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CLEARFIELD BARGAIN BOOKS FOR OCTOBER

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This month "13" is your lucky number. That's how many Clearfield Company short-run publications we've placed on sale this month. You can save 25% or more on each of these excellent resources for the rest of October. Seeing is believing, so scroll down and check out these bargain books today. (Sale prices are in effect until 11:59 PM, EDT, Friday, October 31, 2008.)

THE RECORD INTERPRETER. A Collection of Abbreviations, Latin Words and Names Used in English Historical Manuscripts and Records. Second Edition

Prior to the 19th century, many British and European records contained texts written in Latin or sprinkled with Latin or French abbreviations. Charles T. Martin designed this book to answer the questions that can plague researchers when they run across Latin and French abbreviations in English historical manuscripts. Armed with this easy-to-follow guidebook, researchers will be able to understand most texts with little more than an ordinary dictionary. Mr. Martin's coverage includes: (1) abbreviations of Latin words used in English records; (2) abbreviations of French words used in English records; (3) a glossary of Latin words found in records and other English manuscripts; (4) Latin names and places in Great Britain and Ireland; (5) Latin names of bishoprics in England; (6) Latin names of bishoprics in Scotland; (7) Latin names of bishoprics in Ireland; (8) Latin forms of English surnames; and (9) Latin given names with their English equivalents.

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FEDERAL LAND SERIES. In Four Volumes

One of the first sources of land records the researcher should consult is Clifford Neal Smith's four-volume FEDERAL LAND SERIES (originally published in five parts). Volumes 1 and 3 of this work, in the aggregate, calendar all assignments of land records recorded by all federal land offices in the "Old Northwest" and Southeast territorial districts of the U.S. (excluding war bounties and land company sales) from 1788 and 1814. These volumes are arranged in chronological order, according to the assignment of tracts, followed by indexes to names, tracts, and subjects. Volume 2 picks up all persons assigned land by the U.S. government from 1799 to 1835 on the basis of their Revolutionary War service. The final volume, originally published in two parts, concerns non-federal bounty land warrants issued in the Virginia Military District of Ohio to more than 22,000 persons based on Revolutionary War service. One of the great virtues of this set is that it names and follows the movements of persons who lived in sparsely populated sections of the new American nation BEFORE they would appear in the federal census.

In all, the FEDERAL LAND SERIES identifies 50,000 individuals found among early American land records.

Was \$225.00/set Now \$164.95/set

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LISTS OF INHABITANTS of Colonial New York

This work comprises all of the genealogical records in O'Callaghan's remarkable four-volume "Documentary History of the State of New-York" and contains a complete index of names of about 12,000 inhabitants of colonial New York--Dutch, English, and German.

Was \$29.50 Now \$21.95

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EARLY VIRGINIA FAMILIES ALONG THE JAMES RIVER: Their Deep Roots and Tangled Branches. Volume II: Charles City County--Prince George County

The second volume in its series, this book is designed to assist the researcher in locating colonial and immigrant ancestors in Charles City County and in that part of Charles City County south of the James River from which Prince George County was formed in 1703. Thus, the main body of the text consists of a chronological series of abstracts giving the name of the Charles City County or Prince George County patentee, the location and acreage of the patent, date of settlement, references to family members and owners of adjoining properties, and, most important, the names of the thousands of settlers brought over as "headrights." A welcome feature of this second volume is the 1864 map of Prince George County, with an accompanying index to families, showing their precise location on the map.

Was \$24.95 Now \$17.50

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S Forgotten Children: Apprentices from 1784-1902

Dr. Alan Miller extracted this and the volume below from county court minutes on microfilm obtained from the Tennessee State Archives, the Dallas Public Library, and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He has arranged the records by county and thereunder chronologically. For each record, Dr. Miller gives the name of the apprentice, a date (either the date of the original bond or indenture, or a subsequent date), age at apprenticeship, name of the master, and miscellaneous information ranging from the name of the mother or a sibling, race, cause of apprenticeship (e.g., orphan), his/her trade, etc.

Coverage in the MIDDLE TENNESSEE volume extends to some 7,000 apprenticeship records between 1784 and 1902, and it identifies apprentices in the following 35 Tennessee counties: Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Clay, Coffee, Davidson, DeKalb, Dickson, Franklin, Giles, Grundy, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Overton, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Van Buren, Warren, Wayne, White, Williamson, and Wilson.

