

# XI. NATIONALITY AS INDICATED BY NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES REPORTED AT THE FIRST CENSUS.

NATIONALITY IN STATES FOR WHICH SCHEDULES EXIST—IN THOSE FOR WHICH SCHEDULES ARE MISSING—COMPOSITION OF POPULATION OF TYPICAL COUNTIES IN 1900—SLAVEHOLDING BY NATIONALITY.

In modern census taking nationality is determined by the response of the individual to the question concerning place of birth or the place of birth of parents. Such a classification is obviously impossible in connection with the First Census; as the only means of determining the nationalities of whole families at that census is by inspection of the names of the heads of families as they appear upon the existing schedules. If this be remembered, so that no confusion shall arise through an attempt to force comparisons, the results attained from inspection of the First Census schedules present a very interesting and doubtless a reasonably accurate analysis of the nationality of the population at the time. Such classification, however, is obviously in the nature of an indication of blood, or what may be termed nationality strain, since it takes no account of the actual place of birth or parentage of the individual, or of the length of time which the bearers of the name may have been absent from the mother country. The ancestors of

the bearer of an Irish or Dutch name may have arrived in the first shipload of immigrants who landed on the shores of Virginia, Manhattan, or New England, so that at the time of the First Census the descendant enumerated possessed few or none of the characteristics of the nationality indicated. On the other hand, the individual may have arrived in the United States alone or with his family but a few weeks prior to the enumeration.

Emphasis is laid upon the above facts in order that no misunderstanding may arise concerning the analysis of nationality here presented. While, therefore, it can not be regarded as possessing the least value from the standpoint of modern classification by place of birth, such an analysis, especially for the period under consideration, possesses great value as indicating the proportions contributed by the different nationalities, to the population at the time the First Census was taken.

TABLE 45.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE WHITE POPULATION OF EACH STATE ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY AS INDICATED BY NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES: 1790.

| NATIONALITY AS INDICATED BY NAME. | AREA COVERED. |                  | MAINE.  |                  | NEW HAMPSHIRE. |           | VERMONT. |                  | MASSACHUSETTS. |                  | RHODE ISLAND. |                  | CONNECTICUT. |                  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                                   | Number.       | Per cent.        | Number. | Per cent.        | Number.        | Per cent. | Number.  | Per cent.        | Number.        | Per cent.        | Number.       | Per cent.        | Number.      | Per cent.        |
| All nationalities.....            | 2,810,248     | 100.0            | 96,107  | 100.0            | 141,112        | 100.0     | 85,072   | 100.0            | 373,187        | 100.0            | 64,670        | 100.0            | 232,236      | 100.0            |
| English.....                      | 2,345,844     | 83.5             | 89,515  | 93.1             | 132,726        | 94.1      | 81,149   | 95.4             | 354,528        | 95.0             | 62,079        | 96.0             | 223,437      | 96.2             |
| Scotch.....                       | 188,589       | 6.7              | 4,154   | 4.3              | 6,648          | 4.7       | 2,562    | 3.0              | 13,435         | 3.6              | 1,976         | 3.1              | 6,425        | 2.8              |
| Irish.....                        | 44,273        | 1.6              | 1,334   | 1.4              | 1,346          | 1.0       | 597      | 0.7              | 3,732          | 1.0              | 459           | 0.7              | 1,589        | 0.7              |
| Dutch.....                        | 56,623        | 2.0              | 279     | 0.3              | 153            | 0.1       | 428      | 0.5              | 373            | 0.1              | 19            | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 258          | 0.1              |
| French.....                       | 13,384        | 0.5              | 115     | 0.1              | 142            | 0.1       | 153      | 0.2              | 746            | 0.2              | 88            | 0.1              | 512          | 0.2              |
| German.....                       | 156,457       | 5.6              | 436     | 0.5              | -----          | -----     | 35       | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 75             | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 33            | 0.1              | 4            | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |
| Hebrew.....                       | 1,243         | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 44      | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | -----          | -----     | -----    | -----            | 67             | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 9             | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 5            | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |
| All other.....                    | 3,835         | 0.1              | 230     | 0.2              | 97             | 0.1       | 148      | 0.2              | 231            | 0.1              | 7             | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 6            | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |

| NATIONALITY AS INDICATED BY NAME. | NEW YORK. |           | PENNSYLVANIA. |                  | MARYLAND. |           | VIRGINIA. <sup>2</sup> |           | NORTH CAROLINA. |                  | SOUTH CAROLINA. |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|                                   | Number.   | Per cent. | Number.       | Per cent.        | Number.   | Per cent. | Number.                | Per cent. | Number.         | Per cent.        | Number.         | Per cent. |
| All nationalities.....            | 314,366   | 100.0     | 423,373       | 100.0            | 208,649   | 100.0     | 442,117                | 100.0     | 289,181         | 100.0            | 140,178         | 100.0     |
| English.....                      | 245,901   | 78.2      | 249,656       | 59.0             | 175,265   | 84.0      | 375,799                | 85.0      | 240,309         | 83.1             | 115,450         | 82.4      |
| Scotch.....                       | 10,034    | 3.2       | 49,507        | 11.7             | 13,562    | 6.5       | 31,391                 | 7.1       | 32,388          | 11.2             | 16,447          | 11.7      |
| Irish.....                        | 2,525     | 0.8       | 8,614         | 2.0              | 5,008     | 2.4       | 8,842                  | 2.0       | 6,651           | 2.3              | 3,576           | 2.6       |
| Dutch.....                        | 50,600    | 16.1      | 2,623         | 0.6              | 209       | 0.1       | 884                    | 0.2       | 578             | 0.2              | 219             | 0.2       |
| French.....                       | 2,424     | 0.8       | 2,341         | 0.6              | 1,400     | 0.7       | 2,653                  | 0.6       | 868             | 0.3              | 1,882           | 1.3       |
| German.....                       | 1,103     | 0.4       | 110,357       | 26.1             | 12,310    | 5.9       | 21,604                 | 4.9       | 8,097           | 2.8              | 2,343           | 1.7       |
| Hebrew.....                       | 385       | 0.1       | 21            | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 626       | 0.3       | -----                  | -----     | 1               | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 85              | 0.1       |
| All other.....                    | 1,394     | 0.4       | 194           | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 209       | 0.1       | 884                    | 0.2       | 289             | 0.1              | 146             | 0.1       |

<sup>1</sup> Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

<sup>2</sup> Source of data explained on page 119.

