THE POPULATION OF PITTSBURGH AND CONTIGU-OUS TERRITORY, INCLUDING THE NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES AS SHOWN BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 1790.

On March 1, 1790, Congress enacted a law providing for a census of the United States. Under this law the marshals of the several judicial districts were required to ascertain the number of inhabitants within their respective districts, omitting Indians not taxed. The marshals employed assistant marshals as enumerators. Nine months was allowed in which to complete the work. A summary of the census was transmitted to Congress by President

Washington on October 27, 1791.

The inhabitants having had no previous experience in census taking, imagined that it was a scheme for increasing taxation, and were inclined to be cautious in giving information lest they should reveal to their detriment too much of their own affairs. There was also opposition to the enumeration on religious grounds, a count of the inhabitants being regarded by many as a cause for divine dis-The boundaries of towns and other minor divipleasure. sions, and even of counties, were in many cases unknown or not well defined. For these reasons and because of the inexperience, and in many cases the incompetency of the enumerators, the census was less accurate than could be desired, but with all its defects it is invaluable to students of history and sociology, as well as to persons interested in genealogy.

In 1790 Pittsburgh did not have a separate existence, being part of Pitt Township. This township comprised a vast area. It included all of Allegheny County lying between the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers, as far east as Turtle Creek on the Monongahela, and Plum Creek on the Allegheny, and all of the county north of the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, extending northerly to the New York state line, and westerly to what is now the eastern boundary of the state of Ohio. A portion of that part of Pitt Township north of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers was known as the Depreciation Tract. The Depreciation Tract had been laid out by the state in pursuance of the act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania of March 12, 1783, for the purpose of permitting the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line

in the Revolution, to whom there had been issued depreciation certificates for services in the war, to purchase the lands and pay for them in the certificates at par with gold or silver. The northerly limit of the Depreciation Tract began at the mouth of Mogulbughititon Creek, now Mahoning Creek, if extended to the westerly side of the Allegheny River, and thence ran by a line due west to the Ohio River. Included in the tract in addition to a portion of Allegheny County as at present constituted, was part of Armstrong County, about one-half of Butler County, part of Lawrence County and all of Beaver County north of the Ohio River. Comprised in this territory were the two tracts reserved by the state, one being opposite Pittsburgh, on which the town of Allegheny had already been laid out, the other being at the mouth of the Beaver River. No census appears to have been taken of the inhabitants of Allegheny County living north of the Depreciation Tract.

The assistant marshals for Allegheny County were Colonel Presley Neville of Pittsburgh, who was also enumerator of Washington County, and John Findlay, of Westmoreland County, probably a connection of William Findley, a resident of that county and who had been recently elected to Congress.* Colonel Neville had charge of that portion of Allegheny County comprising the part taken from Washington County by act of the legislature of September 17, 1789, and of the Depreciation Tract. John Findlay was given the work of preparing the census of Elizabeth, Plum, Versailles and Pitt Townships, exclusive of the Depreciation Tract,

and of Westmoreland County.

According to the census, the population of Allegheny County was 10,322, of which 5,850, or more than one-half, was contained in that portion lying south of the Monongahela River, and which had been taken from Washington County. The census taken by John Findlay is full of glaring inaccuracies; names of individuals begin with small letters, they are mispelled, and as is apparent to any one familiar with the names of the early inhabitants, some of them are placed in the wrong division of the county. Colonel Neville's work was more accurately done, but even there mistakes appear, as for instance Marcus Hulings is

^{*}Prior to the election of 1791, congressmen were voted for in Pennsylvania on a general ticket for the whole state. William Findley was elected on such a ticket to the Second Congress. Under the Act of the General Assembly of March 16, 1791, the state was divided into eight congressional districts, Westmoreland, Fayette, Washingon and Allegheny counties comprising one district. This district was represented in the Third Congress, 1793-1795, by William Findley.

shown as being a resident of the Depreciation Tract, while as a matter of fact he lived on the south side of the Monongahela River nearly opposite the mouth of Liberty Street, now Liberty Avenue, where he conducted a well known tavern. Errors like this, however, are easily accounted for when it is remembered that no books were furnished the assistant marshals in which to write their schedules, and that they generally used such scraps of paper as they happened to have at hand; and that the papers for the different districts could easily have become mixed in the hands of

the enumerators or in Washington.

