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"DNA and GENEALOGY – Now's the Time to Learn," by Carolyn Barkley

(This article originally appeared in the May 9 posting to our blog, GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com.)

I've been happily doing genealogical research for over twenty years. As time has progressed, my learning curve, sizeable in the beginning, has flattened somewhat, increasing as I encounter a new location or resource. Recently, however, it has leapt to new heights as I begin a new role as the DNA surname project administrator for Clan Barclay International.

It was probably the O.J. Simpson trial in 1995 that first made me aware of DNA findings. I became aware of its applications to genealogical research, particularly in terms of understanding one's family medical history, although I had no experience within my own research. After beginning to work with the Barclay DNA project, however, I realize how much there is to learn, even at the most elementary level. It has been a good reminder that it is always important to do thoughtful research before leaping into leadership or participation in a project. Luckily, resources abound:

* [Cyndislist](#) is a good place to start to identify online resources on the topic. My search under the heading "Genetics, DNA & Family Health" resulted in eleven pages of sites. General resource sites included an article by Donn Devine, entitled "[Solving the Mystery: DNA Tests for Your Research](#)" (at ancestry.com's Ancestry Magazine Archives, 1 September 2000). At Chris Pomery's DNA Portal, I found a 2002 article "DNA & the Family Historian," described as a "Primer on DNA testing and genetics for family historians." My second Cyndislist search, under the heading "Surname DNA Studies and Projects," resulted in twenty-seven pages of sites including general resource sites, mailing lists, newsgroups, and chat opportunities, as well as listings of established DNA projects. Be thorough in investigating such lists. While the alphabetical listing of DNA projects does not include my Barclay project, a check under "General Resource Sites/Family Tree DNA – Surname Projects" does locate my specific project.

* Periodicals provide many opportunities to learn more about DNA and its genealogical applications. Search PERSI [Periodical Source Index], available at your local public library and to registered users at [Heritage Quest Online](#), to discover what journal articles have been written on the topic. A search for "DNA" resulted in 316 journal and newsletter articles. Ask your librarian to help you identify other periodical and newspaper indices that can help you identify information in publications in other disciplines, and then request copies of those not available at your library through interlibrary loan. Be sure to check your own subscriptions. For example, the April 2008 issue of Family Chronicle features an article by Susan C. Meates entitled "Adding DNA to Your Family Tree."

* Books will provide information in more depth. Several titles to look for include:

Trace Your Roots with DNA: Using Genetic Tests to Explore Your Family Tree by Megan Smolenyak and Ann Turner (Rodale, 2004)

DNA and Genealogy by Colleen Fitzpatrick and Andrew Yeiser (Rice Book Press, 2005)

[Family Diseases: Are You At Risk?](#) by Myra Vanderpool Gormley (Clearfield, 1989, 1998)

Unlocking Your Genetic History: a Step-by-Step Guide to Discovering Your Family's Medical and Genetic

Heritage by Thomas H. Shawker (National Genealogical Society Guide #6, 2004)
Seven Daughters of Eve: The Science That Reveals Our Genetic Ancestry by Bryan Sykes (Norton, 2000)
The Genetic Strand: Exploring a Family History Through DNA by Edward Ball (Simon & Schuster, 2007)
Deep Ancestry: Inside the Genographic Project by Spencer Wells (National Geographic, 2006)
Saxons, Vikings and Celts: the Genetic Roots of Britain and Ireland by Bryan Sykes (Norton, reprinted 2007)

* Attend conferences, whether at the local, state, or national levels. For example, at the 2008 NGS Conference in the States in Kansas City, an entire lecture track was devoted to DNA, featuring three lectures by Thomas H. Shawker entitled “Compiling Your Family Health History,” “DNA Testing: The Very, Very Basics” and “Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry: Genetic Genealogy; DNA Testing;” “The Nuts and Bolts of Using DNA Testing” by Buford Joseph Suffridge, D. D. S.; “DNA Testing for Genealogy: A Surname Project and Results” by Robert McLaren; and “What DNA Can Show: Case Studies of Five Practical Applications to Genealogy” by Donn Devine. I also know of a nearby genealogical society that devoted its annual seminar to this topic.