The analysis by nationality as shown by names indicates that the English stock composed 83.5 per cent of all the white population at the period of the First Census, and if the Scotch and the Irish be added, the British stock represented a little more than 90 per cent; while the Germans contributed slightly less than 6 per cent, and the Dutch 2 per cent. This fact is not surprising; the colonies had been under English rule for more than a century, the last to submit being the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, from which New York and New Jersey were created in 1664.

Virginia, settled by the British in 1609, had at the First Census but 6 per cent non-English population, and of these 5 per cent were what are known as "Valley

Dutch," that is, Germans who had migrated through Maryland from Pennsylvania.

New England was almost as English as old England, the lowest proportion (93.1) being in Maine and the highest (96.2) in Rhode Island.

Were it feasible to make an analysis of the population of the Southern states in 1900 similar to that made from the schedules of the First Census, it is probable that little change would be noted from the proportions shown in 1790. In that section there has been a noteworthy preservation of the purity of the stock enumerated in 1790, contrasted with the extraordinary change in the composition of the population which has taken place in the remainder of the nation.

DIAGRAM 10.—PROPORTION OF TOTAL POPULATION FORMED BY EACH NATIONALITY: 1790.

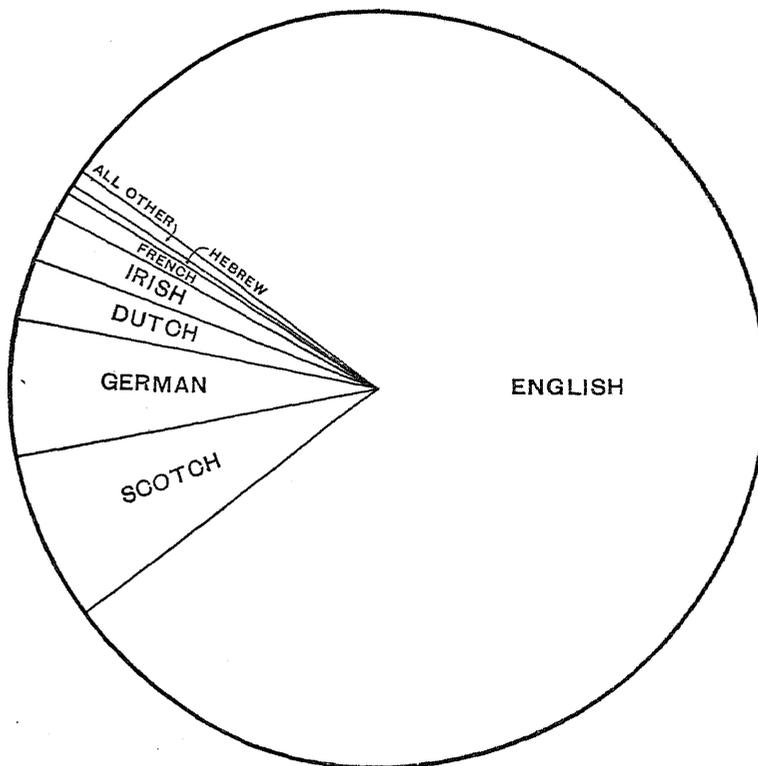


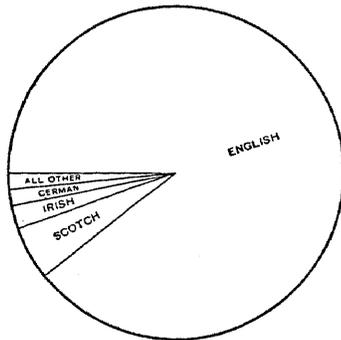
TABLE 46.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE WHITE POPULATION OF EACH NATIONALITY AS INDICATED BY NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES, ACCORDING TO STATE OF RESIDENCE: 1790.

