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## **Genealogy Pointers (07/28/2009)**

One-Week Sale on Midwestern CDs & Books  
Print on Demand Comes to Genealogical.com (Sort of)  
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### **ONE-WEEK SALE on Midwestern CDs & Books**

*(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 PM EDT, Monday, August 3, 2009)*

If you've ever flown across the Midwestern part of the U.S., you're bound to have noticed the uniform rectangular parcels of land. This pattern of land division is the direct result of the Land Ordinance of 1785, which, along with the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, represented the most important piece of legislation enacted by the U.S. government prior to the ratification of the Constitution. Passage of these two statutes following the Revolutionary War was made possible when private land speculators, the state of Virginia, and other states relinquished their claims on the frontier to the new American government.

From a genealogical perspective, the terms of these two laws assured that future researchers would rely on land, census, and Revolutionary War records to pin down their Midwestern pioneer ancestors. The Land Ordinance of 1785 dictated that the Northwest Territory (the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin) be laid out in a series of rectangular grids. Each grid consisted of townships six miles square, which would themselves be subdivided into 36 sections of 640 acres (one square mile). The government established land offices in places like Cincinnati and Marietta, Ohio, making it easy for Midwestern pioneers to purchase their property. This straightforward method of surveying, laying out, and purchasing public land made it possible for ordinary citizens, Revolutionary War veterans holding land bounties, speculators, and others to populate the area very rapidly. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 stipulated how a territory like Indiana or Illinois should be organized and, once a territorial census could confirm that the population had reached the minimum threshold, apply for statehood. The two statutes worked hand in glove--so much so that Ohio would achieve statehood in 1803, Indiana in 1816, and Illinois in 1818.

The CDs and books described below underscore the importance of land, census, and Revolutionary War records for genealogy research in the Midwestern states during the first half of the 19th century. For the rest of the week (until 11:59 PM EDT, Monday, August 3, 2009) you can purchase them for 25% or more below their original retail prices.

#### **[OHIO LAND AND TAX RECORDS, 1787-1840](#) (CD)**

With information on Ohio's earliest settlers, this magnificent CD contains the following five publications, all linked by a single electronic name index and a unique search engine: *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southwestern Ohio, 1800-1840*, by Ellen T. Berry and David A. Berry; *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in East and East Central Ohio, 1800-1840*, by Ellen T. Berry and David A. Berry; *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southeastern Ohio, 1800-1840*, by Ellen T. Berry and David A. Berry; *Early Ohio Tax Records*, by Esther Weygant Powell; and *First Ownership of Ohio Lands*, by Albion M. Dyer.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99**

[OHIO VITAL RECORDS #1, 1800-1850](#) (CD)

This CD is a fully indexed and searchable version of the Ohio genealogy magazine *Gateway to the West*, which was published by Anita Short and Ruth Bowers from 1967 to 1978. From common pleas court records, guardianships, naturalizations, and deed abstracts to the more conventional births, marriages, deaths, cemetery records, and wills, *Gateway* offered a range of genealogical source material spanning 76 of Ohio's 88 counties. Serious students of Ohio genealogy have always recognized the value of *Gateway*, but because it ceased publication a generation ago many researchers have never heard of it. *Gateway to the West* is now available on a single CD entitled *Ohio Vital Records #1, 1800-1850*. This terrific CD covers 93,000 Ohio settlers from the first half of the 19th century--every one of whom is searchable by means of the CD's electronic index. Compared to the original \$125.00 selling price of the book version, *Ohio Vital Records #1*, already a genealogist's bargain at the retail price of \$29.99, is an even greater bargain at a \$10.00 discount for the next seven days.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99**

[OHIO VITAL RECORDS #2, 1750s-1880s](#) (CD)

This Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the following three books originally published by Genealogical Publishing Company: (1) *Ohio Cemetery Records*, (2) *Ohio Marriages*, and (3) *Ohio Source Records*. Composed of articles that originally appeared in either *The 'Old Northwest' Genealogical Quarterly* or *The Ohio Genealogical Quarterly*, these publications contain records that name approximately 71,000 individuals. Articles in *Ohio Cemetery Records* consist mainly of tombstone inscriptions. Articles in *Ohio Marriages* provide the names of the brides and grooms and the dates and places of the marriages. *Ohio Source Records*, on the other hand, contains a wide variety of materials, including family histories, Bible records, will abstracts, vital records, newspaper abstracts, and tax lists.

