

X. SURNAMES OF THE WHITE POPULATION IN 1790.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER—NOMENCLATURE—PREPONDERANCE OF ENGLISH AND SCOTCH NAMES—UNUSUAL AND STRIKING SURNAMES—DISTRIBUTION OF SURNAMES—CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION UNDER CERTAIN NAMES—ABSENCE OF MIDDLE NAMES.

In the states for which the schedules of the First Census still exist there were 27,337 surnames in 1790. It is impossible to compute from this figure the number of surnames in the entire United States at the date of the First Census, but the fact that the states for which the schedules are lacking, with the exception of New Jersey, were settled largely by English immigrants, suggests the probability that the names in addition to those appearing upon the existing schedules were comparatively few in number. It is thus probable that the entire number of surnames in the United States at that period did not much exceed 30,000.

The tables which follow present some classification of nomenclature resulting from an inspection of the names of heads of families as they appear upon the schedules. This classification has been made because of the historical value which attaches to such analysis. The heads of families enumerated at the First Census were practically the founders of the Republic; it was they who adopted the Constitution which made the Republic permanent. Furthermore, the constant increase of interest in genealogy makes this analysis of especial interest.

A large preponderance of English and Scotch names appears upon the schedules of the First Census. The proportion, indeed, is so large that these two nationalities embrace substantially the entire population, with the exception of that of certain sections, principally in New York, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. Moreover, inspection of the names, conveys the impression that they were largely of Anglo-Saxon origin.

Many of the names upon the schedules probably have now passed out of existence, because of an increasing tendency on the part of the public to avoid striking or fantastic names. Most of those names which tended to cause a distinct loss of dignity to the bearer have, in the course of a century, been so modified, with the social advance of the possessors, as to lose unpleasant characteristics. Many Christian names which were of frequent occurrence in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and indeed in the early part of the nineteenth century, have become obsolete. Their use by the present generation would be regarded as an absurdity. Inspection of the city directories for several of the larger municipalities

shows that many of the more peculiar and eccentric names reported at the First Census still continue to be borne; but it is a fact, also, that such names are by no means so conspicuous at the present time as at the earlier period. The addition of a great body of names originating in countries other than Great Britain tends to reduce the prominence of English names, as the proportion contributed by such names decreases. It is true that many of the names so added may be formed of the parts of speech of other languages, but this fact is concealed by their occurrence in a foreign tongue.

Those who study the names upon the schedules of the First Census are impressed by the fact that a large proportion of the total number are derived from common nouns or other parts of speech related to the daily affairs, occupations, events, and surroundings of the individual and the community. Tests were made of the names returned for 3 states, to determine the proportion of families bearing names of this class. It was found that of all families reported in these 3 states about 30 per cent derived their names from parts of speech.

Of the 27,337 different surnames for which the 1790 schedules are in existence, 9.4 per cent were derived from parts of speech. Upon making a classification of the names so derived, according to the meaning of the words, they fall into the following general classes:¹

Household and domestic affairs—food and eating, drink, clothing, and sewing materials.

Nations and places.

Human characteristics—nationality, kinds of men, condition, appearance or state, bathing, ailments and remedies, parts and actions of the body, relationship.

Games, religion, music, and literature.

Property—kind of house and building material and belongings, surroundings, furniture and tableware, merchandise and commodities, and money.

Nature—color, objects of nature or features of landscape, trees, plants and flowers, fruits, nuts, weather, beasts, birds, insects and creeping creatures.

The ocean and maritime subjects.

War.

Death and violence.

Time.

Unusual and ludicrous combinations of common nouns and of Christian names and surnames.

HOUSEHOLD AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

Food and eating.—Soup, Oyster, Fish, Trout, Salmon, Haddock, Shad, Crab; Veal, Lamb, Pork, Savory, Stew; Fowl, Duck, Quail, Goose, Gravy; Tripe, Tongue, Kidney, Liver, Hash, Ham, Eggs;

¹Classification of the surnames shown upon the census schedules, according to their meaning as parts of speech, proves of so much interest that, while not properly a part of a report of this character, some of the more noteworthy names are given in the following classified list:

Two facts are of especial interest in connection with an analysis of names. The parts of speech which are represented are almost entirely Anglo-Saxon. They are derived from the most common events of life, conditions, places, or things, and it may be said that they represent almost one-third of the population of the United States in 1790. The prevalence of biblical given names reflects the religious feeling of the period. The absence of those names which were offensive from the standpoint of politics, on the other hand, reflects the political prejudices prevailing at that date. For example, the name "Charles" is found rather infrequently. Indeed, in the entire state of Massachusetts, one of the most populous states of that period, it occurs less than 250 times on the schedules.

