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"YOU CAN WRITE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY," by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

You know you should do it. The relatives are nagging you to do it. You've probably attended a class or workshop on how to do it. You even may have bought or read other books telling you that you should do it and how you should do it. Write the family history? Sure. Sounds like a good idea. Maybe you've started, but for some reason your enthusiasm to keep going wanes. You keep getting writer's block, or you can't figure out how you're going to cover all those generations in one book and make it interesting. Or you may be thinking, "I don't even know where to begin!"

Most family historians agree that research is the fun part. For some, just entering their data into a computer software program is a sufficient and effective way to leave their genealogy for their descendants. But to actually sit down and write a family history is--OK--scary. And hard. And overwhelming at times. Besides, you're just sure your family will be enthralled with all those names, dates, and places you've gathered, right? Unfortunately, I doubt it. If you don't believe me, show your charts to a non-genealogist. Then time how long it takes before they politely smile and hand the chart back to you. Now put a narrative account of a family history in their hands, and I'm certain you'll get a different reaction.

By narrative, I don't mean magically converting your genealogy data in a computer software program to what the software calls "narrative reports." I mean creatively writing your family history as a story. It should be one that grabs the reader's attention from the opening paragraph; one that has a beginning, a middle, and an end; one that has suspense, humor, and maybe even some romance; one with real "characters" that readers love and hate; but, one that is completely nonfiction, with every fact cited and supported by what you've found in your research. A family history your family can't put down. A page turner. Yep. That's the kind of family history narrative I'm talking about. And you can write one just like that.

It's time to get started. Don't be nervous. I've midwifed several first-time authors, and I haven't lost one yet. And they've given birth to some beautiful family histories. You can make this family history happen. You have the enthusiasm, the motivation, the research, and, once you've read this book, the know-how and guidance to write your family history. So what are you waiting for? Let's get going!

Sharon Carmack shows you how to produce a genealogy you'll be proud of in her latest book, *YOU CAN WRITE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY*. To view sample pages or to purchase a copy, please access the following link:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=886&NLC-GenPointers1

DOBSON BOOK Signals Breakthrough for Scots-Irish Research

The origin of the Ulster Scots, or Scots-Irish, in America is a familiar story. The English Crown's concerted efforts to re-settle substantial numbers of Scots Presbyterians in Ulster in order to check the Catholic Irish began in 1607 under James I. By 1690, the Protestant Presbyterian Synod of Ulster was created, which represented 120 congregations out of a population of nearly 150,000 Scots and their descendants. Following the demise of the Stuart reign in 1688, the status of the Presbyterian Scots-Irish declined. All public office holders in Ulster were required to be Anglicans, and the Presbyterians were required to finance the Episcopal Church of Ireland. Such facts, together with changing economic circumstances and rent-racking, contributed to the great Ulster Scot emigrations of the 18th century. In fact, over the course of that period, the Ulster Scots would become the single most numerous ethnic group to settle in colonial America.

While Americans of Scotch-Irish (Scots-Irish) descent have a substantial challenge in tracking their ancestors back to Ireland, researchers hoping to pick up the trail in Scotland face an even more daunting task. This is because there are no specific record groupings in Scotland devoted expressly to the Scots who departed for Ulster. One of the best books in print for those wishing to trace their Irish ancestry is Margaret Dickson Falley's "Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research," available from GPC. The latest reference for those interested in their Ulster-Scot ancestry is William J. Roulston's "Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors: The Essential Genealogical Guide to Early Modern Ulster, 1600-1680." While these books provide invaluable information on genealogical research in Ulster, there has been nothing in print that deals exclusively with records in Scotland relating to the Scottish participation in the Plantation of Ulster during the 17th century--until now.

SEARCHING FOR SCOTCH-IRISH ROOTS IN SCOTTISH RECORDS, 1600-1750, David Dobson's 2007 work, now back in print, was written precisely for this reason. It 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. As Mr. Dobson explains, "there is a finite amount of evidence scattered throughout manuscripts and some published works held in libraries and archives throughout

Scotland, especially in the southwest of the country." 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.

