

Information Sheet

R **Morgan County (Mo.).**
420 **Tax assessment book, 1844.**
 One volume.

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The assessment book contains a substantial amount of information on the relative wealth of the citizens of Morgan County. Most of the taxpayers listed are men, but a few women were also assessed. The tax book is the work of George W. Martin, the county assessor in 1844. His records itemize the assessments on several different categories of personal property held by 1,056 resident and non-resident owners. Real estate was the most common taxable property, and the records note the legal description and original claimant of each parcel. Other classes of personal property on which taxes were levied include slaves, horses, cattle, carriages, watches, clocks, bonds, notes, and "money at interest." Four hundred eighty-seven slaves were assessed in 1844, with a total value only slightly less than the 90,000 acres of land evaluated. Aggregate values of the entire county are presented in tabular form following the records of assessment for individuals. The table includes the total valuation of real estate in Versailles, Florence, and Mining Post. Lists of individual owners of real estate in these towns are entered separately at the end of the volume.

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Tax assessment book, 1844 (178 pages).

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