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## HEADS OF FAMILIES AT THE FIRST CENSUS

Under the above title the Bureau of the Census has published complete returns of the First Census of the United States, taken in 1790, for the States of Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Vermont, and partial returns of State censuses taken by Virginia in the years 1782 to 1785. These returns are printed in the form of paper-bound quarto volumes (9 by 11½ inches), one for each State, ranging in size from 71 pages for the Rhode Island edition to 426 pages for the Pennsylvania edition.

The First Census comprised an enumeration of the inhabitants of the present States of Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia; but the returns for Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Virginia have been lost or destroyed so that it is impossible to publish names of heads of families for the entire area covered by the First Census.

The information contained in each of the State volumes, except that for Virginia, consists of a tabular list showing the full name of the head of each family and the number of persons in the family, classified under the following headings: Free white males of 16 years and upward, including heads of families; free white males under 16 years; free white females, including heads of families; all other free persons; slaves. (A census "family" includes all persons living under one roof or upon one farm or plantation.)

In each volume the names and data are grouped under the names of the respective counties; and in some cases, as explained in the next paragraph, they are further grouped according to county subdivisions. Usually the names are presented in the order in which they were enumerated, though in a few cases they are alphabetically listed under the names of the counties or county subdivisions. Each volume, however, contains an alphabetical list of all the names enumerated in the State to which it pertains, with references to the pages on which are given the information relating to them. Tables summarizing the population of the United States, by States, and the population of the State to which the volume relates, by counties, classified as above explained, are included.

For the New England States and New York the names are grouped according to counties and towns; for Pennsylvania and New Jersey, according to counties and in some cases according to townships or towns; for North Carolina, according to counties and in some cases according to subdivisions of counties; and for South Carolina, according to districts, part of which are subdivided into counties and in some cases into counties and parishes.

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For Virginia, the returns from State enumerations made in the years 1782, 1783, 1784, and 1785 are given. These cover only the following named 37 of the 78 counties into which the State was divided in 1790:

Albemarle.	Gloucester.	Middlesex.	Prince Edward.
Amelia.	Greensville.	Monongalia.	Princess Anne.
Amherst.	Halifax.	Nansemond.	Richmond.
Charlotte.	Hampshire.	New Kent.	Rockingham.
Chesterfield.	Hanover.	Norfolk.	Shenandoah.
Cumberland.	Harrison.	Northumberland.	Stafford.
Essex.	Isle of Wight.	Orange.	Surry.
Fairfax.	Lancaster.	Pittsylvania.	Sussex.
Fluvanna.	Mecklenburg.	Powhatan.	Warwick.
Frederick.			

In the case of some of these counties in Virginia the returns for only one year are given, while in other cases the figures relate to two or more years. The names shown are those of heads of families. The lists for 1782 and 1783 show the numbers of white and of black persons connected with each family, while those for 1784 and 1785 show only the number of white persons in each family, together with the numbers of dwellings and other buildings. There is no classification according to sex and age. In addition, there are shown the name, age, occupation, length of residence, and property of each inhabitant of the city of Richmond in 1782; the names of heads of families and numbers of white and of colored persons connected with each family enumerated in the city of Williamsburg in 1782; and the names returned on the Greenbrier County tax lists of 1783 to 1786.

In March, 1790, the Union consisted of twelve States—Rhode Island, the last of the original thirteen to enter the Union, being admitted May 29 of the same year. Vermont, the first addition, was admitted in the following year, before the results of the First Census were announced. Maine was a part of Massachusetts, Kentucky was a part of Virginia, and the present States of Alabama and Mississippi were parts of Georgia. The present States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, with part of Minnesota, were known as the Northwest Territory, and the present State of Tennessee, then a part of North Carolina, was soon to be organized as the Southwest Territory.

The total population of the United States in 1790, exclusive of slaves, as derived from the returns, was 3,231,533. The only names appearing upon the returns, however, were those of heads of families, and as at that period the families averaged 6 persons, the total number of names shown was approximately 540,000, or somewhat more than half a million. The number of names which are now lacking because of the destruction of the returns is approximately 140,000, thus leaving about 400,000 names as the aggregate for the 11 States (exclusive of Virginia) for which Heads of Families at the First Census has been published.



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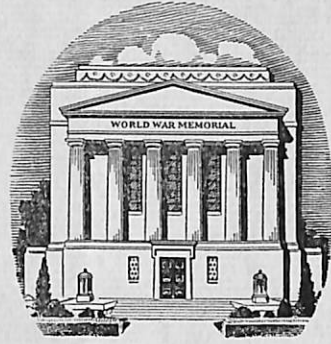
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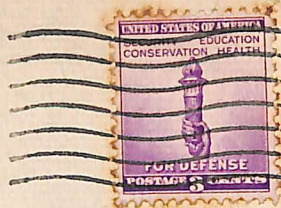
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Dear Mr. Peeples,

The Rev. Moses Waddel (pronounced Waddle), D.D., started his preparatory school at Willington about 1790 and continued it for thirty or more years. A great many of the famous men of this and neighboring states received their preparatory training there from Dr. Waddel. He married a sister of John C. Calhoun and he prepared Calhoun for Yale. I doubt if there are any records left of the school. In biographical sketches of many of our distinguished men recital is made of the fact that they received their preparatory training at the school of Dr. Waddel in Willington.