If you are hoping to find the Scottish origins of your Ulster-Scot ancestor, David Dobson's important guidebook might be just what you need. For more information, please consult the following link:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9813&NLC-GenPointers1

****Of related interest****

SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725. In Two Parts [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 emigrated to America, undoubtedly many did or possessed kinsmen who did.

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SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725, Part Three

In this much longer sequel, David Dobson sheds more light on a segment of the 100,000 Scotsmen who were re-settled by the British government in the Irish Plantation of Ulster during the 17th century. Drawing on sources not consulted for the earlier volume, Mr. Dobson has come up with an additional 2,500 mostly Lowland Scots who re-settled in Ulster--in most instances prior to 1700. As with parts One & Two, university students predominate among the transplanted.

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SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725, Part Four

This is the third volume (and fourth part) in a series compiled by David Dobson to identify the Lowland Scots who migrated to the Plantation of Ulster (Northern Ireland)

between 1575 and 1725--many of whose progeny may have emigrated to America. Typically, Mr. Dobson provides the name, occupation, place of residence, a date, and the source for an additional 1,250 mostly Lowland Scots who re-settled in Ulster.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9855&NLC-GenPointers1

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.

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LATER SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1725-1825. Part Two

Working from primary sources in Scotland, such as university records, court records, gravestone inscriptions, family and estate records, as well as various published sources, David Dobson has amassed information in Part 2 of this series on 1,200 persons not found in the original installment (see above), roughly doubling the total number of later Scots-Irish to date.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9867&NLC-GenPointers1

LATER SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1725-1825. Part Three (Very Low in Stock)

Working from primary sources in Scotland, such as university records, registers of apprentices, the Aberdeen City Archives, as well as published sources such as the periodical, "Scots Magazine," Mr. Dobson has amassed information on more than 1,300 persons not found in the previous two installments in this series. Mr. Dobson identifies each Scots-Irish link by name, country, and, sometimes, city of birth or residence, situation (profession, student status, source of inheritance, etc.), a date, the record source, and, occasionally, such things as physical features, year of birth, etc.

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MORE CLEARFIELD COMPANY BARGAIN BOOKS for January
(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 PM EST, Monday, February 18, 2008)

If you read our January 8th newsletter, you know that we already dropped the prices on eight Clearfield Company titles by 25% or more this month. You still have until 11:59 PM EST, Monday, February 18, 2008, to buy one or more of those discounted titles. Below you will find seven ADDITIONAL bargain books for January, each of which carries a similar price reduction. If you like what you see, be sure to make your purchase before 11:59 PM EST, Monday, February 18, 2008, so you get the full benefit of this second January special offer from Clearfield.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS in Kentucky

In addition to a roll of the officers of the Virginia Line who received land bounties in Kentucky, this work includes a roll of the Revolutionary pensioners in Kentucky, a list of the Illinois Regiment that served under George Rogers Clark in the Northwest Campaign, and a roster of the Virginia Navy--amounting to about 6,500 individuals. The important roll of pensioners, alphabetically arranged under each county, contains about 3,000 names, with rank or grade, state they served from, character of service, act under which they were beneficiaries, date they were placed on the rolls, and their ages.

Was \$22.50 Now \$16.50

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4735
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4735&NLC-GenPointers1)

OLD TIMES IN OLD MONMOUTH. Historical Reminiscences of Old Monmouth County, New Jersey

This is a reprint of a wide-ranging collection of genealogical and historical data pertaining to the founders and settlers of Monmouth County, New Jersey. The sketches in this work are so numerous that it is impossible to give more than a general idea of the contents, which include accounts of the formation and development of the county; sketches of its founders, pioneers, and citizens; histories of its churches and public institutions; studies of its role in the Revolution and the Civil War; lists of members of committees and assemblies; and coverage of virtually every facet of its existence up until the Centennial of the Battle of Monmouth.

