HISTORY OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

9

POPULATION OF BOLIVAR COUNTY

1840-1940

1840	1,356	1900	35,427
1850	2,577	1910	48,905
1860	10,471	1920	57,669
1870	9,732	1930	71,051
1880	18,652	1940	67,574
1890	29,980		

Of the population of 10,471 in 1860, there were 9,226 slaves. The white population at that time could have been only 1,245, if there had been no Indians or people of other races in the county.

Of the population of 29,980 in 1890, only 3,230 were white. The Negroes numbered 26,734; and Indians 16.

Of the total population of 71,051 in 1930, there were 18,299 whites, 52,591 Negroes, and 161 of other races.

In 1940 there were 18,070 Whites, 49,321 Negroes, and 183 of other races. This means that 73% of the total population of the county consisted of Negroes in 1940. With some Negroes moving north and many white people moving into the county from the hill section of the state, the census of 1950 is expected to show an increase in the percentage of the total population constituted by the Whites.