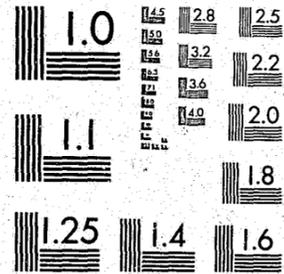


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SUMMARY: This data collection focuses on problems in the women's correctional system and examines specifically the origins and development of prisoner and sentencing characteristics in three states. Information is included on parents' place of birth, occupation, marital status, offense, sentence, prior commitments, method of release from prison, and presence of crime partners. CLASS IV

UNIVERSE: All women housed in state prisons from 1800 to 1935.  
SAMPLING: Cases were identified from official prison records that included a time span of ten years before and after the opening of separate women's state prisons.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 1 data file  
DATA FORMAT: Card Image

PART: 1  
FILE STRUCTURE: rectangular  
CASES: 4609  
VARIABLES: 30  
RECORD LENGTH: 80  
RECORDS PER CASE: 3

RELATED PUBLICATIONS:  
Rafter, Nicole Hahn. PARTIAL JUSTICE: WOMEN IN STATE PRISONS, 1800-1935. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1985.

### Introduction

In-depth studies of women's prisons in three states--Ohio, New York, and Tennessee--constitute one aspect of the investigation of Current Problems in the Women's Correctional System: Origins and Development. This code book is designed for use in the study of prisoner and sentence characteristics in those three states.

The source materials vary in extent and format, and they necessitate somewhat different sampling procedures for each state and prison. The materials and sampling procedures are described in the appendices.

### Coding Conventions

The following coding conventions are used:

- 6's "none," "never," "no" (not for blanks but for positive indications that the convict has, e.g., no priors); and on Card 3, 6's indicate that the case was probably closed after the first release from prison
- 7's illegible or unintelligible
- 8's usually omitted--i.e., data are usually not given on this variable in this prisoner registry or part thereof
- 9's no information--i.e., data on this variable are usually given but are missing in this particular case.

ID. NO.

CARD      COLUMN  
1            1-6

Column 1: State and Prison

- 1 Tennessee State Penitentiary
- 2 New York--Auburn
- 3 New York--Albion
- 4 Ohio Penitentiary
- 5 Ohio Reformatory
- 6 California

Columns 2-5: Case Number

The cases are numbered consecutively, though in some series there are gaps.

Tennessee: The series runs from #(1)0001 to #(1)0967. Cases were numbered as they were coded onto forms, so the ID numbers do not correspond to either chronological order or prisoner numbers.

New York--Auburn Prison: The series begins with #(2)0006 and ends with #(2)1679. Case numbers correspond to prisoner numbers. Every case was used #6 through 126, and thereafter every other odd-numbered case was used.

New York--Albion Reformatory (Western House of Refuge): The series begins with #(3)0001 and goes to #(3)3167, with case numbers corresponding to prisoner numbers and every other case (odd numbers) being used.

Ohio Penitentiary: The series begins with #(4)0001 and goes through #(4)0769, with gaps. The cases were numbered as they were coded onto forms, so the ID numbers do not correspond to either chronological order or prisoner numbers.

Ohio Reformatory for Women: The series begins with #(5)0001 and goes through #(5)5090. Case numbers correspond to prisoner numbers, with every 5th case being used.

Column 6: Card Number

- 1 (for card #1)

AGE AT RECEPTION

1            7-8

Two digits as shown in the prisoner registry--through age 95

- 96 96 years and older
- 97 illegible
- 98 usually omitted
- 99 no information for this inmate

CARD      COLUMN  
1            9-14

DATE OF BIRTH

MM YYYY

- 77 7777 illegible
- 88 8888 usually omitted
- 99 9999 no information for this inmate

RACE

1            15-16

- 01 African
- 02 Black
- 03 Brown/Colored/Mulatto/Negro
- 04 Chinese
- 05 Eskimo
- 06 Indian/American Indian/Red
- 07 Japanese
- 08 Oriental/Yellow
- 09 White
  
- 77 illegible
- 88 usually omitted
- 99 no information for this inmate

PLACE OF BIRTH

1            17-19

Current states of United States

<u>Code</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Definition</u>
001	Alabama	018	Louisiana	036	Oklahoma
002	Alaska	019	Maine	037	Oregon
003	Arizona	020	Maryland	038	Pennsylvania
004	Arkansas	021	Massachusetts	039	Rhode Island
005	California	022	Michigan	040	South Carolina
006	Colorado	023	Minnesota	041	South Dakota
007	Connecticut	024	Mississippi	042	Tennessee
008	Delaware	025	Missouri	043	Texas
009	Florida	026	Montana	044	Utah
010	Georgia	027	Nebraska	045	Vermont
011	Hawaii	028	Nevada	046	Virginia
012	Idaho	029	New Hampshire	047	Washington (state)
013	Illinois	030	New Jersey	048	West Virginia
014	Indiana	031	New Mexico	049	Wisconsin
015	Iowa	032	New York	050	Wyoming
016	Kansas	033	North Carolina	051	District of Columbia Washington D.C.
017	Kentucky	034	North Dakota	052	U.S.A. but state unknown
		035	Ohio		

(NOT U.S. STATES): A - R

Code	Definition	Code	Definition	Code	Definition
101	At sea	136	Dalmatia	169	Macedonia
102	Afghanistan	137	Denmark	170	Madeira Islands
103	Africa	138	East Indies	171	Malasia
104	Albania	139	Ecuador	172	Malta
105	American waters	140	Egypt	173	Manila
106	Arabia	141	England	174	Martinique
107	Argentina	142	Esthonia	175	Mexico
108	Armenia	143	Finland	176	Montenegro
109	Asia	144	France	177	Montevideo
110	Asia Minor	145	Guatemala	178	Native Californian
111	Australia	146	Germany	179	New Brunswick
112	Austria	147	Great Britain	180	Newfoundland
113	Azores Islands	148	Greece	181	New Granada
114	Bahamas Islands	149	Guam	182	New South Wales
115	Bavaria	150	Haiti	183	New Zealand
116	Baja or Lower California	151	Holland	184	Nicaragua
117	Belguim	152	Honduras	185	Norway
118	Bohemia	153	Hungary	186	Nova Scotia
119	Brazil	154	India	187	Pacific Islands
120	British America	155	Ireland	188	Palestine
121	British Columbia	156	Isle of France	189	Panama
231	British Guiana	157	Isle of Man	190	Persia
122	British Indies	158	Isle of Martinique	191	Peru
123	Bulgaria	159	Isle of Wright	192	Phillipines
124	Canada	160	Italy	193	Poland
125	Canary Islands	161	Jamaica	194	Polynesia
126	Cape Verde Islands	162	Japan	195	Portugal
127	Central America	163	Jerusalem	196	Prince Edward's Island
128	Chile	164	Jugoslavia	197	Prussia
129	China	165	Korea	198	Puerto Rico
130	Columbia	166	Latvia	199	Rome
131	Corsica	167	Lithuania	200	Roumania
132	Costa Rica	116	Lower or Baja California	201	Russia
133	Cuba	168	Luxembourg		
134	Czechoslovakia				
135	Czechoslavakia				

