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### FIVE POPULAR CDs NOW ON SALE

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Did your ancestors live in Connecticut, New York, Virginia, or Tennessee? Could you be a descendant of a British noble man or woman? This month's featured CD-ROM publications are chockfull of the best reference books on each of these areas--AND we have reduced their prices by \$10.00 apiece. But hurry! Sale prices are in effect only until 11:59 PM, EDT, Friday, October 31, 2008. Scroll down for some of the best genealogy values anywhere!

### CONNECTICUT LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORIES

This two-disc Family Archive CD contains the largest collection of Connecticut genealogies available--in this format or any other. Naming some 450,000 individuals, the CDs are based on a collection of books published by GPC that cover the early families of the towns of Fairfield, Guilford, Hartford, Milford, Wethersfield, Windsor, Woodbury, and others, as well as books that cover the genealogical history of the entire state.

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### EARLY SETTLERS OF NEW YORK STATE (Low in stock)

Published between 1934 and 1942 by genealogist Janet Wethy Foley, the magazine "Early Settlers of New York State" enjoyed a brief period of fame but today is almost unknown, even by veteran genealogists. By the time the periodical had ceased publication, it had amassed an enormous body of church

records, tombstone inscriptions, marriage records, and family records--first from western New York, then from all of New York State. If you're on the track of New York ancestors and haven't discovered "Early Settlers of New York State," this CD version is one large stone you'll want to overturn.

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#### GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES from "The William and Mary College Quarterly"

This CD contains all five volumes of "Genealogies of Virginia Families from 'The William and Mary College Quarterly'" and the single volume, "Virginia Gleanings, by Lothrop Withington," which was originally published serially in "The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography."

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#### EARLY TENNESSEE SETTLERS, 1700s-1900s

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

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#### NOTABLE BRITISH FAMILIES

Along with an electronic search engine, this Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the most celebrated works ever published by Burke's (excepting only the various "Burke's Peerage" volumes). While most of the volumes included here deal solely with British lineages, at least two of the volumes deal with the British origins of American families. The CD names more than 550,000 notable ancestors.

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#### MORE OCTOBER PUBLICATIONS from Clearfield Company

Patrons of our short-run publishing division, Clearfield Company, will be pleased to know that we have recently reprinted two of our most popular how-to books, T. J. C Williams and Folger McKinsey's majestic history of Frederick County, Maryland, along with the every-name index to that work recently compiled by Patricia Fogle, and the genealogies of some pioneering families of Botetourt County, Virginia. You won't find these reprints named on the "New Books and CDs" page of genealogical.com, but you can read all about them today in "Genealogy Pointers." Scroll down and learn more about these excellent short-run titles.

#### A FIELD GUIDE FOR GENEALOGISTS. Second Edition

A FIELD GUIDE, by Judy Jacobson, is designed to remove any number of stumbling blocks and to answer thousands of other practical questions that quite naturally arise during a research trip. For example, the FIELD GUIDE includes sections on the basics of dating photographs and identifying historical eras from hairstyles or clothing. Similarly, legal terms found in genealogical records are identified in one of the several glossaries--glossaries of genealogical terms, nicknames, surnames, place names, and occupations. Mrs. Jacobson provides a section on problems to anticipate at the county courthouse, offers hints for deciphering old handwriting, discusses different types of calendars, and gives time lines of American history, migration, and transportation.

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#### THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE to Using Tax Lists

This guidebook is Cornelius Carroll's primer for making the best genealogical use of tax lists. At the outset, the author differentiates between tax lists, quit rents, tithables, militia lists, censuses, and similar records and the laws that applied to them. Then, by focusing on the tax lists of Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee, he demonstrates how tax lists can be used for determining parentage, birth and death dates, indentured servitude, slavery, manumission, and racial status. In conjunction with other records, tax lists can help determine the parentage of a female, the date of a marriage, migration routes, and the accuracy of family traditions. Mr. Carroll provides a number of sample tax lists in order to introduce researchers to the legal and other factors affecting the ages and classes of people who were taxable at any given time.

