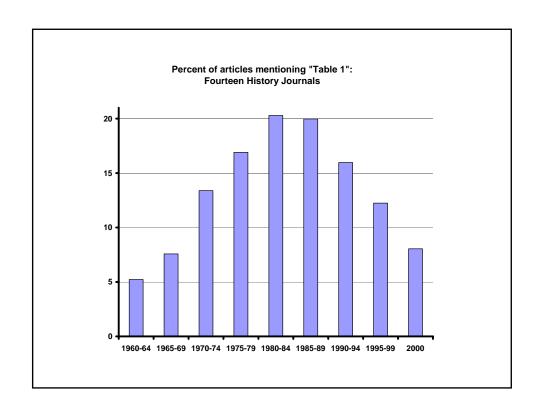
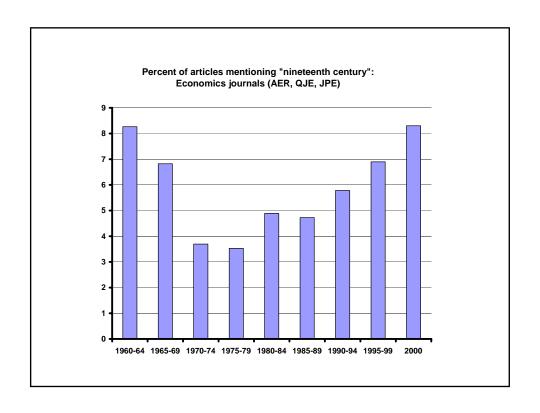
# Week 7 Sources and Methods

- 1. Quantitative Sources for History
- 2. Aggregate Data

# 1. Quantitative Historical Data Sources

- Words
- Commercial records
- Legal Records
- Institutional records
- Surveys
- Government records
- Genealogies and similar sources
- Church records



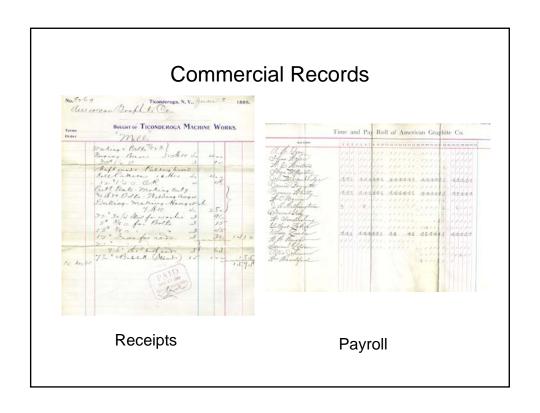


# **Analyzing Words**

- Unit of analysis
- Explosion of potential source material
- Content analysis
  - http://academic.csuohio.edu/kneuendorf/conte nt/resources/TOC.htm
  - Not just counting word frequencies

# **Commercial Records**





# Legal Records



18th c. Probate Inventories



Medieval Wills

# **Trial Transcripts**



15th c. Croatia



18th c. Virginia

# Institutional Records



Australian Lunatic Asylum Admissions Register



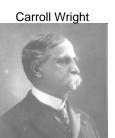
Canadian Orphanage Daily log

# Issues with Commercial/Legal/Institutional Records

- Representativeness issues
  - Survival
- Few well-documented clean datasets generally available—usually DIY
- Essential for history of the organizations (e.g. business history, legal history, asylum history)

# Survey Data

- Early labor force surveys (1896, 1916, state surveys)
- Public opinion surveys (beginning in 1930s)
- Modern academic/government surveys of social/demographic behavior, health, and income begin in late 1950s



### **Government Records**



### **Government Records**

- Administrative (military, tax)
  - Available from ancient times
  - Usually non-representative
  - Often have little demographic information
- Statistical
  - Vital Statistics: Births, Deaths, Marriages
  - Censuses and Surveys
  - Both sources begin in the early-to-mid nineteenth century in most NW European countries

# Genealogies and Biographical Data

- Peerage/aristocratic records
  - Widely available in Asia, Europe
  - Nonrepresentative
  - Scrubbed of illegitimate descendants
- Genealogies
  - Potential fertility and class selection biases
- Biographical dictionaries
  - Legislators
  - College Students

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A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY

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WITE ENGRAVINGS OF THEIR PATERNAL COATS OF ARMS.

Collected from Public Records, authentic Manuscripts, approved Historians, ... well-attested Pedigrees, and personal Information.

By JOHN LODGE, Eig.