Was \$41.95 Now \$29.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5140
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5140&NLC-GenPointers1)

PIONEERS OF OLD MONOCACY. The Early Settlement of Frederick County, Maryland 1721-1743

This work is the definitive account of the land and the people of Old Monocacy in early Frederick County, Maryland. The book has a dual focus. First, it attempts to locate and describe the land of the early settlers. This is done by means of a superb series of plat maps, drawn to scale from original surveys and based on both certificates of survey and patents. The maps show, in precise configurations, the exact locations of the various grants and lots, names of owners and occupiers, dates of surveys and patents, and names of contiguous land owners. Second, it identifies the early settlers and inhabitants of the area, carefully following them through deeds, wills and inventories, judgment records, and rent rolls.

Winner of the 1988 Donald Lines Jacobus Award!

Was \$39.50 Now \$29.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5835&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES from the "William and Mary College Quarterly." In Five Volumes

These five volumes contain every family history article published in the "William and Mary College Quarterly" from the commencement of the 1st Series in 1892 until the completion of the 2nd Series in 1943, at which point genealogical contributions to the Quarterly ceased. The total output of family history articles in this 50-year period was immense. No fewer than 500 genealogies were published--nearly one-third of them in multiple installments--and these, together with a substantial number of Bible records, are reprinted here in entirety. With these five volumes, the researcher has within reach a comprehensive collection of family history articles with accompanying indexes to the 100,000 persons mentioned (marking the first time complete-name indexes have been published). Each volume is separately indexed.

Was \$325.00/set Now \$225.00/set

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=6096&NLC-GenPointers1

THE HUGUENOT SETTLEMENTS in Ireland

This award-winning book is the definitive account of the principal Huguenot family settlements in Ireland. In the process of describing the Huguenot presence in the city of Cork, Cork County, Waterford and Wexford, Carlow, Portarlinton, western Ireland, and Dublin, the author furnishes specific biographical and genealogical details concerning the more successful Huguenot families who settled in those localities in the wake of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. The book is also sprinkled with lists of Huguenot ministers, churches (with their dates of founding), apprentices, students, and so on.

Was \$29.50 Now \$19.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9208&NLC-GenPointers1

1850 CENSUS OF SLAVE OWNERS for the State of Georgia

This census of slave owners is arranged alphabetically by the surname of the slave owner. The census gives his/her full name, number of slaves owned, and county of residence. It is one of the great disappointments of the ante-bellum U.S. population census that the slaves themselves are not identified by name--rather, merely as property owned. Nevertheless, now that Mr. Cox has made the names of these Georgia slave owners with their aggregations of slaves more widely available, it just might be possible that more persons with slave ancestors will be able to trace them via other records (property records, for example) pertaining to the 37,000 slave owners enumerated here.

Was \$31.50 Now \$23.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9248&NLC-GenPointers1

BALLADS AND SONGS of the Shanty-Boy

Franz Rickaby was that rare individual who combined the earthiness of the vagabond with the talent of the musician and the training and patience of the academician. Rickaby, who came from a musical family, dropped out of high school and roamed the countryside for four years while working as a baker, farm laborer, band leader, and printer. After resuming his schooling, he eventually gained admittance to Harvard University and earned a Master's degree. He accepted a teaching position at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, where he cultivated his interest in ballads and in the traditions of the dying lumber camp industry around Grand Forks. He soon became a very skilled collector of lumberjack songs and ballads and accumulated 225 in all, of which 55 appear in this work, complete with melody lines.

Was \$24.95 Now \$17.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9393&NLC-GenPointers1

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THE GEORGIA FRONTIER--Back in Print!

(Special Introductory Price Extended Through 11:59 PM EST, Monday, March 10, 2008)

N.B. To date, each previous printing of Jeannette Holland Austin's wonderful three-volume collection of colonial Georgia genealogies has sold out before all "Genealogy Pointers" subscribers had an opportunity to purchase the set at the special introductory price of \$145.00.

