

1820 Roane County, Tennessee Schedule of Manufacturers

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The 1820 Census of Manufacturers is especially helpful for East Tennessee because there is no extant census prior to 1830. Included in the 1820 enumerations were questions relating to the items manufactured, number of persons employed, type of machinery, expenses, and production. The census taker was provided with the list of questions but not a form. So each enumerator recorded the collected information in his own arrangement. This explains why the format varies from county to county. Robert Cannon recorded the Roane County list in legible handwriting which averaged three entries per page. In order to help the reader and to save space, the questions are printed once, followed by individual responses. The answers correspond to the number for each question. Blank answers are omitted from this transcription.

This list includes 37 men in 39 operations with distilling as the most prominent (18). The remaining were: sugar orchards (4), hat making (4) cabinet making (3), tan yards (2) saddlers (2), shoemaking (2), iron works (1), gun making (1) blacksmithing (1), and building supplies (1). Ambrose Jons [Jones] was the largest employer with 4 men while 25 operations employed only one man. Other operations employed men: two men (4), three men (4), unknown but probably only one (5). None of the county manufacturers employed women or children. Two men had two operations. Starling Camp had a distillery and a sugar orchard, Michel Arnold had two distilleries.

Information [Questions]

- 1 Raw materials: the kind
- 2 Raw materials: the quantity annually consumed
- 3 Raw materials: the cost of the annual consumption
- 4 Number of persons employed: men
- 5 Number of persons employed: women
- 6 Number of person employed: boys or girls
- 7 Machinery: whole quantity and kind of machinery
- 8 Machinery: quantity of machinery in operation
- 9 Expenditures: amount of capital invested
- 10 Expenditures: amount paid annually for wages
- 11 Expenditures: amount of contingent expenses
- 12 Production: the nature and names of articles manufactured
- 13 Value of production: market value of the article annually manufactured
- 14 General remarks: past and present condition of the establishment, demand for and sale of its manufactures



Thomas Spence

	one whiskey distillery
1	Corn and Rye
2	400 Bushels Corn
3	133.33 1/3
4	one
7	one still in operation
10	80
11	55
12	800 gallons
13	50 cents [per gallon] 400

Starling Camps

1	one whiskey Distillery
2	400 Bushels Corn
3	120
4	one
7	one Still in operation
10	50
11	0 [unclear]
12	800 gallons
13	50 cent per gallon 400.00

Starling Camp

one Small Shugar orchard
 12 40 pound per yeare
 13 25 per lb10

Jonathan Hagard[?]

one whiskey Distillery
 1 Corns and Ry[e]
 2 Six Hundred Bushels
 3 180
 4 Two
 7 one Still in operation
 10 150
 12 Twelve hundred
 13 50 cents p gallon 600

James Hurt

One whisky Destillery
 1 Corn and Ry
 2 1000 Bushels
 3 333.00
 4 two
 7 one Still in operation
 10 300
 12 two Thousand gallons of whisky
 13 50 [cents] per gallon 1000

Thomas Green

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 1000 Bushels
 3 330
 4 one man
 7 one Still in operation
 10 none
 11 none
 12 Two Thousand gallons Whisky
 13 50 cents [per gallon] 1000

Thomas Cox

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 300 bushels
 3 100
 4 one man
 7 one Still in operation
 10 50
 11 10
 12 Six Hundred Gallons
 13 50 cents per gallon 300

Daniel Mason

one small shugar orchard
 12 makes 50 pounds shugar
 13 25 cents 12.50

William Gilbreath

one cabnet shop
 1 cherry, walnut and popler plank
 3 85
 4 one man
 9 70[?]
 11 50
 13 600

Samuel Martin

one Tanyard
 1 Raw hid[e]s and Barke
 3 750
 4 Two
 11 300
 13 leather taned and sold 1500

Samuel Brown

one cabnet shop
 1 Mahogany cherry walnut popler and pine plank
 3 40
 4 one
 11 135
 13 1000

William McKamy

one Saddlers Shop
 1 taned leather
 2 500
 4 one man
 11 200
 12 fifty saddles
 13 18 dollors each 900

Rubin Williams

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 2000 Bushels
 3 660
 4 Three
 11 Fore [four] Stills in operation
 10 400
 11 50
 12 Fore thousand gallons Whisky
 13 50 cents pr galon 2000

David Patton

one Tanyard
 1 Raw hid[es]
 2 three hundred hids
 3 600
 4 three
 10 50
 11 200
 12 leather 42.00

John Eli Nelson

one Sadlers Shop
 1 Leather and trimings
 3 100
 4 one man
 11 25
 12 20 Sadles
 13 15 Dollors [each] 300

John Smith

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 400 Bushels
 3 140
 4 one
 7 one Still in operation
 12 eight hundred gallons whisky
 13 50 cents per galon 400

Thomas Walker

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 seven hundred
 3 238
 4 one
 7 two Stills in operation
 10 100
 12 14 hundred gallons of whisky
 13 50 cents per gallon 700

Elisha Williamson

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn and Ry
 2 100 Bushels
 3 34
 4 one
 7 one Still in operation
 10 96
 12 200 Gallons of whisky
 13 fifty cents per galon 100

William Jolly

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 150 Bushels
 3 75
 4 one
 7 one Still in operation
 12 300 gallons of whisky
 13 50 cents per gallon 150