| STATE.                   | ALL NATIONALITIES. |           | ENGLISH.    |           | SCOTCH.  |           | IRISH.  |           | DUTCH.  |                  | FRENCH. |           | GERMAN.  |                  | HEBREW. |           | ALL OTHER. |           |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|                          | Number.            | Per cent. | Number      | Per cent. | Number.  | Per cent. | Number. | Per cent. | Number. | Per cent.        | Number. | Per cent. | Number.  | Per cent.        | Number. | Per cent. | Number.    | Per cent. |
| Area covered . . . . .   | 2, 810, 248        | 100. 0    | 2, 345, 844 | 100. 0    | 188, 589 | 100. 0    | 44, 273 | 100. 0    | 56, 623 | 100. 0           | 13, 284 | 100. 0    | 156, 457 | 100. 0           | 1, 243  | 100. 0    | 3, 835     | 100. 0    |
| Maine . . . . .          | 96, 107            | 3. 4      | 89, 515     | 3. 8      | 4, 154   | 2. 2      | 1, 334  | 3. 0      | 279     | 0. 5             | 115     | 0. 9      | 436      | 0. 3             | 44      | 3. 5      | 280        | 6. 0      |
| New Hampshire . . . . .  | 141, 112           | 5. 0      | 132, 726    | 5. 7      | 6, 048   | 3. 5      | 1, 346  | 3. 0      | 153     | 0. 3             | 142     | 1. 1      | —        | —                | —       | —         | 97         | 2. 5      |
| Vermont . . . . .        | 85, 072            | 3. 0      | 81, 149     | 3. 5      | 2, 562   | 1. 4      | 597     | 1. 3      | 428     | 0. 8             | 153     | 1. 1      | 35       | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | —       | —         | 148        | 3. 9      |
| Massachusetts . . . . .  | 373, 187           | 13. 3     | 354, 528    | 15. 1     | 13, 435  | 7. 1      | 3, 732  | 8. 4      | 373     | 0. 7             | 746     | 5. 6      | 75       | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 67      | 5. 4      | 231        | 6. 0      |
| Rhode Island . . . . .   | 64, 670            | 2. 3      | 62, 079     | 2. 6      | 1, 976   | 1. 0      | 459     | 1. 0      | 19      | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 88      | 0. 7      | 33       | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 9       | 0. 7      | 7          | 0. 2      |
| Connecticut . . . . .    | 232, 236           | 8. 3      | 223, 437    | 9. 5      | 6, 425   | 3. 4      | 1, 589  | 3. 6      | 258     | 0. 5             | 512     | 3. 8      | 4        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 5       | 0. 4      | 6          | 0. 2      |
| New York . . . . .       | 314, 366           | 11. 2     | 245, 901    | 10. 5     | 10, 034  | 5. 3      | 2, 525  | 5. 7      | 50, 600 | 89. 4            | 2, 424  | 18. 1     | 1, 103   | 0. 7             | 385     | 31. 0     | 1, 394     | 36. 3     |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .   | 423, 373           | 15. 1     | 249, 656    | 10. 6     | 49, 567  | 26. 3     | 8, 614  | 19. 5     | 2, 623  | 4. 6             | 2, 341  | 17. 5     | 110, 357 | 70. 5            | 21      | 1. 7      | 194        | 5. 1      |
| Maryland . . . . .       | 208, 649           | 7. 4      | 175, 265    | 7. 5      | 13, 562  | 7. 2      | 5, 008  | 11. 3     | 209     | 0. 4             | 1, 460  | 10. 9     | 12, 310  | 7. 9             | 626     | 50. 4     | 209        | 5. 4      |
| Virginia . . . . .       | 442, 117           | 15. 7     | 375, 799    | 16. 0     | 31, 391  | 16. 6     | 8, 542  | 20. 0     | 884     | 1. 6             | 2, 653  | 19. 8     | 21, 664  | 13. 8            | —       | —         | 884        | 23. 1     |
| North Carolina . . . . . | 289, 181           | 10. 3     | 240, 309    | 10. 2     | 32, 388  | 17. 2     | 6, 651  | 15. 0     | 578     | 1. 0             | 868     | 6. 5      | 8, 097   | 5. 2             | 1       | 0. 1      | 289        | 7. 5      |
| South Carolina . . . . . | 140, 178           | 5. 0      | 115, 480    | 4. 9      | 16, 447  | 8. 7      | 3, 576  | 8. 1      | 219     | 0. 4             | 1, 882  | 14. 1     | 2, 343   | 1. 5             | 85      | 6. 8      | 146        | 3. 8      |

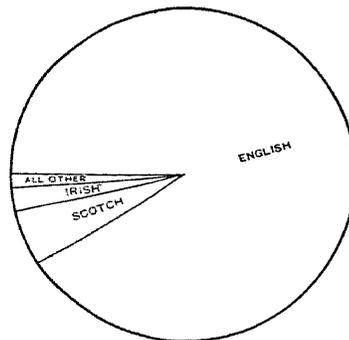
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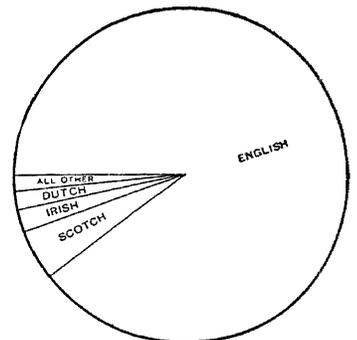
DIAGRAM 11.—DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION OF STATES ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY: 1790.



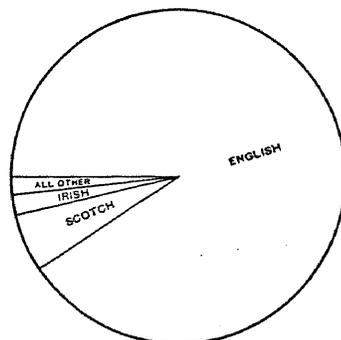
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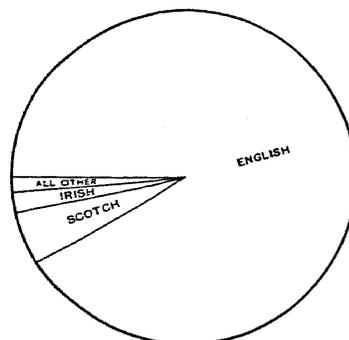
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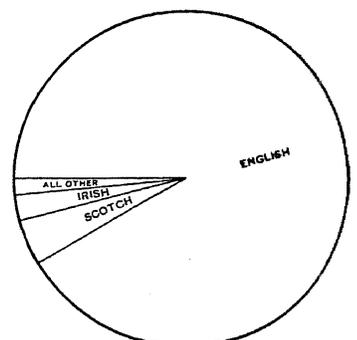
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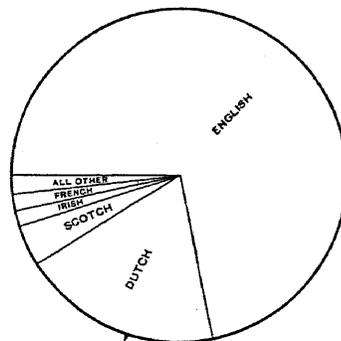
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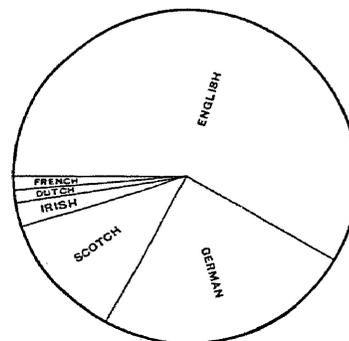
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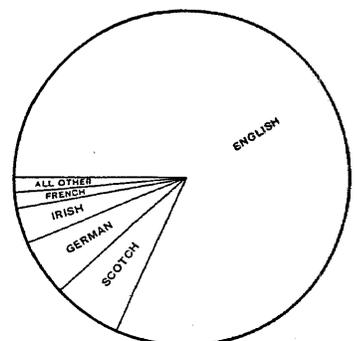
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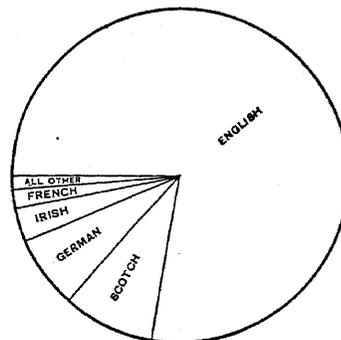
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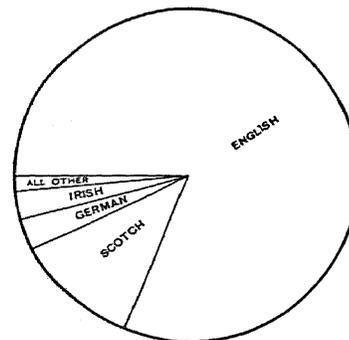
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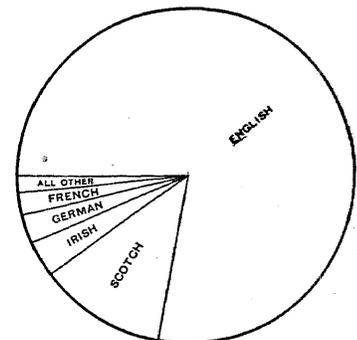
MARYLAND