(NOT U.S. STATES): S - Z

Code	Definition	Code	Definition
202	San Salvador	666	Inmate does not know; unknown (if born in U.S.A. but state is unknown, use 052)
203	Sandwich Islands	777	Illegible, unintelligibl
204	Santa Cruz	888	usually omitted
205	Sardinia	999	no information for this inmate
206	Saxony		
207	Scandanavia		
208	Scotland		
209	Serbia or Servia		
210	Siam		
211	Sicily		
212	Slavonia		
213	Samoa		
214	Sonora		
215	South Africa		
216	South America		
217	South Sea Islands		
218	South Wales		
219	Spain		
220	Sweden		
221	Switzerland		
222	Syria		
223	Tahiti		
224	Trinidad		
225	Turkey		
226	Union of South Africa		
227	Virgin Islands		
230	Wales		
228	West Indies		
229	Westphalia		
232	next number		

CARD      COLUMN  
1            20-21

PARENTS' PLACE OF BIRTH

Column 20: Mother

- 1 Born in USA (exclusive of territories)
- 2 Foreign-born (include territories here and born at sea)
- 3 Unknown

- 7 illegible
- 8 usually omitted
- 9 no information for this inmate

Column 21: Father

- 1 Born in USA (exclusive of territories)
- 2 Foreign-born (include territories here and born at sea)
- 3 Unknown

- 7 illegible
- 8 usually omitted
- 9 no information for this inmate

OCCUPATION

1            22-24

The interest here is in the inmate's previous occupation, not in whether or not she was employed at the time of the offense. Thus if the source gives data on the woman's last occupation and also indicates that she was out of work at the time of the offense, code the former and do NOT code "None".

See next page.

OCCUPATION (alphabetical listing)

OCCUPATION		CARD	COLUMN
		1	22-24
001	Accountant	021	Clerk
002	Acrobat	022	Clothes presser
003	Actress	023	Collar maker
145	Animal Trainer	024	Concessionist
004	Artist	025	Confectioner
153	Attendant in insane asylum/ state hospital	026	Cook
005	Baker	127	Cook and nurse
006	Bank Teller	027	Copyist
007	Barmaid/bartender	028	Cotton mill operator
008	Beautician/beauty culturist/ beauty doctor	029	Cosmetician
165	Bleachery	142	Dancer
180	Bookbinder	166	Day labor/day laborer
009	Bookkeeper	030	Decorator
010	Brushmaker	031	Dental Assistant
011	Buttonmaker/button operator	032	Designer
178	buttonhole maker Cabaret hostess	033	Dietician
012	Cable telegraph operator		Dining room/in dining room-- code Waitress
141	Car Cleaner	034	Dishwasher
162	Carnival-show girl	035	Doctor
013	Cashier	036	Doll maker
014	Caterer	037	Domestic
015	Chair caner	038	Dressmaker
016	Chambermaid	139	Dressmaker's apprentice
164	Chef	039	Elevator operator
170	Chemical worker	040	Entertainer
017	Cigarette maker	041	Factory/factory worker/factory hand (dress factory, candy factory etc...)
018	Cigar maker/cigarbox maker	042	Farm/farmer/farming/farm hand
019	Circus performer	132	Feathermaker
175	Clairvoyant		
112	Cleaner		
020	Cleaner and presser		

OCCUPATION (alphabetical listing)

OCCUPATION		OCCUPATION	
043	Florist	062	Laboratory technician
113	Flower maker	063	Laborer
129	Fortune teller	064	Lacemaker
177	Fur lining maker	065	Lady of easy virtue
044	Gardener	066	Laundress/laundrywork
045	Garment cutter	067	Librarian
150	Glass cutter	068	Loom maker
046	Gloves maker/glove sewer/ glove packer	069	Machine operator
047	Grocery/grocery business	140	Madam (of a disorderly house)
048	Grocery clerk	070	Maid
049	Hairdresser	071	Manicurist
050	Hat maker/hatter	131	Manufacturer
051	Hosiery mill worker	172	Market Woman
052	Hospital nurse	072	Masseuse
053	Hospital orderly	143	Merchant
149	Hospital worker	116	Midwife
054	Hotel clerk	168	Milk condensery
176	Hotel keeper	073	Millhand/mill worker
055	Hotel worker	074	Milliner/milliner's apprentice
056	Housegirl	075	Model
057	Housekeeper/H.K.	076	Musician
058	House servant	117	Music teacher
059	Housewife	077	Nurse
114	Housework/houseworker		Nurse and cook--see Cook & Nurse
555	"H.W.", "House W.," and other terms which could refer to either Housework or Housewife	134	Nurse and teacher
060	Interior decorator	078	Nurse for children/nursemaid
115	Investigator	154	Nurse's assistant
061	Ironer/ironing	118	Office manager
135	Janitor/janitoress	079	Office worker
167	Kitchen Worker	119	Operator
152	Knitting mill	161	Painter
		080	Palmist

OCCUPATION (alphabetical listing)

OCCUPATION

120	Paper-box maker	173	Spooler
121	Phono pinner	094	Steam presser
144	Phonograph worker	095	Stenographer
179	Photographer	146	Store, worked in
081	Physio-therapist	133	Storekeeper
163	Piano player	125	Street walker
155	Pottery	156	Student
082	Presser	158	Studio, worked in
169	Prostitute/whore	096	Tailor/tailoress
122	Publisher	097	Tailor's helper
137 & 138 (error)	Real estate (use either one)	159	Tannery
083	Retired	098	Teacher
130	Reporter	174	Teamster
157	Restaurant/In restaurant	099	Telegrapher
171	Running a disorderly house	100	Telegraph operator
084	Housekeeper (also 057-error)	101	Telephone operator
085	Saloonkeeper	102	Tobacconist
160	Sawing wood	136	Trade, "in trade"
086	School teacher	103	Travelled with circus
087	Seamstress	126	Typesetter
088	Secretary	104	Typist
089	Servant	105	Upholsterer
	Sewing--code as Seamstress	106	Waitress
123	Sewing machine operator	107	Washing/wash woman
127	Shirtcutter	108	Weaver
090	Shirt maker	128	Whip maker
147	Shoe factory	109	Wife
091	Shop girl	110	Wool knitter/wool grader/wool puller/wool sorter, etc.
148	Silk mill	111	X-Ray technician
124	Silk winder		
092	Singer	666	"None," "No occupation," and so on. Do NOT use for blanks DO use for "At home" or "housework--at home"
093	S. lady (sic)	777	illegible
		888	usually omitted
		999	no information for this inmate

OCCUPATION (numerical listing)

OCCUPATION

001	Accountant	031	Dental assistant
002	Acrobat	032	Designer
003	Actress	033	Dietician
004	Artist	034	Dishwasher
005	Baker	035	Doctor
006	Bank Teller	036	Doll maker
007	Barmaid/bartender	037	Domestic
008	Beautician/beauty culturist/ beauty doctor	038	Dressmaker
009	Bookkeeper	039	Elevator operator
010	Brushmaker	040	Entertainer
011	Buttonmaker/button operator/ buttonhole maker	041	Factory/factory worker/factory hand
012	Cable telegraph operator	042	Farm/farmer/farming/farm hand
013	Cashier	043	Florist
014	Caterer	044	Gardener
015	Chair caner	045	Garment cutter
016	Chambermaid	046	Glovesmaker/glove sewer/ glove packer
017	Cigarette maker	047	Grocer/grocery business
018	Cigar maker/cigarbox maker	048	Grocery clerk
019	Circus performer	049	Hairdresser
020	Cleaner and presser	050	Hat maker/hatter
021	Clerk	051	Hosiery mill worker
022	Clothes presser	052	Hospital nurse
023	Collar maker	053	Hospital orderly
024	Concessionist	054	Hotel clerk
025	Confectioner	055	Hotel worker
026	Cook	056	Housegirl
027	Copyist	057 & 084 (error)	Housekeeper/H.K. (use either one)
028	Cotton mill operator	058	House servant
029	Cosmetician	059	Housewife
030	Decorator	060	Interior decorator

