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"THE CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS Relating to Ireland," by David Dobson, Ph.D.

Since the medieval period many of the records of the English government have been analyzed and inventoried in collections known as "Calendars." The documents have been transcribed, abstracted, and listed in chronological order in a series of publications, such as Calendar of State Papers, Domestic; Calendar of State Papers, Spanish; Calendar of State Papers, America and the West Indies; and Calendar of State Papers, Ireland.

The Calendar of State Papers, Ireland (CSP Ireland) is a relatively obscure source that is greatly underused by genealogical researchers. The CSP Ireland series was published in London in installments from the mid-19th century onwards, and it is available, to varying degrees, in a number of libraries in North America, such as the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, and Harvard University's library. There are three series of CSP Ireland: the first is comprised of four volumes covering the years 1171 to 1307, the second is of nine volumes spanning 1509 to 1600, and the third is of 13 volumes from 1603 to 1670.

This article deals with the Third Series of the CSP Ireland as a source for family historians interested in their Irish ancestry on the eve of the great migration of Irish to the Americas that commenced in the 17th century.

The CSP Ireland consists of letters sent by the English Crown's representative in Ireland--the Lord Lieutenant, or some other official--to the Secretary of State in London. The contents include correspondence from civil servants, military men, and members of the public, as well as abstracts of answers to such mail; accounts of expenditure or requests for funds; orders given to government officers in Ireland; proposals regarding English colonization in Ireland or for developing the economy; reports on the state of Ireland, etc.

The CSP Ireland is a mine of information on individuals, making it of paramount importance to researchers of Irish history and genealogy. The volumes are also easy to use as they are well indexed from 1509 to 1670 in the Calendar of State Papers, Ireland. From 1670 to 1700 they have been included in Calendar of State Papers, Domestic. While the published documents end around 1700, there are manuscript collections relating to the British government and Ireland in the National Archives in London. The

National Archives holds lists, while the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland in Belfast has much fuller lists for the later period; these, however, are incomplete and unindexed, which makes them difficult to use.

As explained above, the CSP Ireland contains a wide-ranging collection of documents, many of which contain data of interest to the family historian. Consider the following illustrations:

"In 1641 Sergeant Major Barry petitioned King Charles I thus--'Trained from youth in war, I was drawn from my home in Ireland to the Low Countries. There and in Spain and Upper Germany I served continually for 38 years. At the siege of Fueneravia (1638) I commanded the vanguard of the Spanish regiments and of the Irish regiments of Tyrone and Tyrconnel'."

"19 October 1669, Dublin. The following Tories have been brought to Dublin. They have surrendered themselves to be transported beyond the seas: Owen Duff McDonnell, Rory McDonnell, Fernando or Ferdorrough MacDonnell, Gilesprig McDonnell."

"In 1687 Patrick Sarsfield, senior, of Lucan, petitioned to be granted various rectories in counties Wicklow, Carlow, and Kildare, plus land in Lucan, in the parish of Lucan, barony of Newcastle, County Dublin."

"In 1699 King William III granted James Roch the forfeited estates of Andrew Murrogh of Ballenterry in County Cork, and of Walter and George Nangle in County Meath."

"In 1699 Catharine and Mary O'Hara petitioned King William III stating that their father Arthur O'Hara of Connough in Ireland had forfeited his estate through his support for King James. They had been brought up as Protestants by their mother and now petitioned for some allowance from their father's former estate."

"On 19 May 1699 Lord Galway wrote from Dublin Castle to James Vernon, Secretary of State, advising him that a Mr. Watkins of Cork was fitting out a ship there to take provisions to the new Scottish colony in America."

"The Calendar of State Papers, Ireland, Adventurers for Land, 1642-1659" (London, 1903) is particularly useful for those descended from the English who settled in or acquired land in Ireland around the middle of the 17th century. Many people in England provided finance to the Parliamentary army in Ireland in 1642, 1643, and 1647 in return for a promise of land there. This volume identifies the names and addresses of those who supplied funds and the lands which they, or their successors, were subsequently granted. For example:

"14 January 1659, List of Persons who drew lots for land in County Tipperary, barony of Clanwilliam--Hezekiah Woodward, assigned to Samuel Blackwell, Samuel Blackwell, assignee of John Pye and the Butchers Company; Rawleigh Clapham, John Man, Richard Deacon, for Samuel Blackwell as the assignee of John Pye and the Butchers Company,

and Joseph Ruthorne, for Clapham and Man, engage to stand to the particular lots as they fall out."