A classification of the total number of names represented upon the schedules (27,337), according to frequency of occurrence, as, for example, the number

of names which appear but once, the number which appear but twice, etc., show the following interesting results:

NUMBER OF TIMES NAMES APPEAR UPON SCHEDULES, BY GROUPS.	Number of names.	Per cent each class forms of all names.
Total.....	27,337	100.0
1.....	11,934	43.7
2.....	3,609	13.2
3 to 4.....	3,235	11.8
5 to 9.....	3,105	11.4
10 to 24.....	2,564	9.4
25 to 49.....	1,244	4.6
50 to 99.....	744	2.7
100 to 199.....	511	1.9
200 to 299.....	154	0.6
300 to 399.....	84	0.3
400 to 499.....	55	0.2
500 to 749.....	53	0.2
750 to 999.....	12	(¹)
1,000 to 1,499.....	19	0.1
1,500 to 1,999.....	6	(¹)
2,000 to 2,999.....	6	(¹)
3,000 and over.....	2	(¹)

¹ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

Goodbread, Butter, Olives, Radish, Mustard, Cress, Vinegar; Corn, Beets, Onions, Beans, Collard, Carrott, Peas, Squash, Brownrice, Sago; Waffle, Honey, Pancake, Jam, Mush, Treacle; Cake, Custard, Tart, Cheese, Almond, Dates, Shaddock, Melon; Mints, Fudge; Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Milk; Hunger, Food, Meal, Diet, Slice, Broil, Boiling, Ginger, Greens, Alspice, Lard, Pepper.

Drink.—Brandy, Goodrum, Grog, Grapewine, Redwine, Punch, Cider, Port, Negus, Freshwater, Beer, Booze, Goodwine, Wine.

Clothing.—Dress, Raiment, Gowns, Frocks, Petticoat, Bloomer, Scarf, Red sleeves, Frill, Shawl, Bonnet, Feather, Boas, Mitts, Beads, Spangle, Shoe, Highshoe, Stockings, Coats, Shirts, Waistcoat, Jumpers, Smock, Overall, Collar, Lightcap, Mitten, Boots, Socks, Brogan, Cap.

Sewing materials.—Linen, Silk, Poplin, Crape, Lace, Wool, Buttons; Machine, Needles, Pattern, Pin, Bodkin, Spool; Threadcraft, Mendingall, Patching, Whitecotton.

NATIONS AND PLACES.

England, Ireland, Hungary, Germany, Holland, Spain, Poland, Athens, Boston, Canada, Bohemia, Venice, Parliament, Paradise, Bedlam.

HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS.

Nationality.—English, Irish, French, German, Prussian, Poles, Spaniard, Malay, Tartar, Dago, Mussulman, Dutch.

Kinds of men.—Beeman, Councilman, Countryman, Iceman, Ploughman, Sickman, Shortman, Smallman, Toughman, Tidyman, Weatherman, Weedingman, Peacemaker, Houselighter, Woolweaver, Landmiser, Pioneer, Pilgrim, Pagan, Pettyfool, Passenger, Grooms, Biters, Fakes, Equals, Drinker, Dancer, Kicker, Cusser, Spitter, Booby, Dunce, Gump, Boor, Crank, Crook, Rascal, Swindle, Knave, Outlaw, Madsavage, Coward, Hero, Double, Goodfellow.

Condition.—Hunger, Thirst, Smell, Taste, Anger, Laughter, Comfort, Reason, Clemency, Justice, Care, Pride, Wit, Pluck, Faith, Devotion, Goodcourage, Fuss, Flurry, Fury, Thrift, Doubt, Piety.

