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Last month we introduced the all-new Fifth Edition of Thomas Kemp’s INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK (IVRH). Like its predecessors, the new edition offers complete, up-to-date information on how and where to request vital records. It also includes copies of the application forms, where available, thus simplifying and speeding up the process by which vital records are obtained.

One, sometimes overlooked, feature of the IVRH is the background information it furnishes concerning a state or country’s vital record holdings. For example, readers will discover details about records that were created prior to statewide vital records registration. In addition, the book identifies vital records collections, online databases, and institutions of interest to genealogy researchers. By way of illustration, we have included the introductory information that precedes the application forms for the state of Connecticut exactly as it appears in the IVRH so our readers can appreciate just how helpful this time-saver of a book can be.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3148&NLC-GenPointers1

CONNECTICUT

Send your requests to:

Connecticut State Department of Public Health

State Office of Vital Records

410 Capitol Avenue, MS#11VRS

P.O. Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Tel. (860) 509-7700

Fax (860) 509-7964

E-mail: angela.kasek@ct.gov

<http://www.ct.gov/dph/site/default.asp>

The State Office of Vital Records has birth, marriage, and death records from January 1, 1897. It also has death indexes 1949-present and marriage indexes 1959-present. For vital records prior to that date, you must contact the town where the vital event occurred. Connecticut restricts access to birth records for the past 100 years; however, all marriage and death certificates are open to the public. Certificate requests for events that occurred in Hartford must be directed to the Hartford Vital Records Registrar (550 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103).

Vital records offices are located in each of the 169 towns in Connecticut; each maintains a registry of all births, marriages, civil unions, deaths, and fetal deaths that occur within that town. A list of town and city clerks/registrar is available at http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/hisr/PDF/CT_TownCityClerks.pdf. There are separate forms for whether you order from the town/city or from the state. The State Office of Vital Records is experiencing a lengthy turnaround time for requests for birth, death, and marriage certificates. For quicker service, you should direct your request to the town where the event occurred.

Cost for a certified Birth Certificate from the state office	\$15.00
Cost for a certified Birth Certificate from the town	\$10.00
Cost for a wallet-size Birth Certificate from the town	\$5.00
Cost for a certified Marriage Certificate	\$10.00
Cost for a certified Death Certificate	\$10.00
Cost for a copy of Civil Union Certificate	\$10.00

FOR DIVORCE RECORDS write to:

Clerk of Superior Court
(Town), CT

See <http://www.jud.state.ct.us/scripts/DirDefault.asp> for a list of Superior Courts.

FOR GENEALOGY RESEARCH:

If you are a current member of a genealogical society that is incorporated or authorized to do business or conduct affairs in Connecticut (see the current list at <http://www.cslib.org/genesoc.htm>), you are entitled to access all vital records except confidential files on adoption, paternity, gender re-assignment, and gestational agreements. You may call for an appointment to search the vital records at a local town or at the State Office of Vital Records. For pre-1897 records, you will need to contact the local vital records office or the History and Genealogy section of the Connecticut State Library (231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106; 860-757-6580; <http://www.cslib.org/handg.htm>). The Library's Barbour Collection includes most

Most vital records to about 1900 have been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available for use at the State Library or through LDS Family History Centers.

For **ADOPTION RECORD** information contact:

Office of Foster and Adoption Services
Department of Children and Families Fax
Public Affairs and Information Office
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106-7107
Tel. (888) 543-4376
<http://www.ct.gov/dcf/site/default.asp>

MARCH BACKLIST SALE BASED ON PRINT ON DEMAND

Several months ago we alerted our readers to the fact that Genealogical.com has embarked on print on demand, a relatively new technology that allows a publisher to print a single copy (or multiple copies) of a book on an as-needed basis. For publishers like ourselves, print on demand technology is nothing short of revolutionary.

The move to print on demand, however, is not instantaneous. There are set-up costs associated with the changeover. More to the point, we still have tens of thousands of books in our warehouse to unload before we can function virtually "warehouse-free." Accordingly, just as we did in January, we are now discounting 10 of the best books in our warehouse to pave the way for the eventual changeover to print on demand. Each of these books has been reduced by 25% or more below retail. Be sure to look for savings on other excellent titles in future issues of "Genealogy Pointers."