Peter Bowman

one Small Shugar orchard
 12 50 lb Shugar
 13 16 cents per pound 8

Oliver Wallace

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 five hundred Bushels at 33
 cents per Bushel
 3 165
 4 one
 7 two Stills in operation
 10 96
 11 60
 12 nineteen hundred gallons
 13 50 cents per Gallon 950

Thomas Black

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 three Hundred Bushels
 3 fifty cents per Bushel 150
 4 one man
 7 one Still in operation
 10 100
 11 8
 12 nine hundred gallons of Whisky
 13 62½ cents per gallon 562.50

James M'ellwee

one Whiskey Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 one Hundred Bushels
 3 33 cents per Bushel 33
 4 one
 7 one Still in operation
 10 40
 11 2.50
 12 250 gallons
 13 50 cents per gallon 125

James Dearmon

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 three hundred Bushels
 3 25 cents per Bushel 75
 4 one
 7 two Stilles in operation
 10 40
 11 10
 12 six hundred gallons
 13 50 cents per gallon 300

Witt[] Galaher[?]

one Small Shugar orchard
 12 25 pounds Shugar
 13 Sixteen Sents per pound 4

Michal Sellers

one Set of Iron Works
 1 Iron orar [ore]
 3 300
 4 two men
 7 one furnice in opperation
 10 540
 11 810
 12 sixty thousand pounds of Bare Iron
 13 eight cents per lb 4800

Michel Arnold

one Whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 100 Bushels
 3 25
 4 one
 7 one Still in operation
 10 30
 11 none
 12 200 gallons whisky
 13 50 cents per gallon 100

Michel Arnold

one whisky Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 150 Bushels
 3 37.50
 4 one
 7 one Still in operation
 10 30
 12 375 gallons whisky
 13 50 cents pr galon 187.50

Andrew Tower

one whiskey Destillery
 1 Corn
 2 150 Bushels
 3 37.50
 4 one
 10 40
 11 15
 12 three Hundred gallons whisky
 13 50 cents per gallon 150

William M'brayer

one Hatting Shop
 1 Wool and fur
 3 100
 4 1
 10 120
 12 150 wool hats at one Dollor and
 fifty cents 225
 18 fur hats at 6 Dollar[s] each 108

William Leftwich

one Cabnet Shop
 1 Cherry popler walnut and pine plank
 2 two Thousand feet pine and Popler
 one Dollor per hundred
 two Thousand feet of walnut and
 Cherry at 3 Dollors per hundred
 3 80
 4 three
 7 one set of Shop -ound tulls
 10 900
 11 150
 12 Side Boards Buerowe [Bureau]
 Desks Chine Presses Cubeards
 Chests etc
 13 2760

John Esary

one Gun factuary
 2 500 Pounds of Iron
 3 at 8 cents 40
 4 one
 11 25
 12 Twenty five Rifle guns
 13 20 Dollor[s] each 400

Jesse Walters

one Shoe makeing Shop
 3 three Hundred Dollors
 worth of Leather 300
 4 one
 10 none
 13 500

Bengiman More

one Shoe makeing Shop
 1 Taned Leather
 3 100
 4 1
 10 none
 11 5
 13 300

Henery Ligget

one Hattin Shop
 1 Fur and Wool
 2 200 pound[s] of wool at fifty cents
 per lb 100
 300 Hundred Dollors wo[r]th of
 fur 300
 4 2 [? 1 or 2]
 10 150
 11 150
 12 200 wool Hats
 13 [wool hats] \$1.50 300
 150 fur hats \$5 750

Ambrose Jons [Jones]

	one Blacksmith Shop
	2&3 fore thousand pounds of Iron
	10 cents 400
	150 Pounds of Steel at 37½ cents
	per lb 56.25
4	4
7	two Sets of Tools in opperration
10	180
11	75
13	1200

Nicholas Mansfield

	one Hatting Shop
1&3	500 Dollors worth of Fur and wool
4	3
10	1000
11	200
12	1000
13	three Dollors each 3000

Gillum Wiles

	one Hatting Shop
	wool and fur
1	
3	250
4	1
10	50
11	25
12	400
13	three Dollors each 1200

Hezekiah Hotchkiss

1	Plank Scantling Nails Iron Cast Wheels Wire Oil and Paint
2	1800 feet Plank 500 Ditto Scantling, 15 lb Nails 2 Bare Iron 75 lb, 10 Cast Wheels Screen wire 100 lb
3	Totle [total] cost 134.25
4	1
10	no wages pade [paid]
11	5
12	Wheet [wheat] Fans for Gle[a]ning Grane; wire meal sives for sif[t]ing cornmeal
13	562.50

The account of the fourgoing Manufactures was ascertained by me as I p[r]oceeded to take the census of Roane County for 1820.

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List of Names appearing in 1820 Roane Co M C

Arnold, Michel	Green, Thomas	Mason, Daniel	Tower, Andrew
Black, Thomas	Hagard, Jonathan	McBrayer, William	Walker, Thomas
Bowman, Peter	Hotchkiss, Hezekiah	McEllwee, James	Wallace, Oliver
Brown, Samuel	Hurt, James	McKamy, William	Walters, Jesse
Camp, Starling	Jolly, William	More, Bengiman	Wiles, Gillum
Cox, Thomas	Jon[e]s, Ambrose	Nelson, John Eli	Williams, Rubin
Dearmon, James	Leftwich, William	Patton, David	Williamson, Elisha
Esary, John	Ligget, Henry	Sellers, Michel	
Galاهر[?] Witt[?]	Mansfield, Nicholas	Smith, John	
Gilbreath, William	Martin, Samuel	Spence, Thomas	