Was \$35.00 Now \$25.95

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EAST TENNESSEE'S Forgotten Children: Apprentices from 1778-1911

The EAST TENNESSEE volume, which is similar in source and arrangement as the MIDDLE TENNESSEE volume above, contains about 11,000 entries and spans the period 1778 to 1911. It bears reference to apprenticeships created in the following 29 Tennessee counties: Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudonn, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Polk, Rhea, Roane, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Sullivan, Union, and Washington.

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GENEALOGIES AND SKETCHES of Some Old Families Who Have Taken a Prominent Part in the Development of Virginia and Kentucky, Especially, and Later of Many Other States of This Union

This work concentrates on families with a strong connection to Virginia and Kentucky, most of which are traced forward from the 18th, if not the 17th, century. The compiler makes ample use of published sources, some extant original records, and the recollections of the oldest living members of a number of the families covered. Finally, the essays reflect a balanced mixture of genealogy and biography, which makes for interesting reading and a substantial number of linkages between as many as six generations of family members.

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WELSH SETTLEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

The author, Charles H. Browning, follows hundreds of Welsh pioneers into Pennsylvania via the records of the various land companies who re-settled William Penn's famous grant of land along the Schuylkill River. For sources, he uses lists of settlers, land patents, plat maps, and biographical sketches to flesh out the process of settlement in Merion and the adjacent towns of Haverford and Radnor. Still other important features are a study of the sometimes strained affairs between Welsh Tract settlers and William Penn, various personal accounts by the settlers, and a history of the Quaker meetings founded within the Welsh Tract.

Was \$49.95 Now \$36.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=740&NLC-GenPointers1

GERMAN-AMERICAN RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS

The late genealogist Clifford Neal Smith was an expert on passenger records, and he was unusually adept at ferreting out passenger records and record substitutes from books published in German that eluded other researchers. Mr. Smith published those records in a series of pamphlets entitled, "German-American Research Monographs," which have since been reprinted by Clearfield Company. The following five monographs in that collection are on sale at this time.

EMIGRANTS FROM SAXONY (Grandduchy of Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach) to America, 1854, 1859. German-American Genealogical Research Monograph 4

Mr. Smith culled this book from two articles by Dr. Herbert Koch, published in 1959 and 1961, which name German emigrants found in official notices compiled in the process of issuing permits to leave Saxony. Mr. Smith has arranged the passengers in alphabetical order, giving their place of origin within Saxony and, in many cases, remarks such as name of spouse, number of offspring, and occupation. Most of these emigrants went to the U.S., others to Brazil or Canada.

Was \$14.50 Now \$10.50

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EMIGRANTS FROM THE PRINCIPALITY OF HESSEN-HANAU, Germany, 1741-1767. German-American Genealogical Research Monograph 6

Mr. Smith derived his list of emigrants from Hessen-Hanau from a register of the Privy Council of that former principality, which he discovered in the Staatsarchiv, Marburg, Germany. These passengers departed for America (principally Pennsylvania) as well as for Hungary, Lithuania, Pomerania, and Russia. For the researcher's convenience, Mr. Smith has arranged this booklet in two parts: (1) the body of the work consists of a chronologically arranged list of emigrants as they appeared in the original register; (2) the balance is an annotated index of all persons named in the register with their ages, ship traveled on, date of embarkation, and any other information Mr. Smith could attribute to them from Ralph B. Strassburger and William J. Hinke's classic work, "Pennsylvania German Pioneers."

Was \$12.50 Now \$8.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9852&NLC-GenPointers1

EMIGRANTS FROM THE WEST-GERMAN FUERSTENBERG TERRITORIES (Baden and the Palatinate) to America and Central Europe 1712, 1737, 1787. German-American Genealogical Research Monograph 9

Mr. Smith's list of emigrants from Fuerstenberg is based on a 1937 article by Hermann Baier, which compared emigration patterns from that principality over three widely scattered years. Most of the emigrants who did not go to America traveled instead to Hungary, from which their descendants might later have left for the U.S. This work provides the most information per passenger, as it indicates each individual by name, place of origin, year of emigration, destination (if known), source, and such comments as name of spouse, place or date of marriage, whether married before, name of parent(s), and so forth.