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[EARLY OHIO SETTLERS](#) (CD)

This CD collection of Ohio genealogical records refers to approximately 165,000 individuals and contains everything from vital records to the biographies that bring your Ohio research to life. Based on marriage records, cemetery inscriptions, genealogies, censuses, biographical sketches, tax lists, newspaper abstracts, and vital records, it is the gold standard for traditional genealogical source records. Not surprisingly, many of these records date from as early as 1787, when the Northwest Territory was opened to settlement, or from 1803, when Ohio became a state.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99**

[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**

[MICHIGAN GENEALOGY: Sources & Resources. Second Edition](#)

First published in 1987, this, more recent, second edition not only incorporates the latest descriptions of the holdings of state and county repositories but also adds chapters on Internet sources of Michigan genealogy and other topics not found in the original edition. Among the focal points of this extraordinary book, the researcher will find coverage of Michigan's settlements and settlers, census records and their substitutes, court and land records, Internet sources, genealogical profiles of Michigan's 83 counties, and much more. Whether you plan to do research in Michigan or on the Web, you will find *Michigan Genealogy* to be the one resource you cannot live without.

**Was \$38.50 Now \$28.50**

### MICHIGAN MILITARY RECORDS

The major portion of this valuable source is devoted to a listing of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Michigan, giving for each soldier his full name, date of birth, and date and place of death and burial; parents' names; names of wife and her parents and the wife's date and place of birth and death; names of children and their dates of birth; a record of Revolutionary War service; and a variety of other biographical information.

**Was \$29.50 Now \$21.50**

### REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS Buried in Illinois (Low in stock)

This work contains notices of about 700 Revolutionary War soldiers who were buried in Illinois. Most of the patriots are identified according to where and when they served, date and place of birth, place of residence in Illinois, date of death, whether pensioned or not, and miscellaneous biographical information. A complete alphabetical list of all Illinois Revolutionary veterans follows at the back of the volume.

**Was \$25.00 Now \$18.50**

### INDIANA LAND ENTRIES. Volume 1: Cincinnati District, 1801-1840

The earliest land records of Indiana Territory go back to 1801, when Indiana was under the authority of the federal land district in Cincinnati, Ohio. The earliest tract books, which are transcribed here, extend from April 1801 to August 1840. The area covered is mainly a district known as the "wedge" or "gore," and it includes all of the present Indiana counties of Ohio, Dearborn, Union, and Wayne; most of Switzerland, Fayette, Franklin, and Randolph; and a tiny section of Jay. The records copied here give the names of about 10,000 purchasers of land, as well as the specific location of their land and the date of the record.

**Was \$25.00 Now \$18.50**

### INDIANA LAND ENTRIES. Volume 2, Part 1: Vincennes District, 1807-1877

This volume of land records covers approximately the central third of the Vincennes District, which includes all of the present Indiana counties of Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Martin, and Pike, and more than half of Monroe and Lawrence. Beginning in 1807 and extending as late as 1877, the records transcribed here give the names of about 12,000 purchasers of land, as well as the specific location of their land and the date of the record.

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### **LIBRARY JOURNAL SINGS PRAISES of Three 2009 Reference Books**

The magazine *Library Journal* is the leading source of critical appraisals of new books for librarians throughout North America. We were recently very pleased to learn that the latest editions of three of our reference books ([International Vital Records Handbook](#), Fifth Edition; [The Genealogist's Address Book](#), 6th Edition; and the [County Courthouse Book](#), 3rd Edition) received very strong reviews in this prestigious magazine. (In fact, the *International Vital Records Handbook* received a starred review, *LJ*'s highest mark of distinction.) Although we have referred to these genealogical mainstays on several occasions, we wanted to share these independent assessments of three of our most important reference works with "Genealogy Pointers" readers at this time. Please read on for details.

