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Statistics of Finns in America in 1922.

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| Michigan | 87,000 | Utah | 1,500 |
| Minnesota | 64,000 | Florida | 1,000 |
| Massachusetts | 28,000 | Texas | 900 |
| New York | 23,000 | Delaware | 800 |
| Washington | 18,000 | Maryland | 800 |
| Ohio | 17,000 | Alabama | 600 |
| Wisconsin | 14,000 | Louisiana | 600 |
| Oregon | 13,000 | Mississippi | 500 |
| Montana | 12,000 | Rhode Island | 500 |
| California | 10,000 | Washington, D.C. | 400 |
| North Dakota | 8,000 | Nevada | 300 |
| Pennsylvania | 7,000 | Iowa | 250 |
| Illinois | 6,000 | New Mexico | 250 |
| Maine | 4,000 | Kansas | 200 |
| New Hampshire | 4,000 | Virginia | 200 |
| New Jersey | 3,500 | North Carolina | 200 |
| Alaska | 3,000 | Nebraska | 150 |
| Connecticut | 2,800 | Arkansas | 150 |
| I Idaho | 2,000 | Georgia | 100 |
| Colorado | 2,000 | Tennessee | 100 |
| Wyoming | 2,000 | Kentucky | 100 |
| Vermont | 2,000 | South Carolina | 100 |
| Arizona | 1,500 | Missouri | 100 |
| Indiana | 1,500 | Oklahoma | 50 |
| West Virginia | 1,500 | Grand Total | 352,550 |

*) "Kirjollinen Kalenteri" v. 1922, S. Ilmonen. These figures include both immigrants and those born in America.

The above figures have been estimated on the basis of very intimate knowledge of the life of the Finns in America. We admit that they are estimates to a large extent but they come close to the truth, in fact, closer in our opinion than any other figures published.

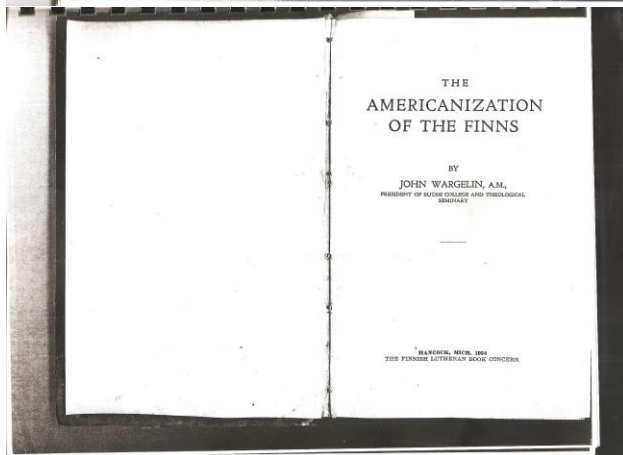
It will be seen from the above statistical tables that there is a great discrepancy between the grand totals given by each. How are we to harmonize these differences? In the first place we notice that the figures given by the 14th Census of the United States make the number of Finns born in Finland about 12,000 less than the number we had established mainly on the basis of the official reports of Finland. One reason is that the census reporters of our country may have been somewhat negligent in determining accurately the facts pertaining to the racial information, especially in case of groups not well known in a given territory, inability of the foreigners to speak English adding to the difficulty of their work. But how account for the large number estimated by the Rev. S. Ilmonen? We shall try to establish the truth of his statements in the light of certain facts to be noticed in this connection, and thus add a further reason for the apparent discrepancy.

The number of Finns in America has always been put at a somewhat smaller figure than facts would

1922 Finnish population in Minnesota

Minnesota's Finnish population estimate is 1922 was 64,000, second to Michigan with 87,000 estimated.

In 1922, St Louis County's population was 206,391. In 1900 the population of the county was 82,932 people. This was an increase of 123,459 or 148%.*



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MINNESOTA

Population of Counties by Decennial Census: 1900 to 1990

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