Finally, after you have acquired a comfortable level of knowledge about genetic genealogy, consider being tested. First, be sure to research the various companies and organizations that provide DNA testing services. Cyndislist.com, under “Professional Services & DNA Testing,” lists over a dozen. Appendix B in Smolenyak’s book (see *Trace Your Roots with DNA* above) is an excellent starting point as it provides contact and other basic information for eleven DNA testing companies. Her inclusion of available products and company-specific services and resources is particularly helpful. Among the questions you should consider: Does the company provide the type of test most useful for my research? Does the company already offer a project for my surname or will I have to participate on my own? If a project is available, how will I be able to communicate about possible matches with others in the study? Are there products available such as charts, newsletters, or accessible databases that will be helpful to me? What does the company website look like? Is it easy to use? Is it updated regularly? What is the cost of my test and what reports will I receive?

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE SCOTS-IRISH (SCOTCH-IRISH)

The intrepid Ulster Scots, or Scotch-Irish, penetrated the colonial frontier deeper and at greater risk to personal safety than any other group to settle in America before the Revolution. This remarkable movement began in the mid-17th century when Lowland Scots were used by the English government to establish hegemony in the Ulster Province. After living in Ireland for two or three generations, many Ulster Scots opted to immigrate to America. Their initial resting place was Pennsylvania, owing to the colony’s practice of religious tolerance. Over the course of the 18th century, however, the land-hungry Scotch-Irish would vacate the confines of eastern Pennsylvania and move down the foothills of the Appalachians for the unspoiled lands of Pennsylvania and Maryland, through the Great Valley of Virginia, and as far as the Carolinas and Georgia. Smaller groups of Scotch-Irish moved even further west, while some settled in New England, notably in New Hampshire.

If you have Scotch-Irish ancestry, you’ll be pleased to learn that [our collection of Scotch-Irish books and CDs](#) currently in stock is second to none.

Here’s a sample of what you’ll find if you browse the Scotch-Irish page on our website:

[THE SCOTCH-IRISH: Or the Scot in North Britain, North Ireland and North America. In Two Volumes](#)

This is the basic sourcebook on the Scotch-Irish in America, a massive compilation of source records pertaining to the Scots who settled in the north of Ireland and their descendants in America.

[THE SCOTCH IRISH OF COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA](#)

Wayland Dunaway's classic is indispensable to the genealogist because it outlines the circumstances behind the settlement of Lowland Scots in Ulster, their life in that Province for two or three generations, and the reasons for their immigration to America. It then proceeds to trace the important migratory movements of the Scotch-Irish from Northern Ireland to Pennsylvania, and from Pennsylvania down the foothills of the Appalachians through the Great Valley of Virginia to the Carolinas and Georgia.

[SCOTCH-IRISH PIONEERS IN ULSTER AND AMERICA](#)

This is a study of the emigration from Northern Ireland of persons of Scottish and English descent. Chapters are devoted to the Scotch-Irish settlements in Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina, and Massachusetts and include valuable lists of early pioneers. In addition, considerable space is devoted to the redoubtable settlers of Londonderry, New Hampshire. The book's extensive appendices contain lists of great genealogical importance. Biographical information is found throughout the volume.

[THE IRISH SCOTS AND THE "SCOTCH-IRISH"](#)

Unlike most accounts of the Scottish families who re-settled in Ulster beginning in 1612 to 1620 and continuing through most of that century, Linehan's essays focus less upon the animosities between the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and Irish Catholics and more on their cultural commonalities. The author expands upon this theme in discussions of medieval Scottish and Irish history, which reveals that many of the Scots who migrated to Ireland in the 17th century were in fact descendants of Irish families who relocated to Argyle in 503. Linehan also discusses the founding of a number of Scotch-Irish communities, such as Antrim, New Hampshire. Genealogists will appreciate the list of the original Scottish settlers of the Ulster Plantation, 1612-1620, and the detailed name and subject index containing over 1,000 references.