Appearance or state.—Short, Shorter, Plump, Comely, Sallow, Supple, Bony, Barefoot, Allred, Busy, Idle, Careless, Strict, Calm, Gushing, Dumb, Howling, Daft, Looney, Dowdy, Neat, Empty, Greedy, Fearing, Fearless, Faithful, Fickle, Forward, Humble, Gadding, Sober, Maudlin, Gaudy, Quaint, Harsh, Jolly, Kind, Severe, Literal, Final, Wealthy, Miserly, Naughty, Toogood, Sullen, Sanguine, Proud, Prudent, Rough, Tough, Hasty, Weary, Old, Oider, Wordly, Witty, Allright, Proper, Lazy, Lucky, Upright, Underhand, Measley, Rude, Toobald, Cacklin.

Bathing.—Coldbath, Towel, Soap.

Ailments and remedies.—Fatyowant, Gout, Fever, Crampeasy, Boils, Measles, Swelling, Corns, Rickets, Gripe, Ache, Cough, Sliver, Blackhead, Warts, Tetter, Fits; Surgeon, Quack; Balm, Physic, Salts, Mixture, Bliester, Pellet, Pill.

Parts and actions of the body.—Head, Brains, Forehead, Cheeks, Nose, Ears, Chin, Beard, Lips; Tongue, Shoulders, Wrists, Hands, Fingers, Thumbs, Hips, Side, Knee, Leg, Foot, Heel, Bones, Gulletts, Heartis, Kidneys, Bowels, Livers, Glands, Breaths, Voices, Whisper, Murmurs, Grunts, Howls, Yells, Smack, Caress.

Relationship.—Brother, Sister, Couples, Husbands, Son, Daughter, Uncles, Cousins, Neighbors.

GAMES, RELIGION, MUSIC, AND LITERATURE.

Games.—Clubs, Cards, Chess, Faro, Dice, Dance, Waltz.

Religion.—Preacher, Rector, Church, Chapel, Steeples, Spires, Bell, Clapper, Organ, Pew, Sermon, Creed, Bible, Psalms, Psalter, Sinners, Blessing, Miracle, Angels, Heavens, Hell.

Music and literature.—Music, Chord, Harmony, Overture, Christian, Singer, Duett, Harp, Fiddle, Fife, Cornet; Poet, Rymes, Jingles, Ballad, Parody.

PROPERTY.

Kind of house, building material, and belongings.—House, Lot, Brickhouse, Acres, Greathouse, Marble, Mahogany, Oldhouse, Halfacre, Stonehouse, Longhouse, Newhouse, Laughinghouse, Roof, Brickroof, Shingle, Gambrel, Gable, Gutters, Spout, Lumber, Brick, Wooden, Plank, Scantling, Lath, Crack, Cranny, Door, Latch, Knob, Lockkey, Kitchen, Buttery, Shelf, Furnace, Heater, Register, Porch, Shed, Pump, Corners.

Surroundings.—Stable, Barns, Trough, Manger, Coolyard, Brickwell, Coldwell, Cornhouse, Woodhouse, Milkhouse, Warehouse, Millhouse, Wharf.

Furniture and tableware.—Table, Curtain, Vase, Clocks, Desk, Chairs, Cushion, Pillow, Bolster, Box, Broom, Bucket, Candle, Snuffer, Plate, Platter, Bowls, Newbowl, China, Silver, Knife, Forks, Spoons, Pitcher, Mug, Saucer.

Merchandise and commodities.—Stove, Wood, Coke, Oven, Coal, Fender, Auction, Wondersale, Shovel, Poker, Hammock, Pickett, Tubs, Ax, Ladder, Mallet, Nuthammer, Hatchet, Wrench, Level, Nipper, Whetstone, Gouge, Nail, Tack, Awl, Oats, Bran, Shorts, Husks, Wheat, Mash, Bags, Balloon, Barley, Barrels, Basket, Bench, Bike, Boiler, Bomb, Brass, Buckhorn, Camphor, Cane, Cap, Chalk, Chopper, Coin, Coldiron, Combs, Compass, Coop, Coopernail, Copper, Cork, Cowhorn, Cradle, Cutwork, Dipper, Divans, Files, Filters, Grater, Gravel, Gum, Hammers, Hassock, Hogshhead, Hornbuckle, Hose, Inks, Iron, Irons, Ivory, Junk, Kettle, Kite, Leeks, Lightwood, Locket, Maize, Tenpenny, Oldshoe, Paste, Pearl, Pen, Pencil, Pipes, Plough, Powder, Primer, Rags, Rakes, Rattle, Razor, Rivets, Rockets, Rope, Rug, Satchel, Screws, Sequin, Shot, Sickle, Silkrags, Silver, Slate, Smallcorn, Snuff, Spikes, Sticks, Stilts, Straw, Tallow, Tarbox, Ticket, Tiles, Tool, Trap, Trucks, Trunk, Tubes, Turnipseed, Twine, Twist, Varnish, Wafer, Washer, Weights, Whips, Whitehorn, Wigs, Wire, Yarn, Yoke, Harness, Hames, Reins, Sulkey, Surrey, Coltrider, Heldebridle.