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NORTH CAROLINA



SOUTH CAROLINA

NATIONALITY IN THE STATES AND TERRITORIES FOR WHICH SCHEDULES ARE MISSING.

Reference has already been made to the fact that analysis of nationality at the First Census is necessarily limited to the schedules which are still in existence. In the case of Virginia, proportions of the population represented by the different nationalities were obtained by utilizing the returns of the state enumerations made in 1782 to 1785 (covering 38 counties), and applying the results thus obtained to the population of the entire state as returned at the census of 1790. For Delaware the schedules of the Second Census are available. As there was but little change in the total population of the state, or its composition, during the decade, the percentages shown at the Second Census doubtless reflect accurately the nationality of the population of the state reported ten years earlier. This analysis shows the following result:

Nationalities of the population of Delaware, on the basis of the 1800 proportions: 1790.

| NATIONALITY.           | Proportion shown from schedules of 1800. | Distribution of population in 1790 on the 1800 proportions. |
|------------------------|--|---|
| All nationalities..... | 100.0                                    | 46,310  |
| British.....           | 97.7                                     | 45,245  |
| English.....           | 86.3                                     | 39,966  |
| Scotch.....            | 7.5                                      | 3,473   |
| Irish.....             | 3.9                                      | 1,806   |
| Dutch.....             | 1.0                                      | 463   |
| French.....            | 0.5                                      | 232   |
| German.....            | 0.4                                      | 185   |
| All other.....         | 0.4                                      | 185   |

The earliest schedules for the state of New Jersey which are in existence are those for the Fifth Census (1830), which was so far distant from 1790 that the later census obviously could not be regarded as reflecting conditions which prevailed in 1790. With the assistance of the Historical Society of New Jersey, a list of the freeholders of Somerset county in the year 1790 was secured, and an analysis was made of these names—obviously those of all of the representative or property

holding citizens of the county, embracing more than two-thirds of the entire number of heads of families as reported at the First Census. This analysis showed the following result:

Nationalities of the population of Somerset county, N. J., as indicated by the surnames of freeholders: 1790.

| TOWN.                  | Total. | Eng-lish. | Scotch. | Irish. | Dutch. | French. | Ger-man. | All other. |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|---------|----------|------------|
| The county.....        | 1,277  | 755       | 65      | 12     | 383    | 24      | 7        | 31         |
| Per cent.....          | 100.0  | 59.1      | 5.1     | 0.9    | 30.0   | 1.9     | 0.5      | 2.4        |
| Bernards town.....     | 307    | 243       | 34      | 5      | 22     | 3       | .....    | .....      |
| Bedminster town.....   | 139    | 96        | 8       | 2      | 28     | 3       | 2        | .....      |
| Bridgewater town.....  | 271    | 170       | 8       | 5      | 57     | 9       | 5        | 17         |
| Eastern town.....      | 187    | 71        | 6       | .....  | 102    | 3       | .....    | 5          |
| Hillsborough town..... | 216    | 92        | 2       | .....  | 108    | 6       | .....    | 8          |
| Western town.....      | 157    | 83        | 7       | .....  | 66     | .....   | .....    | 1          |

If it were an assured fact that Somerset county was representative in the composition of its population, it is obvious that the percentages here shown might, with some propriety, be applied to the remaining 12 counties. Unfortunately this method of procedure is not feasible. The composition of the population by nationality varied greatly in the counties of New Jersey. The proportion shown in Somerset is therefore no guide to the proportions which actually existed elsewhere.

An analysis of the population of the various counties of New Jersey has been furnished, at the request of the Director of the Census, by Mr. William Nelson, corresponding secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society, after consultation with Dr. Austin Scott, of New Brunswick, N. J., and Dr. E. S. Sharpe, president of the Salem County Historical Society.<sup>1</sup> Such an analysis is necessarily merely an approximation, but it represents the painstaking estimates of the leading authorities in the state upon New Jersey history, and the figures resulting from an application of the percentages to the population of the state in 1790 are doubtless sufficiently accurate to indicate the distribution by nationality. Upon the basis of this analysis the following tables result:

<sup>1</sup> *Bergen*.—This county was originally settled by Dutch, with a very small admixture of Danes. Prior to 1680 there was a strong infusion of French settlers from Harlem. There was at no time any independent immigration from France. Some of the families having Dutch names, as the "Van Buskirks," were of German origin, and for more than a century were almost exclusively connected with the German Lutheran Church. As early as 1700 there was a considerable infusion of German population from New York city and from German settlements north of New Jersey. About 1765 there was a considerable importation of German miners, principally from Bavaria, who settled in the upper part of the county, working in the iron mines of Bergen county and Morris county. There were Scotch settlers also at a very early period, say 1725 and later, who perhaps worked in the Dutch flax industry, and through affiliations with or acquaintance with Dutch settlers came to this country. I would say that in 1790 the population was about as follows: French, 15 per cent; Germans, 20 per cent; Scotch, 5 per cent; Irish (principally in the iron mines), 5 per cent; English, 15 per cent; Dutch, 40 per cent.

*Burlington*.—This county was almost exclusively settled from England, or by English capitalists, who, however, induced some settlement from the Friends of Ireland; also Friends from Wales. There was a small admixture of Swedes, who had previously settled in the southern part of the state. I would approximate the percentages of nationality in 1790 as follows: Welsh, 5 per cent; Swedes, 5 per cent; Irish, 10 per cent; English, 80 per cent.