Was \$16.50 Now \$11.95

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EMIGRANTS FROM FRANCE (Haut-Rhin Department) to America. Part 1: 1837-1844; Part 2: 1845-1847. French-American Genealogical Research Monograph 2, Parts 1 and 2

This monograph is devoted to German-speaking individuals from the Upper Alsacian region of France, an area legendary for its change in rulers. The work is based on two surviving registers of passports issued by the departmental government between 1837 and 1847 for travel outside of France. Mr. Smith has culled nearly 2,000 records for persons whose destination was the U.S. Also included is a select group of emigrants whose

destination was given as Hamburg or London, cities which often were intermediate destinations in unreported emigration to America. Each entry includes the name of the emigrant, age, places of birth and residence, destination, profession, accompanying family members, plus entry number and date from the passport register.

Was \$22.50 Now \$16.50

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NINETEENTH-CENTURY EMIGRATION from Kreis Simmern (Hunsrueck), Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, to Brazil, England, Russian Poland, and the United States of America

Mr. Smith extracted the names in this booklet from two articles published in Germany in 1935 and 1938. In this work, the author has arranged the names of several thousand emigrants according to hometown of origin and, thereunder, by the county of destination. In most cases, we learn the emigrant's name, year emigrated, occupation, date of birth, and, frequently, the city or state of destination.

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"CONSULT YOUR ELDERS," by Franklin Carter Smith & Emily Anne Croom

[Editor's Note: This article is adapted from a chapter in the guide book, "A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your AFRICAN-AMERICAN ANCESTORS," by Franklin Carter Smith and Emily Anne Croom. This excerpt discusses strategies for gathering information from living family members and friends, highlighting the most productive lines of questioning, and anticipating some of the difficulties you may encounter with some of your interview subjects or correspondents.]

It is important to identify as many older living family members as possible. These can include parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents and their siblings, cousins, surviving spouses of deceased relatives, and even long-time family friends and neighbors. Seek out the "griot"--the person who is most knowledgeable about each family's history.

As soon as possible, contact these people via mail, e-mail, telephone, or personal visit. Each one can furnish information, if you ask the right questions. As you learn more, you may need to talk with an interviewee several times.

Interviews on tape can help preserve several aspects of family history. Remember that an audiotape is a memory of the person's voice as well as a source of information. Thus, the audiotapes you make could help family members of the future feel a special kind of connection with ancestors they never met. In addition, speech patterns and voice

inflections often carry over from one generation to the next in the same area. Thus, hearing your grandmother speak may tell you something of how your great-grandmother or other ancestors spoke.

General Interview Techniques:

1. If potential interviewees do not know you, introduce yourself and explain your reason for the contact--to ask for information about family history. Ask for a convenient time to call or visit.
2. If they know you, briefly explain your interest in family history and ask for a time when they could share with you some of their memories of family history.
3. Prepare specific questions in advance and tailor them to fit each person's place in the family of your interest. Someone in your mother's family, for example, may or may not know details about people on your father's side of the family. Also, most people know more about relatives they knew personally than relatives who lived elsewhere or who died before the interviewee was born.
4. If you contact the interviewee by mail, try one of these ideas. (a) Number your questions so your correspondent can respond easily, and keep a copy of the questions you send. (b) Type your questions and leave room for answers; ask your correspondent to answer on the page and return it to you.
5. Ask for names, vital statistics, and relationships, but also ask about family stories, oral tradition, and how the ancestors lived their daily lives.
6. Ask about specific events and people the interviewees knew well. Word your questions to trigger memories, and try to get explanations in addition to yes and no answers. If you ask "Do you remember anything about Grandpa Brown?" you may get "No" for an answer. On the other hand, you could begin with "Mama always said Grandpa Brown had four sisters. What were their names? Who was Cassie?"
7. Try to find out about your ancestors as people--their character, their personality traits, and stories that illustrate these traits.
8. If your interviewee has family artifacts, especially family Bibles or photographs, use these as triggers to conversation. Who were these people? How were they related to you (the interviewee)? What can you tell me about them? What was the occasion in the photograph?
9. Realize that failing memory may result in inaccurate information or mixed-up identities. However, record what you are told and later double-check what you can.
10. During an interview, record the conversation and/or take thorough notes. Label the tape or notes with your name, the interviewee's name, and the date and location of the visit. This information is your documentation of the information and the event:

"Interview with Aunt Susan Wilson, 9 October 2000, at her home in Pleasant Valley, Arkansas, by Jane Clark, on audiotape." Transcribe your notes soon after the interview while the conversation and details of family stories are fresh in your mind.