Money.—Purse, Money, Cash, Dollar, Milldollar, Penny, Thickpenny, Shilling, Dimes, Nickles, Pence.

NATURE.

Color.—Colour, Black, White, Gray, Green, Brown, Red, Ruby, Pink, Purple, Seagray, Nile, Orange, Tan, Olive, Lavender, Carmine, Blue, Scarlet.

Objects of nature or features of landscape.—Mountain, Tallhill, Widedale, Lakes, Meadows, Parks, Pastures, Rivers, Woodsides, Roads, Bridges, Bogs, Forest, Chestnutwood, Hazelgrove, Wood-

The most significant fact which appears in the preceding table is the large proportion of the total number of names which is formed by names represented by one family only, and the rapid decrease as the groups include more frequent occurrence of names. For example, of the names which appear between 1,000 and 1,500 times—in other words, are represented by that number of families—there are but 19; while, in the highest class, but 2 names are represented by 3,000 or more families.

It is important to remember that a comparatively small part of the total number of surnames in the United States in 1790 includes practically the entire white population. Eleven thousand nine hundred and thirty-four names represent but one-half of 1 per cent of the white population, hence the 99.5 per cent were represented by 15,403 surnames.

The number of times surnames appear in the various states and their classification into groups, according to frequency of occurrence, is shown in the following table:

TABLE 42.—NUMBER OF NAMES REPORTED FOR WHITE FAMILIES, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES RECORDED UNDER SUCH NAMES, BY STATES: 1790.

NUMBER OF WHITE FAMILIES.	United States.	Maine.	New Hampshire.	Vermont.	Massachusetts.	Rhode Island.	Connecticut.	New York.	Pennsylvania.	Maryland.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.
Total.....	27,337	2,640	2,588	2,460	4,452	1,396	3,412	7,462	13,383	6,552	5,355	6,777	5,391
1.....	11,934	1,052	917	928	1,641	578	1,363	3,419	6,661	3,239	2,038	2,696	2,613
2.....	3,600	362	325	345	536	191	389	989	1,984	973	838	1,025	825
3 to 4.....	3,235	373	350	352	487	175	357	800	1,844	801	788	978	757
5 to 9.....	3,105	398	404	420	563	187	426	931	1,457	732	802	928	635
10 to 24.....	2,504	312	337	315	550	147	435	731	905	477	597	729	391
25 to 49.....	1,244	107	107	81	347	76	233	324	311	166	189	252	117
50 to 99.....	744	30	69	25	220	35	152	130	151	59	73	105	40
100 to 199.....	511	6	16	2	77	7	49	39	49	13	24	51	10
200 to 299.....	154		2	1	21		6	6	13	1	3	6	2
300 to 399.....	84		1		6		2	2	5	1	2	4	1
400 to 499.....	55				2		1	1	1		1	1	
500 to 749.....	53				1							1	
750 to 999.....	12						1		2			1	
1,000 to 1,499.....	19				1								
1,500 to 1,999.....	6												
2,000 and over.....	8												

land, Woodyfield, Wilderness, Fountain, Middlebrook, Marsh, Pool, Pond, Gully, Ditch, Farm, Taterfield, Bars, Garden, Grass, Long-wall, Tanyard, Market, Maypole, Lowbridge, Drawbridge, Wood-edyke, Saltmarsh, Oysterbanks, Sharpstone, Redstone, Mud, Soot, Smoke, Blaze, Fires, Sparks.

Trees.—Maples, Oaks, Greenoak, Chestnut, Walnut, Pine, Bay, Willow, Tumbletree, Redwood, Roots, Sap, Acorn.