A peculiarity of the census is the fact that while Pittsburgh was a part of Pitt Township, a separate enumeration was given for it under the name of "Pittsburgh town." In the summary of the population of Allegheny County, "Pittsburgh town" is reported as having three hundred and seventy-six inhabitants. The only names appearing in the census of 1790 are those of heads of families. The heads of families in "Pittsburgh town" aggregate seventy-seven, which would make the total population somewhat larger than three hundred and seventy-six, if the heads of families were to be multiplied by six, the number which the editor of the reprint of the "Census of 1790" states was the average size of families at that time. However, it is entirely likely that many of the residents of Pittsburgh, as was the case in most frontier communities, were unmarried and had no families, which would make the multiplier inapplicable in this particular case.

What land was included in the numeration of "Pittsburgh town" is hard to discover. The plan of the town of Pittsburgh as surveyed by George Woods for the Penns. comprised the triangle between the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, and extended to Grant Street, and Washington Street, now Eleventh Street. But the names given in the schedule of the heads of families of "Pittsburgh town" with a few exceptions, are not the names of the known inhabitants in this part of Pitt Township. The familiar names of most of the inhabitants of Pittsburgh appear in the enumeration of Pitt Township proper, yet the total is at least approximately correct, as while the slips of paper containing the names of the inhabitants may have become intermingled with those of other districts, this probably happened after the total had been struck. Such well known Pittsburghers as Isaac Craig, Presley Neville, Jacob Bausman, and George Fowler, are named as living in that portion of Allegheny County which was taken from Washington County. As it is well known that these persons at some time lived on the south side of the Monongahela River opposite Pittsburgh or had lands there, they have no doubt been correctly placed.

The following is the summary of the population of Allegheny County in 1790, and the lists of the names of the heads of families living in the various districts of Pitt Township, which are now part of the city of Pittsburgh:

SUMMARY OF THE POPULATION OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY IN 1790

TOWNSHIPS	Number of heads of Families		Free White Males Under -16 Years	Free White Females Includ- ing Heads of Families	Persons	Slaves	Total
Depreciation Tract	37	50	59	97			206
Elizabeth	256	468	398	710		21	1,597
Pitt	265	390	365	680	2	40	1,477
Pittsburgh town	77	100	80	195	1		376
Plum	70	104	105	192		1	402
Versailles	67	94	114	203		3	414
That part of Allegheny County taken from Washington county	1,072	1,430	1,622	2,695	9	94	5,850
Total,	1.844	2,636	2,743	4,727	12	159	10,322
	PITT		GH T	OWN			
NAME OF HEAD OF FA		Free White Males of 16 Years and Upward, Includ- ing Heads of Fami- lies	Free White Males Under 16 Years	Free White Females Including Heads of Families			Slaves
Fowler, Alexander.		1	1	2			
Turnbull, Willm		1		4			
dill, Willm		1	3	4			
hapaney, Isaac		1					

					
Richard, Charles (Black)	1		1		
deborney, ann (Black)			2		
Saven, ann (Black)	*		4		
Betty, (Black)			1		
Repine, Mary		2	3		
Funck, Adam	1	1	2		
Gardner, Hugh	1	1	1		
Arawine, John		1	4		
	3				
Butler, Richard	2	2	4		
Butler, Ginney		3	4		
Brotherington, Robirt	1	1	2		
Cohoon, Robert	3		2		
Watson, David	1	3	7		
Forgit, Charles	1	1	2		
Gunagul, George	2	3	7		
Wiley, Thomas	1	2	3		
Fisher, John	1	1	4		
handlin, John	1	2	1		
Morason, Jame	1	1			
Breson, James	1	1			
Wilkeson, John	2	1	3		
dehuff, John	1		1		
Wolf, Henry	1	2	4		
hill, Thomas	3	1	5		
Myers, Jacob	2	ī	4		
Savoron, David	1		$\overline{4}$		
Smith, Henry	1		-		
	2		5		
Richard, Henry	4		2		
Bradley, Mary		_ 2	2		
Sheper, John	2				
Arawine, John	1,		1		
Robertson, Andrew	2	1	4		
Mason, John	1		1		
Crye, John				1	
Peterson, John	2	2	3		
Gornley, Willm	1		2		
Cook, Joshua	1	1	3		
Duning, Willm	5		4		
Christy, Agnes			1		
McMaster, John	1	3	3	-	
Smith Robert	3		3		
Averat, Philip	1		1		
Lestabarer, George	1	3	3		
Robertson, George	3	1	3		
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Murfey, John	T		-		