What If Some Relatives Won't Share?

Although most relatives will gladly share information and memories with those interested in family history, some relatives are reluctant to tell what they know. Genealogists cannot force people to talk, but knowing why some people decline may help you work out a strategy to help them overcome their unwillingness. Their hesitation may fall into one of several categories.

1. Some people may have had an unhappy or abusive childhood or marriage and prefer not to talk about it. One man did not want to remember anything prior to his marriage, and his family never knew the real reason. However, not long before he died, his son asked him for his parents' and siblings' names. These were the only clues the family had when they started working on family history. Research later suggested some reasons why the elderly man may not have wanted to remember his early years.

This category could also include those who grew up in a variety of family homes or children's homes, foster homes, or other institutions and perhaps feel embarrassment, shame, or guilt. Genealogists probably cannot anticipate or lessen the emotions these relatives may feel but may encourage them to talk about other aspects of family history.

2. Relatives may not understand what genealogists want to know and why they want to know it. One aunt was, at first, rather talkative and then began hedging on answering questions. Not understanding her sudden change of attitude, her nephew addressed the issue directly, saying that he sensed a reluctance on her part and wondered whether he had said anything to cause this change in their communication. She then explained an episode in her past that she had not wanted him to discover. He had to help her understand that this kind of episode was not what he, as the genealogist, was trying to uncover. In effect, she had completely misunderstood his quest as the family historian.

Genealogists need to make clear that they are looking for information on their ancestors and interesting family stories and memories. Some unhappy episodes may surface in the process, but genealogists are not seeking to open old wounds.

3. Other relatives may possess family papers but "refuse to share" with the genealogist. One young woman made this complaint about her older brother, who lived out of town and had all their parents' papers. When she approached the subject directly, she learned that the brother had no idea what was in the boxes, was very busy, and felt it was too time-consuming and expensive to take boxes of papers to a photocopier and send her all the copies. However, he was glad for her to come for a visit, go through the papers, and make copies of whatever she wanted. Sometimes relatives even give key documents to the genealogist. Of course, if family history enthusiasts do not know what is in the papers, they cannot know what copies to request. And sometimes, in their eagerness, they may ask too much or want answers too fast.

4. Family members may want to hide secrets that the family has had for generations. These "skeletons in the closet" may include many of the situations already mentioned but happened so long ago that the relatives involved are no longer living. Most families have included individuals who broke the law, had bad habits, made poor choices, or had unfortunate things happen to them. Genealogists can accept such events as facts in the family history and decide how much to include in a compilation of the family's past.

One researcher learned why her grandmother had refused to talk: A great-grandparent had been a stagecoach robber on the western frontier. The researcher became very interested in studying that family and discovered that the robber's sister had been a published playwright. While not condoning what the robber did, the genealogist wanted to know all, and it certainly enlivened the family history. [END]

For more suggestions about "consulting your elders" and to learn more about A GENEALOGIST'S GUIDE TO DISCOVERING YOUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN ANCESTORS by Franklin Carter Smith and Emily Anne Croom, please access the following link:

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EIGHT CDs ON SALE AGAIN!

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Did your ancestors settle in New England, Pennsylvania, Maryland, or Virginia? Could they have fought in one of the colonial wars or on either side during the American Revolution (Patriot v. Loyalist)? Are you looking for a forebear who can qualify you for membership in a lineage organization (or looking for a shortcut in your research)? Or, maybe one of your ancestors was affiliated with the Society of Friends (Quakers)?

No matter which of these questions rings a bell with you, the answer comes in the form of a recently remanufactured CD-ROM publication chockfull of hundreds of thousands of names derived from the best reference works on the topic. Each CD sells for a small fraction of the book value of its contents. Even better, you can buy each one of these easy-to-use and fully searchable CDs for \$10.00 below retail price until 11:59 PM, EDT, Friday, October 31, 2008. Read on for more details.

PILGRIM GENEALOGIES AND HISTORIES, 1600s-1900s

This Family Archive CD contains many of the most important books ever compiled on Pilgrims and their descendants. Linked by a single electronic name index, this outstanding CD value makes available 18 of the most highly regarded reference books pertaining to the Pilgrims, works such as "The English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers" by Charles Banks and "Records of Plymouth Colony: Births, Marriages, Deaths 1633-1689" by Nathaniel Shurtleff.