Plants and flowers.—Plants, Weeds, Vines, Shrub, Mallow, Primrose, Calls, Ivy, Pinks, Parsley, Marjoram, Wormwood, Fennel, Caraway, Bramble, Brier, Thistle, Barnthistle, Toadvine, Rag-bush, Clover, Seeds, Pollen.

Fruits.—Fruit, Apple, Pippin, Currants, Cherry, Blackheart, Grapes, Lemons, Peach, Plum, Quince, Pears, Limes, Berry, Mayberry, Appleberry, Bilberry, Touchberry, Thornberry, Dewberry, Fortuneberry, Flyberry, Huckelberry, Raspberry, Winterberry, Wineberry, Rottenberry.

Nuts.—Nut, Chestnut, Walnut, Hickrynut.

Weather.—Weathers, Dry, Damp, Pleasant, Dismal, Sprinkle, Shower, Rains, Storms, Gales, Sirocco, Hail, Slush, Freeze, Bliz-zard, Coldair.

Beasts.—Horse, Hoss, Hossies, Colts, Trotter, Mules, Kicks, Ox, Bulls, Cows, Heifer, Redheifer, Calf, Middlecalf, Goats, Sheep, Lamb, Cats, Leathercat, Mouser, Pup, Shoat, Squirrel, Beavers, Mink, Coons, Seals, Sealion, Bear, Bruin, Cub, Leopard, Tiger, Moose, Lions, Panther, Flippers, Claws, Hoofs, Horns, Tails, Clatter, Canter, Gallop.

Birds.—Eagle, Canary, Lark, Woodpicker, Parrot, Peacock, Raven, Sparrow, Starling, Skyhawk, Stork, Swan, Buzzard, Crows, Snipes, Robins, Hawks, Pheasants, Rocks, Fowls, Chick, Bantam, Gosling, Geese, Pigeon, Dove, Birdsong, Birdwhistle.

Insects and creeping creatures.—Ant, Beetle, Fly, Bees, Hornet, Roach, Locust, Snails, Grubs, Maggot, Worm, Snake, Turtle, Frog.

THE OCEAN AND MARITIME SUBJECTS.

Seas, Billows, Bays, Breeze, Ship, Sloop, Barge, Bigraft, Anchor, Shoals, Sails, Bunks, Commodore, Mariner, Shipboy, Swab.

WAR.

War, Battle, Campaign, Fight, Fightmaster, Cannon, Boom, Guns, Trigger, Shots, Pistol, Shoots, Swords, Banner, Bugle, Bugler, Fort, Officer, Booty, Treason, Prison.

DEATH AND VIOLENCE.

Death, Deadman, Hearse, Vaults, Tombs, Moregraves, Duel, Murder, Demon, Ghost, Mummy.

TIME.

Months, Weeks, Shortday, Nights, Hour, Winter, Midwinter, August, Yesterday, Tewday, Allday, Always, Friday, Sunday, Monday, Lunch, Supper, Goodnight, Clock, Bells, Christmas, Easter.

UNUSUAL COMBINATIONS OF COMMON NOUNS.

Beersticker, Cathole, Churning, Clampit, Clapsaddle, Clinkscapes, Cockledress, Coldflesh, Crackbone, Drips, Flybaker, Fryover, Gallivant, Getstrap, Goodbit, Goosehorn, Graytracks, Hogmire, Honeycomb, Hungerpealer, Huntsucker, Icebrass, Liptrot, Livergall, Lookinbill, Milksack, Moonshine, Partneck, Pockerpine, Reed-hovel, Scoot, Shamback, Sharpneck, Silvernail, Slappy, Spits-noggel, Splitstone, Stophell, Straddle, Sunlighter, Sydebottom, Sydersticker, Tallowback, Threewits, Trueluck, Wallifour, Willi-bothor, Witchwagon.

STRIKING OR LUDICROUS COMBINATIONS OF CHRISTIAN NAMES AND SURNAMES.