**Bentley, Elizabeth Petty. [The Genealogist's Address Book](#). 6th ed. Genealogical. 2009. 800p. ISBN 978-0-8063-1796-0. \$69.95. REF**

"A revision to the fifth edition, published in 2005, this one-stop guide has been revised to include the most current fax, phone, web addresses, and contact names for genealogical, historical, and religious societies across the United States. Bentley (Directory of Family Associations) judiciously divides contact information into three subject segments. The first organizes genealogical and historical associations

alphabetically, initially by state, then county, and finally by society name. Essential for genealogists and regional historians.”

By Savannah Schroll Guz, Formerly with Smithsonian Lib., Washington, DC -- Library Journal, 5/15/2009

**\*\*Kemp, Thomas Jay. [International Vital Records Handbook](#). 5th ed. Genealogical. 2009. 544p. ISBN 978-0-8063-1793-9. \$49.95. REF**

“Updated to incorporate procedural revisions, this essential compilation of administrative forms will significantly reduce the frustration associated with obtaining official documentation, such as birth certificates. Because documents vary dramatically by state, territory, and nation, the book is divided into these three major segments. The first offers approved-form facsimiles for the request of U.S. state-issued documents. The second segment covers request forms issued in U.S. Territories. The third details various procedures and forms necessary to attain official documents in foreign countries. When facsimiles are unavailable, contact information for municipal offices and national embassies is provided. A crucial, time-saving resource.”

By Savannah Schroll Guz, Formerly with Smithsonian Lib., Washington, DC -- Library Journal, 5/15/2009

**Bentley, Elizabeth Petty. [County Courthouse Book](#). 3d ed. Genealogical. Jun. 2009. 322p. ISBN 978-0-8063-1797-7. \$49.95. REF**

“A fully revised update to the 1996 edition, this exhaustive compilation of local government offices is arranged alphabetically, first by state name. Bentley (*Directory of Family Associations*) then subdivides each state alphabetically by county. Bite-sized entries detail founding dates, relevant history, and the municipal entity from which each county was subdivided. Full contact information for every courthouse is provided, including fax numbers, clerk names, email addresses, and probate fees. An excellent companion to Bentley's *Genealogist's Address Book*.”

By Savannah Schroll Guz, formerly with Smithsonian Lib., Washington, DC -- Library Journal, 6/15/2009

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**THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE: "The Royal Ancestry Bible: Royal Ancestors of 300 Colonial Families," by Michel L. Call**

Michel Call's massive three-volume opus, [The Royal Ancestry Bible: Royal Ancestors of 300 Colonial Families](#), is the outgrowth of more than thirty years of research and writing about royal and noble genealogy. Containing 3,400 genealogical charts, this work attempts to track all known descents from English or French kings or the Emperor Charlemagne for all American colonists who have at least 20,000 descendants. Bound in three handsome volumes, this remarkable work traces the origins of 300 American colonists to the Middle Ages. Nine years in preparation, [The Royal Ancestry Bible](#) documents more ancestry for more people than almost any other work ever published.

Mr. Call began his career as an author of royal genealogy books in 1972, when he published *Royal Ancestors of LDS Families*. He followed this work, which sold over 7,000 copies, by supervising the creation of a 50,000-person chart, the Mormon Pioneer Genealogy Library--in effect, a genealogy of the largest 10,000 LDS families.

In 1985, working in conjunction with the New England Historic Genealogical Society, he underwrote the publication of a manuscript compiled by the great medievalist George Andrews Moriarty, entitled *The Plantagenet Ancestry of King Edward III and Queen Phillipa*."