*Cape May*.—This county was originally settled by Swedes and Finns, but soon there was an influx of English from Long Island and New England. In 1790 the percentages of nationality were as follows: Swedes, 40 per cent; Finns, 10 per cent; English, 50 per cent.

*Cumberland*.—This county was principally settled by the English from Long Island, New England, and the mother country, with a slight admixture of Finns. In 1790 the percentages of nationality were as follows: Swedes, 10 per cent; Finns, 2 per cent; Welsh, 3 per cent; Germans (employed in the iron works and glass works), 10 per cent; Irish (employed in the iron works and glass works), 10 per cent; English, 65 per cent.

*Essex*.—This county was originally settled from New England and Long Island and was exclusively English. By 1790 a considerable

A CENTURY OF POPULATION GROWTH.

Estimated per cent of the population of New Jersey contributed by specified nationalities: 1790.

| COUNTY.         | English and Welsh. | Scotch. | Irish. | Dutch. | French. | German. | Hebrew. | Swedish and Finnish. | All other. |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|------------|
| The state.....  | 58.0               | 7.7     | 7.1    | 12.7   | 2.1     | 9.2     | .....   | 2.9                  | 0.1        |
| Bergen.....     | 15.0               | 5.0     | 5.0    | 40.0   | 15.0    | 20.0    | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Burlington..... | 85.0               | .....   | 10.0   | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | 5.0                  | .....      |
| Cape May.....   | 50.0               | .....   | .....  | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | 50.0                 | .....      |
| Cumberland..... | 68.0               | .....   | 10.0   | .....  | .....   | 10.0    | .....   | 12.0                 | .....      |
| Essex.....      | 60.0               | 10.0    | 10.0   | 15.0   | 5.0     | .....   | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Gloucester..... | 80.0               | .....   | 5.0    | .....  | .....   | 5.0     | .....   | 10.0                 | .....      |
| Hunterdon.....  | 30.0               | 10.0    | 10.0   | 25.0   | .....   | 25.0    | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Middlesex.....  | 38.0               | 32.0    | 4.0    | 20.0   | 4.0     | 2.0     | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Monmouth.....   | 75.0               | 15.0    | 5.0    | .....  | 3.0     | 2.0     | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Morris.....     | 55.0               | 5.0     | 10.0   | 10.0   | .....   | 20.0    | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Salem.....      | 83.0               | .....   | 10.0   | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | 7.0                  | .....      |
| Somerset.....   | 59.1               | 5.1     | 0.9    | 30.0   | 1.9     | 0.5     | .....   | .....                | 2.4        |
| Sussex.....     | 55.0               | 5.0     | 5.0    | 15.0   | .....   | 20.0    | .....   | .....                | .....      |

Total number of persons in families in New Jersey of which the names of heads indicate specified nationality, computed upon the basis of estimated proportions in 1790.

| COUNTY.         | Total.  | English and Welsh. | Scotch. | Irish. | Dutch. | French. | German. | Hebrew. | Swedish and Finnish. | All other. |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|------------|
| The state.....  | 169,954 | 98,620             | 13,156  | 12,099 | 21,581 | 3,565   | 15,678  | .....   | 5,006                | 249        |
| Bergen.....     | 10,108  | 1,516              | 500     | 505    | 4,043  | 1,516   | 2,022   | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Burlington..... | 17,270  | 14,679             | .....   | 1,727  | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | 864                  | .....      |
| Cape May.....   | 2,416   | 1,208              | .....   | .....  | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | 1,208                | .....      |
| Cumberland..... | 7,990   | 5,433              | .....   | 799    | .....  | .....   | 799     | .....   | 959                  | .....      |
| Essex.....      | 16,454  | 9,873              | 1,645   | 1,645  | 2,468  | 823     | .....   | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Gloucester..... | 12,830  | 10,264             | .....   | 642    | .....  | .....   | 641     | .....   | 1,283                | .....      |
| Hunterdon.....  | 18,661  | 5,599              | 1,866   | 1,866  | 4,665  | .....   | 4,665   | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Middlesex.....  | 14,498  | 5,509              | 4,639   | 550    | 2,900  | 580     | 290     | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Monmouth.....   | 14,969  | 11,227             | 2,245   | 749    | .....  | 449     | 299     | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Morris.....     | 15,532  | 8,543              | 777     | 1,553  | 1,553  | .....   | 3,106   | .....   | .....                | .....      |
| Salem.....      | 9,891   | 8,210              | .....   | 989    | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | 692                  | .....      |
| Somerset.....   | 10,339  | 6,111              | 528     | 94     | 3,103  | 197     | 57      | .....   | .....                | 249        |
| Sussex.....     | 18,996  | 10,448             | 950     | 950    | 2,849  | .....   | 3,799   | .....   | .....                | .....      |

The estimates referred to place the percentage of Dutch in the total population of New Jersey higher than actually existed in 1790 anywhere else in the United States, even in New York. This, however, does not discredit the estimate as New Jersey was part of the early Dutch settlement.

immigration of other nationalities had set in, and in that year the population was approximately as follows: French, 5 per cent; Scotch, 10 per cent; Irish, 10 per cent; Dutch, 15 per cent; English, 60 per cent.

*Gloucester.*—This county was settled originally by the Swedes. Afterwards there was an influx, principally of English, with some slight admixture of Welsh. In 1790 the population was approximately as follows: Swedes, 10 per cent; Welsh, 5 per cent; Germans, 5 per cent; Irish, 5 per cent; English, 75 per cent.

*Hunterdon.*—This county was originally settled by English from Burlington county. About 1715 there was a considerable immigration of Germans, who came from the Palatinate and elsewhere in Germany, being members of the Lutheran Church. There was also a considerable immigration from northern New Jersey, principally Bergen county, and also from Monmouth and Somerset counties, and from Long Island. In 1790 the population was approximately as follows: Germans, 25 per cent; Dutch, 25 per cent; Irish (working in the mines and on farms), 10 per cent; Scotch, 10 per cent; English, 30 per cent.