Joseph Came, Peter Wentup, Joseph Scolds, John Sat, Thomas Simmers, John Smothers, Sarah Simpers, Ruth Shaves, Barbary Staggers, William Sorrows, Joseph Rodeback, Christy Forgot, Agree Crabtree, Christian Bonnet, Truelove Sparks, Snow Frost, Preserved Taft, Wanton Bump, Adam Hatmaker, Darling White-man, Mourning Chestnut, River Jordan, Moses Rainwater, Christian Shell, Sermon Coffin, Boston Frog, Jedediah Brickhouse, Jedima Crysick, Bachelor Chance, Susannah Boots, Britain Spelling, History Gott, Anguish Lemmon, Thomas Gabtale, Unity Bachelor, Web Ashbean, Booze Still, Over Jordan, Thomas Purify, Constant Gallneck, Pleasant Basket, Hannah Petticoat, Balaam Bell, Abra-ham Bokay, Cutlip Hoof, Comfort Clock, Jonah Hatchet, Noble Gun, Hardy Baptist, Sillah Jester, Jacob Worm, Hannah Cheese, Henry Callico, Abraham Singhorse, Sharp Blount, Mercy Pepper.

Of the total number of surnames reported in the United States, almost exactly half were returned for Pennsylvania. This was nearly double the number returned for any other state—probably because of the large proportion of Germans composing the population of that state. It is clear that the occurrence of more than one nationality as an element of population tends to increase greatly the number of surnames. In general, the number of surnames was smallest in the New England states, where the proportion of British stock was greatest. In South Carolina, with a population no larger than that of Maine, the number of surnames was more than double the number reported upon the Maine schedules. In all the states the number of surnames occurring but once—that is, as represented by but 1 family—was very much greater than the occurrence of surnames represented by even

two families. In New England the number of single surnames was almost exactly three times as great in each state as the number represented by 2 families. In the other states a slightly smaller proportion appeared, except in the case of Virginia and North Carolina. In but 4 states—Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina—did any surname occur more than 500 times. The names so represented were Brown and Smith in Massachusetts; Smith in Connecticut; Smith and Williams in Pennsylvania; and Smith and Jones in North Carolina. But 1 surname occurred more than 1,000 times in any one state—the name of Smith in Massachusetts.

When analysis is made of the number of persons comprising the families shown in the previous table, the following results appear:

TABLE 43.—NUMBER OF NAMES REPORTED FOR WHITE FAMILIES, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF WHITE PERSONS IN ALL HOUSEHOLDS RECORDED UNDER SUCH NAMES, BY STATES: 1790.

NUMBER OF WHITE PERSONS.	United States.	Maine.	New Hampshire.	Vermont.	Massachusetts.	Rhode Island.	Connecticut.	New York.	Pennsylvania.	Maryland.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.
Total	27,337	2,640	2,588	2,469	4,452	1,396	3,412	7,462	13,383	6,552	5,355	6,777	5,391
1	710	81	40	27	62	18	59	106	301	155	200	389	189
2 to 9	11,727	1,045	890	932	1,685	595	1,292	3,419	6,585	3,202	2,029	2,656	2,570
10 to 49	9,162	1,012	1,008	1,051	1,399	495	1,074	2,486	4,928	2,408	2,173	2,608	2,043
50 to 99	2,055	261	276	267	450	117	365	674	779	448	520	571	335
100 to 199	1,463	162	201	137	358	92	310	447	463	203	271	316	160
200 to 299	639	47	94	30	185	38	114	164	114	78	70	100	47
300 to 399	343	15	34	17	106	25	78	69	81	27	38	52	22
400 to 499	220	9	14	4	65	5	39	36	43	12	14	19	8
500 to 749	354	6	20	2	74	5	51	34	50	9	22	35	10
750 to 999	187	1	7	1	26	3	19	15	12	5	10	17	3
1,000 to 1,499	197	1	2	1	26	3	7	9	17	5	5	7	3
1,500 to 1,999	95		1		9		2		4		2	2	
2,000 to 2,999	97		1		5		1	3	4		1	4	1
3,000 to 3,999	37				1							1	
4,000 to 4,999	16						1		2				
5,000 to 7,499	19				1								
7,500 to 9,999	8												
10,000 to 14,999	6												
15,000 and over	2												

While the number of names represented by 1 family is exceedingly large, the number of names represented by only 1 person is very small. In all the states, the proportion of surnames represented by from 2 to 50 persons includes the greater number; in Pennsylvania, for example, all but 1,870 names out of 13,383 were represented by from 2 to 50 people. Such an analysis brings out the fact of the very wide distribution of names, and the small number of persons appearing under a surname in any one state.