OCCUPATION (numerical listing)

OCCUPATION

061 Ironer/ironing	091 Shop girl
062 Laboratory technician	092 Singer
063 Laborer	093 S. lady (sic)
064 Lacemaker	094 Steam presser
065 Lady of easy virtue	095 Stenographer
066 Laundress/laundrywork	096 Tailor/tailoress
067 Librarian	097 Tailor's helper
068 Loom maker	098 Teacher
069 Machine operator	099 Telegrapher
070 Maid	100 Telegraph operator
071 Manicurist	101 Telephone operator
072 Masseuse	102 Tobacconist
073 Millhand/mill worker	103 Travelled with circus
074 Milliner/ milliner's apprentice	104 Typist
075 Model	105 Upholsterer
076 Musician	106 Waitress
077 Nurse	107 Washing/wash woman
Nurse and cook--see <u>Cook &amp; Nurse</u>	108 Weaver
078 Nurse for children	109 Wife
079 Office worker	110 Wool knitter/wool grader/ wool puller/wool sorter/etc.
080 Palmist	111 X-Ray technician
081 Physio-therapist	112 Cleaner
082 Presser	113 Flower maker
083 Retired	114 Housework/houseworker (for "Houseworker--at home" code 666)
084 Housekeeper/H.K.	115 Investigator
085 Saloonkeeper	116 Midwife
086 School teacher	117 Music teacher
087 Seamstress	118 Office manager
088 Secretary	119 Operator
089 Servant	120 Paper-box maker
Sewing--code as <u>Seamstress</u>	
090 Shirt maker	

OCCUPATION (numerical listing)

121 Phono pinner	151 Cigar shop
122 Publisher	152 Knitting mill
123 Sewing machine operator	153 Attendant in insane asylum/ state hospital
124 Silk winder	154 Nurse's assistant
125 Street walker	155 Pottery
126 Typesetter	156 Student
127 Cook and Nurse	157 Restaurant/In restaurant
128 Whip maker	158 Studio, worked in
129 Fortune Teller	159 Tannery
130 Reporter	160 Sawing wood
131 Manufacturer	161 Painter
132 Feathermaker	162 Carnival--Show girl
133 Storekeeper	163 Piano Player
134 Nurse and teacher	164 Chef
135 Janitor/janitoress	165 Bleachery
136 Trade, "In trade"	166 Day labor/Day laborer
137 & 138 (error) Real Estate (both numbers have been used for this occupation but use only one when you code)	167 Kitchen worker
139 Dressmaker's apprentice	168 Milk condensery
140 Madam (of a disorderly house)	169 Prostitute
141 Car cleaner	170 Chemical worker
142 Dancer	171 Running a disorderly house
143 Merchant	172 Market woman
144 Phonograph worker	173 Spooler
145 Animal Trainer	174 Teamster
146 Store, worked in	175 Clairvoyant
147 Shoe factory	176 Hotel keeper
148 Silk mill	177 Fur lining maker
149 Hospital worker	178 Cabaret hostess
150 Cut glass cutter	179 Photographer
	180 Bookbinder
	555 "H.W." and "House W." and other terms which could refer to either Housework or Housewife
	666 "None," "No occupation," "Houseworker-- at home" and so on. Do NOT use for blanks.
	777 illegible
	888 usually omitted
	999 no information for this inmate

CARD    COLUMN  
1        25-26

RELIGION

01	Adventist	22	Methodist Episcopal ("M.E.")
02	Agnostic	23	Missionary Baptist ("Miss. Baptist")
03	Anglican	42	Missions
04	Atheist	40	Mormon
05	Baptist	33	Orthodox (Greek or Russian)
35	Campbellite	24	Pentacostal
06	Catholic (Roman)	25	Presbyterian
39	Centenary M.E.	26	Primitive Baptist
07	Christian	27	Protestant
08	Christian Scientist	45	Quaker
09	Church of Christ ("Christ")	39	Salvation Army
41	Church of England	28	Salvationist
34	Church of God	36	Sanctified Church
10	Congregational	29	Seventh Day Adventist ("7th D.A.")
11	Dunkard	44	Shaker
12	Dutch Reform	30	Unitarian
13	Episcopal	31	United Brethren
14	Free Thinker	32	Universalist
46	Grace Church		
15	Greek Catholic		
16	Hebrew	66	"None," "Irreligious," etc. Do NOT use for blanks
17	Holiness, Holy, Holy Roller	77	illegible
18	Jewish	88	usually omitted
19	Latter Day Saint	99	no information for this inmate
37	Lutheran/German Lutheran		
43	Me. Christian (me. Christian)		
20	Mennonite		
21	Methodist/Free Methodist		

CARD    COLUMN  
1        27

MARITAL STATUS

1	Single
2	Married
3	Common-law or Cohabitation
4	Separated
5	Divorced--also code "annuled" as a 5
6	Widowed
7	illegible
8	usually omitted
9	no information for this inmate

--NOW BEGINS CARD TWO--

CARD COLUMN  
2 1-6

ID. NO.

Column 1: State and Prison

- 1 Tennessee State Penitentiary
- 2 New York--Auburn
- 3 New York--Albion
- 4 Ohio Penitentiary
- 5 Ohio Reformatory
- 6 California

Columns 2-5: Case Number

Same as for card 1 (see page 2)

Column 6: Card Number

2 (for card #2)

OFFENSE

2 7-15

(I: 7-9  
II: 10-12  
III: 13-15)

See next page.

NOTES: (1) Arson (unmodified) is miscoded on some of the first-printed data collection forms as 016 (it should be 014). This error was recognized before any coding took place and thus has not affected the actual collection of data.

(2) Forgery - For prisons 1 and 2, Forgery 3rd degree was collapsed into 061. Albion data- degrees not collapsed into 061 but rather:

2d degree - 116  
3d degree - 171  
Forgery (unmodified) - 061

Ohio data handled like Albion data.

OFFENSES (alphabetical listing)

(list revised 6-80)

- 001 Abandonment/abandonment of child or infant . .
- 113 Abduction
- 002 Abortion (procuring or administering)
- 003 Accessory after the fact to murder
- 004 Accessory after the fact to murder 1st degree
- 005 Accessory after the fact to murder 2d degree
- 006 Accessory before the fact to murder
- 007 Accessory before the fact to murder 1st degree
- 008 Accessory before the fact to murder 2d degree
- 221 Accessory to rape on person under 16
- 009 Adultery/Cohabiting in a state of adultery (Oh.)
- 010 Aiding and abetting attempted voluntary manslaughter
- 011 Aiding and abetting in carnal knowledge of a female under the age of consent
- 012 Aiding and abetting violation of age of consent law
- 013 Aiding escape/jail delivery/conveying into prison things with intent to aid an escape
- 014 Arson (unmodified)
- 015 Arson 1st degree
- 016 Arson 2d degree
- 133 Arson 3d degree
- 017 Arson and housebreaking (listed together)
- 018 Arson and houseburning
- 019 Assault (unmodified) ("asst.")
- 020 Assault and battery
- 021 "Assault etc."
- 114 Assault 1st degree
- 112 Assault 2d degree
- 157 Assault 3d degree/assault 3d degree and using threatening language
- 022 Assault to commit a felony
- 023 Assault to commit murder/to kill
- 024 Assault to commit murder 1st degree
- 025 Assault to commit murder 2d degree
- 026 Assault to commit manslaughter/voluntary manslaughter
- 212 Assault to maim
- 027 Assault to rob
- 028 Assault with dangerous/deadly weapon
- 227 Associating with dissolute persons
- 154 Associating with prostitutes
- 131 Attempted abduction
- 220 Attempted abortion
- 029 Attempted arson
- 122 Attempted arson 2d degree
- 115 Attempted arson 3d degree
- 135 Attempted burglary (any degree)
- 147 Attempted extortion
- 166 Attempted forgery (all degrees)
- 167 Attempted Housebreaking
- 143 Attempted kidnapping