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY of the Families of Old Fairfield [Connecticut]. In Three Volumes

Donald Lines Jacobus' FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD is the ultimate authority on the ancestry and relationships of approximately 50,000 residents of Fairfield County, Connecticut. Each family history commences with the original 17th-century settler and is brought down, in most cases, to the early decades of the 19th century. The accumulated data is further enhanced by abstracts of land and probate records, the effect of which is to add still more weight to the already overwhelming evidence. Families are arranged alphabetically, and children are carried forward as heads of families in leap-frog fashion. Everyone mentioned whose name does not occur in normal sequence under the appropriate family history is identified in the index.

Retail price: \$175.00 Now \$129.95

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GEORGIA INTESTATE RECORDS

This work contains abstracts of the intestate records of the 57 Georgia counties formed before the 1832 Land Lottery, plus those for Dawson (1857), Fulton (1853), Webster (1853), and White (1857) counties. Besides the name of the deceased and the dates of the various court papers, information in the abstracts includes the names of the administrators, sureties, and guardians (often relatives of the deceased), names of the surviving spouse and children, names of orphan children and heirs, and, where a will is recorded, names of legatees.

Was \$39.50 Now \$29.50

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SOME EARLY TAX DIGESTS OF GEORGIA

In the absence of the 1790, 1800, and 1810 federal censuses of Georgia, SOME EARLY TAX DIGESTS is a godsend. In all, this work refers to 25,000 Georgia taxpayers and adjoining property owners. The counties for which tax records are provided, with their years of coverage, are: Camden 1794 and 1809; Chatham 1806; Glynn 1790 and 1794; Hancock 1812; Lincoln 1818; Montgomery 1797, 1798, 1805, and 1806; Pulaski 1818; Richmond 1818; Warren 1794, 1805, and 1818; and Wilkes 1792, 1793, and 1794. Each tax list generally gives the name of the taxpayer, name of the adjoining property owner, and name of the original grantee of land. In addition, the tax lists identify the number of slaves attached to the property, watercourses, acreage, and value of the land.

Was \$60.00 Now \$42.95

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KENTUCKY OBITUARIES, 1787-1854 from the "Register of the Kentucky Historical Society"

These 5,000 obituary notices give, for the most part, the name of the deceased, place of residence, name(s) of wife or husband, parents or other survivors, date of death, and other genealogical details.

Was \$30.00 Now \$21.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1055

"SECOND CENSUS" of Kentucky, 1800

This "second census" of Kentucky is an alphabetical list of 32,000 taxpayers and is based on original tax lists on file in the Kentucky Historical Society. Information given includes the county of residence and the date of the tax list in which the individual is listed.

Was \$30.00 Now \$21.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1060

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AGES FROM COURT RECORDS, 1636-1700. Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk Counties, MASSACHUSETTS

From thousands of court cases in Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk Counties, Massachusetts, dating from 1636 to 1700, Melinde Sanborn has extracted the names, ages, and dates of record for all 11,000 deponents and witnesses whose ages are given in the court records of those counties. While most depositions vary in quality, the ages found in them alone provide incontrovertible value to the genealogist. For example, a deposition with a specific age given can make all the difference by name, age, and the year and source of the court record.

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[&NLC-GenPointers1](#)

10,000 VITAL RECORDS OF EASTERN NEW YORK, 1777-1834

Not until 1847 did New York state require local jurisdictions to record the birth, marriage, or death events of its inhabitants. This glaring omission in the official genealogical record makes consulting unofficial sources--such as church records, family Bibles, and, in particular, newspaper archives--of great importance in New York state research.

Genealogist Fred Q. Bowman was among the first researchers to take a systematic approach to this problem where old newspapers were concerned. Bowman divided the Upstate portion of the Empire State into three regions. He then identified all the papers that published birth, marriage, and/or death notices within those regions and, one by one, extracted every "vital record" notice he found in 34 newspapers published in 23 communities.