The fifth printing of THE GEORGIA FRONTIER is now available. If you were unable to buy THE GEORGIA FRONTIER for \$145.00 before, you have until 11:59 PM EST, Monday, March 10, 2008, to do so. For more information on Mrs. Austin's remarkable

addition to the literature of Georgia genealogy, please read the description below:

Following General James Oglethorpe's initial settling of Europeans from England, Scotland, and the Palatine to the Georgia colony and the dissolution of the Georgia trustees' charter, the British Crown offered substantial land grants to entice other colonists to settle and work the Georgia countryside.

As early as 1752, colonists from New England, Virginia, and the Carolinas poured into Georgia, bringing with them their families, servants, and sometimes entire religious communities. By 1775, these "frontier" settlements had established extensive coastal cotton and rice plantations. After the Revolution, Patriot veterans established homesteads by taking up land grants for their war services. During the early 1800s, Georgia employed a series of land lotteries to attract even more settlers. Once the federal government had evicted Georgia's Cherokee and Creek populations during the late 1820s, the stage was set for a climactic state lottery of middle and western Georgia lands in 1832.

Set against this history of Georgia's advancing frontier, genealogist and author Jeannette Holland Austin has assembled an unprecedented work that preserves the record of many of these pioneering families. Her three-volume THE GEORGIA FRONTIER is the culmination of a career spent tracing Georgia families. Mrs. Austin, who has been actively engaged in genealogy for more than 40 years, is the author of 60 collections of genealogies, county histories, and abstracts of genealogical source records. (From 1988 to 2000, the author also served as Staff Training Director for the Jonesboro, Georgia, Family History Center.)

THE GEORGIA FRONTIER sets forth the genealogies of 591 families, referencing tens of thousands of Georgia settlers. The families are divided into three convenient groupings: (1) families that settled prior to 1775 (2), families that first entered Georgia between the Revolution and the Civil War, and (3) families that migrated to Georgia from Virginia, North Carolina, or South Carolina at various periods.

Available only in book form, Mrs. Austin's work is destined to be regarded as a landmark in Georgia genealogy. From today through 11:59 PM EST, Monday, March 10, 2008, you can order your copy of THE GEORGIA FRONTIER at the introductory price \$145.00, compared to the retail price of \$160.00 after the expiration date.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9873&NLC-GenPointers1

Following is a surname list of the main families covered in the volumes; it just might contain the family(ies) you have been looking for.

VOLUME I: Adams, Adkerson/Adkinson/Atkinson, Akens/Akins, Alfriend, Allen, Allison, Anderson, Andrew/Andrews, Armor/Armour, Arnett, Arnsdorff, Askin/Askins, Atwell, Austin, Aycock, Ayres, Bacon, Baillie, Baker, Baldwin, Ball, Banks, Barnard, Barnett, Barron, Battle, Baxley, Bazemore, Bechtle, Beddingfield, Bedell, Berkner, Berry, Biddenback, Bignon (du Bignon), Billingslea, Bird, Blackstone, Blount, Blow,

