

**A Guide to the
U. S. Census, 1840: Aroostook County, Maine**

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Introduction: The 1840 census was also called “The Sixth Census.” “The Sixth Census was taken under the direction of the Secretary of State, and was governed by the same general provisions of law as were in effect in 1830. The marshals were required to appoint one or more assistants in each county and city and to divide their districts or territories into suitable divisions, which should not comprise more than one county, but could of one or more towns, townships, wards, hundreds, precincts, or parishes, plainly and distinctly bounded.”¹

Scope and content: The 1840 Census gives out names of towns; “family head; age; sex; race; slaves; number of deaf and dumb; number of blind; number of insane and idiotic and whether in public or private charge; number of persons in each family employed in each of six classes of industry and one of occupation; literacy; pensioners for Revolutionary or military service.”

Following are the names of towns then and present community names. Please note that there is not an exact correspondence between the borders of the townships and the areas that the census taker canvassed under the

¹ Taken from “The History and Growth of the United States Census,” prepared for the Senate Committee on the Census, by Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, Washington: 1900.

heading of a specific township. Some people who lived in one township can show up in another neighboring one in the census.

1840	AROOSTOOK COUNTY CENSUS RECORDS		Micro. Pub. No. 432 Roll No. 248
No.	Community Name	Present Community Name	
1	Amity	Amity	
2	Belfast Academy Grant	Ludlow	
3	No. 2, 5 th Range	Benedicta	
4	Bridgewater Academy Grant	Bridgewater	
5	Letter D	Fort Fairfield	
6	Framingham Academy Grant	Littleton	
7	Hodgdon	Hodgdon	
8	Houlton	Houlton	
9	Letter A, 1 st Range	Cary Plantation	
10	Letter A, 2 nd Range	Letter A, Range 2	
11	Letter A, 5 th Range	Molunkus	
12	Letter G	Part of Presque Isle	
13	Letter G, 2 nd Range	Part of Presque Isle	
14	Letters H & I, 1 st Ranges	Parts of Caribou	
15	Letter H, 2 nd Range	Caribou	
16	Linneus	Linneus	
17	Madawaska North of the St. John River	Edmundston, St. Basile, St. Hilaire, plus communities from Fort Kent Westward along the St. John river and along the Fish River in Aroostook County	
18	Madawaska South of the St. John River	Communities from Van Buren to about Fort Kent	
19	Township No. 1, 2 nd Range	Bancroft	
20	Township No. 1, 3 rd Range	Reed Plantation	
21	Township No. 1, 4 th Range	Upper Molunkus and North Yarmouth Academy Grant	
22	Township No. 1, 5 th Range	Township No. 1, Range 5	
23	Township No. 2, 2 nd Range	Haynesville	
24	Township No. 2, 3 rd Range	Glenwood Plantation	
25	Township No. 2, 5 th Range or Irish Township	Probably Silver Ridge Township	
26	Township No. 3, 2 nd Range	Forkstown	
27	Township No. 3, 5 th Range	Sherman	
28	Township No. 3, 6 th & 7 th Ranges	Stacyville, Sherman Station, & Township 3, Range 7, Penobscot County	
29	Township No. 4, 5 th Range, or Fish's Township	Crystal	
30	Township No. 5, 3 rd Range	Oakfield	

31	Township No. 6, 5 th Range	Moro Plantation
32	Township No. 7 & 9, 5 th Range	Township 7, Range 5, Township 9, Range 5 (along Route 11 toward Masardis)
33	Township No. 9	Part of Orient, Part of Haynesville
34	Township No. 10, 5 th Range or Masardis	Masardis Township
35	Township No. 11, 1 st Range	Cary Plantation
36	Township No. 11, 5 th Range	Ashland
37	New Limerick	New Limerick
38	Orient Gore	Orient
39	Plymouth Grant	Part of Fort Fairfield
40	Plymouth & Eaton Grants, 1 st Range	Part of Fort Fairfield and Caribou
41	Smyrna	Smyrna