Unindexed Records on FamilySearch.org: Including U.S. Census Enumeration Maps

There are a variety of unindexed records to find on FamilySearch. They are image only files and are not indexed, but that should not stop you from exploring them. They are not hard to search in most cases they can be valuable to your family history research. Here are a couple tricks to help you navigate the unindexed records. Click here for the video that matches this handout.

Finding Unindexed Records

Finding the unindexed records is relatively easy. You would first start with a search by location.

1. Go to FamilySearch.org
2. On the top menu click Search and drop down to Records.
3. Click the map to search by the location of your choice.
4. Scroll down until you see Image-Only Historical Records. Here you will find a variety of records

### Image-Only Historical Records

Can't find records for your ancestors when you search? Try our collections that haven't been indexed yet. Select a collection to start browsing the images.

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U.S. Census Enumeration Maps

One of the best kept secrets in the Unindexed Image-Only Historical Records are the U. S. Census Enumeration Maps from 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940.

1. Once you have found the Image-Only Historical Records (as described above), scroll down to find the "*United States Enumeration District Maps for the Twelfth through the Sixteenth US Censuses, 1900-1940.*"
2. Click "Browse through 63,619 images."
3. Select the Roll for the state and county you are researching.

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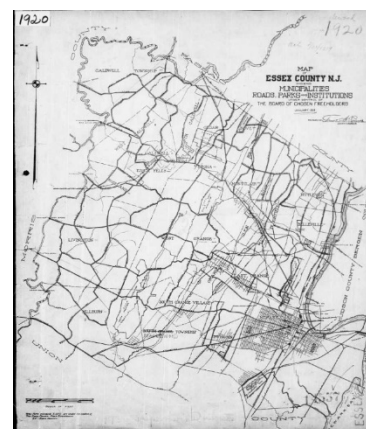
Navigating the Microfilm Roll Images Online

Tips for Navigating Unindexed Rolls:

- Once you open a roll, look at image 1. If the first thing you see is "End of Roll, Please Rewind" then you know the roll is backwards. Keep this in mind when reviewing the roll. If the roll was in alphabetical order, it will be in reverse alphabetical order.
- Note how many images are in the roll. Review the roll to determine how it is organized. Is it in alphabetical, numerical, or lose unorganized pages?
- If it is alphabetical, numerical, or in reverse order, you can easily jump large numbers of pages to get closer to your target.
- Is it by Surname, County, State, or some other geographical region?
- Once you have a sense of how it is organized, you will find you can jump ahead large numbers of images by typing the image number in the box. Then go back and forth (using image numbers) in smaller and smaller increments until you get close to what you are researching.
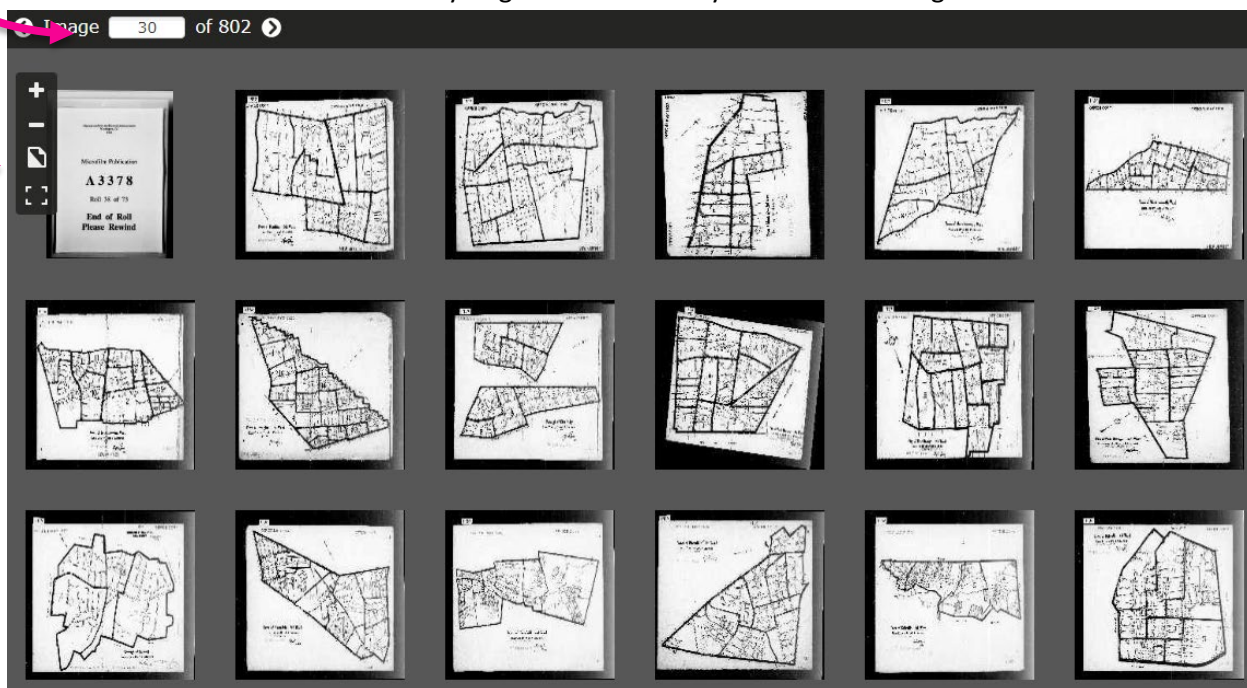
- Once you are close you can scan image by image for what you are looking for.
- Use the tools on the left side to go from a single image to many images.

Be sure to look at both ends of the roll for information.

Look through all the unindexed record set for the area you are researching. You might just find another gem.