OFFENSES (alphabetical listing)

030 Attempted larceny/attempted grand larceny--any and all degrees for both  
 145 Attempted rape 1st degree  
 140 Attempted suicide  
 031 Attempt to commit felony  
 032 Attempt to commit murder  
 033 Attempt to commit murder 1st degree  
 034 Attempt to commit murder 2d degree  
 035 Attempt to commit manslaughter/voluntary manslaughter  
 036 Attempt to commit perjury  
 164 Attempt to entice for immoral purposes  
 037 Attempt to rob/attempted robbery--any degree  
 213 Auto theft

038 Bigamy  
 136 Blackmail  
 039 Breaking and entering  
 161 Bribery  
 216 Burglarizing an inhabited building  
 040 Burglary (unmodified)  
 041 Burglary 1st degree  
 042 Burglary 2d degree  
 118 Burglary 2d degree  
 043 Burglary and larceny  
 044 Burglary night time  
 211 Buying stolen property

207 Carrying concealed weapon(s)  
 141 Compulsory prostitution of women (Violation Sec. 2460 NYS Penal Law)  
 176 Concealing the birth of a child (NYS Penal Law Sec. 492)  
 045 Concealing stolen property  
 046 Conspiracy (any sort)  
 205 Contempt of court  
 196 Contributing to delinquency (for Contributing to dependency and/or neglect, see Neglecting)  
 177 Corrupting the morals of a child (NYS Penal Law Sec. 494)  
 222 Counterfeiting  
 047 Crime against nature  
 144 Criminal anarchy  
 --- Cutting (Oh.)--code Cutting to Wound as Assault with a deadly weapon and code Cutting to kill as Assault to kill

189 Defrauding  
 199 Delinquency  
 048 Disorderly conduct  
 153 Disorderly person/disorderly juvenile  
 049 Disturbance of peace  
 050 Drug offense/drugs  
 051 Drunk and disorderly  
 052 Drunkenness

OFFENSES (alphabetical listing)

053 Embezzlement  
 215 Enticing minor and harboring in house of ill fame (Oh.)  
 159 Entering a home with intent to rob  
 142 Escape  
 183 Exposure of person  
 054 Extortion

055 False pretense(s)  
 056 Felony  
 057 Felonious assault  
 058 Felonious assault with attempt to commit murder (any degree)  
 059 Felonious breach of trust  
 060 Felony bad check (sic)  
 --- Fencing--see Buying  
 129 Filing forged papers/Violation NY Pen. Code Sec. 95  
 061 Forgery--unmodified (also see Uttering)  
 116 Forgery 2d degree  
 171 Forgery 3d degree (coded separately Albion and Ohio)  
 062 Forgery and attempt to pass forged papers  
 063 Forgery passing forged checks (sic)  
 195 Fornication/cohabiting in a state of fornication (Oh.)  
 152 Frequenting disorderly houses/"bad houses for purposes of prostitution"

064 Gambling  
 065 Grand larceny (unmodified)  
 110 Grand larceny 1st degree  
 139 Grand larceny 2d degree  
 120 Grand larceny after a felony

151 Habitual drunkenness  
 197 Habitual offender  
 223 Harboring a felon  
 165 Horse stealing  
 138 Housebreaking  
 162 Housebreaking and larceny  
 178 Hypodermic syringe, sale of  
 158 Immorality  
 219 Impersonation  
 066 Incest  
 185 Incurability  
 067 Indecent behavior  
 201 & 226 Inducing illicit intercourse (Oh.) (2 codes for same offense; use either)  
 218 Infanticide  
 Inmate of a disorderly house--code as Prostitution  
 068 "Intent to kill"  
 069 Intoxication/public intoxication  
 070 Involuntary manslaughter (IVM, IVMS, In.V.Ms., INVMS)  
 224 Issuing a false statement

OFFENSES (alphabetical listing)

156 Keeping bad company  
 150 Keeping a disorderly house/house of ill repute/house of prostitution/  
 house of assignation/house of ill fame  
 130 Kidnapping  
  
 071 Larceny (unmodified) and larceny from person  
 149 Larceny 1st degree  
 108 Larceny 2d degree  
 109 Larceny 3d degree  
 072 Larceny and receiving stolen property/goods  
 073 "Larceny etc."  
 074 Lewd and lascivious behavior  
 228 Libel  
 075 Loitering  
  
 134 Mails, interfering with U.S.  
 132 Maiming  
 126 Making counterfeit money  
 160 Malicious mischief/destruction of property  
 076 Malicious shooting  
 077 Malicious stabbing  
 078 Manslaughter  
 119 Manslaughter 1st degree  
 117 Manslaughter 2d degree  
 079 Mayhem  
 080 Miscegenation  
 081 Murder (unmodified)  
 082 Murder 1st degree  
 083 Murder 1st degree mitg. cir.  
 084 Murder 2d degree  
  
 Narcotics--see Drugs and Violating  
 180 Neglecting one's children (NYS Pen. Law (1918) Sec. 482, subdiv. 1)/  
 Contributing to dependency and/or neglect of minor children (Oh.)  
 198 Nonsupport of children  
  
 210 Obscenity/giving away obscene pictures  
 085 Obtaining goods by false pretenses  
 086 Obtaining money under false pretenses  
  
 225 Pandering  
 087 Passing counterfeit money/bills/paper/coin  
 088 Perjury  
 089 Petit larceny (P.L.)  
 090 Petit larceny and R(eceiving) S(tolen) P(roperty)  
 192 Pocket picking (Oh.)  
 091 Poisoning/well poisoning  
 203 Possessing liquor  
 148 Possession of firearms (in NY: after conviction of felony)  
 230 Procuring arson  
 092 Prostitution/being a common prostitute  
 229 Public Nuisance

OFFENSES (alphabetical listing)

146 Rape and abduction  
 231 Rape and incest  
 125 Rape 2d degree  
 093 Receiving and concealing stolen goods (R&CSG)  
 094 Receiving stolen goods/property (RSP)  
 208 Resisting an officer  
 095 Robbery  
 111 Robbery 1st degree  
 127 Robbery 2d degree  
 123 Robbery 3d degree  
 121 Robbery and Grand Larceny  
  
 188 Saloon visiting  
 096 Seduction  
 097 Setting fire with intent to burn  
 194 Shooting to wound (code Shooting to Kill as Attempted murder) (Oh.)  
 209 Shooting (Oh.)  
 098 Shoplifting  
 128 Sodomy  
 206 Stabbing  
 163 Stealing corn  
 214 Stoning railway car/train  
 Street strolling--code as Vagrancy  
 099 Stubborn child/servant  
 232 Suffering gaming  
  