[SEARCHING FOR SCOTCH-IRISH ROOTS IN SCOTTISH RECORDS, 1600-1750](#)

As the title suggests, this book refers to source material in Scottish libraries and archives that could enable people of Scotch-Irish ancestry, otherwise known as the Ulster-Scots, to trace their Scottish roots. The author divides these records into five main categories: Church Records (probably the most valuable), Burgh (Town) Records, Court Records, Miscellaneous Government Records, and University Records, providing a detailed chapter on each that spells out exactly which records exist and where they can be found. Buttressing the text itself are a glossary, lists of family history societies and libraries, bibliographies of Scottish family histories and local histories of southwestern Scotland, an index to the contents, and more.

[SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725. \[Part One & Part Two\]](#)

The purpose of this diminutive bipartite book is to help persons of Scots-Irish descent make the link first to Ulster and then back to Scotland. The work identifies some 1,200 Scots who resided in Ulster between the early 1600s and the early 1700s. Many of the persons so identified were young men from Ireland attending universities in Scotland. In a number of cases, David Dobson provides information on the person's spouse, children, local origins, landholding, and, of course, the source of the information. While there is no certainty that each of the persons identified here or their descendants ultimately immigrated to America, undoubtedly many did or possessed kinsmen who did.

[LATER SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1725-1825. Part One](#)

In the tradition of his earlier volumes of Scots-Irish links for the period 1575 to 1725, David Dobson picks up the trail of Scots living in Ulster and of Irish living in Scotland during the next one hundred years. Unlike the previous century-and-a-half, the destination of most Scots emigrants during the 18th century was across the Atlantic and not to Ulster. The same period also witnessed the beginnings of a large-scale exodus from Ireland to the Americas. Nevertheless, there was some movement of peoples between Ireland and Scotland from 1725 to 1825--mostly students heading for universities in Glasgow or Edinburgh.

CD SALE: A TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY FOR IMMIGRANT AND/OR PENNSYLVANIA ANCESTOR HUNTERS

If you haven't purchased one of the seventeen CDs on sale this month, you still have a week to do so. Are you on the trail of an immigrant ancestor from Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, or elsewhere in Europe? Did your antecedents spend some years in Pennsylvania, in particular. If so, you will be glad to learn that seven of our discounted CDs could have the clue(s) you are looking for.

Two CDs based on the research of Peter Wilson Coldham identify all the English and Irish emigrants who emigrated to North America between 1607 and 1776, as found in surviving British records. Another CD, *Immigrants to the New World, 1600s-1800s*, assembles thousands of obscure passenger records that were transcribed in scarce genealogy periodicals over a period of many years. Two other immigration CDs are based on Scottish and Swiss/German sources respectively. Some, but by no means all, of the persons identified in the latter CD took up residence in Pennsylvania. You will find references to many more Pennsylvanians in another CD, *Immigrants to Pennsylvania*. Finally, *Pennsylvania Vital Records, 1700s-1800s* houses the birth, marriage, or death records for tens of thousands of people who lived there prior to 1900.

You can purchase any/all of these terrific, indexed and searchable products at a savings of \$10 off the retail price. Remember, however, to take advantage of this great sale, you must place your order before 11:59 PM EDT, June 30, 2009.

[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. 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.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

[BRITISH EMIGRANTS IN BONDAGE, 1614-1788](#)

Since 1974 Peter Wilson Coldham has worked to identify the names of all persons who were forcibly removed from the British Isles. This CD supersedes all of Mr. Coldham's previous works on the subject of *bonded* passage. Besides the records of the 48,000 felons identified here, the CD contains an exhaustive breakdown of the records used in the compilation of the CD and a complete list of convict ships that sailed to America between 1671 and 1788. Any student of the colonial passenger trade from Great Britain to North America will want to own this remarkable CD.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

[IMMIGRANTS TO PENNSYLVANIA](#)

This Family Archive CD provides information on the earliest settlers of the Keystone State. Based on books published by GPC--deriving for the most part from ships' passenger lists, oaths of allegiance, records of indenture, and Quaker meeting records--this CD contains data on places of origin, dates of arrival, places of residence, ages, occupations, names of wives and children (with details of births, marriages, and deaths), and a host of other details derived from nine respected Pennsylvania reference works. This CD contains a single electronic name index of 200,000 entries that allows you to search all the volumes quickly and effortlessly.