George McDuffie was a poor boy, son of a small farmer in Georgia. He went to work for one of the Calhouns who, seeing his possibilities, induced Dr. Waddel to take him in his school and prepare him for college. James L. Petigru and Hugh S. Legaré were two other South Carolina leaders who attended the school. In Mr. Petigru's letters he has a great deal to say about the school. The letters were published in The News and Courier of Charleston during the nineties. In more recent years Petigru's grandson, Mr. Carson, has published a life of Petigru much of which was drawn from his



DATE:

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TIME:

TO:

Dr Peoples

FROM:

Patti-Joumon Hawaii

REMARKS:

We'd be delighted to have you come but realize it may not be of interest to you. You could probably give us some pointers on "how to research." We do not have a spider. Enclosed a little story that Black Creek inspired me.

## ALPHA OR OMEGA

By Pattie Youmans Howard

The mystery was solved in a little South Carolina churchyard cemetery nestled in a wooded area at a crossroads surrounded by freshly plowed fields ready for spring planting.

While attending a Sons of Confederacy banquet in April, as a guest, to which the Daughters were invited, Cousin James Gooze says, "Pattie, I was visiting Black Creek cemetery some time ago and Great Grandfather's tombstone and grave have disappeared." I answered, "Oh Jim! It has to be there, or you must have gone to the wrong cemetery!" He exclaimed, "No, Pattie, I looked everywhere and it just isn't there!" This was hard to believe and I wanted to start right then to South Carolina and see for myself. Great Grandfather was a First Lieutenant in the South Carolina Calvary for the Confederates States during the Civil War. Our Grandfather served in his father's company during the war. Members of the family have visited this little cemetery for years and read the inscription on the memorial stone. My Aunt Bessie took me there for my first visit when I was seventeen. What a shock to think it had disappeared with no trace or inkling as to what had happened to his grave. I wanted to start looking for his tombstone or start a movement to have another one placed there. Ten days elapsed before I could make the trip to the spot to see if all the ancestors were resting in their rightful places. Some are resting in Lawtonville and at Hampton cemeteries.

We arose early on this particular Saturday morning to start on our pilgrimage to several cemeteries in South Carolina. I packed a lunch as this was to be an all day trip. It had been several years since I had visited this area so we had to stop and inquire of friendly faces along the way as to where Black Creek cemetery was located. Their directions were explicit and we encountered little trouble locating it. The setting had changed very little even though a number of years had elapsed since my last visit. A long picnic table had been added under large walnut trees which looked very inviting for a dinner-on-the ground or picnic and a fence had been installed around the cemetery.

We entered the gate and my eyes were fixed upon the spot where I remembered it to be on my last visit. There was no stone but in this particular vicinity was a very large cedar tree growing with outreached branches from the ground skyward. I walked near the tree and stood for moments just looking and very puzzled. I began to move the branches of the tree peering beneath them. Several bird nests from past seasons were there and twigs began to fall. About this time, a brown thrush flew to a nearby tombstone and perched herself on top with a large worm dangling from her bill. This was interesting and it suggested to me there must be another nest in the tree with baby birds. I peeked further into the tree, again moving the branches. As I did, there was another nest with baby birds. Thinking their mother was there with a worm, their mouths were open wide and necks stretched to capacity waiting for the lunch their mother had left the nest in search for. As I looked downward, I saw a stone completely covered with the tree's branches and anxiously called to my husband that I had found a stone. We pulled back the branches to read the inscription: First Lieutenant James P. Youmans; Company E; Third South Carolina Calvary; CSA; 1819 - 1884. At last! Great Grandfather's resting place had been located hidden by the cedar-tree branches.

We proceeded to saw off the lower branches of the tree being careful not to disturb the baby birds and nest. By this time, the mother bird was quite upset and chirping quite loudly, jumping around and flying from place to place. The saw was put away until after the birds are old enough to leave their nest and fly away, then, we'll return to remove the tree.

We took our picnic basket over to the picnic table and enjoyed the cool breezes and lunch under the walnut trees. For a while, we could hear the mother bird chirping in the distance; but before we left, the chirping had ceased and everything was quiet and peaceful once again in this little part of God's world in South Carolina.

May 1, 1978

Addendum: Cousin Jimmy Googe, my husband, and I, had planned to seek help and return to Black Creek to finish removing the cedar tree. Unfortunately, Jimmy died May 15, 1978, before we were able to share this task together. Wilburn and I will return. We'll be thinking of Jimmy wishing he were with us. I'm sure he'll be there with us in spirit.