 187 Thieving  
 217 Throwing stones at a steam vessel  
 100 Transporting  
 155 Truant  
  
 190 Under immoral influence  
 186 Ungovernable child  
 137 Unlawful marriage  
 193 Unlawful transportation of female  
 184 Unlawfully entering a building (not burglary) (NYS Pen. Law  
 (1921) Sec. 405)  
 101 Unlawfully receiving stolen property  
 200 Using obscene language  
 202 Uttering bad/forged check or note  
 124 Uttering and passing forged money order  
  
 102 Vagabondage  
 103 Vagrancy/street strolling  
 104 Violating/violation of narcotics laws  
 204 Violating liquor law  
 172 Violating Sec. 43 of NYS Penal Law  
 234 Violation of Ch. 546, Sec. 146 of NY Laws of 1899 (probably clerical error)

OFFENSES (alphabetical listing)

168 Violation of Sec. 8 of Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, NY  
 169 Violation of Sec. 1, Chap. 1, Laws and Ordinances of Schnectady  
 --- Violation of Sec. 145 of City Charter of Little Falls, NY (1928)--  
     code as Disorderly Conduct  
 --- Violation of NY Penal Law Sec. 100--code as Prostitution  
 --- Violation of Sec. 95 of NY Penal Law--see Filing  
 --- Violation of Sec. 2460 of NY Penal Law--see Compulsory  
 170 Violation of Sec. 11, Chap. 1, Laws and Ordinances of Schnectady, NY  
 174 Violation of Sec. 25 of Chap. 9 of Ordinances of City of Buffalo, NY  
 233 Violation of Sec. 228 of NY Penal Code  
 175 Violation of Sec. 720 of Penal Law of New York (1916)  
 179 Violation of Sec. 17, Chap. 18, Ordinances of City of Syracuse, NY  
 181 Violation of (her) probation/parole  
 182 Violation of all New York City Ordinances other than those listed  
     separately above  
 105 Voluntary manslaughter  
  
 191 Without Guardianship/and exposed to immoral influences  
 106 Wanton and lascivious behavior/wantonness  
 107 Wayward/waywardness/being a wayward minor

OFFENSES (numerical listing)

001 Abandonment/abandonment of child or infant  
 002 Abortion  
 003 Accessory after the fact to murder  
 004 Accessory after the fact to murder 1st degree  
 005 Accessory after the fact to murder 2d degree  
 006 Accessory before the fact to murder  
 007 Accessory before the fact to murder 1st degree  
 008 Accessory before the fact to murder 2d degree  
 009 Adultery  
 010 Aiding and abetting attempted voluntary manslaughter  
  
 011 Aiding and abetting in carnal knowledge of a female under the age of consent  
 012 Aiding and abetting violation of age of consent law  
 013 Aiding escape/jail delivery  
 014 Arson (unmodified)  
 015 Arson 1st degree  
 016 Arson 2d degree  
 017 Arson and housebreaking (listed together)  
 018 Arson and houseburning  
 019 Assault (unmodified) ("asst.")  
 020 Assault and battery  
  
 021 "Assault etc."  
 022 Assault to commit a felony  
 023 Assault to commit murder/to kill  
 024 Assault to commit murder 1st degree  
 025 Assault to commit murder 2d degree.  
 026 Assault to commit manslaughter/voluntary manslaughter  
 027 Assault to rob  
 028 Assault with dangerous/deadly weapon  
 029 Attempted arson  
 030 Attempted larceny/attempted grand larceny--any and all degrees for both  
  
 031 Attempt to commit felony  
 032 Attempt to commit murder  
 033 Attempt to commit murder 1st degree  
 034 Attempt to commit murder 2d degree  
 035 Attempt to commit manslaughter/voluntary manslaughter  
 036 Attempt to commit perjury  
 037 Attempt to rob/attempted robbery--any degree  
 038 Bigamy  
 039 Breaking and entering  
 040 Burglary (unmodified)

OFFENSES (numerical listing)

041 Burglary 1st degree  
 042 Burglary 2d degree  
 043 Burglary and larceny  
 044 Burglary night time  
 045 Concealing stolen property  
 046 Conspiracy (any sort)  
 047 Crime against nature  
 048 Disorderly conduct  
 049 Disturbance of peace  
 050 Drug offense/drugs

051 Drunk and disorderly  
 052 Drunkenness  
 053 Embezzlement  
 054 Extortion  
 055 False pretense(s)  
 056 Felony  
 057 Felonious assault  
 058 Felonious assault with attempt to commit murder (any degree)  
 059 Felonious breach of trust  
 060 Felony bad check (sic)

061 Forgery--all degrees (combine with 116)  
 062 Forgery and attempt to pass forged papers  
 063 Forgery passing forged checks (sic)  
 064 Gambling  
 065 Grand larceny (unmodified)  
 066 Incest  
 067 Indecent behavior  
 068 "Intent to kill"  
 069 Intoxication/public intoxication  
 070 Involuntary manslaughter (IVM, IVMS, In.V.Ms.; INVMS)

071 Larceny (unmodified) and larceny from person  
 072 Larceny and receiving stolen property/goods  
 073 "Larceny etc."  
 074 Lewd and lascivious behavior  
 075 Loitering  
 076 Malicious shooting  
 077 Malicious stabbing  
 078 Manslaughter  
 079 Mayhem  
 080 Miscegenation

OFFENSES (numerical listing)

081 Murder (unmodified)  
 082 Murder 1st degree  
 083 Murder 1st degree mitg. circ.  
 084 Murder 2d degree  
 085 Obtaining goods by false pretenses  
 086 Obtaining money under false pretenses  
 087 Passing counterfeit money/bills/paper/coin  
 088 Perjury  
 089 Petit larceny (P.L.)  
 090 Petit larceny and R(eceiving) (tolen) P(roperty)

091 Poisoning/well poisoning  
 092 Prostitution/being a common prostitute  
 093 Receiving and concealing stolen goods (R&CSG)  
 094 Receiving stolen goods/property (RSP)  
 095 Robbery  
 096 Seduction  
 097 Setting fire with intent to burn  
 098 Shoplifting  
 099 Stubborn child/servant  
 100 Transporting

101 Unlawfully receiving stolen property  
 102 Vagabondage  
 103 Vagrancy/street strolling  
 104 Violating/violation of narcotics laws  
 105 Voluntary manslaughter  
 106 Wanton and lascivious behavior/wantonness  
 107 Wayward/waywardness  
 108 Larceny 2d degree  
 109 Larceny 3d degree  
 110 Grand larceny 1st degree

111 Robbery 1st degree  
 112 Assault 2d degree  
 113 Abduction  
 114 Assault 1st degree  
 115 Attempted arson 3d degree  
 116 Forgery 2d degree  
 117 Manslaughter 2d degree  
 118 Burglary 3d degree  
 119 Manslaughter 1st degree  
 120 Grand larceny after a felony

OFFENSES (numerical listing)

121 Robbery and Grand larceny  
 122 Attempted arson 2d degree  
 123 Robbery 3d degree  
 124 Uttering and passing forged money order  
 125 Rape 2d degree  
 126 Making counterfeit money  
 127 Robbery 2d degree  
 128 Sodomy  
 129 Filing forged papers/Violation N.Y. Pen. Code Sec. 95  
 130 Kidnapping  
  