Blue, Bohannon, Bohrman, Bolzius, Bond, Bostick/Bostwick, Bowen, Bowling, Boykin, Braddy, Bradley, Bradshaw, Bradwell, Brandner, Branham, Brannon, Brantley, Braswell, Breedlove, Brewer, Brincefield, Broach, Browning, Bryan, Bryant, Buckner, Bulloch, Buntz, Burford, Burgholder (Bourghalter), Burnley, Butler, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Candler, Carlton, Carr, Carter, Cassells, Castleberry, Castlin, Chaffin, Chapman, Chappell, Chattin, Cheney, Childs, Choate, Clarke, Clay, Clements, Cleaveland/Cleveland, Cleveland, Clower, Cocke, Cofer, Cole, Collier, Collins, Comer, Congleton, Conner, Cook, Cooper, Corneck, Cornwell, Cotton, Cowan, Cox, Crenshaw, Cross, Crutchfield, Cuthbert, Damour, Darden, Darsey, Davis, Dawson, Delegal, Delk, Dent, Dewberry, Dickson, Dozier, Drawhorn, Dregors, Driggers, Driver, Dukes, Dumas, Dunn, Durden, Durham, Dwight, Dyson, Early, Earnest, Easterling, Edge, Edwards, Elliott, Ellis, Emerson, English, Epps, Etheridge, Evans, Fambrough, Feagin, Feaster, Few, Finney, Fisher, Fletcher, Flewellen, Fraser, Freeman, Fryer, Fullilove, Futch, Gafford, Gardner, Gates, Gay, Gee, Germain, Germany, Gibbons, Gibbs, Gibson, Gilbert, Gilder, Gilmer, Giovanoli, Glascock, Gober, Godfrey, Goggans, Golden/Golding, Goldwire, Goodall, Goodman, Goodwin, Gordon, Graham, Gray, Greer, Grier, Griminger, Gronau, Guerry, Gunter, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Hammond, Hancock, Hansford, Hanson, Hardeman/Harman, Harmon, Harper, Harrell, Harris, Harrison, Hart, Hatcher, Hatchett, Hawkins, Haygood, Healy, Helfenstein, Henderson, Hendricks, Hendry, Henry, Herron, Hickman, Hicks, Hiers, Hill, Hillhouse, Hines, Hird, Hodges, Hodges, Hogan, Holcombe, Holland, Hollis, Holt, Hood, Hooper, Horne, Horton, Houstoun, Howard, Howard, Huckaby, Hudson, Huffstetler, Hughes, Huguley, Humphrey, Hutchings, Hutchings, Ingram, Irby, Irwin, Jackson, James, Jarrard, Jay, Jemison, Jewett, Johnson, Johnson, Johnston, Jones, Jordan, Justice, Kelly, Kennedy, Kennon, Kibbee, Kieffer, Kilgo/Kilgore, Kimbrough, King, Knighton, Lamar, Lane, Lanham, Lanier, Lasseter, Lastinger, Lavender, Layfield, Lee, Lester, Lester, LeSueur, Letson, Lewis, Lightner, Loggins, Long, Love, Lowe, Loyd, Mabry, MacBean, Macintosh, Mackay, Madison, Mallard, Malone, Mann, Marbury, Marshall, Martin, Mason, Massey, Maxey, Maxwell, May, McCall, McClendon, McCord, McCormick, McCorquodale, McCoy, McDonald, McGinty, McKee, McKey, McLean, McMichael, McRight, Means, Melson, Mercer, Merriman, Merritt, Messer, Middlebrooks, Milledge, Miller, Mills, Minis, Mitchell, Money/Mooney, Montgomery, Moon, Moore, Morel, Morgan, Morris, Morton, Moss, Mullins, Murphy, Napier, Naylor, Nesmith, Norman, Norris, Odingsell, Oglethorpe, Oliver, Orr, Ortman, Osgood, Overton, Owen, Oxford, Padgett, Parker, Parr, Paterson, Paulk, Payne, Peacock, Pearson, Peek, Peeler, Pendley, Penrose, Perdue, Perkins, Perry, Perryman, Phifer, Phillips, Pike, Pitts, Polhill, Pope, Potts, Prather, Prince, Proctor, Pye, Quarterman, Radford, Rae, Rahn, Ramsey, Ray, Redding, Reeves, Reid, Remshart, Rich, Richardson, Roberts, Robinson, Rogers, Roquemore, Rountree, Rouvier, Rumble, Russell, Sappington, Satterwhite, Scarborough, Schaeffer, Schweighofer, Scott, Searcy, Seckinger, Shannon, Shattles, Shepherd, Sheppard, Shiflet, Shirey, Shockley, Sikes/Sykes, Simmons, Singleton, Sisk, Skinner, Slaughter, Slocumb, Smith, Smylie, Stallings, Stallsworth, Standley, Starr, Stewart, Stocks, Strickland, Stripling, Struthers, Stubbs, Sumner, Surrency, Tankersley, Taylor, Tekell/Teakell, Tennille, Thomas, Thornton, Todd, Tomlin, Treadway, Trotman, Upton, Ussery, Valentine, Vanderplank, Vanzant, Veazey, Vernon, Wade, Waldhauer, Warnell, Warren, Watkins, Watson, Way, Welch, Wells, Wereat, Wheelis/Wheelless/Wheelus,