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PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, 1700s-1800s

Referring to more than 87,000 individuals, this CD is one of the largest bodies of Pennsylvania source materials ever produced. It includes all of the birth, baptism, marriage, and death records ever published in the "Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine" and "The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography."

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

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EGLE'S NOTES AND QUERIES OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1700s-1800s

This CD offers unprecedented advantages and savings to anyone undertaking research in central Pennsylvania. Comprising the 12 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.

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MARYLAND SETTLERS AND SOLDIERS

Consisting of the most authoritative books ever published on Maryland's role in the colonial wars, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812, as well as books containing newspaper abstracts, church records, records of marriages and deaths, tombstone inscriptions, and census records, this Family Archive CD contains a true cross-section of the records of some 325,000 early Maryland settlers and soldiers, all accessed through a single electronic index.

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VIRGINIA MILITARY RECORDS: Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, 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. This CD makes it possible, in many cases, to follow a soldier's entire military career from the date and place of his enlistment, to the battles and skirmishes he was engaged in, to his mustering out, while also gleaning details regarding his age, place of birth, place of residence, occupation, marital status, rank, bounty land awards, and names of spouse and children.

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LOYALISTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The 13 volumes of records on this Family Archive CD comprise some of the most useful works ever published on Revolutionary War Loyalists, varying from land records to pension records, from orderly books to diaries, from recruitment lists, muster rolls, and pay lists to biographies and lists of United Empire Loyalists. These volumes variously provide the following information: name, country or place of origin, occupation, names of family members and friends, location and value of confiscated property, civilian service rendered during the war, military service (rank, company, regiment, place of service, dates of enlistment and discharge, etc.), date of migration, place of settlement, certificates, petitions and claims for compensation, evidence of character, statements of witnesses, and a host of other details that could lead the researcher to a Loyalist ancestor.

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LINEAGES OF HEREDITARY SOCIETY MEMBERS, 1600s-1900s

Genealogical Publishing Company (GPC) has published the best lineage books in the field, and all are now available on this CD, which also contains an electronic index to the 440,000 persons named! A search on a single name will turn up all references to that name found in any of the 25 volumes contained herein.

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ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY

Painstakingly transcribed from Quaker monthly meeting records, William Wade Hinshaw's ENCYCLOPEDIA is the "magnum opus" on its subject. To create the ENCYCLOPEDIA, Hinshaw traveled around the country locating and abstracting

thousands upon thousands of records before assembling them into a uniform and intelligible system of notation and publishing them in seven telephone book-size volumes. The data is arranged by meeting, then alphabetically by family name, and chronologically thereunder. In its entirety, the ENCYCLOPEDIA consists of 500,000 record entries extracted from the Quaker monthly meetings of the Carolinas, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia. These records are now available on a CD, along with a complete electronic index, for \$59.99--a fraction of the \$500.00 cost of the original seven volumes.

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TWO MORE PENNSYLVANIA CDs Based on Periodicals

During the 1980s, GPC set about consolidating and indexing the best periodical literature in American genealogy. GPC assembled this periodical literature into a number of fully-indexed, multi-volume sets, thereby making these articles (many of them very scarce 19th-century publications) fully accessible for the first time. In the case of Pennsylvania, the pre-eminent magazines containing genealogical articles were "The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine" and "The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography" for Pennsylvania as a whole, and the "Proceedings and Addresses of the Pennsylvania German Society" for Pennsylvania German ancestry. Today, these massive consolidated sets of Pennsylvania genealogies and/or source records retail in the hundreds of dollars.

Fortunately for Pennsylvania researchers, the same articles reprinted in the aforementioned sets of books are also available on fully indexed and searchable CD-ROM publications. Image by image, the CDs, bearing the same names, correspond exactly to the contents of the four-volume "Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families" and the three-volume "Pennsylvania German Church Records." (Another CD extracted from these periodicals, PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, 1700s-1800s, is on sale this week and is featured in the previous article, as is the CD, EGGLE'S NOTES AND QUERIES of Pennsylvania, 1700s-1800s, which is based on a completely different periodical source.)

Please scroll down to learn more about these excellent electronic products.