 131 Attempted abduction  
 132 Maiming  
 133 Arson 3d degree  
 134 Mails, interfering with U.S.  
 135 Attempted burglary (any degree)  
 136 Blackmail  
 137 Unlawful marriage  
 138 Housebreaking  
 139 Grand larceny 3d degree  
 140 Attempted suicide  
  
 141 Compulsory prostitution of women (Violation Sec. 2460 NYS Penal Law)  
 142 Escape  
 143 Attempted kidnapping  
 144 Criminal anarchy  
 145 Attempted rape 1st degree  
 146 Rape and abduction  
 147 Attempted extortion  
 148 Possession of firearms (in NY: afterconviction of felony)  
 149 Larceny 1st degree  
 150 Keeping a disorderly house/house of ill repute/house of prostitution  
  
 151 Habitual drunkenness  
 152 Frequenting disorderly houses/"frequenting bad houses for purposes of prostitution"  
 153 Disorderly person/disorderly juvenile  
 154 Associating with prostitutes  
 155 Truant  
 156 Keeping bad company  
 157 Assault 3d degree / assault 3d degree and using threatening language  
 158 Immorality  
 159 Entering a home with intent to rob  
 160 Malicious mischief

161 Bribery  
 162 Housebreaking and Larceny  
 163 Stealing corn  
 164 Attempt to entice for immoral purposes  
 165 Horse stealing  
 166 Attempted forgery (all degrees)  
 167 Attempted housebreaking  
 168 Violation of Sec. 8 of Ordinances of Syracuse, NY  
 169 Violation of Sec. 1, Chap. 1, Laws and Ordinances of Schnectady, NY  
 170 Violation of Sec. 11, Chap. 1, Laws and Ordinances of Schnectady  
  
 171 Forgery 3d (this code is used for this offense beginning with the work on Albion prison)  
 172 Violating Sec. 43 of NYS Penal Law  
 173 Violating Sec. 483 of NYS Penal Law  
 174 Violating Sec. 25 of Chap. 9 of Ordinances of the City of Buffalo, NY - soliciting for purposes of prostitution-code as/ combine with code 092  
 175 Violating Sec. 720 of NYS Penal Law (1916)  
 176 Concealing the birth of a child (NYS Penal Law Sec. 492)  
 177 Corrupting the morals of a child (NYS Penal Law Sec. 494)  
 178 Hypodermic syringe, sale of  
 179 Violation of Sec. 17, Chap. 18, Ordinances of City of Syracuse, NY  
 180 Neglecting one's children (NYS Penal Law (1918) Sec. 482 Subdiv. 1)/ Contributing to dependency and/or neglect of children (Oh.)  
 181 Violation of probation  
 182 Violation of all city ordinances other than those listed separately above  
 183 Exposure of person  
 184 Unlawfully entering a building (not burglary) (NYS Penal Law (1921) Sec. 405)  
 185 Incurability  
 186 Ungovernable child  
 187 Thieving  
 188 Saloon visiting  
 189 Defrauding  
 190 Under immoral influence  
  
 191 Without guardianship/and exposed to immoral influences  
 192 Pocket picking  
 193 Unlawful transportation of female  
 194 Shooting to wound  
 195 Fornication  
 196 Contributing to delinquency  
 197 Habitual offender  
 198 Non-support of children  
 199 Delinquency  
 200 Using obscene language

OFFENSES (numerical listing)

- 201 Inducing illicit intercourse (Oh.)
- 202 Uttering bad/forged check or note
- 203 Possessing liquor
- 204 Violating liquor law
- 205 Contempt of court
- 206 Stabbing
- 207 Carrying concealed weapon(s)
- 208 Resisting an officer
- 209 Shooting
- 210 Obscenity/giving away obscene pictures
- 211 Buying stolen property
- 212 Assault to maim
- 213 Auto theft
- 214 Stoning railway car/train
- 215 Enticing and harboring minor in house of ill fame
- 216 Burglarizing an inhabited building
- 217 Throwing stones at a steam vessel
- 218 Infanticide
- 219 Impersonation
- 220 Attempted abortion
- 221 Accessory to rape on person under 16
- 222 Counterfeiting
- 223 Harboring a felon
- 224 Issuing a false statement
- 225 Pandering
- 226 Inducing illicit intercourse (NOTE: This was coded accidentally; it is the same as #201)
- 227 Associating with dissolute persons
- 228 Libel
- 229 Public nuisance
- 230 Procuring arson
- 231 Rape and incest
- 232 Suffering gaming
- 233 Violation of Seciton 228 of NY Penal Code
- 234 Violation of Chapter 546 Section 146 of NY Laws of 1899 (probably clerical error)
  
- 666 no indication of a third, or second and third, offense
- 777 illegible or unintelligible
- 888 usually omitted
- 999 no information on this case

SENTENCE

If only one year is given (as in flat sentencing), code the sentence under "max." and for the minimum use this code:

99 15 No minimum given

Code

- 99 12 "Indeterminate" or "Indefinite" (Oh.)--use in the second four columns and in combination with 99 15 in first four columns
- 99 13 Specified term of over 100 years
- 99 14 "Life"
- 99 15 No minimum given (this code should be used ONLY in the "min." columns)
- 77 77 illegible
- 88 88 usually omitted
- 99 99 no information for this inmate

Offense:	I	II	III
min.	YY MM (16-19)	YY MM (24-27)	YY MM (32-35)
Max.	YY MM (20-23)	YY MM (28-31)	YY MM (36-39)

TYPE OF SENTENCE

- 1 Simple
- 2 Concurrent
- 3 Consecutive
- 4 Simple with punishment in addition to incarceration, such as fine
- 5 Concurrent with punishment in addition to incarceration, such as fine
- 6 Consecutive with punishment in addition to incarceration, such as fine
- 7 illegible
- 8 usually omitted
- 9 no information for this inmate

DATE RECEIVED

MM YYYY

- 77 7777 illegible
- 88 8888 usually omitted
- 99 9999 no information for this inmate

For those who were transferred into Auburn in 1893, I have data on the date they arrived at Auburn (e.g., 05 1893) and also data on the date at which they began serving this sentence in Onondaga Penitentiary, King's County Penitentiary, and so on (e.g., 05 1885). It is the latter data which I am recording in the space for Date Received, for the most important information is how much time did she serve on this charge, irrespective of whether her sentence began at the State Prison for Women (which opened in 1893) or at a different institutions.