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#### HISTORY OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND. In Two Volumes

The history of Braddock's campaign, the local events of the Revolution, John Brown's raid nearby, the old National Road, the earliest American railroad and its opening to Frederick, and the great events of the Civil War are all covered in the first volume of this monumental work by T. J. C. Williams and Folger McKinsey. The second volume, "Biographical Record of Representative Families," contains no fewer than 1,100 biographical and genealogical sketches, in most cases supplied by the subjects of the sketches themselves. Each sketch attempts to establish the origins of the subjects' forebears, giving the dates and places of their birth, marriage, and residence, and facts concerning their immigration to and settlement in this country (most were of German or Scotch-Irish extraction). This monumental work is far easier to consult than ever, thanks to the Every-Name Index by Patricia Fogle (see below).

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=6410&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=6410&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### EVERY-NAME INDEX for the Two Volumes of "History of Frederick County, Maryland," by T. J. C. Williams & Folger McKinsey

For all of its magnificence, Williams and McKinsey's monumental two-volume HISTORY OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND (see above) has a major shortcoming--it lacks an every-name index. Thanks to the prodigious efforts of Patricia A. Fogle, Clearfield Company now offers this complete-name index to the HISTORY. All told, the researcher will find more than 40,000 individuals named in this INDEX. All individuals or libraries who currently own the HISTORY will want to purchase Mrs. Fogle's finding-aid as an invaluable companion to the original volumes. Those researching Frederick County who do not own the HISTORY but can gain access to it at a local library will also want to keep Mrs. Fogle's INDEX on hand, since it unlocks an enormous number of links to the county's past.

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#### RELATED FAMILIES OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Revised Edition

This compendium of 48 family histories was fashioned together from a careful study of Botetourt County marriages, wills, deeds, and death records from microfilm available at the Virginia State Library, as well as Botetourt County

records housed at the county clerks' offices in Fincastle (Botetourt County), Salem (Roanoke County), and Lexington (Rockbridge County). The end result is an extensively annotated collection of early Botetourt families, many of whose progenitors were born in the 18th century.

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### THREE HUNDRED COLONIAL FAMILIES of Royal Ancestry Identified

**THE ROYAL ANCESTRY BIBLE: Royal Ancestors of 300 Colonial Families,** by Michel L. Call documents more ancestry for more people than almost any other work ever published.

**THE ROYAL ANCESTRY BIBLE** is the outgrowth of more than 30 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. Mr. Call has also 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.

Bound in three handsome hardcover volumes, this remarkable work traces the origins of 300 American colonists to the Middle Ages. 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.

As a bonus, the appendix to this work 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.

Following are the MAIN royal lines listed in this remarkable work. For a more detailed version of this list or to order your set of **THE ROYAL ANCESTRY BIBLE**, please access the following link:

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Robert Abell, Dannett Abney, Paul Abney (b. abt. 1588), Paul Abney (chr. 14 Jan 1652-53), Jane Allen, Elizabeth Alsop, John Alston (chr. 25 Feb 1668), John Alston (chr. 31 Dec 1673), Samuel Appleton (chr. 13 Aug 1586), Samuel Appleton (chr. 2 Feb 1624-25), Alicia Arnold, Anne Arundell, William Asfordby, Walter Aston (b. abt. 1579), Walter Aston (b. 1606-07), Barbara Aubrey, Ann Elizabeth Baillie, Kenneth Baillie, Robert Barclay, Charles

