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2009 BOOKS. Part Two

In the June 2 issue of "Genealogy Pointers," we described our new publication for June, [Professional Genealogy](#), as well as a number of our new releases for 2009. Here are descriptions of more of the new releases we published earlier this year. In case you missed these announcements the first time around, you can now choose from new editions of the best directories in genealogy and one or two groundbreaking new works. Please scroll on.

INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK

The new 5th edition of the *International Vital Records Handbook* marks the first revision of this classic reference work since the year 2000. It contains the latest forms and information for each of the 50 states and also furnishes details about records that were created prior to statewide vital records registration. In addition, it identifies vital records collections, online databases, and institutions of interest to genealogy researchers. Then, in alphabetical sequence, it covers the other countries of the world, giving, where available, the current application forms and instructions, as well as the key addresses of repositories or embassies that might help you obtain copies of vital records.

A number of searchable, free databases containing vital records are now available online, and many of these, too, are noted here, as well as specific repositories containing vital records collections that are accessible by genealogists.

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

GERMAN MERCENARY EXPATRIATES IN THE U.S. & CANADA FOLLOWING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: The Contingents from Brunswick, Ansbach and Bayreuth, and Hessen-Hanau, Based Upon German Sources. (Originally Published as German-American Genealogical Research Monograph Numbers 1, 2 & 5)

The contents of this consolidated volume concern mercenaries from the dutchies or principalities of Brunswick, Ansbach and Bayreuth, and Hessen-Hanau, based on sources in German archives. In the majority of cases researchers can expect to find the mercenary's name, rank, age, birthplace, unit, and date and place of desertion. The

volume identifies 7,000 German soldiers in all, the majority of whom chose to cast their lot with the New World.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9897&NLC-GenPointers1

FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF AMERICA INDEX

From its founding until 1975, the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America (NSDFP) published 34 volumes of lineage records (available at many libraries), encompassing the proven lineages of its membership. In 1975, NSDFP published this INDEX to the lineage records. It gives the date of birth and death of each Founder and Patriot, his date of marriage, his wife's name, the name of the colony/state in which the Founder settled, and the volume number and name where the full lineage record showing descent to the "Daughter" is set out. Thus, in this one volume is the thread linking the Founder ancestor to the Patriot ancestor and a reference to the lineage record showing descent from both. Incredible!

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1345&NLC-GenPointers1

COUNTY COURTHOUSE BOOK. New 3rd Edition

The *County Courthouse Book*, by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, is a concise guide to county courthouses and courthouse records. The new 3rd edition—the first revision since 1995—provides the researcher with current addresses and phone numbers; information about the coverage and availability of key courthouse records such as probate, land, naturalization, and vital records; and timely advice on the whole range of services available at the courthouse. Where available it also indicates the listings of current courthouse websites and e-mail addresses.

Besides its obvious genealogical uses, the *County Courthouse Books* can also be used for land title searches, legal investigations, questions of property rights and inheritance, and indeed personal searches and investigations of all kinds.

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SOUTHERN LOYALISTS IN THE CIVIL WAR: The Southern Claims Commission

The Southern Claims Commission was the agency established to process more than 20,000 claims by pro-Union Southerners for reimbursement of their losses during the Civil War. The present work is a "master index" to the case files of the Commission. The index gives, in tabular form, the name of the claimant, county and state, the Commission number, office and report numbers, and the year and status of the claim.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3847&NLC-GenPointers1

THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING HOSPITAL. An Index to the Federal, State, and Local Census Records [1870-1925]

The names in this volume identify 13,000 orphans who lived in the Roman Catholic New York Foundling Hospital between 1870 and 1925. The names were extracted from a number of federal, state, and New York City police censuses. The descriptions vary from census to census; however, in virtually all cases they provide the individual's name, race, sex, age, and status (inmate versus caretaker). Researchers should note that, although it is not included in this work, they may find references to the birthplace of the child's parents in the 1920 federal census and references to the birthplace of each child in the 1925 New York State census.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9161&NLC-GenPointers1