This volume focuses on the interior county of Otsego and on the 300-mile strip comprising the easternmost counties of Clinton, Essex, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia, and "Old Dutchess," which, prior to 1812, included the territory of present-day Putnam County.

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[&NLC-GenPointers1](#)

10,000 VITAL RECORDS OF CENTRAL NEW YORK, 1813-1850

These 10,000 vital records were drawn from the marriage and death columns of various central New York newspapers published before 1850, specifically those published in the

section of the state between Geneva and Utica. In the absence of "official" vital records for the area, it stands as an almost perfect substitute.

Was \$38.50 Now \$28.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=641&NLC-GenPointers1

10,000 VITAL RECORDS OF WESTERN NEW YORK, 1809-1850

The 10,000 vital records in this work were drawn from the marriage and death columns of five western New York newspapers published before 1850: the "Republican Advocate" of Batavia, the "Steuben Farmers Advocate" of Bath, the "Geneva Gazette," the "Jamestown Journal," and Palmyra's "Wayne Sentinel." All persons who were subjects of death notices are listed in alphabetical order, marriage officials are identified in the appendix, and all others mentioned in the text are listed in the index.

Was \$38.50 Now \$28.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=643&NLC-GenPointers1

OHIO VALLEY GENEALOGIES. Relating Chiefly to Families in Harrison, Belmont, and Jefferson Counties, Ohio, and Washington, Westmoreland, and Fayette Counties, Pennsylvania

This popular book contains genealogies of about 350 families who settled in Pennsylvania between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Alleghenies, and genealogies of those families who migrated across the Ohio River and made the first settlements in the Northwest Territory, now part of Ohio.

Was \$25.00 Now \$18.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2517&NLC-GenPointers1

CITING SOURCES FROM ANCESTRY.COM

(The following article is excerpted, in part, from Elizabeth Shown Mills' new "at-a-glance" reference guide, QUICKSHEET: Citing ANCESTRY.COM Databases & Images EVIDENCE! Style.)

All Ancestry.com® resource collections fall into one of six basic types:

- images of original records or pages previously published in print or issued on film
- databases created by outside parties
- databases created solely by Ancestry
- databases created by Ancestry by adapting or consolidating databases obtained from others

- transcriptions, abstracts, or OCR text created by Ancestry
- instructional articles by Ancestry writers

The reliability of the information you take from each Ancestry resource varies according to the nature and origin of its source. Therefore, your “working citations” should precisely and fully identify and characterize each collection you use.

Regardless of its format, Ancestry’s material is derivative by nature. Therefore, you will usually have two separate entities to cite in a full reference note:

- Ancestry’s product
- Ancestry’s source

Details needed to create these citations are supplied in Ancestry’s discussions of each resource. For Ancestry products imaged from a published book or film, you should not cite the book or film directly, without identifying it as Ancestry’s edition. Online providers frequently enhance their images and otherwise alter the products. What you see in an Ancestry image and what you would see in Ancestry’s source may not be the same in every respect.

Researchers must also bear in mind that indexers and database compilers misread names. And record collections have quirks that can make it difficult to find material from the citations someone else provides. Users of Ancestry.com will find many other discussions of these problems in Mills’s “desktop reference” manual, *EVIDENCE EXPLAINED: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to CyberSpace*. Here, we offer one of those and add two more:

“MISSPELLINGS” OF NAMES

When census images or database entries spell the ancestor’s name “wrong,” use that “wrong” spelling in your citation. After all, you and others will likely need that “wrong” spelling to find the material again. Standard ways to cite “wrong” spellings--and then correct them--would include these:

When the original census is wrong or incomplete:

1810 U.S. census, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, p. 276 (also 392), for “Mde. Bobb” [Madame Bob McKim].

When the database entry misreads the name:

1820 U.S. census, New York County, New York, City of New York, Ward 10, p.952 (also 118-A), line 1, Benjamin Budd [“Renfamm Budd” in database entry]; National Archives microfilm publication M33, roll 78.

Three considerations influence the way these corrections are handled.

- a. When we add information that is not in the original, we use square editorial brackets (not parentheses) to indicate that we are editing the original.