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[SCOTTISH IMMIGRANTS to North America, 1600s-1800s](#)

David Dobson has been trolling for the names of Scottish immigrants to North America for more than 25 years. From original records and printed sources in Great Britain, Canada, and the U.S. he has amassed information on 75,000 Scottish immigrants to North America, the majority of whom arrived in America from the earliest colonial times up to the Revolutionary War. This Family Archive CD captures the page images of 10 of his publications at a fraction of their original cost in book form.

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[GERMAN AND SWISS SETTLERS in America, 1700s-1800s](#)

This CD includes the earliest passenger arrivals at Philadelphia in 1683, the Swiss and Rhineland arrivals at Philadelphia from 1727 onward, the Palatine immigrants in New York in 1710, the Salzburgers in Georgia in the 1730s, the Texas-Germans of the 1840s, and a host of other groups. As many as 300,000 German and Swiss immigrants and settlers have been identified in a score of authoritative books published by GPC, all of which appear on this CD.

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[PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, 1700s-1800s](#)

Originally published in three volumes by GPC, this is a collection of every article about births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths that ever appeared in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* and the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*. Referring to more than 87,000 individuals, this CD is one of the largest bodies of Pennsylvania source materials ever published. The records date from 1701 to 1882 and cover all regions of Pennsylvania. This CD contains a single electronic name index that allows you to search all three volumes simultaneously.

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[IMMIGRANTS TO THE NEW WORLD, 1600s-1800s](#)

This CD contains images of the pages from five books, each of which contains a complete collection of articles on ships' passenger lists that originally appeared in America's most prestigious genealogy periodicals. All articles identified by Harold Lancour in his celebrated *Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists, 1538-1825* can be found on this CD. These books refer to approximately 58,000 individuals who arrived in New England or the mid-Atlantic colonies/states between 1572 and 1878.

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SECOND EDITION OF POPULAR OHIO GUIDEBOOK

During the final quarter of the 18th century, owing to the exploits of generals George Rogers Clark and Anthony Wayne, the Ohio Territory was secured for rapid settlement. As the frontier receded, government and private landed interests from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Virginia were quick to grab a portion of Ohio for their own. Eventually, all the territory that became Ohio was returned to the federal public domain, and Ohio became the first territory surveyed and laid out in accordance with the rectangular grid system prescribed by the federal Land Ordinance of 1785. In 1803 Ohio became the first state carved from the Old Northwest Territory to enter the Union. As early as 1830, its population exceeded 900,000 persons, and by 1850 all 88 Ohio counties had come into existence.

The eccentricities of Ohio land records--claims of the aforementioned states, Revolutionary War veterans seeking bounty lands, and the U.S. government, to name just three--can be daunting. According to Brigham Young University professor and genealogist Kip Sperry, "the new territory of Ohio was parceled out by Congress in many different (but major) divisions--Seven Ranges, Ohio Company's Purchase, Symmes Purchase, Connecticut Western Reserve, Fire Lands, Virginia Military District, United States Military District, Refugee Tract, and Congress Lands."

If you're about to make a study of Ohio land records, or any Ohio records for that matter, there's no need to feel intimidated. Your task will be much easier if you get your hands on a copy of the second edition of Mr. Sperry's acclaimed reference book, [Genealogical Research in Ohio](#). Among other things, it is a veritable road map for sorting through the different kinds of, and repositories for, Ohio land and property records.

The expanded and revised edition of Sperry's classic work examines the abundant holdings of the major Ohio archives and libraries. It also focuses on the many other resources available to the researcher, covering everything from church records to divorce records, from periodicals to probates, and from tax records to town records. So thorough is the coverage that it even includes a 123-page bibliography of Ohio books and periodicals, the most comprehensive survey of printed Ohio genealogical sources ever published. At the back of the book is a collection of Ohio maps of historical and genealogical importance. New to this second edition are Ohio sources on CDs and the Internet, as well as many additional genealogical and historical sources and a greatly expanded bibliography.

If you have Ohio ancestors and are looking for a genealogical road map to help you negotiate its records, the one book you need is this second edition of [Genealogical Research in Ohio](#).

