**Changes in Windham County’s Slave Population**

**Directions:** Complete Activity 1 and Activity 2. Follow the steps below as you analyze the census documents from 1756-1840 for Activity 1. Then, complete the tasks in Activity 2.

**Activity 1**

**Step 1: The Census of 1756**

* Find the table for “Windham County”.
* How many people in Windham County were white?
* How many people in Windham County were black?
* What was the total number of people in Windham County?
* What percentage of those people were black or slaves?
* How did the census label black Americans in 1756?

**Step 2: The Census of 1774**

* Find the table for “Windham County”.
* How many people in Windham County were white?
* How many people in Windham County were black?
* What was the total number of people in Windham County?
* What percentage of those people were black or slaves?
* How did the census label black Americans in 1774?
* What other group is included in this census?

**Step 3: The Census of 1782**

* Find “Windham County”.
* How many people in Windham County were white?
* How many people in Windham County were black?
* What was the total number of people in Windham County?
* What percentage of those people were black or slaves?
* How did the census label black Americans in 1782??

**Step 4: The Census of 1790**

* Find the table for “Windham County”.
* How many people in Windham County were white?
* How many people in Windham County were black?
* What was the total number of people in Windham County?
* What percentage of those people were black or slaves?
* How did the census label black Americans in 1790?
* What other group is included in this census?

**Step 4: The Census of 1810**

* How many people in Windham County were white?
* How many people in Windham County were black?
* What was the total number of people in Windham County?
* What percentage of those people were black or slaves?
* How did the census label black Americans in 1810?

**Step 5: The Census of 1830**

* How many people in Windham County were white?
* How many people in Windham County were black?
* What was the total number of people in Windham County?
* What percentage of those people were black or slaves?
* How did the census label black Americans in 1830?

**Step 6: The Census of 1840**

* For this census, the data for Windham County was reported in districts. For each district find the following:
  + Total number of whites
  + Total number of freed blacks
  + Total number of slaves
* For the following questions, add the totals of all districts together:
  + How many people in Windham County were white?
  + How many people in Windham County were black?
  + What was the total number of people in Windham County?
  + What percentage of those people were slaves?
  + What percentage of those people were freed blacks?
* How did the census label black Americans in 1840?

**Activity 2**

**Task 1: Graphing**

* Using the census data from Activity 1, create a graph of your choice (line, bar, etc.) that depicts the changes of the black population in Windham County over time.
* You may choose to organize the information on your graph however you like. For example, you may graph the change in the total black population over time by combining the slave and freed black populations. Or, you may make separate lines or bars on your graph to show the changes in each separate population, freed blacks and slaves, over time. You may also break the population down further, such as by gender or age.
* Paste a copy of your graph below.

**Task 2: Analysis Questions**

* Summarize the changes in the black population of Windham County over time. What trends do you notice?
* What were the different labels used by the census to identify the black population over time? Did these labels change the way the population was counted? If so, how?
* To what do you think the changes in population can be attributed? What was happening in American culture, politics, and economics that may have caused these changes?