- b. When the original census is wrong, we cite the original as the name is given, using quotation marks to indicate that we are citing it exactly. Then we add the correction in square editorial brackets.
- c. When we cite an original census image on which the name appears correctly, but the database or index errs, we again cite the original; because it is correct, we do not need to use quotation marks. Then, because the incorrect reading is needed to access the entry through the database, our editorial addition states the incorrect reading shown in the database and places the exact incorrect reading in quotation marks.]

ERRORS THAT NEED CORRECTION

No database or repository is perfect. When using Ancestry.com if you find

- a. Citation errors that are demonstrably wrong--such as citing the wrong microfilm publication number for NARA film--contact Ancestry and provide a correction (with your supporting evidence, of course).
- b. Misreadings of names, use Ancestry's Comments and Corrections Tool for Misspelled or Alternate Names and submit your interpretation or knowledge of what the name should be. Other researchers will appreciate your help.

CITING FILM NUMBERS PROVIDED BY ANCESTRY

Many Ancestry.com images are for National Archives materials that have previously been published by the National Archives on microfilm. In these cases, Ancestry cites the publication (using bibliographic form, rather than reference note form) as, say,

World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.
Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509. 4,582 rolls.

Then, for a particular entry--say, Ralph Emerson Day of Lawrence County, Illinois--you may see that Ancestry's citation places Day on "roll 1614205."
Being an alert genealogist, your antenna rises and you immediately ask yourself: "How can a NARA microfilm publication that consists of 4,582 rolls, have a roll numbered 1615205?"

Obviously, there is a problem. If you mindlessly copy that citation and send it to Cousin John, who does not have access to Ancestry.com but does have access to the NARA microfilm at his local library, Cousin John will not be able to locate the card for Grandpa Ralph.

How could this happen? In making images from film, Ancestry.com seeks "master" microfilm. With some NARA film publications, the best "master" will be available from NARA. With other filmed NARA records, the best "master" may be available from

FamilySearch, formerly the Genealogical Society of Utah, whose film is accessed through the Family History Library, Salt Lake City).

In the case of WWI draft registration cards, Ancestry used the FamilySearch film and cites the film number assigned to that individual roll by the Family History Library.

As a user of Ancestry.com, who wants Cousin John and all your kin to be able to find the record, you have two options when you spot a discrepancy of this type.

- a. Go to www.familysearch.com, to check Ancestry's cited film number against the card catalog of the Family History Library. When that check verifies your suspicion that Ancestry's cited roll number is actually an FHL film number (which will be useless in any other library), you should add FHL's identity to the citation. Mrs. Millsnew QuickSheet demonstrates how.
- b. Go to www.archives.gov to read the "description" that NARA has prepared for that microfilm publication number. In the query box, type the number of the microfilm publication, including the letter that precedes the digits. That will yield a link to the page on which NARA describes the contents and provides a list of what appears on each roll of film. In this case, you will find that the Lawrence County draft board's cards, which include Grandpa Ralph's registration, appear on roll IL-212 of M1509. In this case, in citing the source of NARA's database, you need only cite "National Archives microfilm publication M1509, roll IL-212."

Mills's "foreword" to EVIDENCE EXPLAINED reminds us "All sources are not created equal and the information we pull from a source will not likely be any better than the source itself." Whether we are using conventional material at a library or digital information online, it follows that "the conclusions we reach from it can be no better than the effort we make to identify that source, to understand its nuances, and to interpret the evidence its information provides."

Editor's Note:

Mrs. Mills new publication, QUICKSHEET: CITING ANCESTRY.COM provides specific rules and models for citing the myriad databases and images you use on Ancestry.com. This lightweight, laminated, four-page folder is based on the citation style found in Mrs. Mills' extremely popular book, "Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian." Designed for speed of use and portability, the new QUICKSHEET tells you instantly how to cite databases that include census records, vital records, passenger lists, city directories, and family trees. You'll also learn how to attribute images that include manuscripts, maps, newspapers, and online books and articles. In QUICKSHEET: CITING ANCESTRY.COM you'll find the standards you need for the correct citation of Ancestry.com sources, as well as help in judging the reliability of those sources.