*Middlesex.*—This county was settled originally by the English. About 1685 there was a considerable importation of Scotch. About 1690–1730, the Dutch came in. In 1790 the population was made up about as follows: Dutch, 20 per cent; Scotch, 20 per cent; Germans, 5 per cent; Irish, 5 per cent; French, 2 per cent; English, 48 per cent.

*Monmouth.*—This county was originally settled by the English, but before the end of the seventeenth century there was a considerable influx of Dutch, principally from Long Island. Some of the Scotch settlers of Middlesex also drifted in. In 1790 the population was approximately as follows: Scotch, 15 per cent; Irish, 5 per cent; French, 3 per cent; Germans, 2 per cent; English, 75 per cent.

*Morris.*—This county was settled early in the eighteenth century, say 1710–1720, by English and Germans in almost equal proportions. Afterwards Dutch drifted in. About 1765 there was a further influx of German miners from Bavaria, and from then on Irish workmen were attracted to the mines. In 1790 the population was approximately as follows: Irish, 10 per cent; Scotch, 5 per cent; Dutch, 10 per cent; Germans, 20 per cent; English, 55 per cent.

*Salem.*—This county was originally settled, about 1675, by English, with a slight infusion from Ireland and Wales. There were also some Swedes and Finns from the original settlers, about 1635. The population underwent very slight changes until 1790, when it stood about as follows: Finns, 2 per cent; Swedes, 5 per cent; Irish, 10 per cent; Welsh, 5 per cent; English, 78 per cent.

*Somerset.*—This county was analyzed by the Census Office from the list of freeholders in 1790. I would have said that Somerset had Scotch, 10 per cent; Irish, 3 per cent; French, 2 per cent; Germans, 5 per cent.

*Sussex.*—This county was originally settled early in the eighteenth century, or perhaps late in the seventeenth century, by Dutch from New York state. Then English settlers came in from Burlington and Hunterdon counties; also Germans from Hunterdon county about 1765 German miners from Bavaria, and Irish laborers in the mines, with some slight infusion of Scotch also. In 1790, I should say the population was about as follows: Irish, 5 per cent; Scotch, 5 per cent; Germans, 20 per cent; Dutch, 15 per cent; English, 55 per cent.

The composition of the white population of Georgia, Kentucky, and of the district subsequently erected into the state of Tennessee, is also unknown; but in view of the fact that Georgia was a distinctly English colony, and that Tennessee and Kentucky were settled largely from Virginia and North Carolina, the application of the North Carolina proportions to

the white population of these three results in what is doubtless an approximation of the actual distribution.

Utilizing for the states and territories for which the 1790 schedules are missing, the proportions secured as above indicated, the following summary results:

TABLE 47.—COMPUTED DISTRIBUTION OF THE WHITE POPULATION OF EACH STATE FOR WHICH SCHEDULES ARE MISSING, ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY: 1790.

| NATIONALITY.                 | NEW JERSEY. |           | DELAWARE. |           | GEORGIA. |           | KENTUCKY. |           | TENNESSEE. |           |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|                              | Number.     | Per cent. | Number.   | Per cent. | Number.  | Per cent. | Number.   | Per cent. | Number.    | Per cent. |
| All nationalities.....       | 169,954     | 100.0     | 46,310    | 100.0     | 52,886   | 100.0     | 61,133    | 100.0     | 31,913     | 100.0     |
| English.....                 | 98,620      | 58.0      | 39,966    | 86.3      | 43,948   | 83.1      | 50,802    | 83.1      | 26,519     | 83.1      |
| Scotch.....                  | 13,156      | 7.7       | 3,473     | 7.5       | 5,923    | 11.2      | 6,847     | 11.2      | 3,574      | 11.2      |
| Irish.....                   | 12,099      | 7.1       | 1,806     | 3.9       | 1,216    | 2.3       | 1,406     | 2.3       | 734        | 2.3       |
| Dutch.....                   | 21,581      | 12.7      | 463       | 1.0       | 106      | 0.2       | 122       | 0.2       | 64         | 0.2       |
| French.....                  | 3,565       | 2.1       | 232       | 0.5       | 159      | 0.3       | 183       | 0.3       | 96         | 0.3       |
| German.....                  | 15,078      | 9.2       | 185       | 0.4       | 1,481    | 2.8       | 1,712     | 2.8       | 894        | 2.8       |
| All other <sup>1</sup> ..... | 5,285       | 3.1       | 155       | 0.4       | 53       | 0.1       | 61        | 0.1       | 32         | 0.1       |

<sup>1</sup> Includes Hebrew.

NATIONALITY OF TOTAL WHITE POPULATION IN 1790 AND OF WHITE NATIVE STOCK IN 1900.

The above figures may be accepted as representing the actual proportions with sufficient accuracy to justify computing the distribution by nationality for the total white population of the United States as it existed in 1790. The result is as follows:

TABLE 48.—Number and per cent distribution of the white population according to nationality: 1790.

| NATIONALITY AS INDICATED BY NAME. | AREA COVERED. |           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
|                                   | Number.       | Per cent. |
| All nationalities.....            | 3,172,444     | 100.0     |
| English.....                      | 2,605,699     | 82.1      |
| Scotch.....                       | 221,562       | 7.0       |
| Irish.....                        | 61,534        | 1.9       |
| Dutch.....                        | 78,939        | 2.5       |
| French.....                       | 17,619        | 0.6       |
| German.....                       | 176,407       | 5.6       |
| All other.....                    | 10,664        | 0.3       |

In a preceding chapter the number of descendants of white persons enumerated at the First Census has been established as approximately 35,000,000 in 1900. While it is not to be expected that the exact proportions of nationalities indicated above as existing in 1790 have been maintained in the native population, it is interesting to note that were the proportions contributed by the different nationalities composing the native population the same in 1900 as they were in 1790, the 35,000,000 would have been distributed as shown in Table 49.

As a matter of fact it is probable that the native population in recording an increase of nearly 700 per cent during the century has departed somewhat from the proportions shown at the outset. It will be remembered that the analysis in a preceding chapter

showed the addition in 1900 of 32,000,000 of white persons arriving after the First Census, either foreign born themselves or of foreign parentage. It has also been pointed out that the foreign stock is probably increasing with greater rapidity than the native. Whatever the proportionate increase may be, however, between the two elements, it is of these two rather diverse strains that the white population of the United States is at present composed.