ERIN'S SONS: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853, Volume II

The second volume in this unique immigration series covers the same time period as its predecessor and the same geographic area--the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia--and it lists an additional 7,000 Irish arrivals in Atlantic Canada before 1853. What is remarkable about this second volume is the rich variety of information derived from hard-to-find sources such as church records of marriages and burials, cemetery records, headstone inscriptions, military description books, newspapers, poor house records, and passenger lists.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4709&NLC-GenPointers1

7,000 HUDSON-MOHAWK VALLEY (NY) VITAL RECORDS, 1808-1850

The compilers of this book have joined forces to produce a list of 7,000 marriages and deaths—naming 20,000 persons in all—from 15 newspapers of the Hudson–Mohawk Valley area, giving researchers a much-needed boost in their search for vital records. Typically the marriage notices give such information as the names of the bride and groom, the date of the marriage, the place, the names of parents, and the name of the officiating minister. Death notices, on the other hand, provide the date and place of death, age at death, sometimes cause of death, occupation, and names of survivors.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=644&NLC-GenPointers1

FREE BLACKS AND MULATTOS in the South Carolina 1850 Census

Compiler Margaret Motes combed through a microfilm copy of the 1850 census manuscript for the state of South Carolina to unearth every reference to a free black or mulatto that can be found there. The end result of her efforts is this book, an alphabetically arranged list of 8,160 free blacks and mulattos between the ages of one month and 112 years. The data for free persons of color in South Carolina in 1850, which spans 29 different counties, records the following for each individual named in the

census: name, age, sex, occupation, color, place of birth, household and dwelling number, and county.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9378&NLC-GenPointers1

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR GENEALOGISTS

This book describes the wide array of social networking services that are now available online and highlights how these services can be used by genealogists to share information, photos, and videos with family, friends, and other researchers. Each chapter guides you through a unique category of social networking services using genealogy-related examples. From blogs and wikis to Facebook and Second Life, author Drew Smith shows you how to incorporate these powerful new tools into your family history research.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5446&NLC-GenPointers1

1770-1790 CENSUS of the Cumberland Settlements [Tennessee]

This work is an attempt to reconstruct a census of the Cumberland River settlements in Davidson, Sumner, and Tennessee counties, which today comprise all or part of 40 Tennessee counties. To this end, Mr. Fulcher has abstracted from the public records all references to those living in the jurisdictions between 1770 and 1790. From wills, deeds, court minutes, marriage records, military records, and many related items, the author has put together a carefully documented list of inhabitants--virtually the "first" census of Tennessee.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2085&NLC-GenPointers1

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, Tennessee, 1787-1840

These marriage records are arranged chronologically from September 19, 1787, to December 31, 1840, and name about 4,500 men and women. Additional information includes the exact date of the bond and the name of the bondsman. All names--brides, grooms, and bondsmen--are listed in alphabetical order in the index for quick and easy reference.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2300&NLC-GenPointers1

COLONIAL VIRGINIANS AND THEIR MARYLAND RELATIVES. A Genealogy of the Tucker Family and also families of Allen Blackistone, Chandler, Ford, Gerard, Harmor, Hume, Monroe, Skaggs, Smith, Stevesson, Stone, Sturman, Thompson, Ward, Yowell

This copiously documented volume sheds new light on one of the earliest families to settle in Virginia, that of Captain William Tucker of London, and on a number of allied

families whose progenitors figured in the early history of the Virginia and Maryland colonies. William Tucker arrived at Jamestown in 1610 on the Mary and James. He was an original stockholder in the Virginia Company of London. Captain Tucker, who resided in Elizabeth City, Virginia in 1624, is remembered as a colonial merchant and as a member of the House of Burgesses and the Privy Council. He also gained notoriety for leading reprisals against the Warrasqueake and Nansemond Indians in 1622 and 1623.
http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9570&NLC-GenPointers1