METHOD OF RELEASE

Columns 25-26: First time out

- Absent with leave--see Temporary Parole
- 26 "Absolute Discharge" or "Discharge" or "Final Release"
  
- 27 Commitment to another penal/reformatory institution (not transfer but, e.g., from parole)
- 01 "Commutation"
- 21 Commutation but with time added for bad behavior
- 02 Conditional pardon
- 03 Court-ordered (include writ of H.C. here)
  
- 04 Deportation
- 05 Died or killed (other than execution)
- "Discharge"--see "Absolute Discharge"
- 32 Discharge to care of parents/husband/other relative
- 33 Discharged because sick (T.B. usually and flu)
- 34 Discharged as unfit subject for institution/improper commitment
  
- 06 Escape
- 07 Execution
- 08 Expiration of sentence without possibility of Good Time-type credits\*
- 09 Expiration of sentence with Good Time type credits
- 10 Expiration of sentence, Good Time-type credits possible but denied totally or partially\*
  
- "Final Release"--see "Absolute Discharge"
  
- 11 Held beyond expiration of sentence, apparently
  
- 29 Illegal commitment, returned to court or to own home
  
- 28 Out on informal trial as domestic (preparole)
  
- 12 Pardon
- 13 Parole to position as domestic\*\*
- 14 Parole to relative or husband
- 15 Parole, other or to whom/what not indicated
- 37 Payment of fine/costs
  
- 21 Release before evident legal date
- 35 Released by order of Attorney General or other government agency
- 38 Released to begin new sentence
- 39 Released to Federal authorities
- 25 Remission of fine and then parole
- 16 Reparole
- 23 Reversal of judgement
  
- 22 Special commutation (Governor reduces sentence to time served)
- 24 Special commutation by Governor followed by parole

METHOD OF RELEASE (continued)

- 36 Temporary parole/absent with leave
- 17 Transfer to institution for insane-(NYS): Rochester State Hospital/ Gowanda; Ohio: Lima; Cleveland State Hospital. Include transfer to hospitals for insane criminals here.
- 18 Transfer to institution for mentally retarded (including Defective Delinquent units)-Rome State School/Letchworth Village/Newark/ Defective Delinquency Unit at B.H.
- 19 Transfer to another penal institution (direct transfer, in contrast to item #27)
- 20 Transfer, other--include discharge to Superintendent of Poor or to a Sherriff
  
- Writ of Habeus Corpus--see Court-ordered
  
- 30 Pardoned of one of several sentences (but not all) and then paroled
  
- 31 Special commutation by Governor followed by expiration with Good Time
  
- 55 Expiration of sentence but source is not explicit/clear as to whether Good Time-type credits were or were not awarded
- 66 Not given for 2d or 3d release but was given in the first instance
- 77 illegible
- 88 usually omitted
- 99 no information for this inmate

\* "Good Time-type credits" are defined as any time off for good behavior even when, as in Tennessee, it was sometimes called "Honor Grade" time and was awarded in addition to "regular" Good Time credit.

\*\* "Position as domestic" is defined as a position involving some form of cleaning, cooking, serving or washing for a private employer or for a state institution.

Columns 27-30

Use code for Columns 25-26



**PUBLIC  
ORDER  
CRIMES**

der false pretenses, pocket picking, and thieving (Ohio Ref. for Women).

Aiding and abetting carnal knowledge of a minor, aiding and abetting violation of age of consent law, attempted abduction, attempt to entice for immoral purposes, bigamy, crime against nature, incest, loitering, mayhem, miscegenation, and narcotics law violation (Tenn. Pen.); bigamy, compulsory prostitution, narcotics law violation, sodomy, unlawful marriage, and vagrancy (Auburn); abortion, aiding and abetting carnal knowledge of a minor, attempted abortion, bigamy, enticing minor into house of ill fame, incest, inducing illicit intercourse, malicious mischief, nonsupport of children, and obscenity (Ohio Pen.).

For the reformatories, public order crimes were classified by categories as follows: *Alcohol-related offenses* include drunk and disorderly, habitual drunkenness, and intoxication (Albion); intoxication, possessing liquor, and violation of liquor law (Ohio Ref. for Women). *Childcare-related offenses* include abandonment, abduction, child neglect, corrupting/endangering morals of a child, and enticing minor into house of ill fame (Albion); abandonment, contributing to delinquency, neglecting one's child, and nonsupport (Ohio Ref. for Women). *Disorderly conduct* includes disorderly person, disturbing the peace, malicious mischief, public nuisance, and vagrancy as well as disorderly conduct charges (Albion); disorderly person, loitering, malicious mischief, and vagrancy as well as disorderly conduct charges (Ohio Ref. for Women). *Drug-related offenses* include "drugs" and sale of hypodermic needle (Albion); "drugs" and violation of narcotics law (Ohio Ref. for Women). *Marriage-related offenses* include adultery and bigamy (both institutions). *Sex-related offenses* include exposure of person, frequenting disorderly house, immorality, keeping house of ill-repute, prostitution, and waywardness (Albion); fornication, immorality, inducing illicit intercourse, keeping disorderly house, pandering, prostitution, and unlawful transportation of a female (Ohio Ref. for Women). *Status-type offenses* include delinquency, keeping bad company, truancy, under immoral influence, ungovernable child, and without guardianship (Albion); delinquency (Ohio Ref. for Women). *Public Order Crimes, Other* (Table 5.3) include concealing birth of a child, saloon visiting, and unlawful entry (clearly distinguished from bur-

**OTHER  
OFFENSES**

glary) (Albion); abortion, suffering gaming, and using obscene language (Ohio Ref. for Women).

Aiding escape, attempt to commit a felony, attempted perjury, false pretenses, felony, perjury, transporting (Tenn. Pen.); aiding escape, bribery, criminal anarchy, false pretenses, and perjury (Auburn); aiding escape, impersonation, perjury, and transporting (Ohio Pen.); aiding escape, escape, libel, perjury, violations of various city ordinances, violation of probation, and violation of special sections of New York State Penal Law (Albion); aiding escape, contempt of court, false pretenses, habitual offender, harboring a felon, and issuing a false statement (Ohio Ref. for Women).

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## APPENDIX D |||||

### Data Collection From Registries of Prisoners: Materials and Sampling Procedures

To supplement information on prisoners in official reports, data were collected directly from the prisoner registries of five institutions:

- (1) Tennessee State Penitentiary, Nashville
- (2) New York State Prison for Women at Auburn
- (3) New York Western House of Refuge at Albion
- (4) Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus
- (5) Ohio Reformatory for Women, Marysville.

Several considerations dictated selection of these institutions. First geographical diversity seemed desirable; thus one state was chosen from the South, one from the Northeast, and one from the Midwest. (The study originally was to use data collected by other researchers from California prisoner registries, but these materials were not computerized in time for inclusion.) Second, the plan called for comparison of the demographic, offense, and sentence characteristics of women held in custodial institutions and reformatories within the same state; both Ohio (which held female state prisoners at its penitentiary *until* opening of its reformatory) and New York (which *simultaneously* held women at the Auburn prison and Albion reformatory) provided this opportunity. (Tennessee, like most southern states, did not establish a women's reformatory.) Third, communication with archivists indicated that the prisoner registries for the five institutions in

these three states were not only available but also in relatively good condition. (Unfortunately, examination of the records of the Ohio Reformatory for Women revealed that these documents were less rich in detail than those of the other institutions.)

Data collection procedures, including sampling methods, were influenced by a number of factors: the format of the materials (for example, whether female prisoners were listed together in ledgers or rather, as at the penitentiaries of Ohio and Tennessee, included in predominantly male listings, making it necessary to search for female names and other identifiers); the extent of the materials (the more female cases, the greater the need to use skip-intervals); and limitations on the coders' time. About fifteen days were allotted for data collection from the registries of each institution. The first two days were spent assessing the materials and coding some cases. Estimates were then made of the total number of female cases available and the amount of time it would take to locate and code a single case. Division of the first figure by the second gave an idea of how many cases could be covered in the remaining time. At that point, a decision was made whether to sample and how many cases to skip when sampling.