Barham, Margaret Barkham, Margaret Barley, Anne Barne, Charles Barnes, Jane Basset, Christopher Batt, Paul Batt, Henry Batt, John Baynard, Anne Baynton, Marmaduke Beckwith, Anne Bell, Barbara Bennet, William Berkeley, Francis Bernard, Richard Bernard (chr. 12 Mar 1608), Richard Bernard (b. abt. 1637), William Bernard, Elizabeth Bevan, John Bevan, Essex Beville, John Beville, Joseph Bickley, William Bladen, George Blakiston, Marmaduke Blakiston, Nehemiah Blakiston, Joseph Bolles, Thomas Booth, Elizabeth Bosvile, Godfrey Bosvile, Elizabeth Boteler, John Boteler, Mary Bouchier, Griffith Bowen, Mary Bowen, Thomas Bradbury, Christopher Branch, George Brent, Giles Brent, Thomas Bressie, Abigail Brewster, Mary Brokesby, Edward Bromfield, Nathaniel Browne, Obadiah Bruen, Edward Bulkeley, Elizabeth Bulkeley, Martha Bulkeley, Peter Bulkeley (b. 31 Jan 1582-83), Peter Bulkeley (b. 12 Aug 1643), Stephen Bull, Isabel Burnett, George Burrough, Nathaniel Burrough, George Burroughs, Sarah Bye, Thomas Bye, John Cadwalader, Jane Verch Cadwaladr, Christopher Calthorpe, Cecil Calvert, Charles Calvert, Edward Carleton, John Carleton, George Carrington, James Cary, John Cary (chr. 10 Apr 1583), John Cary (b. abt. 1610), Miles Cary, William Cary, Anne Cavendish, Thomas Chamberlayne, Francis Champernoun, Charles Chauncy, Kenelm Cheseldine, Grace Chetwode, Wiseman Clagett, Jeremy Clarke, Matthew Clarkson, James Claypoole, John Claypoole, Norton Claypoole, Elizabeth Cleeve, Arabella Clinton, Thomas Clinton, Walter Clopton, William Clopton, St. Leger Codd, John Coke, Anthony Collamore, John Collamore, Frances Corbin, Henry Corbin, Anna Corderoy, Matthais Corwin, Anne Covert, Elizabeth Covert, Elizabeth Coytemore, John Cranston, Samuel Cranston, John Craycroft, James Cudworth (b. abt. 1640), James Cudworth (b. 3 May 1635), Frances Culpeper, John Culpeper, Thomas Culpeper, George Curwen, Francis Dade, Magdalen Dalyell, John Davenport, Humphrey Davie, Margaret Davis, Frances Deighton, Jane Deighton, Katherine Deighton, Ann Derehaugh, Edward Digges, Daniel Dobyns, Mary Drake, Robert Drake, Thomas Dudley, Archibald Dunlop, John Ap Edward, George Elkington, Eleanor Ellis, Rowland Ellis, Alice Eltonhead, Martha Eltonhead, Richard Eltonhead, Cadawalader Evans, John Evans (b. abt. 1640), John Evans (b. abt. 1666), Judith Everard, Richard Everard, William Fairfax, William Farrar, John Fenwick (b. 1618), John Fenwick (b. abt. 1687), Henry Filmer, John Fisher, Edward Fitz Randolph, Charlotte Fitzroy, Henry Fleete, Margaret Fleming, Edward Foliot, Edward Foulke, Gerard Fowke, Mary Fox, Mary Foxall, Alice Freeman, Thomas Gerard, Elizabeth Gibbes, Robert Gibbes, Anna Maria Gill, William Goddard, Thomas Gordon, Ferninando Gorges, Thomas Greene, Margaret Greville, Muriel Gurdon, Mary Gye, Margaret Halsnode, Katherine Hamby, Mabel Harlakenden, Elizabeth Harleston, John Harleston (chr. 15 Nov 1610), John Harleston (b. abt. 1665), Agnes Harris, Dorothy Harris, Jane Haviland, Edmond Hawes, Elizabeth Haynes, John Henry, Patrick Henry, Joshua Henshaw, Ralph Hilton, John Hinton, George Home, Maria Horsmanden, Warham Horsmanden, Patrick Houston, Margaret Huberd, Ellen Hughes, Anne Humphrey, Daniel Humphrey, Owen Humphrey, William Ironmonger, John Irvine, Henry Isham, Thomas James, Edmund Jennings, Gilbert Jones, Henry Josselyn, Edmund Kempe, Matthew Kempe, Joseph