Whitefield, Wilcher, Wilder, Williams, Williamson, Wilson, Wimberly, Winn, Wright, Young, Zant, Zellner, Zettler, Ziegler, Zipperer, Zitterauer, Zorn, and Zouberbuhler.

VOLUME II: Aaron, Adams, Albritton, Aldredge, Alexander, Alston, Anglin, Ansley, Ash/Ashe, Atkinson, Avera, Avery/Avary, Baldree, Baldwin, Bankston, Barfield, Barksdale, Barnett, Barnwell, Bartlett, Battle, Bell, Berry, Bidy, Bingham, Blackstock, Blackwell, Blair, Blandford, Bond, Bonnell, Bonner, Borders, Bostick, Bowen, Braselton, Brooks, Brunson, Bullock, Burgess, Burney, Butler, Butner, Buttrill, Caldwell, Campbell, Candler, Cannon, Carithers, Carlton, Carmichael, Carnes, Caruth, Castlin, Causey, Cauthern, Chalker, Chamlee, Childs, Cline, Cloud, Clower, Cochran, Coggins, Colbert, Collins, Comer, Conner, Cooper, Cordle, Crawford, Creel, Creighton, Crisson, Crosson, Crowley, Cunningham, Curls, Day, Deason, Denson, Dobbs, Dooly, Dover, Dowdy, Drawhorn/Draughton, Dyer, Easley, Eberhart, Evans, Eve, Fitzpatrick, Fleming, Flewellen, Fountain, Franklin, Freeman, Garrard, Gilmer, Gober, Golden, Goodson, Goss, Greer, Guess, Gunnells, Guthrie, Guyton, Hammock, Hargis, Hargrove, Harris, Harrison, Haygood, Haynes, Heard, Heath/Heeth, Henderson, Hicks, Hill, Hilley, Hodge, Holt, Hooper, Hopkins, House, Howard, Howell, Hubert, Huff, Human, Hume, Humphrey/Humphries, Hurt, Inman, Irby, Irwin, Jeffers, Jolley, Jones, Keaton, Kemp, Kendrick, Key, Kirk, Kiser, Kitchens, Knox, Kontz, Lamkin, Ledbetter, Lee, Lemon, Lester, Lewis, Liddell, Lindley, Little, Lockett, Lockhart, Long, Lord, Lovelace, Lowry, Lyon, Mangum, Matthews, Mayes, McCall, McCardle, McClure, McCurdy, McGuire, McRee, Meeks, Merritt, Miller, Millican, Moone, Moore, Morris, Moseley, Mullins, Mundy, Neal, Nephew, Newsom, Nicholson, Nunnalee, Ogletree, Oliver, Orr, Parker, Parris, Peace, Pentecost, Perdue, Perkins, Peters, Phinzy, Powell, Power, Preston, Pullen, Quillian, Ragsdale, Raiford, Redding, Redman, Renfro, Rollestone, Rouse, Rucker, Rumph, Russell, Rutherford, Ryals, Satterfield, Sanford, Scroggins, Selman, Sewell, Shackelford, Shankle, Shannon, Sheffield, Sheftall, Sheppard, Simmons, Sims, Siniard, Smith, Stansel, Stapler, Steed, Steele, Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stokes, Stovall, Strickland, Strong, Stroud, Stubbs, Summerhill, Swift, Swinney, Talley, Tatom, Taylor, Tibbitts, Tidwell, Todd, Tomlin, Townsend, Trammell, Trotman, Trout, Tucker, Tuggle, Turk, Turner, Upton, Varnedoe, Veal, Vickers, Wadsworth, Wakefield, Waldrep/Waldrop/Waldroup, Waldrop, Walker, Wall, Waller, Walraven, Walton, Watkins, Watts, Wellbourne, Whatley, Wheelless, Wheelchel, Whisenhunt, White, Whitehead, Whitehurst, Wigley, Wilburn, Wilkins, Wills, Wilson, Wimberly, Wimpy, Wisener, Wommack, Woolfolk, Wootten, Worley, Wortham, Wyche, Wylie, York, Zellers, and Zuber.