"25 March 1659, List of Persons who drew lots for land in the barony of Belfast, County Antrim--north-east quarter, John Alwood, John Ash, Ralph Clarke, and Andrew King; south-east quarter, John Alwood, John Ash, Thomas Bretland, Paul Fletcher, and Samuel Langworth; south-west quarter, Benjamin and Joseph Heathcott, Thomas Macumber, and Richard Wood; north-west quarter, William Pitcher, Nicholas Parry, John Sturdy, and John Steele."

"31 October 1654, Certificate by William Barnes, Mayor of the Borough of Clifton Dartmouth Hardnes, and by Lawrence Wheeler--John Rich of Dartmouth in Devon, cordwainer, to date deposed before them that the late Nathaniel Davy of Dartmouth, clerk, invested four pounds 13 shillings and nine pence in the Irish adventure in his lifetime. He left no will. Mary Davy, now living in Waterford or elsewhere in Ireland, is the sole daughter and heir of Nathaniel. Signed by the Mayor and Laurence Wheeler."

[Publishers's Note: The CSP Ireland is one of the sources used in Mr. Dobson's latest compilation, "The People of Ireland, 1600-1699." Readers can learn more about this and other November publications in the next article.]

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MORE NOVEMBER BOOKS from Clearfield Company

The inaugural volume in David Dobson's new series, **THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND, 1600-1699**, is one of four previously unadvertised November books described in this issue of "Genealogy Pointers." One of the others is the fourth volume in Mr. Dobson's other series, **SCOTTISH HIGHLANDERS ON THE EVE OF THE GREAT MIGRATION, 1725-1775**. The other two books include abstracts of the oldest wills on file in the office of the New York Secretary of State and a similarly ancient--though unofficial--set of Bible records from the states of the South. Please read on to learn more about these additional November releases.

THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND, 1600-1699: Part One

Family historians seeking their Irish roots of the 17th century are faced with using a wide range of alternative source material, both published and manuscript. Much of this is original material in Ireland not accessible to the ordinary researcher, while some of the publications can be located in only a few specialist libraries, such as The National Library of Ireland in Dublin or the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland in Belfast. It is these impediments that David Dobson's new series, **THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND, 1600-1699**, attempts to circumvent.

This work draws on primary sources, such as published government records, together with references found in Irish, English, Scottish, and Dutch archives. The single most

important source used in this volume is the Calendar of State Papers relating to Ireland (described in the foregoing article).

The aim of Mr. Dobson's new series is to provide information on ordinary people throughout Ireland (with the exception of people of Scottish origin who have been dealt with in Mr. Dobson's series, "Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725"). Thus, the people listed here are predominantly of native Irish and immigrant English origin, as well as a handful of Huguenot and Dutch immigrants. For Part One, Mr. Dobson provides sketches of about 1,400 inhabitants of Ireland in the 17th century, representative examples of which are quoted below:

"McManus, Terelogh, Bodkin, from Sligo aboard the 'John of Sligo' 18 tons bound via Spain to the West Indies on 24 July 1699, on a voyage of piracy."

"O'Connery, Bryne Duff, a 'tory' who surrendered to the government and was taken to Dublin to be 'transported beyond the seas' 9 October 1669."

"Plunkett, Nicholas, of Dunshaughlin, wife and seven children 1667."

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Scottish Highlanders on the Eve of the Great Migration, 1725-1775: THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS

In 2005 Clearfield Company launched a new series of books by David Dobson designed to identify the origins of Scottish Highlanders who traveled to America prior to the Great Highland Migration that began in the 1730s and intensified thereafter. The first three volumes in the series cover Scottish Highlanders from Argyll, Perthshire, and Inverness-shire; this latest volume pertains to the people of the Northern Highlands.

