	<p>This categorical variable records person 1's marital status. Recorded for individuals age 12 and older.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Single (never married)</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Married</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Widowed</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Divorced</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	1	Single (never married)	2	Married	3	Widowed	4	Divorced																
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mardrp01	Yrs of current marriage	This continuous variable indicates the number of years that person 1 has been married to their current spouse.																										

cebp01	children ever born	This variable, asked only of women and girls of childbearing age, identifies the number of children ever born to person 1.
ceblvp01	Children living	This variable, asked only of women and girls of childbearing age, identifies the number of person 1's children who are currently living.
bplp01	Alphanumeric: Person 1 birthplace	This alphanumeric variable records the birthplace for Person 1.
fbpp01	Alphanumeric: Birthplace for Person 1's father.	This alphanumeric variable records the birthplace for Person 1's father.
mbpp01	Alphanumeric: Birthplace for Person 1's mother.	This alphanumeric variable records the birthplace for Person 1's mother.
yrimmp01	Person 1 - Year of Immigration	This variable indicates the year in which person 1 immigrated to the United States, if s/he was born in a different country.
yruasp01	Person 1 - Number of years in the United States	This variable indicates the number of years Person 1 has been living in the United States, if s/he was born in a different country.
natp01	Person 1 - naturalization status	This variable indicates Person 1's citizenship status, if s/he was born outside the United States.
occp01	Alphanumeric: Person 1's occupation.	This question was asked of individuals age 10 and older, who had been employed or looking for work during the past 12 months. The alphanumeric variable presented here indicates the occupation recorded for Person 1. Missing values are indicated with a period (.).
unmp01	Count: Months Person 1 unemployed last year.	This variable measures the number of months Person 1 was unemployed during the past 12 months. This question was asked of all individuals reporting an occupation.
schmp01	Count: Months Person 1 was in school last year.	This variable measures the number of months Person 1 attended school during the past 12 months. This question was asked of all individuals.
readp01	Person 1 can read	This variable records whether Person 1 was <b>able</b> to read. The question was asked of persons age 10 and older.



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writp01	Person 1 can write	<p>This variable records whether Person 1 was <b>able</b> to write. The question was asked of persons age 10 and older.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>No, person 1 cannot write.</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes: Person 1 can write.</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	0	No, person 1 cannot write.	1	Yes: Person 1 can write.
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spengp01	Person 1 can speak English	<p>This variable records whether Person 1 was able to speak English. The question was asked of persons age 10 and older.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>No, person 1 cannot speak English.</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes: Person 1 can speak English.</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	0	No, person 1 cannot speak English.	1	Yes: Person 1 can speak English.
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ownrp01	Dwelling owned or being rented.	<p>This variable identifies whether the dwelling in which this household lived was owned (free or with a mortgage) by one of its occupants, or was being rented.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>O</td><td>Home owned.</td></tr><tr><td>R</td><td>Home rented.</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	O	Home owned.	R	Home rented.
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owntp01	If owned, whether mortgaged or owned outright.	<p>This variable identifies whether the dwelling in which this household lived was owned (free or with a mortgage) by one of its occupants, or was being rented.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>M</td><td>Home has mortgage.</td></tr><tr><td>F</td><td>Home owned free and clear.</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	M	Home has mortgage.	F	Home owned free and clear.
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frmhsp01	Farm or house.	<p>This variable identifies whether the dwelling is on a farm or in a house.</p> <table><tr><th>CODE</th><th>VALUE</th></tr><tr><td>F</td><td>Dwelling is on a farm.</td></tr><tr><td>H</td><td>Dwelling is a house.</td></tr></table>	CODE	VALUE	F	Dwelling is on a farm.	H	Dwelling is a house.
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frmschp01	Farm schedule	<p>For households that lived on farms, this variable identifies the corresponding number that identifies it on the farm schedule, a census of agricultural enterprises that was collected at the same time as the population census.</p>						

notep01	Notes on person 1	This alphanumeric field contains notes from the data entry coder to indicate issues with Person 1's census record. The most common use of this field is for census legibility issues.
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Some specific information that applies to the entire household is only listed under the first person enumerated (usually the head of household). These variables include: whether the dwelling was owned or rented (variable: ownrp01), if the dwelling was mortgaged or owned outright (owntp01), if the dwelling was a farm or a house (frmhsp01), and the farm schedule (frmschp01). Please note that none of these variables were included in the 1880 census, but were included in each of the other 3 decades.

Similarly, besides this general household information, each census record contains the same information for each individual household member. The names of variables relating to subsequent household members end in numeric designations that reflect the location of that individual within the household record. For example, the variable occp03 indicates the occupation recorded for the third person enumerated in a household. For this reason, the 1900, 1910 and 1920 codebooks only contain the variables for the first household member enumerated. Please see the 1880 section of the codebook for a more complete overview of each variable for each of the possible 15 household members.