When he began work on [The Royal Ancestry Bible](#) in 1996, he did not anticipate that it would consume the next nine years of his genealogical life.

Mr. Call's inspiration was the publication in that year of [Plantagenet Ancestry of Seventeenth-Century Colonists](#) by the late David Faris and his announced intention to complete a series of books on the descent of colonists from the Magna Carta Sureties, from the earlier feudal English barons, and from the Emperor

Charlemagne. Given the scope of the Faris project, Mr. Call decided that many users of Faris's monographs would benefit from a presentation of his lines of descent on detailed pedigree charts.

In the year 2000, Mr. Call began working with Faris and royal genealogy expert Douglas Richardson on a Magna Carta manuscript they were preparing for publication. Mr. Call later reviewed Faris's Carolingian (Charlemagne) manuscript and, following the latter's untimely death, scrutinized Faris's 1,714-page baronial manuscript. Douglas Richardson, meanwhile, inherited Faris's work and ultimately published two expansive works in the field, both now available from Genealogical Publishing Company: [Plantagenet Ancestry: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families](#) (2004) and [Magna Carta Ancestry](#) (2005).

As noted above, the scope of Mr. Call's 2005 publication extends to colonists having at least 20,000 living American descendants and who themselves descend from English or French kings or Charlemagne. (Colonists descending from only Welsh kings are omitted.) For a comprehensive account of additional colonists having lesser American descendancies, see Gary Boyd Roberts' [The Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States](#) (2008 edition), available from Genealogical Publishing Company.

By way of distinction, the beginning person on each of Mr. Call's charts is always someone born before 1690 and usually an American colonist, a child of colonists both of whom have royal ancestry, or a parent of multiple colonists. The compiler has endeavored to include all known descents for these colonists from English or French kings or the Emperor Charlemagne. Each chart has been finished as completely as possible, but all lines with no descent from kings are terminated at the end of the chart.

Readers of [The Royal Ancestry Bible](#) will also find charted the full known ancestry of Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York (b. 21 Sep. 1411) and Cecily Neville (b. 3 May 1415), who are ancestors of numerous English and Scottish kings and queens and of various American colonists. Finally, the appendix to Mr. Call's three-volume opus includes (1) tie-ins for additional colonists who were born after 1690 or whose lines have not been fully charted for various reasons, and (2) all known royal/noble tie-ins for 22 Presidents of the U.S.

If you are interested in learning more about the outstanding books by Gary Boyd Roberts and Douglas Richardson mentioned above, please access the following links:

THE ROYAL DESCENTS OF 600 IMMIGRANTS to the American Colonies or the United States. 2008 Edition  
[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=4963&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4963&NLC-GenPointers1)

PLANTAGENET ANCESTRY: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families (Temporarily out of print)  
[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=4894&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4894&NLC-GenPointers1)

MAGNA CARTA ANCESTRY (Temporarily out of print)  
[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=4887&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4887&NLC-GenPointers1)

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**"ONLINE RESOURCES for Finding Living Relatives, Part I: Introduction," by William Dollarhide**

*[The following is based on Mr. Dollarhide's article, "The Best Internet Sites for Finding Living Relatives," which appeared in Everton's Genealogical Helper, Vol. 61, Issue No. 5 (Sep-Oct 2007). Reprinted by permission.]*

"Finding Dead Relatives" is one way of describing what we do in genealogy because most of our ancestors are deceased, some for hundreds of years. Genealogical research involves the use of a myriad of resources to identify and record the facts of our deceased ancestors, and there is a long list of research sources available. One source is old city directories and phone books to find a person (of the past) by name and residence. But for this article, the subject is "Finding Living Relatives," and, unlike dead relatives, this subject has one primary look-up resource: to find the name and address of a person living today, we need to use the current DIRECTORY listings available on the Internet.