GENEALOGIES OF PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES

This CD reproduces the pages of all three volumes of "Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families from 'The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine,'" as well as the single volume, "Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families from 'The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography.'" The four volumes together contain several hundred family history articles and Bible records, which reference approximately 74,000 individuals from Pennsylvania and the Delaware Valley.

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PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS, 1729-1870

This CD contains images of the pages of all three volumes of "Pennsylvania German Church Records," originally published by GPC. The volumes include all the church records ever published in the "Proceedings and Addresses" of the Pennsylvania German Society. The records refer to approximately 91,000 individuals and include births, baptisms, marriages, and burials. They identify people and their relationships to one another--not only parents and children, husbands and wives, but witnesses and sponsors as well.

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&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7130&NLC-GenPointers1)

FEATURED BOOKS FOR OCTOBER

Two of our most popular series of genealogy reference books are being transcribed by Native American genealogist Jeff Bowen and Maryland colonial authority Vernon (V. L.) Skinner. We are happy to report that volumes VII, VIII and IX of Mr. Bowen's series, **EASTERN CHEROKEE BY BLOOD**, 1906-1910 are now available, as are volumes XVI and XVII of **ABSTRACTS OF THE TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS** of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, by Mr. Skinner.

Jeff Bowen has added three more volumes in his series of transcriptions from the Guion Miller files, **EASTERN CHEROKEE BY BLOOD**, 1906-1910, bringing the total transcribed to nine volumes. Volume VII represents an additional 4,200 applications; Volume VIII, 4,100; and Volume IX, just under 4,000. Mr. Bowen culled every shred of genealogical value from the applications, which in every case provides the application number, applicant's name and city of residence, number of other persons in the applicant's family, references to family members found in other applications, and the disposition of the application. The researcher will find references to more than 19,000 Cherokee descendants in these three new volumes, bringing the total number of descendants in the nine volumes to about 59,000.

Until very recently, the records of Maryland's Prerogative Court were inaccessible to researchers because they lacked an index and were bound in volumes (libers), the dates of whose contents sometimes overlapped. Fortunately, genealogist Vernon Skinner has combed through administration, bond, will, inventory, administration account, and final balance entries to produce the series, **ABSTRACTS OF THE TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS** of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. The abstracts are arranged chronologically by court session, and in every instance they give the names of the principals (testators, heirs, witnesses, administrators, and so forth). This month Mr.

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Jeff Bowen and Vernon Skinner are not the only genealogical.com authors returning this month. David Dobson has compiled new books in his own right, each one continuing a different Dobson series.

SCOTLAND DURING THE PLANTATION OF ULSTER: The People of Ayrshire, 1600-1699 is the second volume of a series devoted to the inhabitants of south-west Scotland, who comprised the lion's share of persons who emigrated to Ulster in the 17th century. The first volume covered the inhabitants of Dumfries and Galloway.

The second new book from Mr. Dobson is the seventh and concluding part of the series, SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725, which concerns the Lowland Scots who migrated to Ulster between 1575 and 1725.

Mr. Dobson's third new book is IRISH EMIGRANTS IN NORTH AMERICA [1670-1830] Part Seven. This series documents the departure of thousands of individuals who left Ireland for the promise of the New World. As many as half of the immigrants referred to in Part Seven disembarked at Canadian ports in Ontario, while most of the rest entered North America through New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina.

In addition to these multi-volume authors, our featured books this month include the leading tool for U.S. census research, a comprehensive guidebook to German genealogical organizations and repositories, the definitive treatise on Welsh surnames, the best-selling book in all of American genealogy, and the leading study on North American Indian tribes.

Following is a complete list of our featured books for October. Immediately below is a link to the page on our website where you'll find short descriptions of each:

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Eastern Cherokee by Blood from the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1910:

- Volume VII: Applications 21,881-26,099
- Volume VIII: Applications 26,100-30,199
- Volume IX: Applications 30,200-34,185

Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland:

- Volume XVI: 1721-1724 [Liber 25 (pp. 88-135), 26, 27 (pp. 1-140)]
- Volume XVII: 1724-1727 [Liber 27 (pp. 141-402) & 28 (pp. 1-101)]

Scotland during the Plantation of Ulster: The People of Ayrshire

Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725. Part Seven

Irish Emigrants in North America [1670-1830]. Part Seven

Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920

Address Book for Germanic Genealogy
The Surnames of Wales for Family Historians & Others
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The Indian Tribes of North America

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BLOG: Land Research

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