The Northern Highlands is an area that includes the counties of Caithness, Sutherland, Ross, and Cromarty. The main clans traditionally associated with the Northern Highlands were: Gunn, Mackay, Mackenzie, McLeod, Munro, Ross, Sinclair, and Sutherland, all of whom are represented in this volume. The Northern Highlanders were among the pioneers of colonial Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, and the Canadian Maritimes. Among the vessels that brought them to these places were the "Hector" to Nova Scotia in 1773, the "Friendship" to Philadelphia in 1774, and the "Peace and Plenty" to New York in 1774.

While the present volume is not a comprehensive directory of all people living in the Northern Highlands during the mid-18th century, it does pull together references to more than 2,100 18th-century inhabitants. In all cases, Mr. Dobson gives each Highlander's name, a place name or county within the Highlands, a date (of birth, residence, etc.), and the source. In the majority of cases, we also learn the identities of relatives, the individual's employment, vessel traveled, or other defining characteristic. Among the

primary sources Mr. Dobson consulted were the Northern Highland militia lists naming the participants who opposed the Jacobites in 1745-1746.

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[NEW YORK] CALENDAR OF WILLS on File and Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, of the County Clerk at Albany, and of the Secretary of State, 1626-1836

This sought-after volume is a collection of the earliest wills on record for New York State. It contains abstracts of 2,162 wills, giving the name of the testator, place of residence, date, names of wife and children, legatees, names of executors and witnesses, and the number of the will. Arranged in rough alphabetical order and thereunder in approximately chronological order, this work identifies some 15,000 persons from the wills, which were filed all around New York State. Fernow's introduction, consisting of an explanation of New York testamentary law, is another outstanding feature of this work. Contains a complete-name index.

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OLD SOUTHERN BIBLE RECORDS. Transcriptions of Births, Deaths and Marriages from Family Bibles, Chiefly of the 18th and 19th Centuries

This transcription of genealogical records found in 581 Southern family Bibles provides data on more than 15,000 individuals. Originally compiled in seven volumes of typescripts, the Bible records have been reassembled here and integrated into a single alphabetical sequence under the names of the principal families. Ranging all over the South, from Maryland to Mississippi, the Bibles reflect a continuity that is often absent in courthouse records, and they hold great promise in filling some of the lamentable gaps in the genealogy of the South. Contains a complete-name index.

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EXTRAORDINARY NEW JERSEY CD Among November's Featured Electronic Publications

One attribute of our CD-ROM publications that makes them so popular is the fact that they usually contain the images of pages of a multi-volume title or of a dozen or more different titles. In most cases, the price of the CD is only about 10% of what the books themselves would cost in the aggregate. The one notable exception to this policy is the NEW JERSEY BIOGRAPHICAL INDEX, by Donald A. Sinclair.

What makes the Sinclair CD so special? Well, for the sake of discussion, let us say that you have reached a dead-end in your effort to extend the lineage of your Hackensack, NJ, ancestor. Are you aware that the newspaper "The Bergen County Democrat" published a history of Hackensack in 1898, in which you might find a reference to him? Even if you have looked at every book with "Hackensack" in its title, what are the chances that you looked for that missing ancestor in the voluminous periodical, "New Jersey History" (previously, "Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society")? Did you explore the six-volume "Cyclopedia of New Jersey Biography," or the even more obscure "Historical Sketches of Parishes Represented in the Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New Jersey"? If you haven't, the good news is that Donald Sinclair has already combed through them for you.

The beauty of the NEW JERSEY BIOGRAPHICAL INDEX is that it references more than 100,000 New Jersey persons whose existence has been hidden in 237 "collective sources"--that is, multi-volume works possessing a professional, regional, or statewide focus, such as encyclopedias, histories with biographical components, certain annual reports and other serials, selected periodicals, and other collective biographical sources. Those 237 titles encompass nearly 2,000 individual volumes. Researchers should bear in mind that Mr. Sinclair did not concern himself with the more easily found books or pamphlets about some individual. Rather, he and his associates devoted 40 years (including an interruption for military service during World War II) to the much more difficult preparation of this INDEX based on collective sources.

So, yes, we have made available the contents of Mr. Sinclair's remarkable compilation in its own, single, searchable CD of the same name. A tribute to one man's scholarship and determination, the NEW JERSEY BIOGRAPHICAL INDEX is nothing less than the key that unlocks an entire library of hard-to-find New Jersey source materials.