Before diving into the websites for finding living relatives, it might be a good idea to confirm that a person is alive. Probably the best place to do this is through the Social Security Death Index (SSDI), a database of deaths reported to the Social Security Administration (SSA) since 1962, which is updated regularly. There are several websites available online with this database, but not all of them are up-to-date within the last few weeks. The latest version of the SSDI can be searched for free at <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>, which is updated monthly. The RootsWeb.com SSDI database has more search features than the others, and it is the same database as the one used at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com). Even more information is available at [www.worldvitalrecords.com](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com), where the free SSDI database is updated regularly, and every zip code for a deceased person's last residence is geo-coded to a detailed map of the area (and may pinpoint the location of any cemeteries nearby). If your lost relative's name is not on the SSDI list, the chances are great that the person is still alive.

There is another service available from SSA--again, something that might be done before using the online directory lists. SSA will forward a letter to a missing person. There is no charge for this service if the letter has a humanitarian purpose. ("Genealogy" may not be considered humanitarian, unless you are contacting the person to inform them of family matters, such as funerals, births, marriages, or matters that SSA would agree the missing person would want to be informed about.) If the letter to the missing person is informing them of money or property they have coming, SSA will charge a fee of \$25.00 for the forwarding service. You will need to provide the lost relative's Social Security number, or you can provide detailed identifying information (person's date and place of birth, father's name, and mother's full maiden name). You must write a letter to the lost relative, enclosed in an unsealed, unstamped envelope with just the name of the person on the outside of the envelope. SSA will not reveal the person's address to you but will forward the letter, either to the care of the person's last reported employer or directly to the person if he/she is receiving SSA benefits. SSA will not follow up to determine if the person actually received the letter, and you are not allowed a second request. After a reasonable length of time with no response from the missing relative, assume they do not want your contact. To initiate this service, send a letter of request to: Social Security Administration, Letter Forwarding, P.O. Box 33022, Baltimore, MD 21290-3022. SSA's information webpage for the Letter Forwarding service is [www.ssa.gov/foia/html/ltrfwding.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/foia/html/ltrfwding.htm).

Now let's discuss a search using the online directories. A directory is an alphabetized list of names of people for a certain place or group. A telephone directory may list just the person in whose name the phone is listed, while a city directory may list more people in a particular household (usually all adults, but sometimes complete lists of family members). Typically, these two general directory sources are the main lists available at the many free-access White Pages sites on the Internet. But there are more directories that may be specific to one association, trade, profession, religious group, or ethnic group.

Professionals involved in finding living people include law enforcement officials, private investigators, skip tracers, heir chasers, and professional genealogists. A few books have been published by professionals on the subject of finding living people, and in every case they report that the highest success rate for finding people comes from the name lists found in general directories. The professionals report that their success rate using just directories is about 80%. For the rest of us, we can obtain the same rate of success by using one or more of the free White Pages websites because these sites are made up mostly of general directory listings. It is that 20% remaining group that will require more work (and more money). These are the remaining people who are the hardest to find because they have no current published address or phone listing.

Many of the people within the 20% group can be found if you are willing to pay for the information. More complete name lists are available on the Internet, mostly offered by commercial people-finder sites. After

an initial directory search, these sites also search expanded lists of people, such as names and addresses for unlisted phones or unpublished cell phone users (those not included in the general telephone directories); national lists showing a person's previous address and phone number; names and addresses of home owners and personal property taxpayers; public utility company customers; lists of names compiled from legal notices published in newspapers, including bankruptcies, tax liens, court case announcements, marriages, divorces, sex offenders, drug offenders, etc. Other public records are also available for some of the states, such as real estate records, vehicle registrations, and driver's licenses. All of these compiled name lists are available through commercial websites, and all of them charge a fee for full access to their databases. Many of these sites have a free look-up in the general directory listings, but they charge a fee to access the details from the expanded name lists derived from public records.

[In next week's "Genealogy Pointers," Part II will examine the top 25 People Finder websites from Everton Publisher's Best Rated Genealogy Sites.]