The People of Scottish Burghs: DUNDEE, 1600-1799. 2 Parts in One

David Dobson

The book marks the first volume in a series of records pertaining to the inhabitants of Scottish towns and cities in the 17th and 18th centuries, any number of whom or whose progeny ultimately made contact with the New World. The volumes in this series are based overwhelmingly on primary sources, such as the records of the High Court of the Admiralty of Scotland, the Commissary Court of Brechin, the Customs and Excise, the Services of Heirs, monumental inscriptions, and so on. Many, though not all, of the individuals named in this work were merchants or tradesmen. Although they do not comprise a complete list of Dundee inhabitants during these two centuries, these burghers are nonetheless representative of the city's population elements and of the town sources available to family historians for Dundee.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9979&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS IN POLAND, RUSSIA AND THE BALTIC STATES, 1550-1850. Part Two

For the concluding volume in this series, Mr. Dobson examined scores of Scottish primary and secondary sources before producing a list of 1,000 additional Scots who settled in the Baltic. Arranged alphabetically, entries furnish the individual's name with variants, a place of residence in Eastern Europe, the date of the record, and its source. Given the widely disparate character of the subject matter, one may also find a reference to the individual's place of origin in Scotland, occupation, relationships to other persons named (i.e., parent, spouse, offspring), membership in a fraternal organization, etc.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9977&NLC-GenPointers1

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GETTING STUMPED ON ZANE'S TRACE: A Saga of Westward Migration, by William Dollarhide

Do your ancestors have you stumped? Well, it could be that some of your ancestors were stumped, too--on Zane's Trace. Here is a bit of history on the earliest wagon roads your ancestors used to travel to their new lands in the Ohio Country.

Western Migration Routes

After the Revolutionary War, emigrants discovered the Ohio River as a convenient highway to the newly opened public lands in the west. Pittsburgh became the gateway to the west, where migrants would stop and build a flatboat to float down the Ohio River to their new lands. The main overland routes to access the Ohio River were two roads built during the French and Indian War. The first, Braddock's Road, constructed in 1755, followed the same path as today's U.S. Highway 40 from Cumberland, Maryland, to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, then PA Highway 51 into Pittsburgh. The second, Forbes Road, built in 1758, followed a route nearly the same as today's Pennsylvania Turnpike from Harrisburg and from Bedford along the present route of U.S. Highway 30, also terminating at Pittsburgh. Virtually all of the western migrations overland to the Ohio River were along these two routes during the last half of the 18th century.

A By-Pass Route

By 1796 Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia), had entered the picture as a new gateway to the west. This new route by-passed Pittsburgh as the main route to the Ohio River. Gist's Trace, a wagon road that left Braddock's Road at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, followed the same route that Interstate 70 follows today. So, by 1796, migrating families leaving Baltimore, Maryland, or Alexandria, Virginia, could take their horse-drawn Conestoga wagons along the Cumberland Road into western Maryland or southwestern Pennsylvania, and reach the Ohio River at Wheeling. Generally, people leaving Philadelphia or points along Forbes Road continued to follow that route as the most direct way to access the Ohio River at Pittsburgh. But people coming from south of Philadelphia, such as points in Maryland or Virginia, now had a by-pass route off of Braddock's Road-Cumberland Road, taking them to Wheeling instead of Pittsburgh.

The Wheeling Ferry and Zane's Trace

One of the first land grants on the Ohio River went to Ebenezer Zane, considered the founder of Wheeling, Virginia. Ebenezer Zane controlled both sides of the most advantageous ferry crossing site on the Ohio River for emigrants moving into what is now referred to as the Old Northwest Territory, which opened for public land sales and settlement in 1796. As a result of his strategic location, and with a monopoly on ferry crossings at that point, Zane became a very prosperous man.