For more information about QUICKSHEET: CITING ANCESTRY.COM Databases & Images EVIDENCE! Style, by Elizabeth Shown Mills, please select the following URL: http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3859&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGY CHART-MAKER AMONG BEST SELLING CDs REDUCED FOR MARCH

THE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH TOOLKIT: Forms & Charts for Genealogical Research, designed and created by Michael Hait, contains 21 different forms and charts intended for recording genealogical research.

Intended to meet the basic needs of the family historian, the forms can be printed as blank forms for onsite research or filled in and printed or saved for permanent storage. Each form has space for full source citations, and each has been created as an Adobe PDF form.

In addition to the standard genealogical forms such as the pedigree chart, family group record, research log, and notes pages, this CD includes a number of charts of the author's own design, each one formatted for source citations in the style recommended by Elizabeth Shown Mills in her seminal book, EVIDENCE!. You can read a full description of the contents of the TOOLKIT at the following URL:

Was \$19.99 Now \$14.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7545&NLC-GenPointers1

THE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH TOOLKIT is just one of ten best-selling CDs from 2008 that we are discounting for the month of March. Each of the others is fully searchable and brings together the best reference books on its topic. This is one sale you won't want to miss! Sale prices remain in effect until 11:59 PM, EDT, Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

LINEAGES OF HEREDITARY SOCIETY MEMBERS, 1600s-1900s

For obvious reasons, membership in a lineage organization like the DAR, SAR, or Colonial Dames is often associated with prestige, love of country, and other emotional rewards. For sheer genealogical purposes, however, the records of lineage organizations offer researchers extraordinary opportunities to quickly extend their lineages back in time to the American Revolution, colonial period, and even the court of the Emperor Charlemagne. They can do so by connecting their own findings with the records of

lineage society members that (1) have met stringent eligibility requirements and (2) document the members' pedigrees to colonial, or earlier, forebears. This CD is an extraordinary collection of 440,000 individuals who possess a connection to one or more of 13 distinguished lineage organizations. You'd have to hunt for a long time to find another research tool that promises to extend your genealogy so far back with so little effort.

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http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7506&NLC-GenPointers1

REVOLUTIONARY WAR Pension Records

Starting with the Revolutionary War, various acts of Congress authorized the granting of pensions for invalid claims or for military service. Pension rolls--or lists of veterans entitled to receive pensions--were frequently published as Congressional reports. All such reports published between 1792 and 1841, totaling 12 volumes and containing the names of approximately 120,000 pensioners, were reprinted over many years by GPC. Now, these invaluable pension rolls are available on a single Family Archive CD, complete with an electronic name index that enables you to locate the pensioner quickly and efficiently.

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EARLY TENNESSEE SETTLERS, 1700s-1900s

The 14 books included on this CD cover a time period both shortly before and shortly after Tennessee was erected as a state from North Carolina in 1796, and they identify a large proportion of Tennessee's original settlers. Compiled from traditional record sources, these books generally contain a selection of county, state, church, and family records, specifically: cemetery records; Bible records; records of deeds, wills, and marriages; Revolutionary and War of 1812 payroll and pension records; militia records; and census records. The CD names 165,000 early inhabitants of Tennessee.

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http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7511&NLC-GenPointers1

PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, 1700s-1800s

Referring to more than 87,000 individuals, this CD is one of the largest bodies of Pennsylvania source materials ever produced. It includes all of the birth, baptism, marriage, and death records ever published in the "Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine" and "The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography."

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7172&NLC-GenPointers1

EARLY KENTUCKY SETTLERS, 1700s-1800s

This CD contains the records of approximately 225,000 individuals who settled in or passed through Kentucky during this period. This unique collection of court, marriage, military, probate, and obituary records originally appeared in 12 Kentucky reference books published by GPC.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7519&NLC-GenPointers1

VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS, 1600s-1800s

This Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the following six books, originally published by GPC: (1) "Virginia Vital Records," (2) "Virginia Marriage Records," (3) "Virginia Will Records," (4) "Virginia Land Records," (5) "Virginia Military Records," and (6) "Virginia Tax Records." Altogether, the articles in these books refer to 130,000 individuals.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7174&NLC-GenPointers1

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF EMIGRANTS, 1607-1776

With approximately 140,000 names, this CD contains the most comprehensive list ever published of the men, women, and children who emigrated from England to America between 1607 and 1776. Compiled by noted emigration authority Peter Wilson Coldham, it contains virtually every reference to English emigrants that can be found in contemporary English records, such as port books, shipping registers, apprenticeship lists, plantation records, Treasury and Chancery records, and records of forced transportation and exile.

