

SOURCES. The 1860 U.S. Census Slave Schedules for Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana (NARA microfilm series M653, Roll 429) reportedly includes a total of 9,434 slaves. This transcription includes 41 slaveholders who held 50 or more slaves in Natchitoches Parish, accounting for 3,622 slaves, or 38% of the Parish total. The rest of the slaves in the Parish were held by a total of 580 slaveholders, and those slaveholders have not been included here. Due to variable film quality, handwriting interpretation questions and inconsistent counting and page numbering methods used by the census enumerators, interested researchers should view the source film personally to verify or modify the information in this transcription for their own purposes. Census data for 1860 was obtained from the Historical United States Census Data Browser, which is a very detailed, searchable and highly recommended database that can found at <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census/> . Census data on African Americans in the 1870 census was obtained using Heritage Quest's CD "African-Americans in the 1870 U.S. Federal Census", available through Heritage Quest at <http://www.heritagequest.com/> . In comparing census data for different years, the transcriber was not aware of any relevant changes to Parish boundaries.