Kirkbride, Anne Knollys, Elizabeth Knyvett, Dorothy Lane, Mary Launce, Jane Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence (chr. 2 Feb 1588-89), Thomas Lawrence (chr. 8 Mar 1619-20), William Lawrence, Christopher Lawson, Charlotte Lee, Dorothy Lee, William Leete, Lucy Legh, Samuel Levis, Evan Robert Lewis, Thomas Ligon, David Lindsay, Nathaniel Littleton, Robert Livingston (b. 13 Dec 1654), Robert Livingston (b. abt. 1672), Ann Lloyd, Thomas Lloyd, James Logan, Anne Lovelace, William Lovelace, Henry Lowe, Jane Lowe, Vincent Lowe, Percival Lowell, Gabriel Ludlow, Roger Ludlow, Sarah Ludlow (b. abt. 1635), Sarah Ludlow (b. 1639), Thomas Ludlow, Katharine Lunsford, Thomas Lunsford, Simon Lynde, Agnes Mackworth, Richard Mackworth, Alexander Magruder, Mary Mainwaring, Oliver Mainwaring, Martha Mallory, Roger Mallory, Elizabeth Mansfield, Anne Marbury, Catherine Marbury, Elizabeth Marshall, Anne Mauleverer, Oliver Mellowes, Barbara Mitford, William Montgomery, Richard More, Ellen Morris, James Murray, James Neale (b. abt. 1615), James Neale (b. abt. 1654), Joseph Need, John Nelson, Philip Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Cecily Neville, Thomas Newberry, Ellen Newton, Charles Norwood, William Norwood, James Nourse, Increase Nowell, John Ogle, Griffith Owen, Joshua Owen, Rebecca Owen, Robert Owen (b. abt. 1620), Robert Owen (b. abt. 1660), Thomas Owsley, John Oxenbridge, Theodora Oxenbridge, Richard Palgrave, Richard Parker, Herbert Pelham, Penelope Pelham, Samuel Penhallow, Robert Peyton, Richard Plantagenet, William Poole, George Popham, John Prescott, Hannah Price, Joan Price, Robert Pugh, Edward Rainsford, Henry Randolph, Isham Randolph, William Randolph, George Reade, Anne Rich, Lewis Richards, Gainor Roberts, John Roberts, Margaret Roberts, Charles Rodes, John Rodes, William Rodney, Thomas Rudyard, Walter Rutherford, Elizabeth St. John, Katherine St. Leger, Warham St. Leger, Nathaniel Saltonstall, Richard Saltonstall, William Sargent, Anthony Savage, Euphan Scott, John Seton, Henry Sewall, William Skepper, Diana Skipwith, Lawrence Smith, Mildred Smith, William Snelling, Charles Somerset, Maria Johanna Somerset, Edward Southworth, Alexander Spotswood, Myles Standish, Dorothy Stapleton, John Stockman, Anne Storer, Rose Stoughton, John Stratton, William Strother, Christian Stuart, Anne Sutton, George Talbot, James Taylor, Paul Thorndike, John Throckmorton, Robert Throckmorton, Richard Tilghman, Lawrence Towneley (b. abt. 1573), Lawrence Towneley (b. abt. 1640), Mary Towneley, Thomas Trowbridge, Martha Truman, Henry Tucker, Margaret Tyndall, Humphrey Underhill, Mary Underhill, Henry Vane, Sophia Van Lodensteyn, Jan Otten Van Tuyl, Jane Vaughan, James Veatch, Jemima Waldegrave, John Waller, Thomasine Ward, Thomas Warren, John Washburn (chr.1 Aug. 1566), John Washburn (chr. 2 Jul 1597), William Washburn, John Washington (chr. 14 Mar 1631-32), John Washington (b. abt. 1634), Lawrence Washington (b. abt. 1602), Lawrence Washington (chr. 18 June 1635), Richard Waters, Olive Welby, Mary Wentworth, William Wentworth, John West, Thomas West, Jabez Whitaker, William Whitaker, Henry Whitfield, John Whitney, Elizabeth Williams, Ellis Williams, John Wilson, Thomas Wingfield, Edward Winslow, John Wiseman, Mary Wolseley, Walter Wolseley, Frances Woodward, Emmanuel Woolley, Peter Worden (b. abt. 1570), Peter