TABLE 49.—White native stock in 1900 distributed by nationality according to proportions shown for 1790.

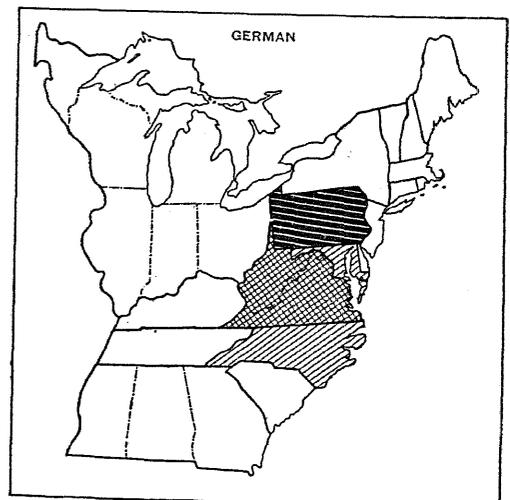
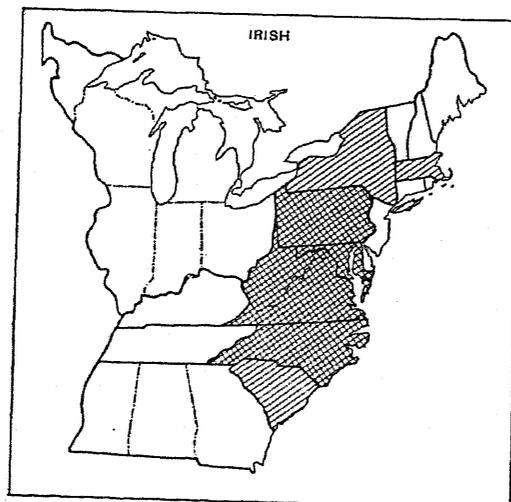
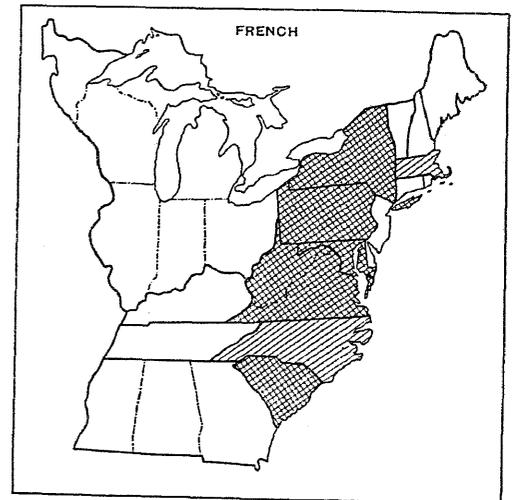
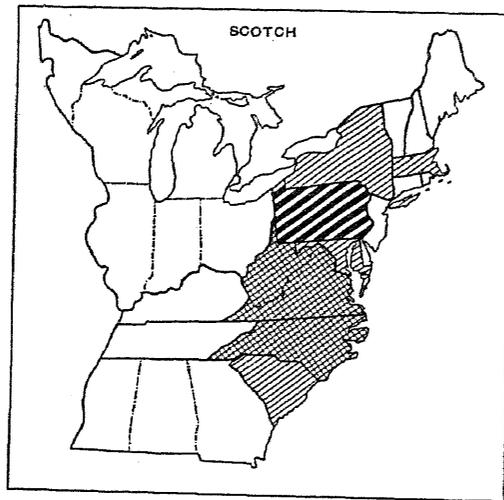
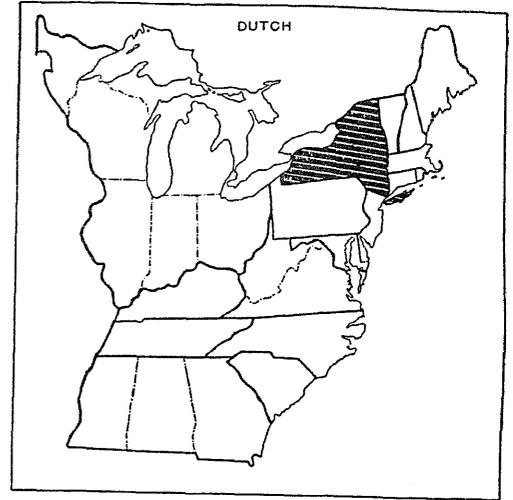
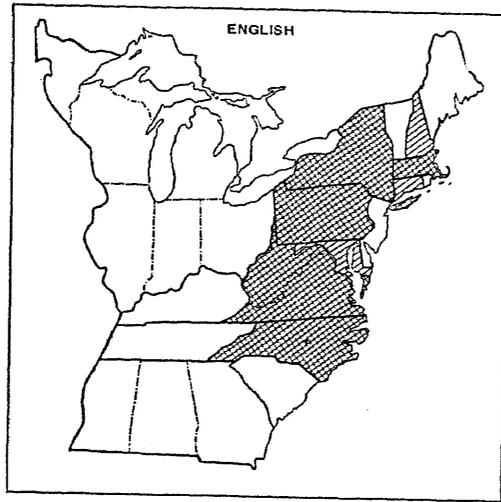
| NATIONALITY.           | Population. |
|------------------------|-------------|
| All nationalities..... | 35,000,000  |
| English.....           | 28,735,000  |
| Scotch.....            | 2,450,000   |
| Irish.....             | 665,000     |
| Dutch.....             | 875,000     |
| French.....            | 210,000     |
| German.....            | 1,960,000   |
| All other.....         | 105,000     |

NATIONALITY IN 1900 IN TYPICAL COUNTIES.

In order to illustrate the change which has been in progress during the century, an analysis was made by nationality of the names upon the 1900 schedules of Hartford county, Conn.,<sup>1</sup> and of Columbia county, N. Y., which were regarded as typical urban and rural counties, respectively. Both remained practically unchanged in boundary from 1790 to 1900. By applying the same method of analysis to the names upon the schedules of the Twelfth Census as was applied to those upon the schedules of 1790, and by which the results presented in the preceding tables were secured, the nationality of the white population of the 2 counties mentioned was composed in 1900 as is shown in Table 50:

<sup>1</sup> See page 123.

DISTRIBUTION OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES IN 1790, BY STATES.