In some instances, constraints posed by materials, time, and research questions made it necessary to skip years as well as cases. Data were collected on female prisoners incarcerated for periods five years before and after the opening of new units or institutions for women, for the original plan (which proved partially infeasible) was to determine if the opening of a new unit or institution affected characteristics such as offense type and time served. (This original plan also explains the use of periods of unequal duration in tables and commentaries giving breakdowns by period of commitment.) It also seemed advisable to cover roughly the same periods for all prisons. Such considerations governed determination of years skipped when it was impossible to collect data on the entire sequence of female cases. Data collection stopped with cases received in 1934, a point about which two of the institutions closed and one that appeared to be a major dividing point in the development of the women's prison system. In the instance of the Ohio Reformatory for Women, however, an enthusiastic assistant continued coding cases received into 1943. Figure 1 illustrates the periods covered and sampling procedures.

Age at reception  
Date of birth  
Race  
Place of birth  
Parents' place of birth  
Prior occupation  
Religion

Marital status  
Conviction offense(s)  
Sentence  
Type of sentence (simple, concurrent, or consecutive; extra punishment such as fine)  
Date received  
Date sentenced  
Prior record  
Date released  
Method of release (death, escape, pardon, parole, etc.)  
Crime partners

A few federal prisoners were held at several of the prisons. They were excluded from the samples, since the study was concerned with state prisoners only.

In what follows, the data sources and sampling procedures are identified for each of the five institutions.

#### TENNESSEE STATE PENITENTIARY

The primary source used for the study of female prisoners in Tennessee was the Tennessee State Archives' series of prisoner registries. These consist of volumes labeled K through T, plus a number of subsidiary volumes. Volumes U and following are held by the Department of Correction; use was made of volume U in addition to those in the archives.

The registries present a nearly unbroken series of consecutive admissions to the penitentiary, both female and male. There is some overlap among the earlier volumes, and the advent of a new clerk was sometimes accompanied by a new and idiosyncratic method of case enumeration. However, there was no change in the basic format, volume U recording data on the same variables, and in the same order, as did volume K. Thus the records are uniform as well as nearly complete.

Data were collected on a total of 965 cases, using every case received during the following periods:

1831 through 1874 (first female not committed until 1840)  
1879 through 1905  
1912 through 1922  
1929 through 1934.

That is, for Tennessee, years were skipped, but no cases were skipped within the sampling periods.

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The Tennessee State Archives hold a rich variety of other materials that supplement the prisoner registries. Particularly tantalizing were State Supreme Court case records that reveal the particulars of offenses listed merely as "larceny," "murder," and so on in the registries; some of these were used for Chapter 5.

#### NEW YORK STATE PRISON FOR WOMEN AT AUBURN

The New York State Archives include in their holdings a number of volumes relating to the State Prison for Women operated at Auburn between 1893 and 1933. Of these, the most useful were the following:

- Register of Convicts Received between May 1893 and March 1918
- Register of Convicts Received between August 1928 and June 1933
- Register of Convicts Discharged between June 1893 and December 1919
- Bertillon Register on inmates admitted from July 1909 until the prison's closing in 1933
- Commutation Ledger covering October 1920 to April 1930.

These volumes were used, sometimes simultaneously, to piece together records of prisoners included in the sample.

Information was collected on a total of 669 cases. Every case received from May to December 1893 was covered; these first cases included women convicted earlier but held in county penitentiaries until the opening of the State Prison for Women made possible their transfer to a state institution. Because they apparently do not appear in any other state data source, it seemed advisable to collect as much information as possible on these convicts. Beginning with January 1, 1894, the sample included every other admission (odd numbers). In all, the following periods were covered:

1893 through 1903  
1912 through 1922  
1926 through 1933.

Special samples were taken from the Bertillon register for specifics on some property and all homicide cases.

#### NEW YORK WESTERN HOUSE OF REFUGE AT ALBION

The New York State Archives hold seven volumes of prisoner registries of the Albion reformatory, covering the period from January 1894 (when the first inmate was received) through June of 1931 (when the institution ceased

to function as a reformatory). These records are complete, highly detailed, and in excellent condition.

Data were collected on a total of 1,583 cases, using every other case (odd numbers) received. Owing to student assistance with coding, in the case of Albion it was possible to cover every year.

In addition to the prisoner registries, the archives hold an evidently complete set of case files on Albion's inmates—167 cubic feet of them, each in a folder tied with a bright pink ribbon. These case files, which include letters from and to inmates (the prison's administration exercised tight control over correspondence), photographs, test scores, and other documents, provide an extremely rich source of information on reformatory inmates and their reactions to institutional efforts to rehabilitate them. Although it was not possible to examine these case files systematically, when time allowed reference was made to some of unusual interest.

#### OHIO PENITENTIARY

The Ohio State Archives hold an excellent series of registries on prisoners (male and female) admitted to the Ohio penitentiary. There are twenty-one volumes in this series, covering admissions from 1834 through March 1900. Each volume is indexed, but it proved easier to identify female cases by looking for the "W" with which they were tagged in the registries themselves. In addition to this series, the archives hold a volume, clearly a copy of an earlier and now-lost registry, which records details on prisoners received from 1815 to 1834; this was used along with the series of registries. Registries for cases received after May 1900 (volumes 22 onward) are held by the Ohio penitentiary; these were used to pick up where the archives' series leaves off.

Information was collected on a total of 609 cases, using every female case admitted from 1888 through 1916 (after which women were no longer received at the penitentiary unless slated for execution) except for cases admitted from May 1910 through December 1911. This interval was skipped owing to unexpected lack of time; the original calculation of the probable number of females committed to the Ohio penitentiary proved to be an underestimation.

#### OHIO REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN AT MARYSVILLE

The Ohio State Archives also hold a two-volume set of registries for prisoners admitted to the reformatory at Marysville. The first prisoner committed directly to the reformatory was received on September 1, 1916. However, the reformatory also received, at first, transfers from the Ohio penitentiary (women committed as early as 1913), and data on these women are recorded in the first volume of the Marysville registries. The first registry

covers cases committed originally to the penitentiary or directly to the reformatory between May 1913 and December 1926; volume 2 covers cases committed between January 1927 and April 1943. These records, though useful, are not nearly as detailed and complete as those of New York's reformatory at Albion. Moreover, they are often confusing about sentence length and time served.

Information was collected on a total of 780 cases, using every fifth case committed (either originally to the penitentiary or directly to the reformatory) in the following years:

- 1913 through 1921
- 1926 through 1943 (March).

**FIGURE 1**  
Use of Original Prisoner Records of Five Institutions:  
Periods Covered and Sampling Procedures (Female Cases Only) (4606 Total Cases)

	TENNESSEE STATE PEN.	N. Y.— AUBURN ST. PRISON	ALBION REFORMATORY	OHIO PENITENTIARY	OHIO REF'Y FOR WOMEN
1830	Opened 1831			Opened 1834	
1835	1831-1874 <sup>a</sup>				
1840					
1845					
1850					
1855					
1860					
1865					
1870					
1875					
1880					
1885		Women's Prison Opened 1893			
1890	1879-1905 <sup>a</sup>		Opened 1894	1888-4/1910 <sup>a</sup>	
1895					
1900		1893-1903 <sup>b</sup>			
1905					
1910			1894-6/1931 <sup>b</sup>		
1915	1912-1922 <sup>a</sup>	1912-1922 <sup>b</sup>		1912-1916 <sup>a</sup>	Opened 1916
1920				Women's Annex Closed 1916	1916-1921 <sup>a</sup>
1925					
1930	1929-1934 <sup>a</sup>	1926-1933 <sup>b</sup>			1926-3/1940 <sup>a</sup>
1935		Women's Prison Closed 1933	Closed 1931		
1940					
1945	965 cases	669 cases	1583 cases	609 cases	780 cases (624 thru 1943)

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