Worden (b. abt. 1609), Frances Wray, Nicholas Wright, Robert Wright, George Wyatt, Hawte Wyatt, Margaret Wyatt, Henry Wyche (b. 7 Oct 1604), Henry Wyche (b. 27 Jan 1648-49), Amy Wyllys, Thomas Wynne, Thomas Yale (b. abt. 1587), Thomas Yale (b. abt. 1616), George Yate (b. abt. 1640)

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## ANCESTORS DON'T JUST VANISH INTO THIN AIR: CDs Covering the Feeder States

Here's a familiar genealogical conundrum: A researcher has traced his/her ancestors from present-day California back to the Dust Bowl era in Nebraska, into Missouri just as it was achieving statehood, and finally to Indiana in the 1830s. At that point, the trail has grown cold even though legend has it that the family patriarch was a Pennsylvania patriot during the Revolution. So, how does the genealogist pick up the scent at this point?

One possibility is by studying the various migration routes our ancestors traveled to their new homes. For instance, before 1800, between Boston, Massachusetts, and Charleston, South Carolina, our forebears followed one of a score or more of tested land and/or river routes. Our hypothetical Pennsylvanian, for example, might have traversed the Southern Road, from Philadelphia to Baltimore, where he could pick up the National Road. This would have taken him into western Maryland, briefly back into Pennsylvania, and then into western Virginia (today West Virginia), before the road leveled off in Ohio and Indiana. (By the 1830s, of course, canals and railroads were beginning to compete with roads and turnpikes as the principal means of westward transportation.)

If we know the most likely routes our "lost ancestors" could have taken from the Eastern seaboard, we can begin to look for them in the so-called "feeder states" or "stop-over states," where they quite likely established quarters for a period of time--owing to reasons of topography, health, limited resources, and so forth. Western New York, for instance, was an important way station for New Englanders heading along the Great Genesee Road to Ohio, and Kentucky was an important "feeder state" for persons traversing the "Wilderness Road" to Missouri, as was Tennessee for persons intent upon Arkansas.

Since your ancestors couldn't have vanished into thin air, you might be able to pick up their trail in one of the "feeder states." The following CDs are crammed with genealogies and source records pertaining to inhabitants of "feeder states." We hope you find your missing ancestors in one of them!

### EARLY SETTLERS OF NEW YORK STATE

This Family Archive CD contains images from the pages of GPC's two-volume set, "Early Settlers of New York State," consisting of all articles published in the magazine of that name. Edited by Janet Foley, a veteran New York genealogist, the purpose of the magazine was to collect, publish, and preserve church records, tombstone inscriptions, and family records. Referencing more than 97,000 people who lived between 1760 and 1942, this collection is full of little-known but first-rate source material. Here you'll find reams of Bible records and tombstone inscriptions, masses of marriage records, church records, and obituaries--all easy to access and fully indexed.

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## EARLY OHIO SETTLERS

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 epitome of 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.

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## EARLY KENTUCKY SETTLERS, 1700s-1800s (Low in stock)

You may not know it, but you could very well have Kentucky ancestors. Why? Because Kentucky was the great "feeder state" for countless ancestors who migrated westward from Virginia and the mid-Atlantic states at the end of the 18th to the middle of the 19th centuries. This CD contains the records of approximately 225,000 individuals who settled in or passed through Kentucky during this period. This unique collection of court, marriage, military, probate, and obituary records originally appeared in 12 Kentucky reference books published by GPC.

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## EARLY TENNESSEE SETTLERS, 1700s-1900s

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## EARLY WEST VIRGINIA SETTLERS

Made up of images of the pages of 14 reference books, this Family Archive CD contains the records of approximately 200,000 early West Virginia settlers. The reference books comprise wills, land grants, marriage records, military records, family histories, and local histories, and they include many of the most important books ever published on West Virginia genealogy. Here, for example, you'll find authoritative name lists and service records of West Virginians in the Revolution; an enumeration of the 25,000 residents of the 13 West Virginia counties that were formed before 1800; several volumes comprising genealogies of the pioneer families of various districts of West Virginia; and much, much more.

