

ber of Thomases in the United States. If the aforementioned cities, with a population of 3,396,000, give 2536 individuals of this name, assuming that the name occurs with equal frequency in the remaining portion of the population, then the estimated 60,000,000 of the United States should give 44,806. Again, while a certain number of the names in these Directories represent single individuals, on the other hand, a large proportion represent the heads of families, in which there may be a number of children. We may safely assume, therefore, that the above number may be multiplied by three, which would give 134,418 as the living representatives of the family in the male line.

The Thomas family has furnished many who have become distinguished in the army, church, and State, as well as in the several professions, both in this country and in the old.

WILLIAM THOMAS, D.D., b. in Wales in 1613, was Chaplain to the Earl of Northumberland and Duke of York, and finally Bishop of Worcester. He was a writer of distinction, and died in 1689, one of the most prominent men in the church of his day.

WILLIAM THOMAS, grandson of the latter, b. in 1670, also entered the church and became distinguished as a man of letters and as an antiquarian.

— ELIZABETH THOMAS, b. in 1675, was distinguished as a poetess. Incurring the displeasure of Pope, she was conspicuously placed in his satirical poem, the *Dunciad*.

ANTHONY LEONARD THOMAS, b. in France in 1702, was a distinguished member of the French Academy, a college professor, and a voluminous writer of both poetry and prose.