Table 44 shows that the average number of persons per name for the area covered was between 90 and 100, while the proportion varied in the different states from 25 to 83. It is a significant fact, suggested both by this table and by Table 43 that Massachusetts, the population of which was almost exclusively of British extraction, closely followed by most of the New England states, reports the highest proportion of families per name and consequently of persons per name. Table 44 reflects, in general, the tendency of the homogeneous population to show a smaller pro-

portion of surnames to population than does a mixed population, such as that of Pennsylvania and South Carolina.

TABLE 44.—Average number of white families per name, and average number of white persons per name and family, by states: 1790.

STATE.	Number of names.	Number of families.	Number of persons.	AVERAGE NUMBER OF—		
				Families per name.	Persons—	
					Per name.	Per family.
United States.....	27,337	443,726	2,505,371	16.2	91.6	5.6
Maine.....	2,640	16,972	95,334	6.4	36.1	5.6
New Hampshire.....	2,588	23,982	140,479	9.3	54.3	5.9
Vermont.....	2,469	14,969	84,772	6.1	34.3	5.7
Massachusetts.....	4,452	65,149	371,770	14.6	83.5	5.7
Rhode Island.....	1,396	10,854	64,988	7.8	46.6	6.0
Connecticut.....	3,412	40,457	232,641	11.9	68.2	5.8
New York.....	7,462	54,190	308,404	7.3	41.3	5.7
Pennsylvania.....	13,383	73,323	419,917	5.5	31.4	5.7
Maryland.....	6,562	32,012	179,283	4.9	27.3	5.6
Virginia.....	5,355	38,245	203,502	7.1	38.0	5.3
North Carolina.....	6,777	48,021	265,006	7.1	39.1	5.5
South Carolina.....	5,381	25,552	139,275	4.7	25.9	5.5

In Table 111, which appears upon page 227, will be found a list of 3,661 names, comprising all those represented by at least 100 white persons. These names have been correlated, and the total number of families bearing such names in the United States and in each of the several states (in 1790) is shown, with the approximate number of persons comprised in such families. Reference has already been made to the dissimilarity between the number of surnames in the United States at the period of the First Census and the number of persons represented by names. The tendency of the population at that period to group under surnames of frequent occurrence is indicated by the fact that 11,934 names represent less than 1 per cent of the white population; 11,742 represented 15.7 per cent and the remaining 3,661 names specified in Table 111 represented 83.8 per cent.

The total number of names comprised in this table approximates 13 per cent of the entire number of names recorded upon the schedules for the area covered, and eight-tenths of 1 per cent of all the families in the same area.

A conclusion to be drawn from this analysis is that at the beginning of Constitutional Government approximately 800 surnames—practically all of which were of English or British origin—contributed about one-third of the entire population of the United States, while all the remaining population was distributed among a great variety of surnames, 38 per cent of which were represented by one family only.

The number of heads of families with approximate total number of persons, under a few of the names of more frequent occurrence, were:

NAME.	Number of families.	Total persons.
Smith.....	5,932	33,245
Brown.....	3,358	19,175
Davis.....	2,575	14,300
Jones.....	2,561	14,300
Johnson.....	2,646	14,004
Clark.....	2,242	13,766
Williams.....	2,253	12,717
Miller.....	2,225	12,694
Wilson.....	1,765	9,797

These 9 names represented about 4 per cent of the total white population in 1790.

The absence of middle names or initials from the schedules of the First Census is so noticeable as to suggest the practical growth of this custom after the beginning of the nineteenth century. The carelessness of enumerators might, in many instances, explain the failure to include middle names or initials upon some of the schedules, but defects of enumeration in this particular would not be so general as to result in almost complete absence of such names. Upon a document of such momentous importance as the Declaration of Independence, signed by the most distinguished men of the period, complete signatures were of course to be expected; yet it will be remembered that upon this document appear the names of but 3 persons having middle names—Robert Treat Paine, Richard Henry Lee, and Francis Lightfoot Lee.

It would be of the utmost interest to compare statistics of surnames at the Twelfth Census with those here presented for the First, but no such information is available. Meager as are the statistical data yielded by the First Census, it is probable that it will long stand as the only census for which statistics of nomenclature exist.