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The following anecdotes were kindly furnished by Mrs. Hart B. Daugherty.

The Judge had a neighbor who was noted for her temper. One day while riding past her home the Judge stopped to chat. During the conversation he said, "Aunt Nancy, why don't you clean up your yard?"

This infuriated "Aunt Nancy," who with a shaky voice replied: "Judge White, you are a great one to talk. You own half of White Township, and no one can get within fifty feet of any barn without wading in manure over his shoe tops! The person who overheard this exchange said that the Judge smiled and rode off.

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On another occasion the Judge's family had complained for several days about being so cold without heat in the house, that he finally stopped in town to order a load of coal. The stern reply was: "Not a lump until you pay for the last two loads we sent you last year. You have ignored the bills we sent and until they are paid there will be no more coal!" Thereupon the Judge pulled an old envelope from his coat pocket and wrote:

"For one load he says I got.

For one load I never got.

For one load I am to get."

The "check" was honored and the situation at home eased.

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The next story was related by an alumnus of Princeton. It seems that the Judge returned to his alma mater every spring to attend commencement and his class reunion. Part of his ritual was to visit the fraternity which offered the most liquid refreshments. This particular year he took a liking to a certain chap, of whom he inquired: "What's your name, young man?" The fellow said, "Paul!" "Paul who?" asked the Judge, to which the collegian responded: "Just call me 'Paul!'" After three days of conviviality, the Judge told his friend, "I

must go home now, but Paul, answer me one question: Did you ever get an answer to the letter you wrote to the Ephesians?"

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The Pennsylvania Railroad granted Judge White a courtesy pass which he frequently used. When about to embark on a trip he would call the station and notify the agent which train he planned to take. Invariably he was five to ten minutes late, but the conductor would hold the train until the panting white-haired notable clambered aboard.

When traveling the Judge seldom carried cash or checks. As the need for money arose he would pull out one of his bank envelopes and write a check on it. One such check was made payable to "Hayner Distilling Co. \$3.20 for 4 quarts of whiskey said to be pure rye."

Book Review

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The 1790 Census, Heads of Families at the First Census of United States Taken in the Year 1790. Indexed. Cloth. Reprinted: Baltimore, 1966. Obtainable from: Genealogical Publishing Company, 521-23 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Md. 21202. Prices vary according to the number of pages for the state. (Example: Pennsylvania contains 426 pages, and is priced at \$15.00).

The official census returns of 1790 are among the most important and dependable sources of genealogical and historical data. It includes name of the head of the household, number of free white males 16 years and upwards, number of free white males under 16, number of free white females, number of all other free white persons, number of slaves, county and sometimes township, or district, of residence.