Ebenezer Zane was known for another accomplishment as well. He was in charge of the construction of the first wagon road into the Ohio Country, which became known as Zane's Trace. In 1796 Zane contracted with the U.S. federal government to construct a wagon road, beginning at his ferry landing across from Wheeling and heading west into the public land areas of what was to become the state of Ohio. From the river, the roadway followed a path east to Zanesville, Ohio, another town founded by Ebenezer Zane, and one of several towns in present-day Ohio founded as a result of Zane's Trace bringing settlers into the region. The very first public land sales in America took place

near Zane's Trace. This is how your ancestors gained access to their new lands in the Ohio Country.

Zane's Trace was also the primary access to the U.S. Military District and the Virginia Military District, two reserves of public land set aside for bounty land given to soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Although some soldiers sold their bounty land grants, many others or their heirs, who used them to acquire land in the Northwest Territory, followed Zane's Trace to get there.

Zane's Trace was created as a crude wagon road cut through the giant trees of the wilderness, following an existing Indian path. Going west from Wheeling to Zanesville, the line of Zane's Trace is identical to what became part of the National Road by 1820, then U.S. Highway 40, and today very close to the path followed by Interstate 70. From Zanesville, the route followed a southwestern direction; the first portion along the same route now called U.S. Highway 22; and from Lancaster, Ohio, close to what is now OH Highway 159 into Chillicothe, Ohio. From Chillicothe, the roadway continued southwest, close to what is now U.S. Highway 50 to present-day Bainbridge, Ohio, then following the same southwestern route as what OH Highway 41 does today en route to the Ohio River. The 1796 route re-connected to the Ohio River at present-day Aberdeen, just across the river from Limestone (now Maysville, Kentucky), where the traveler found a wagon road to Lexington, Kentucky.

Since the original trace of the first wagon road into Ohio can be followed by using a modern map, take these descriptions of the routes to your Rand-McNally Road Atlas. Find the modern routes mentioned and then list the modern counties the trace runs through today. If you think an ancestor might have traveled this way, the county list is a "to-do" list for looking at the records available for each county. Go to the Family History Library catalog (www.familysearch.org) and see what records for that county have been microfilmed. If there was a time lag from the time your ancestor was known to have been in Pennsylvania to his/her subsequent appearance in Ohio, then you now have the route the family followed, the counties they passed through, and a method for finding the right county where they may have stopped for some time en route.

For example, the entire length of Zane's Trace covered about 220 miles, passing through the 1796 Northwest Territory counties of Jefferson, Washington, Ross, and Hamilton. Today, the line of the same route passes through the modern Ohio counties of Belmont, Guernsey, Muskingum, Perry, Fairfield, Pickaway, Ross, Pike, Adams, and Brown. If your ancestors moved into these areas early, the route they followed to get there was undoubtedly the wagon road known as Zane's Trace. If they stopped en route, one of the counties mentioned may have records of their stay there.

Getting Stumped

Ebenezer Zane's woodsmen cut down trees to make a trace of a road. But there was not a lot of care in the tree felling, and stumps of the fallen trees still remained along the entire route. Horse-drawn wagons could negotiate the trace, but often the tree stumps were so

high or close together that a wagon would become high centered or stuck between stumps. Travelers on Zane's Trace began calling the experience of getting stuck on Zane's left-over tree stumps as "getting stumped," a term which continues today--when we are stuck on something. So, your ancestors may have you stumped. But, your ancestors might have been really stumped!

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PRICE REDUCTION on Westward Migration CDs & Books
(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 p.m., EST, Monday, June 15, 2009)

Could your 18th- and early 19th-century mid-Atlantic forebear(s) have traveled westward to Ohio along Zane's Trace or one of the other migration routes described by Bill Dollarhide in the preceding article? If so, the following books and CDs could help you pick up the trail of an elusive ancestor or two.