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GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES from "Tyler's Quarterly"

This Family Archive CD contains all four volumes of "Genealogies of Virginia Families from 'Tyler's Quarterly'" and the multi-volume "Virginia Colonial Abstracts" by Beverley Fleet.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7187&NLC-GenPointers1

IRISH IMMIGRANTS to North America

This Family Archive CD contains 10 volumes of Irish passenger lists naming approximately 60,000 immigrants, the earliest list dating from 1735 and the latest to 1871. The majority of these lists derive from home-grown Irish sources. In fact, the Irish generally did not maintain emigration records, so that information is woefully sparse

prior to the 1890s. Deriving from widely disparate sources, it is highly unlikely that the researcher would have access to all the information found on this CD, which is here presented at a fraction of the cost of the books upon which it is based.

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GERMAN AND SWISS SETTLERS in America, 1700s-1800s

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

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ENGLISH ORIGINS of New England Families

This Family Archive CD contains hundreds of articles that were originally published in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" and subsequently collected and reprinted by GPC in six volumes under the title "English Origins of New England Families." Treating more than 1,500 families and referencing 150,000 individuals, this work contains all the immigrant origin data published in the first 137 volumes of the prestigious "Register." It is interesting to note that almost all living Americans with colonial Yankee forebears descend from several of the 1,500 immigrants covered in this work.

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PASSPORTS REVEAL WHEREABOUTS of Southeastern Pioneers

From the American Revolution to America's annexation of West Florida, any number of U.S. citizens traveled to the territory east of the Mississippi River (mostly Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri). Motivated by commercial opportunities in New Orleans, the lure of cheap land, the need to retrieve stolen property, and other factors, these intrepid pioneers left little record of their comings and goings. In large part, this was due to the fact that this area was under Native American or Spanish or British jurisdiction and to the transitory and migratory nature of life in the old "Southwest" (today's Southeastern states).

One record category that does shed light on their whereabouts is the passport. In theory, anyone traveling outside his/her nation's boundaries would have needed a passport. According to a federal statute of 1790, "No citizen or inhabitant of the United States shall go into the Creek country without a passport first obtained from the Governor or someone of the United States, or other officer of the Troops of the United States commanding at the nearest military post on the frontiers, or such other person as the President of the United States may, from time to time, authorize to grant the same."

In practice, the issuing of passports proved to be more complex. For instance, before 1824, the U.S. Secretary of War had responsibility for issuing passports for travel into Indian territory. The State Department, as supervisor of affairs in the federal territories, was responsible for issuing passports, often under the purview of a territorial governor. In a number of cases, state governors took it upon themselves to issue passports. The state of Georgia is a notable case in point. Since much of Georgia was on the American frontier at the time the Constitution was adopted, it was fairly commonplace for the Georgia executive to field requests for travel to the Creek Indian lands or to the Spanish and British settlements beyond. Other Americans obtained their passports directly from the Spanish government, often to the consternation of American officials.

As one might expect, the corpus of passport records for the period in question is widely dispersed. Some are to be found in the voluminous "Territorial Papers of the United States." In the case of Tennessee, which also issued its own passports, researchers have identified references in the papers of Governor John Sevier, among others. Another major collection can be found among the "Records of the United States Senate." Yet another source is the Bureau of Indian Affairs within the then U.S. War Department.

Fortunately for researchers of Southeastern forebears, the hunting and gathering has already been done for them--thanks to the efforts of Dorothy Williams Potter. Mrs. Potter spent eight years hunting for and transcribing passport records for the Southeastern states for the years 1770 to 1823. She has pulled all of this information together into a single volume entitled, *PASSPORTS OF SOUTHEASTERN PIONEERS, 1770-1823: Indian, Spanish and Other Land Passports for Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, Virginia, North and South Carolina*.