Carson, Benjamin	1			
Songser, Matthias	1	5	2	
Ryce, James	4	2	4	
quigley, Hugh	ī	2	6	
Johnson, John	1	3	4	
Dunlap, John	1	· ·	1	
Baty, James	1	1	2	
Mcdaniel, Daniel	1	6	2	
Graham, Malcom	1	1	3	
Graham, Alester	1	-	1	
	3		1	
Gun, Willm.	_	1	_	
Murfey, Willm.	2	1	3	
Graham, Angus	1	_	2	
Mcdaniel Murthuth	1	1	4	
Mcdaniel, John	1	2	4	
Mcclode, Daniel	1)		1	
Mcclode, Murthuth	1	1	1	
Nelles, Willm	1		1	
Walker, Daniel	1	2	1	
Waitfeild, Matthew	1		5	
Danielson, Hugh	2	2	5	
Ponteny, George	2		2	
taylor, Samuel	1	1	6	
Hambleton, Willm	2		2	
Hambleton, Thomas	1		2	
Fisher, Willm	1	1	2	
Fisher, James	1	1	1	 - مهاد د د
Bennett, Benjamin, Sen	1		2	
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NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY	White Males of 16 Years and Upward, Includ- ing Heads of Fami- lies	Free White Males Under 16 Years	Free White Females Including Heads of Families	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Conrad, Chas.	1		4		
Bradley, Phil	1				
Keller, Martin	1	1	5		
Brown, Jno	1		4		
Robinson, Jas.	1	3	3		
Palmer, Chas.	1	2	2		
Dixon, Jacob	1	1	3		

Hulings, Marcus	1	6	3		
Clevedence, Jno.	1	1	3		
Hammel, Chas.	1	2	2		
Sample, Jas.	1	2	3	7	
McCleland, Jas.	$\overset{1}{2}$		2		
Brickell, Geo	2	1	2		
Strutt, Edw	1	1	2		
McElwain, Hugh	1	4	1		
	1	1	3		
Rector, Chas.	1	1	3 1		
Murphey, Samuel	1	_			
Clark, Josha			3		
Chapman, Luke	2		2		
Poor, Benjamin	2	2	4	~	
Carmichael, Jno	1	2	2		
Phillips, James	1	2	2		
Poor, Jas.	1		2		
Poor, Esly	2	1	1		
Logan, Alexr	1	2	2		
Coe, Benjn	5	4	4		
Day, Ezekiel	1	4	2		
Howe, Daniel	1	1	1		
Thornhill, James	2	1	5		
Wilkison, Angus	1	3	1		
Hulings, Saml.	2		3 .		
Swainey, Daniel	1	5	4		
Thomas, Elias	1	1	6		
Cutwright, Peter	2		1		
Russ, Abm	2		4		
Leanard, Jno	. 1	3	2		
Derry, Jacob	1	2	3		
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Mcglohlin, Edward	2	4	3		
Hill, David	2		1		
Sampson, Margaret		3	2		
Killbreath, Robert	1	6	3		2
Caror, James	1	3	5		
Greeno, Thomas	1	1	2		1
Lastley, Geare	4		2		_
Carnahon, John	1	1	2	7.7.7.7.	
Mcculley, Geare	1		2		
	5	3	4		
Wilson, Thomas	4	3 1	4	*··	
Sample, James	_	1	-		
Pedien, Stephen	1		1		
Carvel, Thomas	2	2	1		

Points, John	1	2	2	
Streets, John	1	1	3	
Witiason, Willm	1	1	2	
	2	1	1	
Irish, Nathaniel	1	1	2	
Wiley, Thomas		5	3	
Bennett, Isaac	3	1	3 4	
Bennett, Abraham	1	1	4	
Franses, Phillip	1			
Whitiasan, John	1	1	1	
Morcey, John	1	1	1	
Brackenridg, Hugh H	1	2	1	
Wilkason, John	4	2	6	
Mccord, Samuel	1	3	4	
tanahill, Josiah	2	1	5	
tanahill, Adamson	1	1	2	
Harger, John	2		2	
Windbiddle, Conrod	2			
Walles, George	1	6	3	 1
Cohoon, James	3	3	3	
Scull, John	1	4	2	
Willson, Willm	3		4	 ~
dunken, David	4	1	4	 4
Ornsbey, John	3	ī	3	
Sample, Samuel	1	1	3	
Amberson, Willm	1	1	3	
	1	1	2	 4
Parker, Thomas	1	1	4	 2
killpatrick, Abraham				
Ohara, James	8	3	5	
Earnest, Matthew	2	3	3	 ~~~
Ansley, David	2			
Cockendoll, John	3	1	6	
Mcclain, Loughlen	2	1	1	
Harden, James	1			
Potts, Rosanna			1	
Adams, George	1		1	 2
Smith, John	1		1	
Brdey, Rosanna		1	3	
Westaff, Willm	1			
Jones, Samuel	2		3	
Albo, Mary		1	2	
householder, John	1		2	
Cooper, Marten	ī	1	4	
Shaw, Alexander	3	ī	î	
Watson, Andrew	2	$\hat{2}$	4	
Signney, Stephen	2	4	5	
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Mcnickey, Alexander	4	T	ð	