LESS THAN 5 PER CENT
  5 TO 10 PER CENT
  10 TO 25 PER CENT
  25 TO 50 PER CENT
  50 PER CENT AND OVER

# NATIONALITY.

**TABLE 50.—WHITE POPULATION OF HARTFORD COUNTY, CONN., AND OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, N. Y., CLASSIFIED BY NATIONALITY AS INDICATED BY NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES: 1790 AND 1900.**

| NATIONALITY.                 | HARTFORD COUNTY, CONN. |                        |             |                        | COLUMBIA COUNTY, N. Y. |                        |             |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
|                              | 1790                   |                        | 1900        |                        | 1790                   |                        | 1900        |                        |
|                              | Population.            | Per cent distribution. | Population. | Per cent distribution. | Population.            | Per cent distribution. | Population. | Per cent distribution. |
| All nationalities.....       | 37,408                 | 100.0                  | 192,108     | 100.0                  | 25,811                 | 100.0                  | 41,779      | 100.0                  |
| British.....                 | 37,429                 | 99.8                   | 134,800     | 70.2                   | 20,847                 | 80.8                   | 29,852      | 71.4                   |
| English.....                 | 36,239                 | 96.6                   | 75,691      | 39.4                   | 20,183                 | 78.2                   | 22,998      | 55.0                   |
| Scotch.....                  | 956                    | 2.5                    | 7,300       | 3.8                    | 521                    | 2.0                    | 1,337       | 3.2                    |
| Irish.....                   | 234                    | 0.6                    | 51,869      | 27.0                   | 143                    | 0.6                    | 5,517       | 13.2                   |
| Dutch.....                   | 21                     | 0.1                    | 576         | 0.3                    | 4,710                  | 18.2                   | 2,642       | 6.3                    |
| French.....                  | 42                     | 0.1                    | 16,532      | 8.6                    | 118                    | 0.5                    | 752         | 1.8                    |
| German.....                  | .....                  | .....                  | 23,437      | 12.2                   | 102                    | 0.4                    | 7,196       | 17.2                   |
| All other <sup>2</sup> ..... | 6                      | (*)                    | 26,703      | 13.9                   | 34                     | 0.1                    | 1,337       | 3.2                    |

<sup>1</sup> Principally French Canadian.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Hungarians, Italians, Roumanians, Russians, Scandinavians, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

In Hartford county the population, which in 1790 was almost exclusively British, shows a reduction in that respect of nearly one-third in 1900 in favor of other nationalities; while within the British element the English stock, which completely overshadowed the other two elements in 1790 has shrunk to scarcely more than one-third, but the Irish has greatly increased. Indeed, the increase in the latter element represents a change from not more than 500 in 1790 (including the Scotch-Irish) to more than 50,000 in 1900. It is worthy of note also that the British element, which in 1790 was much greater in Hartford county than in Columbia, has decreased to approximately 70 per cent in both; and other changes, such

as the increase in German and other nationalities in the community at the expense of the British element as a whole, and increase in the Irish stock at the expense of the English or original stock, have also been characteristic of both counties.

The changes indicated in these 2 counties are interesting, and probably are typical of the changes which have been in progress in all the Northern states in the original area.

### SLAVEHOLDING, BY NATIONALITY.

The average number of slaves per family for the several nationalities is shown in the following table:

**TABLE 51.—NUMBER OF WHITE FAMILIES, SLAVEHOLDING AND NONSLAVEHOLDING, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY, WITH NUMBER OF WHITE PERSONS AND OF SLAVES REPORTED FOR SUCH FAMILIES: 1790.**

| NATIONALITY.           | WHITE FAMILIES. |               |                  |  | WHITE PERSONS. |                            | SLAVES.       |   |                                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|--|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|---------------------------------|
|                        | Total number.   | Slaveholding. | Nonslaveholding. | Per cent slaveholding families formed of all families. | Total number.  | Average number per family. | Total number. | Average number per slaveholding family. | Number per 100 of all families. |
| All nationalities..... | 405,475         | 47,664        | 357,311          | 11.8   | 2,324,339      | 5.7                        | 311,919       | 6.5                                     | 77                              |
| English and Welsh..... | 336,651         | 38,146        | 298,505          | 11.3   | 1,933,218      | 5.7                        | 258,684       | 6.8                                     | 77                              |
| Scotch.....            | 27,260          | 4,362         | 22,898           | 16.0   | 153,458        | 5.6                        | 27,570        | 6.3                                     | 101                             |
| Irish.....             | 6,285           | 962           | 5,323            | 15.3   | 34,589         | 5.5                        | 6,578         | 6.8                                     | 105                             |
| Dutch.....             | 9,399           | 2,625         | 6,774            | 27.9   | 55,666         | 5.9                        | 8,906         | 3.4                                     | 95                              |
| French.....            | 1,013           | 589           | 1,324            | 30.8   | 10,444         | 5.5                        | 6,567         | 11.1                                    | 343                             |
| German.....            | 23,300          | 871           | 22,429           | 3.7  | 133,032        | 5.7                        | 3,079         | 3.5                                     | 13                              |
| Hebrew.....            | 213             | 33            | 180              | 15.5   | 1,198          | 5.6                        | 157           | 4.8                                     | 74                              |
| All other.....         | 464             | 76            | 388              | 16.4   | 2,734          | 5.9                        | 378           | 5.0                                     | 81                              |

It is necessary, in consulting the foregoing table, to bear in mind the fact that in some instances the proportions are misleading. It will be observed that the average number of slaves per family are largest for families of French origin. This is accounted for by the fact that the total number of families of obviously French origin in the United States was small, and

that a large proportion of such families were located in South Carolina, the state in which the average number of slaves per family was highest. It is not surprising, therefore, that the French families led in the proportion which slaveholding families formed of total families—nearly one-third were slaveholders. This nationality, however, was closely followed by

the old Dutch families of New York, who still continued to possess slaves at the period under consideration. It is significant that the smallest proportion is shown by the Germans, who even at this early period were obviously opposed to slave ownership.

Had the proportion of slaves for the entire white population of the United States in 1790 been the same as it was for the German element, the aggregate number of slaves at the First Census would have been but 52,520, instead of approximately 700,000.