VOLUME III: Ables, Adair, Austin, Baxter, Beckham, Bell, Bird, Bittick, Bivins, Bone, Bradley, Brent, Brooks, Brown, Bulloch, Calloway, Camp, Carlton, Carnes, Carter, Chambless/Chambliss, Cheatham, Clements, Cliatt, Cobbs, Coles, Collins, Conger, Cook, Craton/Crayton, Danielly, Davis, Dean, Delk, Dent, Dixon, Drew, Durham, Edmondson, Edwards, Elsberry, Ethridge, Evans, Fambrough, Finch, Foote, Forsyth, Franklin, Gamel/Gammell, Gann, Gideon, Greene, Gruber, Hagan/Hagin, Hamilton, Hargett/Hugett, Harris, Hill, Hitchcock, Hogan, Holland, Howard, Howell, Huckaby, Johns, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kalcher, Keaten, Kilpatrick (Patrick), Lane, Lee, Leverett, Littleton, Matthews, McGarity, McGee, McKenney/McKinney, Mercer, Miles,

Monfort/Montford/Munford, Moody, Moon, Noland, O'Neal, Parker, Parris, Perkins, Ponder, Power, Pye, Ragsdale, Roberts, Roguemore, Sailors, Salter, Sanders, Singleton, Skedsvold, Smith, Sorrells, Sparks, Spiers/Spears, Spinks, Starling, Stegall, Sullivan, Tapley, Tolbert, Wade, Waldron, Williams, Williamson, Wilson, Woodall, York, Young, and Youngblood.

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"THE CITY DIRECTORY: A Genealogical Gold Mine," by William Dollarhide

City directories may be one of the most underused genealogical sources available. Old city directories exist for virtually every community in America, often going back to the establishment of a community. Many of the privately published city directories date back over a hundred years, and some of these collections are complete for every year in which a directory was published. Surprisingly, those that exist are quite easy to find. They are usually located in the public library serving a particular city.

For example, when I first started in genealogy, I was living in Seattle, Washington, where I soon discovered the wonderful collection of city directories at the main branch of the Seattle Public Library. Their collection of city directories, with some gaps in the early years, dates back to 1877. (The city was founded in 1853.) From about 1885 onward, the collection is complete for every year, with an annual city directory for Seattle and its environs. (In some years, competing publishers produced more than one directory.) I should add that the library's collection of Seattle telephone directories for over 60 years complements its city directory holdings.

City directories typically list the name of each resident, an address, and a surprising amount of information, including occupation. City directories provide an unmatched source for finding the exact place a person lived, and they often function as a surrogate source of information about residents for a particular time period. City directories can act as a substitute to the lost 1890 census, for example.

Virtually every city in America with a public library has a collection of city directories for that city. New York City's directories go back to the 1730s, and they are nearly complete through 1933, the last year a city directory was produced for Manhattan. The New York Public Library has an outstanding collection of the old city directories. Boston's city directories go back even further than New York's, and the Boston Public Library's collection is a real treasure.

There have been many different directory publishers; however, by far the largest is the R. L. Polk Company. Today, this company has offices in the largest cities of America, where you may visit their library of current city directories. Check the yellow pages to find the R. L. Polk office nearest you, and you will discover a resource for current directories. (Current city directories give more detail about a person than the on-line

residential directories). Older city directories, however, are almost exclusively found in public libraries, college libraries, and archives nearest to the city in question.