Smith, Mason	2		3	
Graham, Petter	1	1	1	 •
Mcafarson, James	1	1	2	
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Arawine, Willm	1		2	
Willock, Andrew	1	1	2	
driver, Samuel	1	2	2	
Welch, George	1	2	5	
Gray, Daniel	6	1	2	
Williams, James	1		1	 ~
Greer, Thomas	3	1	3	 -
Chambers, James	1	1	2	
Gipson, John	1	5	4	 3
Poparde, James	2	1	2	
Benett, Pengemen	1	2	1	
Demster, Alexander	1			
McKinsey, Alexander	1	2	2	
Sans, Thos	1	2	4	
Mcgregor, John	1	3	3	
Trimble, Alex	1	4	3	
Rusel, James	1	2	3	
Powle, Malachi	1	3	2	
Gill, Hugh	1	1	3	
McMon, Alex.	2	3	3	
McCree, Wm	2	3	3	
Mcgomery, Nathanael	1		1	
Myers, James	1	3	7	
McCloud, John	1		3	
Goffey, James	1	2	5	
Linhart, Christefor	3	4	5	
McDowell, John	2		4	 2
Bennett, Peter	1	2	2	
McCloure, Abdon	2	3	4	
Antes, Rhinhart	1	1	3	
Roleter, Peter	2		1	
White, John	3		3	
Gilleland, David	2	4	1	 -
Bucher, Christen	4	1	3	
Bucher, Jacob	1		2	
Fisher, John	1	1	4	
Rihne, James	2	1	4	
Rihne, Wm	1		3	
Lovjoy, Ben	1	2	3 1	
Kenedy, John	1		3	
McDeorman, Thos	1	1	ა 2	
MaDaman Usam	2	-		
McDormon, Henry	Z		4	

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McDonald, Alex.	1		1		
McDonald, John	1	1			
Torner, John	1	1	2		1
Clark, John	2		3		
Burchfield, Adey	1		1		
Castlman, Jacob	1	2	3		
Clark, Marey	2		3		
McBride, Marey	1	2	3		
Graham, Daniel	1	1	2		
Birkhart, Jacob	3		2	~~~	
Shaw, Peter	1	1			
Shaw, John	1	2	1	~~~~	
Gibson, Thos	1	1	4		
Hamelton, Archbold	1	3	3		
Powle, Agnes	3	2	2		
Perrey, John	2	5	4	~	3
Thompson, John	2	2	2		
Foser, Black Thom	1	1	2		
Duff, James	1		1		
Nell, John	1	1	1		
McCertney, Peter	1		2		
Duck, Charles	1	2	1		
Kelley, Berrey	1	~	2		
Dumbare, John	2	3	4		
Amberson, James	1	2	1		
Roodarmer, John	2	3	4		
Whitsel, Jacob	1	3	2		
Backer, Charles	2	2	3		
McGregor, John	1	3	2		
Linenton, Timothy	1	4	4		
Kiser, Ben	1	3	3		
McJunear, Doming	1	1	1		1
Sampson, Thomas	1	3	2		
Perchment, Peter	1		2		
Ford, Moses	2		2		
Cox, William	1		3		
Alet, William	3	3	.5		1
McKelhenen, John	1	4	4		
Morrey, Neal	1	1	2		
McClaland, William	1	$\hat{2}$	6		
White, Wm	î	1	3		
Rooss, Thos.	1	3	5		
Leveg, Henry	1	3	2		
Willson, Elesabeth	1	3 1	2		
Merton, Thos.	1	4	3		
Brown, Georg	1	2	3 4		
Drown, Georg	T	4	4		