Of Related Interest:

[OHIO WILLS AND ESTATES to 1850: An Index](#)

This is probably the single most important collection of Ohio source records in print, for it references no fewer than 72,000 testators named in the will and estate records for all Ohio counties up to 1850. Since will records are the richest source of family relationships, researchers can use this index to access a potential treasure trove of information concerning their families.

Each entry gives the name of the person referenced, the nature of the record (will or estate), year of the record, county where the record is filed, and the source of the original record wherein more information may be found. In addition to the index itself, researchers will find a list of abbreviations used in the entries, a glossary of terms common to inheritance records, a county-by-county breakdown of inheritance record holdings, and the individuals responsible for indexing them for the publication.

Ohio Wills and Estates has been off the market for a number of years, nor can it be found in electronic format on CD-ROM or on the Internet. Clearfield is proud to make the original 1981 edition available to Ohio researchers once again.

WHAT'S NEW at the Genealogy Warehouse for June

Could your Georgia ancestors be found in the 1820 U.S. census? Are you on the verge of conducting research in New Hampshire? Did your antecedents live in or near Washington County, Ohio, during the first half of the 18th century? If so, you need look no further, as we have added a book on each of these three subjects to our [Genealogy Warehouse](#) this month.

The [Genealogy Warehouse](#) is our bargain basement for genealogy books. Each of the roughly 160 titles in the Warehouse has been discounted by 40%, 50%, or more below its original cost. You will discover books on all aspects of genealogy, so make it a habit to visit the [Genealogy Warehouse](#) every month to learn if our newest bargains have a bearing on your research.

If you scroll down, you will find brief write-ups pertaining to the three titles mentioned above, as well as a list of nine New England titles already in the Warehouse. If you still don't see something you want among the aforementioned works, you can browse the complete collection of [Genealogy Warehouse](#) titles at the link immediately below:

http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_warehouse.html&NLC-GenPointers1.

****New****

[INDEX TO THE UNITED STATES CENSUS of Georgia for 1820](#)

This census index identifies about 30,000 heads of families, alphabetically arranged, along with their counties of residence.

Was \$26.50 Now \$14.95

****New****

[Abstract of Probate Records, WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO. Wills, Estates & Guardianships \[1789-1855\]](#)

This volume contains abstracts of wills, estates, and guardian records of Washington County from 1789 to 1855--the earliest on record.

Was \$22.50 Now \$13.50

****New****

[DIRECTORY OF REPOSITORIES OF FAMILY HISTORY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE](#)

This publication provides a list of the major genealogy and local history collections throughout the state of New Hampshire. For each of New Hampshire's ten counties the compiler gives the addresses and phone numbers of the Registrar of Deeds and Registrar of Probate, and usually the community's date of foundation, mailing address and phone number of the city or town clerk, prior names for that community, and a succinct listing of the city/town's principal genealogy repositories.

Was \$16.50 Now \$11.95

****New England Titles****

THE BARBOUR COLLECTION of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Volumes 33-37

(We have included here only a fraction of the roughly 20 Genealogy Warehouse titles from the *Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records*. To see a complete list, click on the Genealogy Warehouse link above and scroll down to the bottom.)

Covering 137 Connecticut towns and taking up more than 14,000 typed pages in manuscript, the "Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records" was the life work of General Lucius Barnes Barbour, Connecticut Examiner of Public Records from 1911 to 1934. Our 55-volume published edition of the Barbour Collection refers to a staggering 1.75 million settlers who took up residence in Connecticut between the mid-17th and mid-19th centuries. For a complete list of the towns and dates of coverage in this colossal series, please access the following URL:

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[VOLUME 33: Orange \(1822-1850\), Oxford \(1798-1850\), and Plainfield \(1699-1852\)](#)

Was \$25.00 Now \$17.95

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[HEADS OF FAMILIES at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: CONNECTICUT](#)

(Low in stock)

The census of 1790 is the first official enumeration of all heads of household residing in the infant republic. The original 1790 enumerations that have withstood the passage of time cover the present states of Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Vermont. Heads of families, arranged alphabetically under each county and district, are listed with the following information after the name of each head of household: number of free white males of 16 years and upward; number of free white males under 16 years; number of free white females; number of all other free persons; and number of slaves. The Connecticut volume enumerates a population of 43,000 persons.