The Cross-Street Index

A feature in most 20th-century city directories is a cross-street index, found at the back of the volume. This index is arranged according to the address of the houses, apartments, or businesses in the city, followed by the house number and names of residents at each address. Using this feature, a researcher can learn the names of people living next door to a relative. Next-door neighbors of a decade earlier, for example, may still live there and remember your relatives. Their presence may help you to locate lost relatives.

The cross-street index is also a resource for people whose names may have changed. For example, a woman living alone at a particular address in 1938 does not appear in the 1939 directory. But, by going to the 1939 cross-street address listing for the same address, you might discover that the woman had married and was still living in the same house, as well as learn the identity of her new husband!

Old City Directories on Microfilm

City directories for the 50 largest cities in America dating before 1860 have been collected together and microfilmed. The collection was produced by Research Publications, Inc. (12 Lunar Dr., New Haven, CT 06525), and it is available for sale to the public. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has this complete collection, and you can find a particular directory by searching for that city in the Family History Library's catalog. Just access the FHL's website at www.familysearch.org and use the keyword "city directories [name of city]" to search for a particular book.

Genealogy in City Directories

Since the information in city directories is far more revealing than just a name and address, a typical city directory can be a genealogical gold mine. Here is a transcription taken from a city directory for the town of Whatcom (now Bellingham), Washington, for the year 1893:

Clancy, Annie (wid Patrick), res bet R R tracks nr B B & E round house
Clancy, John, lab B B I Co mill
Clancy, Mary, clk Montague & Mchugh, bds Mrs Annie Clancy
Clancy, Michael, lab B B I Co mill
Clancy, Wm., lab B B I Co mill

The five entries above read like a family group sheet! First, the directory informs us that Annie Clancy is a widow, and her deceased husband's name was Patrick Clancy. The Mary Clancy boarding with Annie Clancy appears to be a daughter, and the three men who all work at the same place likely are Annie's sons.

The following example from a 1955 city directory for Waterbury, Connecticut, displays some interesting entries for the name Culotta:

Culotta Augustine r 29 Crescent
Charles G slsman r 29 Crescent
John died June 6 1954 age 65
Joseph P slsman r 29 Crescent
Mariano h 42 Cooke
Mary M wid John h 29 Crescent
Rose M slswoman Hartford r 29 Crescent
Thomas C student r 29 Crescent

The foregoing entries tell us quite a bit about this family. First, note that it gives an age and exact date of death for John Culotta and that his widow was Mary M. Culotta, who owned a house at 29 Crescent Street in Waterbury. (By the way, "r" indicates a renter, and "h" indicates a home owner.) Also living at that address were Augustine; Charles and Joseph P. Culotta, both salesmen; Rose Culotta, a saleswoman working in Hartford; and Thomas, a student--all of whom could be the children of John and Mary Culotta. Since all of the Culottas in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1955 lived in the same house except for Mariano Culotta--who owned a house at 42 Cooke Street--one can infer that Mariano was probably related to the others.

The above examples illustrate that family relationships can be gleaned from city directories, and sometimes a surprising amount of detail is revealed. The examples are not unique. They are typical of virtually every city directory that has been published for cities and towns across the country. Unlike its offspring, the phone book, a city directory has a great deal more to say about the inhabitants of a city or town.

Finding City Directories

To learn what city directories exist for the locality and time period of your investigation, address a letter to the "Reference Librarian" at the public library for your city of interest. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). You can get the address of that library from the "American Library Directory," published by the R. R. Bowker Co., available at your local library. Every library in America has this directory, which lists the addresses and phone numbers for all American libraries, whether public, private, special collection, college, or archives. You will also find descriptions of the holdings of a selective list of public libraries with genealogy collections in my recent book, *GETTING STARTED IN GENEALOGY ONLINE*. For more information on this book, please access the following link:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1499&NLC-GenPointers1

Although many libraries will not conduct any research for you, they will almost certainly answer your query. Then, contact a local genealogical society and see if a volunteer is

available to go to the library and do some looking for you. Most genealogical societies render this service, for which a small donation to the society is customary.

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