				
Osburn, Samul	1		1	
Carson, Wm	1	3	3	
McLachland, Marey		1	3	
Brown, Wm	1		2	
McAnall, John	1	1	4	
McCashland, And	1	4	2	
Caster, Thos	2	2	2	
Scot, Wm	1			
Stiley, Merton	1	2	4	
Reyon, Jacob	2	2	5	
Nigley, Alex	4	5	5	
Myers, Georg	1		4	
Semerman, Jacob	3	1	2	
Heath, Capten	1	2	4	 3
Wachel ,John	2	2	7	
Eles, Gesper	1	2	2	
Stell, Jacob	2	3	4	
Rooss, Taffey	2	2	2	
Groobs, Jacob, senr	4	1	2	
Groobs, Jacob, Jur	1	1	2	
Groobs, Conrod	1		1	
Groobs, John	1	1	1	
Navle, Gast	2	1	3	
Lemon, Isaac	3	1	4	
Wise, Barbra	3		4	
Hilens, Barnabas	3	2	4	
Ewalt, Samyl	2	2	5	 2
Windebedle, Conrod	2	1	3	 5
Connar, Timothy	2	3	5	 U
Salamon, Thos.	2	2	3	
Henderson, Robert	1	2	5	
Calonder, Merton	1	1	1	
Willson, Colbreath	1	4	5	
Serlat, Nickles	3	2	2	 -
Sherlat, Exekiel	1	1	2	
Cable, Henry	1	1	3	
McCordey, Adam	1		1	
Henan, Stewart	3	1	4	 -
Brooks, James	1	1	3	
Brooks, Charles	1	1	ა 4	
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Brooks, Lesh			1	
Brooks, Aron			1	
Smith, Debrick	2		3	 1
Horesh, James	1		1	
Sevron, John	1		2	
Brown, Thos	1	3	5	

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Caldwell, Robert	1	2	2		
Boneface, Wm	1		4		
Lenord, Pat	1		1	:	
Molegan, James	2		3	,	
Read, James	2		2		
Brothers, Bede	~	1	1		
Williams, James	1		4		
Flemen, James	1	3	5		
Ervin, David	1	3	2		
Coningham, Samuel	1	1	4		
Merton, Thos	1	2	3		
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Graham, Wm.	_	_	=		
Grace, John	1	1	1		
Colane, John	1	1	1		
Neal, Robert	1	<u>:</u>	4		
McCreat, Patrick	1		2		
Buckhanen, Robert	1		1		
Walter, John	1	3	2		
Correy, James	1	2	4		
Fenegan, Margaret			2		
Allexander, James	1		1		
Carswell, Joseph	1	3	4		
Mcannear, Hodew	1	1	1		
Ferry, John	1	2	4		
Burges, Mrs	1	1	1		
Brittel, Georg	1	1	3		
Youlan, Mark	2	3	3		
Dixcon, Jacob	1	1	3		
Plumer, Charles	1	1	2		
Robeson, James	3	2	3		
Brown, John	1		3		
Coler, Adam	1	1	4		
Bradley, Philep	1		=		~
Conrade, Jacob	1	1	2		
Mcleland, James	4		4		
Yayler, Wm			-	1	
Scot, John				1	
Youland, John	2		1	_	
	1	2	1		
Hamel, Charles			_		
Richey, John	1	3	5		
Ogrouderen, Peter	1	1	4		
Miller, John	1		4		
Dick, Wm.	1	2	1		
Gill, Wm	1	2	1		
Claw, James	1	2	1		

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White, Joseph	1	2	2	
Thomas, Henry	1	1.	3	
Cable, Henry	1	1	3	
Miller, Sarah			4	
Huge, David		2.	3	
Joans, Lidey		1.	1	
Gibans, Davd	2			
Cogan, Wm.	1		3	
Joans, Charles	1	3	3	
Robeson, Peter	1		1	
McCrestel, Michl	1		4	
Grant, James	1	1	2	
Derry, Mark	2			
McKiney, Roddey	1	1	5	
Bedford, Nathanael	2	1	1	
McHenry, Daniel	1	3	1	
Thompson, Georg	1		3	
Lesle, Wm	2	2	5	
Esgue, Bengemen	1		1	
Horesh, James	1		1	
Murfey, Patrick	1	3	4	
Roper, Stephen	1			
Freser, Rosa	1			