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"FINDING THAT SOUTH CAROLINA MARRIAGE RECORD," by Brent H. Holcomb

One of the biggest disappointments to researchers is the lack of marriage records for South Carolina. At least several times a week, persons arrive at the South Carolina Archives asking for marriage records. South Carolina does not have regular marriage records prior to 1911, the marriage license law having taken effect on July 1 of that year. There is no clear reason for this lack of early marriage records, except that in the colonial period the parishes of the Church of England were supposed to record all marriages within the parish (whether the parties were members of the Church or not). Whether this was done is a moot point; however, it is a fact that after the Revolution no state marriage license statute was passed until 1911.

Nevertheless, some counties or districts did issue marriage licenses. We find a handful from the 1780s in Camden District and Ninety Six District records. Additionally, the following counties or districts issued some marriage licenses or bonds, of which we have either recorded copies or originals: Charleston, Chester, Darlington, Fairfield, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Pendleton, Spartanburg, Sumter, and York. There is extant one marriage return for Pickens District for the years 1859 and 1860, which I published in my periodical, "South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research" (SCMAR).

In some church records, marriage references can be gleaned from the membership lists. Baptist records often contain separate male and female lists. You might find an entry in a female list, such as "Mary Jones, now Smith." The manual of the Second Presbyterian Church in Charleston, which I am publishing in part in my quarterly, SCMAR), shows such examples. There are entries such as "Miss E. H. Simonon, now Mrs. Geo Moffett," "Miss Louisa Burdell, now Mrs. Agnew," "Miss Quintana Smith, now Mrs. Paxton," and others.

South Carolina does have a number of marriage settlements, which are usually pre-marital agreements concerning property. Frequently, these marriage settlements are second marriages for one or both parties. Quite often, family information is found among these in statements of the origins of the property (inherited from a relative or obtained in

some other way). These marriage settlements are found in Miscellaneous Records, Main Series for the Colonial period, and for 1787-1885 in a separate series titled Marriage Settlements at the South Carolina Archives. Additionally, some marriage settlements are recorded in Miscellaneous Records (Columbia series) after 1787, for some unknown reason. Supposedly, these marriage settlements (after 1787) were also recorded in the deed books for the counties where the couples resided. However, this recording does not appear to have been consistent. Conversely, some marriage settlements are found recorded in the deed books of various counties and are not recorded in the Marriage Settlement volumes.

Eleven marriage settlements prior to 1821 have been abstracted and published within my two volumes available from Genealogical Publishing Company (GPC), "South Carolina Marriages, 1688-1799" and "South Carolina Marriages, 1800-1820." GPC has also released my supplement to these volumes. These three books also contain marriages from other sources: church records (including the colonial parish registers), diaries, the above-mentioned marriage licenses and bonds, etc.

The aforementioned volumes, on the other hand, do not include any marriages reported in newspapers, which probably represent the best source for 19th-century marriage records in South Carolina. Marriage notices from newspapers are found in several volumes published by myself and several other persons. Prior to the Civil War, newspapers were regional in scope, covering several counties or districts. A marriage from Fairfield District might be reported in a newspaper of Columbia, Newberry, or Camden, for example. The Greenville newspapers covered most of the upper part of South Carolina, 1826-1863.

Religious newspapers should also be consulted. The religious newspaper of the appropriate denomination may have been published outside of South Carolina, such as "The Lutheran Observer" (Baltimore, MD) and "The Southern Christian Advocate" (the Methodist newspaper, sometimes published in Augusta or Macon, GA). Presbyterian newspapers included the "Charleston Observer," "The Watchman and Observer" (published in Richmond, VA, but contains South Carolina notices), and the "Southern Presbyterian." I have published the marriage records from the first two of these. Lowry Ware and I have published notices from the Association of Reformed Presbyterian newspapers in two volumes. "The South Carolina Temperance Advocate" was a quasi-religious newspaper that published notices from all over South Carolina. Because it was published in Columbia, for the most part, researchers can access its notices in my "Marriage and Death Notices from Columbia, South Carolina, Newspapers 1838-1860."