Deputy Keeper of the Records in Birmingham Tower, Deputy Clerk and Keeper of the Rolls, and Deputy Register of the Court of Prerogative.

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### **GENEALOGY**

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MRS. MARY STILES (PAUL) GUILD

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JOHN PICKENS<sup>3</sup>, son of Margaret Strobridge (6), was . b. Oct. 10, 1765, in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Mass.; m. May 23, 1788, Joanna (or Anna as it appears in Mid-dleborough Records) Clark, who d at Wilton, Me., to which place or vicinity, nearly all of her children, excepting Joanna, removed.

### CHILDREN.

- RHODA<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1788; m. JOHN McCully.
  JOHN, b. Feb. 4, 1790; m. MARY ANN RANDALL.
  JOANNA, b. Oct. 13, 1791; m. CALEB TINKHAM.
  LEONARD, b. Oct. 3, 1793; m. VASHTI RANDALL, sister to his brother
  John's wife.
  DAVID.

- vi. Edith, b. 1797; d. Feb. 2, 1798, æ. 9 mos.
  vii. Elisha, m. Widow Hathaway. Their son Elisha lives (1891) with a
  son in Worcester, Mass.
- 158 viii. Edith, m. Esek Randall.

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LIEUT. GEORGE PICKENS<sup>8</sup>, son of MARGARET STROBRIDGE (6), was b. Apr. 18, 1767, in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Mass.; d. Apr. 2, 1849; m. (1), Jan. 23, 1794, his cousin Polly, dau. of John and Ruth (Cushing) Pick-ENS; d. Aug. 19, 1805, æ. 37; m. (2), Nov. 27, 1806, ABIGAIL, dau. of Jonathan Harvey, who d. July 13, 1839, æ. 69. An old account book once owned by Lieut. George Pickens, and dating back to 1728, is owned by his grandson, James P. Pierce of Lakeville.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

Lucy4, b. June 10, 1795; m. SILAS KING (167).

### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

### GRADUATES OF YALE COLLEGE

WITH

Annals of the College History

VOL. IV.

July, 1778—June, 1792

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### Franklin Bowditch Dexter, Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College

THOMAS BULL, the eldest child of Thomas Bull, a merchant of Hartford, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Caleb and Martha (Cadwell) Bull, was born in Hartford on November 9, 1787. His mother was Ruth, daughter of Moses and Sarah (Howard) Butler, of East Hartford. His eldest sister married Richard E. Goodwin, of the next class.

He was occupied after graduation in his father's store until he came of age, in November, 1808, when he sought his fortune in the Western Reserve of Ohio.

About 1824 he became Secretary of the Manhattan Insurance Company in New York, and he continued for many years to be engaged in the insurance business in that city, with his residence in Brooklyn, where he died on April 1, 1850, aged 62½ years.

He married Sarah Parsons Clark, the second daughter of Russell Clark, Junior, and Content (Ward) Clark, of New Haven, who was born in June, 1786, and survived him.

### **Church Records**

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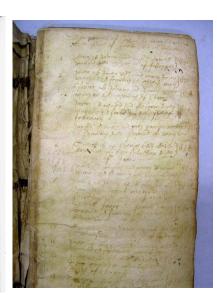
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### **Church Records**

- Main source for preindustrial demographic analysis
  - Aggregate analysis
  - Family reconstitution

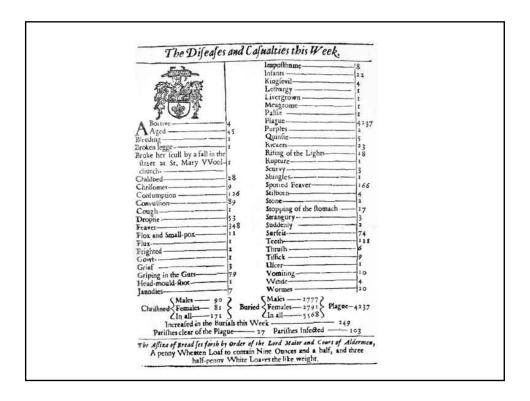
# 2. Aggregate Data and Microdata

### **Microdata**

- · every record represents a separate person
- · all of their individual characteristics are recorded
- users must manipulate the data themselves

### **Aggregate data**

- a table of deaths from the Bills of Mortality, 1664
- an occupation table from a published census volume from the library



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**Historical Statistics of the United States** 

<u>Historical Census Browser</u>