PASSPORTS OF SOUTHEASTERN PIONEERS identifies more than 13,000 persons named in passport references from all the aforementioned sources and more. Each entry gives the names of the passport recipients, the official granting the passport, the date the passport was executed, sometimes the name of a sponsor, and oftentimes other identifying particulars. The author cites the source of every entry in a copious notes section at the back of the book. She also explains the history of the passport process as it affected the various jurisdictions under consideration (Spanish Louisiana, Cherokee Indian Agency, Tennessee, Kentucky, the War Department, and so on). The book concludes with an extensive bibliography of sources and a complete-name index to the records. Is it any wonder that this outstanding reference work was awarded the Certificate of Merit by the Tennessee Historical Commission?!

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Of Related Interest:

COLONIZATION AND CONQUEST: British Florida in the Eighteenth Century

Lawrence Feldman is the author of two previous Clearfield Company publications pertaining to pre-statehood Florida: (1) "Anglo-Americans in Spanish Archives," a collection of census data on British-Americans who settled in Florida during the second period of Spanish domination (1784-1821); and (2) "The Last Days of British St. Augustine, 1784-1785," the transcription of a Spanish census of the English colony of East Florida.

For this latest work, Mr. Feldman has transcribed a variety of population lists for East and West Florida, dating from 1763 to 1784, based on British sources. Mr. Feldman discovered these records among the files of England's Public Record Office that had been copied for and deposited in the Library of Congress in the 1920s. These heretofore unpublished sources consist of lists of refugees, signatories to oaths of allegiance, lists of inhabitants, council members, militia, intra-Florida migrants, and more. Each list has the virtue of placing individuals in a specific location at a particular point in time. In some cases, the schedules also give a person's marital status, number of children, race, and/or occupation.

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MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY in the War of 1812

Eron Opha Rowland's detailed historical narrative treats all the major conflicts in the Mississippi theatre, commencing with the Battle of Burnt Corn in July 1813 and the massacre at Fort Mims--which resulted in Andrew Jackson's assumption of command--through the Battle of Horseshoe Bend to the legendary Battle of New Orleans. Of greater genealogical interest, however, is the book's "Rolls of Mississippi Commands in the War of 1812," a 76-page section giving the names and ranks of upwards of 7,500 soldiers and officers.

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HISTORY OF THE LOST STATE OF FRANKLIN (Low in stock)

This scarce work should be of interest to all researchers with early Tennessee ancestors inasmuch as it covers the controversial period prior to statehood when the settlement in eastern Tennessee was under quasi-independent rule. One such controversy involved the creation in 1784 by John Sevier and others of a separate, self-governing territorial unit

from lands in western North Carolina known as the State of Franklin. The Franklin episode, and all of its participants, is the subject of this volume.

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FEATURED CDs & BOOKS for November

We are featuring several fine CD products at www.genealogical.com this month. One of them is "Genealogies of Virginia Families from 'Tyler's Quarterly'," an electronic version of a family history consolidation assembled from a major Virginia periodical and published in book form by GPC in the 1980s. Our other November CDs, all fully indexed and searchable, contain the page images of books dealing with (1) Irish passengers to North America, (2) 18th-century German and Swiss passengers, (3) the English genealogical origins of colonial New England settlers, and (4) New Jersey settlers.

Anyone who reads this newsletter on a regular basis is familiar with the books of Scottish immigration expert David Dobson. He is the compiler of scores of volumes pertaining to the people and vessels associated with Scottish and Irish emigration to the New World from the 1600s through the 1800s. Mr. Dobson has organized his findings into several series, including one entitled "Scots in the USA and Canada, 1825-1875." We are pleased to announce the release of Part Five (as well as a reprint edition of Part Four) of this series this month.

All of our other publications for November represent reprints of classic reference books in American genealogy. These eight titles encompass some of the earliest recorded marriages of colonial America; a study of the signers of the "Mayflower" Compact; genealogies of the early families of Herkimer County, New York; genealogies and source records of Allegheny and Lancaster counties, Pennsylvania; and wills and administrations of Isle of Wight, Surry, and Fauquier counties in Virginia.

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

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CDs:

Genealogies of Virginia Families from "Tyler's Quarterly"

Irish Immigrants to North America

German and Swiss Settlers in America, 1700s-1800s

English Origins of New England Families

New Jersey Biographical Index

BOOKS:

New! Scots in the USA and Canada, 1825-1875. Part Five

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American Marriage Records Before 1699
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