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### CDs DISCOUNTED IN JULY

We have reduced the price of each of the following six CDs by \$10 until July 31, 2009. If you are on the trail of ancestors who lived in Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, or one of the states of the Deep South (Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi), this could be your lucky day. Similarly, if your ancestors were French Protestants (Huguenots) who fled the absolutism of King Louis XIV, you can get your hands on a great collection of imaged, indexed Huguenot reference books at a fraction of the cost of the actual books themselves. Please read on for details.

#### [HUGUENOT SETTLERS IN AMERICA, 1600s-1900s](#)

This CD is by far the best value in Huguenot genealogy. It contains page images of sixteen separate Huguenot publications, including George Reaman's *The Trail of the Huguenots*. The CD not only chronicles the story of this great Diaspora but also preserves the identities of thousands upon thousands of Huguenot emigrants to the Americas and beyond. Fully searchable via its electronic index, this CD provides the equivalent of a comprehensive library of Huguenot history and, quite possibly, just the link you need to your own Huguenot ancestors.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99**

#### [PENNSYLVANIA BIOGRAPHIES AND GENEALOGIES, 1600s-1800s](#)

A unique blend of family history and biography, this CD names 315,000 individuals who lived primarily in southeastern and southwestern Pennsylvania during the colonial and early federal periods. Brought to life in an exhaustive series of historical sketches, essays, biographies, and genealogies, these early Pennsylvanians are the ancestors of hundreds of thousands of individuals living today. The CD contains 17 volumes' worth of biographies, county histories, and genealogies--all conveniently accessed by means of a single electronic index.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99**

#### [EGLE'S NOTES AND QUERIES OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1700s-1800s](#)

This CD offers unprecedented advantages and savings to anyone undertaking research in central Pennsylvania. Containing the twelve volumes of William Henry Egle's celebrated *Notes and Queries*, it is the most important multi-volume work on the genealogy, biography, and history of central Pennsylvania ever published. Included in its nearly 5,000 pages are a vast number of genealogies, family sketches, and biographies, as well as extensive lists of early settlers and soldiers of the various wars, including the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812. In addition, the work encompasses an impressive array of genealogical source records--early wills, church records, marriage and death records, tax lists, and lists of early immigrants and frontiersmen.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99**

[THE DEEP SOUTH: Genealogical Records of Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi, 1700s-1800s](#)

This Family Archive CD covers the core genealogical works dealing with the Deep South. Altogether, some 150,000 individuals are named in a wide-ranging collection of census returns, probate, marriage, military, vital records, and family histories--all brought together in this one CD with a single, integrated index.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99**

[EARLY SOUTH CAROLINA SETTLERS \(CD\)](#)

This Family Archive CD includes a great many of the earliest surviving South Carolina source records, among them census records, ships' passenger lists, naturalization records, land warrants and grants, and probate records. Originally published in eleven books by GPC, this CD contains an electronic index of 125,000 names. Among the many great source records included on this CD are the first two censuses for the state of South Carolina (1790 and 1800), an index to all wills recorded in the state before 1782, a complete list of naturalization records extending from 1783 to 1850, and a list of lands (and grantors) granted by North Carolina for property now situated in South Carolina.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99**

[VIRGINIA MILITARY RECORDS: Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812](#)

This Family Archive CD contains a definitive collection of books dealing with the military records of Virginia in the colonial wars, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812. Naming 275,000 members of the militia and the established army, the books included on this CD are the undisputed favorites in their respective fields. From Lloyd Bockstruck's *Virginia Colonial Soldiers*, to John Gwathmey's *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution*, to the monumental *Muster Rolls and Payrolls of Virginia Militia in the War of 1812*, the contents of this CD covers the entire spectrum of Virginia's early military history.

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**BLOG: Geographic Names in Virginia**

Conley Edwards is the director of the Virginia State Archives in Richmond. He has prepared a special article on Virginia place names for this week's installment on our blog, [www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com](http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com). Given how many of us have Virginia forebears and how difficult it can be to find the records pertaining to an ancient location, Conley's article is must reading.

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