VIRGINIA CLAIMS to Land in Western Pennsylvania. Published with
An Account of the Donation Lands of Pennsylvania

In 1754 the colonies of Virginia and Pennsylvania entered into a dispute over the ownership of what is today the southwest corner of Pennsylvania. The dispute raged over the course of the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War and was eventually settled in 1784. The work at hand consists of two excerpts from the "Pennsylvania Archives." The first, "Virginia Claims to Land in Western Pennsylvania," is a complete list of Virginia land entries in the aforementioned Pennsylvania counties between 1779 and 1780. For each of the 1,300 entries we are given the date of the entry, the name(s) of the parties to the transaction, and occasional references to subsequent transfers of grants, the amount of acreage, and a landmark indicating where the land was situated. The second excerpt, "An Account of the Donation Lands of Pennsylvania," concerns the March 1780 statute granting land in western Pennsylvania to the soldiers of the Pennsylvania Line who served in the Continental Army. The 3,000 members of the Pennsylvania Line entitled to a donation are identified by name, rank, regiment, acreage awarded, and, sometimes, whether the individual claimed the land, was killed in action, relinquished his right to the land, etc.

Was \$32.50 Now \$21.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9417&NLC-GenPointers1

MARYLAND GENEALOGIES AND MARRIAGES (CD)

With its very first issue in 1906, the *Maryland Historical Magazine* published accounts of the Brooke and Tilghman families. Over the next 75 years, the *Magazine* included articles on families from all parts of the state, nearly 100 articles in all, naming some 15,000 persons. These linked genealogies are available on this fully searchable CD, which also includes early Maryland marriage records and genealogies of Baltimore County families compiled by Robert Barnes.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7195&NLC-GenPointers1

HISTORY OF FREDERICK COUNTY, Maryland. In Two Volumes

The history of Braddock's campaign, the local events of the Revolution, John Brown's raid nearby, the old National Road, the earliest American railroad and its opening to Frederick, and the great events of the Civil War are all covered in the first volume of this monumental work. The second volume, *Biographical Record of Representative Families*, is really worth pausing over, for it contains no fewer than 1,100 biographical and genealogical sketches, in most cases supplied by the subjects of the sketches themselves. Each sketch attempts to establish the origins of the subjects' forebears, giving the dates and places of their birth, marriage, residence, and facts concerning their immigration to and settlement in this country (most were of German or Scotch-Irish extraction). This monumental work is far easier to consult than ever, thanks to the Every-Name Index by Patricia Fogle.

Was \$140.00/set Now \$99.95/set

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=6410

EARLY WEST VIRGINIA SETTLERS (CD)

Containing the records of 200,000 early West Virginia settlers, this CD is based on the images of the pages of 14 West Virginia reference works. The contents consist of wills, land grants, marriage records, military records, family histories, and local histories. Every image can be accessed by means of the electronic index to the entire collection.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7520&NLC-GenPointers1

WEST VIRGINIA Estate Settlements

This is an index of wills, inventories, appraisements, land grants, and surveys up to 1850. It covers the 13 counties formed before 1800, and it contains the names of about 25,000 residents.

Was \$25.00 Now \$17.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3050&NLC-GenPointers1

SIM'S INDEX to Land Grants in West Virginia

A comprehensive guide to about 50,000 pre-1900 land records in West Virginia, *Sims Index* lists land grants that were made by Lord Fairfax prior to the creation of the Virginia Land Office in 1779. It also contains grants issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia for land now located in West Virginia and grants issued by the state of West Virginia under its first Constitution.

Was \$50.00 Now \$36.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5401
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5401&NLC-GenPointers1)

EARLY OHIO TAX RECORDS. Reprinted with "The Index to Early Ohio Tax Records"
This is the first collection of records the researcher should turn to in any genealogical investigation in the Buckeye State. Taking the place of pre-1820 census records, this work presents a county-by-county list of Ohio settlers and residents from about 1800 to 1825. Along with the 1801 tax list of the Virginia Military District, it contains the names of taxpayers listed in various county tax rolls. It also contains lists of original proprietors and settlers (taken from other sources), names of holders of military warrants, voters' lists, householders' lists, occasional lists of Revolutionary soldiers, and lists of resident proprietors. The work is arranged by county, with multiple tax lists arranged chronologically thereunder. There is at least one tax list given for each of the 75 counties covered, the combined lists naming about 50,000 taxpayers.