Was \$32.50 Now \$17.95

[BLACK ROOTS in Southeastern Connecticut, 1650-1900](#) (Low in stock)

The authors of this work spent eight years gathering every shred of information they could find on approximately 2,000 African-American families who inhabited one or more of 26 counties in southeastern Connecticut. Their sources consisted primarily of U.S. census records from 1790 through 1870 and secondarily of manumission records, deeds, probate records, diaries, church records, and military records. The brief introduction summarizes some of the challenges of investigating black roots, while the bibliography, name index, and subject index make using the book quite easy.

Was \$34.95 Now \$16.50

[TAPESTRY. A Living History of the Black Family in Southeastern Connecticut](#)

The first half of Tapestry consists of a historical overview of African Americans in southeastern Connecticut from 1680 to 1865. Much of the action takes place in the towns of Groton, East Haddam, New London, Chatham, and Hebron. In the second part, Dr. Rose and Mrs. Brown produce, as illustrations, genealogical sketches of 16 African American families, some of which represent expanded accounts of families covered in the authors' other book, Black Roots in Southeastern Connecticut, 1650-1900 (see above).

Was \$17.50 Now \$10.50

[MASSACHUSETTS AND MAINE FAMILIES in the Ancestry of Walter Goodwin Davis \(1885-1966\). In Three Volumes](#)

This work is largely a compendium on "north of Boston" families. Almost anyone with considerable New England ancestry--and as many as 100 million living Americans, about 40 percent of the population, have some colonial New England forebears--will descend from one or more, often a dozen or more, of the 180 families herein.

Was \$135.00/set Now \$70.00/set

[GENEALOGIES OF HADLEY \[Massachusetts\] Families](#)

This work, which was originally published as an appendix to Sylvester Judd's flawless History of Hadley, contains several hundred genealogies arranged alphabetically by the surname of the founder of the Hadley line. Every person mentioned in the genealogies is cited in the index, which contains 7,500 references.

Was \$26.50 Now \$15.95

[SUFFOLK COUNTY WILLS \[Massachusetts\]](#)

Based on a long series of will abstracts that appeared over a period of 45 years in [The New England Historical and Genealogical Register](#), this work encompasses what amounts to the first 30 years or so of the

Suffolk County [Greater Boston], Massachusetts, estate records (1640-1670). Altogether, the series refers to some 12,000 persons.

Was \$38.50 Now \$24.50

[INHABITANTS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1776](#)

In 1776, at the outset of the American Revolution, the New Hampshire Committee of Safety directed that all males over the age of 21 sign the Association Test--a kind of loyalty oath to the Patriot cause. This resulted in a unique census of the adult male population inasmuch as the names of both signers and non-signers were recorded, and it is the most comprehensive list of New Hampshire residents available before the first federal census of 1790. Previously available in two separate, unindexed booklets, the present publication has placed all the names--well over 9,000--in one alphabetical sequence to enable the researcher to find a person and his town of residence at a glance.

Was \$18.00 Now \$9.95

[RHODE ISLAND PASSENGER LISTS. Port of Providence, 1798-1808, 1820-1872; Ports of Bristol and Warren, 1820-1871](#)

Altogether, about 4,000 persons are listed in the various sections of this book. The Providence lists are actually extremely rare Alien Registration Lists, kept in compliance with the Alien Act of 1798. They contain the name of the alien, age, place of birth, country he/she came from, country he/she belonged to and owed allegiance to, occupation, and a physical description. The 1820-1872 passenger lists for Providence and Bristol/Warren are Customs Passenger Lists, and they give the name of the passenger, age, sex, occupation, name of the country to which he/she belonged, and the country which he/she intended to inhabit.

Was \$25.00 Now \$15.00

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BLOG: HOW TO PLAN FOR A FAMILY REUNION

Every summer thousands of American families hit the open road for family reunions, held at hotels, retreat centers, campgrounds, and other gathering places. Are you planning to attend a family reunion this summer? Have you volunteered to organize your group's next (or first) reunion? What should you bring? What should you expect to spend? If there is a family reunion in your future, then this week's posting on our blog, [GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com](#), "How to Plan for a Family Reunion," by Carolyn Barkley, is must reading.

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