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VIRGINIA COLONIAL RECORDS

Naming nearly a quarter-million Virginians living in the colony between 1607 and 1776, this is the largest and most complete collection of Virginia colonial records ever

assembled on CD. From records of immigration, headright records, land and tax records, and early census records, to records of the colonial militia, vital records of birth, marriage, and death, and court records of wills, deeds, and administrations, this CD has it all--English origins, dates and places of immigration, places of residence in the new colony, names of spouses, children, and other family members, occupations, ages, military service records--it even has the names of the earliest landholders in Virginia, lists of Virginia's original immigrants and settlers, and the names of those who were listed in the colony's first census of 1623/24. This rich CD is derived from 13 prominent Virginia genealogical reference works.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7503&NLC-GenPointers1

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY

This CD comprises all six volumes of William Wade Hinshaw's renowned "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy," originally published between 1936 and 1950.

Containing approximately 500,000 entries from the various colonial Quaker monthly meeting records, Hinshaw's "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy" is the magnum opus of Quaker genealogy. Hinshaw located thousands of records and abstracted them into a uniform and intelligible system of notation. The data is arranged by meeting, then alphabetically by family name, and chronologically thereunder.

Was \$59.99 Now \$44.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7192&NLC-GenPointers1

11th EDITION of "The Handybook for Genealogists"

If your first association with genealogy came through the Internet or some computer software, you may never have heard of THE HANDYBOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS, by Everton Publishers. THE HANDYBOOK is THE best-selling book in American genealogy, with over one million copies sold since its first edition in 1947. Even if you have used previous editions of this publication, you should consider the important changes found only in the new 11th edition.

The popularity of THE HANDYBOOK stems from its capacity to provide the researcher with at-a-glance genealogical guidance for every county in the U.S. Arranged alphabetically by state, the book contains a chapter on each of the 50 states. Every chapter commences with an essay about the genealogical history of the state and its records. This is followed by an up-to-date listing of genealogical archives, libraries, and societies and a bibliography of valuable printed sources. At the heart of the chapter is an alphabetically arranged table of counties, which is keyed to a corresponding state map.

For each county, the table furnishes a map index number, the date of the county's creation, the parent county(ies) or territory(ies) from which it was created, and the address and phone number for the appropriate county court. A thumbnail description of each county's surviving genealogical records completes that entry. Every county in the U.S. is enumerated in the index.

In preparing the 11th edition, Everton Publishers has updated all the county-by-county data, descriptions of major record repositories, Internet and mailing addresses for all repositories, and the state-by-state bibliography of books. Our copies of the HANDYBOOK all come with a CD that allows the user to search the book and download and print out the full-color maps found throughout the volume.

Other standard features include: (1) a "tracker" for every county shows how boundaries have changed over the years, and (2) "migration trail" maps give detailed descriptions of the paths your ancestors traveled.

Whether or not you own a previous edition of this extraordinary publication, the blockbuster 11th edition is one book you must have for your reference shelf.

Please note: because of its hefty size and page count (8 ½ x 11 inches; 944 pp.) and hardcover binding, the HANDYBOOK has special postage & handling charges: USPS: one copy \$6.00, each additional copy \$6.00; UPS ground: one copy \$10.00, each additional copy \$10.00; Canada and international orders: please contact us for details.

THE HANDYBOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS. With CD (\$62.00)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1722&NLC-GenPointers1

BLOG: HOUSES HAVE PEDIGREES TOO

Carolyn Barkley's latest installment for our blog, www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com, discusses the ins and outs of dating ancestral houses and the various generations of families that inhabited them. It's free!

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