Was \$49.95 Now \$34.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4695
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4695&NLC-GenPointers1)

OHIO VALLEY GENEALOGIES

This popular work contains genealogies of about 350 families who settled in Pennsylvania between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Alleghenies, as well as 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 \$18.95

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

GATEWAY TO THE WEST. In Two Volumes

Gateway to the West, a periodical published from 1967 to 1978, covered some of the least accessible but most important genealogical records of 76 of Ohio's 88 counties. For this two-volume consolidated reprint of the periodical, the articles are arranged under their respective counties. Some 350 articles name more than 95,000 persons in records ranging from Adams County to Wood County, from court records to church records, and from township records to cemetery records. In all, a priceless body of material!

Was \$165.00/set Now \$119.95/set

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=620&
NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=620&NLC-GenPointers1)

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GREAT GIFTS FOR DAD: CD BUNDLES

CD bundles (four-CD sets) are such great values that we couldn't pass up this occasion to urge you to consider purchasing one for the genealogist on your Father's Day gift list. Imagine, for scarcely \$80.00 plus postage and handling, you can give a loved one the electronic equivalent of dozens of time-tested genealogy record collections that would cost upwards of \$1,000.00 in print. Be sure to consider one or more of our other great bundle offerings when you're thinking of what to give Dad this Sunday. You will find brief descriptions of each bundle below.

NEW ENGLAND GENEALOGY BUNDLE

This four-CD bundle consists of "Genealogical Dictionary of New England, 1600s-1700s," "New England Families #2, 1600s-1800s," "Early New England Settlers, 1600s-1800s," and "English Origins of New England Families." If bought separately, they would cost about \$160.00. Now, while supplies last, you can get all four CDs for the bundle price of \$89.99 plus postage and handling. If you are a CD user with New England roots, get your *New England Genealogy Bundle* today!

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7158&NLC-GenPointers1

OHIO GENEALOGY BUNDLE

Our *Ohio Genealogy Bundle* consists of all four of our Ohio CDs: "Early Ohio Land and Tax Records," "Ohio Vital Records #1," "Ohio Vital Records #2," and "Early Ohio Settlers." When purchased individually, these four fully searchable CDs would cost a total of about \$160.00. These CDs are already terrific bargains in their own right in that they contain the imaged, indexed pages of 17 collections of Ohio genealogy source records and compiled genealogies--including the massive two-volume *Gateway to the West*. Now, while supplies last, you can buy the equivalent of several shelves of Ohio genealogy books for just \$99.95 plus postage and handling. At that price, you are getting many of the best reference books in all of Ohio genealogy for, literally, pennies on the dollar.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7178&NLC-GenPointers1

VIRGINIA GENEALOGY RECORDS BUNDLE

Over the years, we have published hundreds of collections of Virginia source records and compiled genealogies--books like Lyon Tyler's massive five-volume "Encyclopedia of Virginia Genealogy," John Gwathmey's definitive "Catalogue of Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors of the Commonwealth of Virginia," and Clayton Torrence's celebrated index, "Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800." Today, you'll find the Tyler, Gwathmey, and Torrence volumes PLUS 40 other titles (many of them multi-volume works) on the four CD-ROM publications described below. With these CDs, you can acquire a virtual collection of Virginia titles at a fraction of the cost of the books imaged and indexed on them. For example, the CD, "Virginia Genealogies and Biographies," which refers to more than 300,000 individuals, most with roots to the colonial period, retails for \$39.99 but is the equivalent of \$714.00 for the printed books. Each of the three

other CDs below represents similar savings.