Such marriage notices are NOT limited to prominent persons. Consider the following example from the "Southern Times and State Gazette" (Columbia, SC) of 6 January 1831:

Economical Marrying. Married on Thursday evening, the 23d ult., by Thomas Johns Esq., Mr. John Hendrix to Miss Mary Marbut; Mr. Joshua Hendrix to Miss Sarah Mills, and Mr. Euclidus Hog to Miss Kisiah Marbut, all at the same place, and all of Newberry

District. Four of the persons married are the grandchildren of Mrs. Sarah Marbut, who was present and participated in the festivities of the evening.

Now, what does this tell us? If four of the persons who were married (out of six) were grandchildren of Mrs. Sarah Marbut, then one couple being married had to be first cousins. Such was not at all unusual at the time. Double cousins, first cousins, second cousins, etc., often married, but it was not legal for closer relatives to marry. One could not marry his niece or aunt, her uncle or nephew, for example.

Odd marriages were often reported in the newspaper. The following notice was abstracted from the "Columbia Telescope" of 25 February 1837:

Married in Fairfield District, near Twenty Five Mile Creek, on Thursday evening, 23d inst., by Mr. Jonathan Watts, Esq., Mr. Jacob Blizard aged 17 years, to Mrs. Wilson aged about 75.

Interracial marriage in South Carolina was not prohibited until 1895. Therefore, willing parties could be married, no matter what their race. We have examples of whites and blacks marrying, Indians and whites (though not often documented), etc. Many people have a "tradition" of Indian ancestry, but this is fairly rare, or at least it cannot be proved. The reasons are fairly obvious. Indians had already been removed from a given area, allowing whites to occupy the abandoned land.

Before 1872, divorce in South Carolina was not possible except by an act of the legislature. There are a dozen petitions for divorce on file prior to 1872, but all were denied. The 1872 statute was repealed in 1878, and the next divorce law was not instituted until the mid-20th century.

Ms. Barbara Langdon has begun to publish a series of South Carolina marriage records that can be inferred from various records. There are volumes available from her on Barnwell, Spartanburg, Edgefield, York, Chester, Fairfield, and some state-wide reference works. These are excellent sources, but you must understand what they are. They are records that prove that a marriage took place; however, the date of the record might be many years after the marriage took place. Ms. Langdon will provide a list of her works by request with a SASE. Her address is 132 Langdon Road, Aiken, SC 29801.

Sometimes we find proof of marriages in court cases, especially the quit court, and in obituary notices. Also, death certificates (which begin in South Carolina on January 1, 1915) might prove a marriage, as the name of the father and the maiden name of the mother of the decedent are often included. However, such information is subject to question and should be verified through other sources.

Don't forget records of various wars and pension applications for participants and their widows--not only the Revolution but also the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and various Indian and "old wars." There are published indices to most of these pension applications now. Additionally, the pension applications for Confederate widows are supposed to

contain marriage dates inasmuch as the widow's pension applications asked for a date of marriage if it could be supplied. Sometimes only a year is given, and rarely is the maiden name of the widow included. Often, these widows submitted depositions from persons who had attended their marriage or from persons who had known that she and her husband had lived as husband and wife for so many years. Sometimes, Bible records are included in such applications.

Deed Records: It is not unusual to find deeds of gift from a mother or father to children, frequently married daughters. In this way, some people avoided probate. Such records are to be found in the deed books of the individual counties in South Carolina. Therefore, there are numerous sources to find proof of a South Carolina marriage.

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### BRENT H. HOLCOMB'S BOOKS on South Carolina Marriage Records

It should come as no surprise to readers of the foregoing article that Brent Holcomb's three collections of South Carolina marriage records are the most comprehensive books on their subject. Since these books have been out of print for a number of years, we are once again making them available to researchers. You will find brief descriptions of SOUTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES, 1688-1799; its sequel, SOUTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES, 1800-1820; and the addendum booklet, SUPPLEMENT TO SOUTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES, 1688-1820 below.

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