When sold individually, the four CDs--"Colonial Virginia Source Records," "Virginia Genealogies and Biographies," "Virginia Colonial Records," and "Virginia Military Records"--cost a combined \$169.96 and total a \$2,000.00 value in printed books. Now, however, you can realize an even bigger savings on these CDs when you purchase all four in the *Virginia Genealogy Records Bundle* for just \$79.95--a savings of \$90.00 off the total cost of the individual CDs. To put it another way, spend just \$79.95 and get the equivalent of \$2,000.00 in sought-after reference books.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7137&NLC-GenPointers1

VIRGINIA PERIODICALS CD BUNDLE

For many years, three Virginia historical magazines devoted a substantial amount of space to genealogy. These magazines, with their dates of genealogical coverage, are "The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography" (1893-1977), the "William and Mary College Quarterly" (1892-1943), and the now-defunct "Tyler's Quarterly" (1919-1952). These periodicals published thousands upon thousands of birth, marriage, and death records, wills, land records, military records, and census records and similar enumeration lists. The three great Virginia periodicals also featured linked family histories (most of them spanning several centuries) of thousands of allied families. When GPC reprinted the genealogical content of the leading Virginia periodicals in the 1980s, it filled 20 large volumes (14 volumes of indexed genealogies and six volumes of indexed source records) that retailed for nearly \$900.00.

Today, this veritable library of Virginia genealogy is available at a fraction of the cost--and shelf space--of either the original magazines or the 20-volume set of books. The entire collection has been reduced to four fully indexed CDs. There is a CD corresponding to each of the three periodicals and a fourth CD, "Virginia Vital Records," devoted to six volumes of source records, and some bonus material.

Bought individually, each of these terrific products sells for \$39.99, or just under \$160.00 for all four. Now, however, you can purchase the complete collection of CDs for \$89.99--a savings of \$70.00--that's one terrific money- and time-saving value!

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7138&NLC-GenPointers1

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COLONIAL NATURALIZATION RECORDS

During the colonial period, according to law, an Englishman was a person of English descent born on English soil. The English colonies qualified as "English soil," so an Englishman who immigrated to the colonies could transfer his citizenship to his offspring. (On the other hand, the son of an Englishman born in Holland, for example,

was not a citizen and had to be naturalized in order to acquire realty and to transfer it to his heirs.)

After the Crown opened up its colonies to foreign-born immigrants in order to increase the colonial labor supply, the issue of naturalization became increasingly important. Why? Although naturalization did not confer political rights upon naturalized persons, it was critical for property ownership and the conferring of property rights to one's offspring. For this reason, thousands of Palatine Germans, French Huguenots, Scots, and Irish as well as Dutch, Spanish, Danes, Norwegians, and other immigrants availed themselves of the opportunity to be naturalized.

There were two avenues available to foreigners who desired to become English subjects: (1) naturalization per se was conferred by act of Parliament or colonial legislature; (2) denization was conferred by the king or his agent, the colonial governor.

As a body of records, naturalization and denization records are of considerable value, but, until recently, they were very difficult to access. At a minimum, these records provide the person's name and the date and colony of naturalization. In many cases they also state the person's county of residence, date of birth, country of birth, occupation, religion (mostly for Jews), or the name of a family member. Despite their value, colonial naturalization records have been under-used because they are so widely dispersed. Thanks to genealogist Lloyd Bockstruck, this problem is rectified.

In his book [Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775](#), Mr. Bockstruck has assembled every reference to a colonial naturalization or denization known to exist. The result is an alphabetically arranged list of about 13,000 naturalizations compiled from published sources and expanded and improved by the examination of source material not previously available to scholars. Researchers should also consult the index to the volume, which lists all persons mentioned in the records other than the new citizens themselves. Following is a list of colonial jurisdictions that yielded the naturalization or denization records included in the volume: England, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida (East and West), Georgia, Jamaica, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, South Carolina, and Virginia.

We would be remiss, finally, if we did not mention the book's excellent Introduction. In it, the author describes the twists and turns in naturalization law and policy during the colonial period. Also found in the Introduction is a comprehensive bibliography of the naturalization literature itself. These features round out a book that is destined to become synonymous with research in colonial naturalization records. (Published in 2006, [Denizations and Naturalizations](#) is available in short supply.)

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