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We want to take this opportunity to thank our readers, both old and new, for their time and attention to "Genealogy Pointers" in 2008. We extend our sincere best wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous holiday season and a Happy and prosperous New Year!

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DISCOUNTED DECEMBER CD Covers New England-Nova Scotia Connection

Published between 1896 and 1910, George Brown's columns in the "Yarmouth [Nova Scotia] Herald" focused almost exclusively on New England families who migrated to Nova Scotia around the time of the American Revolution, many of them descended from Mayflower colonists. In article after article, Brown traced these families from their earliest known origins in the Old World down to the end of the 19th century, his combined output amounting to an encyclopedia of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, families.

In 1993, GPC published an indexed, consolidated edition of the Brown articles entitled, "Yarmouth, Nova Scotia Genealogies." Assembled, re-typeset, and indexed by William and Martha Reamy, "Yarmouth, Nova Scotia Genealogies" refers to about 60,000 individuals, making it the centerpiece in published Nova Scotia genealogy.

"Yarmouth, Nova Scotia Genealogies" is just one of the six books that we have imaged and indexed for our CD-ROM publication, ONTARIO AND NOVA SCOTIA SETTLERS, 1796-1860. When purchased separately, these six books--all pre-eminent works on Nova Scotia or Ontario pioneering families--would cost upwards of \$200.00. When you buy our Ontario/Nova Scotia CD, you obtain the contents of all the books, along with a search mechanism to every name in the volumes, for just \$39.99 (scarcely a tenth of the cost of the books). And for a limited time we are offering this CD at the discounted price of \$29.99!

ONTARIO AND NOVA SCOTIA SETTLERS, 1796-1860

While no single body of records identifies all immigrants and settlers in Nova Scotia and Ontario before Confederation in 1867, the six books included on this CD comprise the largest pool of information on early Canadian settlers available, naming more than 130,000 settlers from Ireland, Scotland, England, and North America, many of them Loyalists from disbanded regiments or pro-British refugees fleeing New York and New England. Based on the best primary and secondary sources available, these works contain a mix of data featuring name, occupation, residence, place of origin, age, family members, name of ship, date of arrival, military affiliation, and land grants.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

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Also of Interest:

Each of the four CDs below--not to mention our entire CD collection at http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_cd.html&NLC-GenPointers1--represents a similar value. Whether your roots go back to Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, or Georgia, you'll acquire a terrific collection of key reference works in your field--at a fraction of the cost of the books themselves. Scroll down and see what we mean.

MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

The majority of the 17 books featured on this CD deal with vital records, passenger lists, censuses, and military records of a slightly later era. Including the first two censuses of Massachusetts for 1790 and 1800, information found on this CD generally consists of name, age, occupation, date and place of birth, marriage, and death, date of arrival, place of residence, family relationships, details of military service, and date and place of burial. Connections from one book to another make this CD a formidable research tool.

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MARYLAND SETTLERS AND SOLDIERS

This Family Archive CD consists of the most authoritative books ever published on Maryland 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. It contains a true cross-section of the records of some 325,000 early Maryland settlers and soldiers.

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EARLY NORTH CAROLINA SETTLERS

Comprising a basic library of North Carolina genealogy, this Family Archive CD names some 200,000 individuals who lived in North Carolina during the 1700s and 1800s. It consists of numerous volumes of marriage records, death records, land records, historical sketches, and biographies. Combining personal recollections and biographies with source records and local histories, this CD contains a perfect blend of genealogical records and family histories easily accessed by a single electronic index. Among the unique resources assembled here is the famous periodical edited by James Hathaway, the "North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register," which contains 2,000 pages crammed with data on North Carolina's Old Albemarle region.

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EARLY GEORGIA SETTLERS

Six of our best Georgia titles are imaged and indexed on this CD. Based on census and immigration records and on family histories, the CD is especially important because it covers a period of time prior to the keeping of official vital records, and it incorporates many of the earliest records pertaining to Georgia as both colony and state. Among the important records sources included on this CD are the earliest surviving censuses for the state of Georgia and a comprehensive list of the first settlers of Georgia.

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SIX DAYS LEFT to Cash in on Our 50% OFF Holiday Sale!

(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 PM, EST, Monday, December 29, 2008)

On November 1 we halved the prices on 54 reference books. With some exceptions, the books on sale are popular, steady sellers; in the case of the handful of bargain basement titles in this sale, we dropped the prices even further! You still have six days to take advantage of our 50% off holiday sale!

The books in this sale run the gamut of our collection, from lineage society indexes to passenger lists, military records, vital records of all kinds, probate and land records, how-to books, and more. Geographical coverage includes many of the U.S. states east of the Mississippi, Canada, the British Isles, Germany, and the Caribbean.

Although some of these sale items are now out of stock, you can still choose from many others in the waning moments of this terrific offer.

Between now and 11:59 PM, EST, Monday, December 29, 2008, you can still acquire any number of terrific books at unusually low prices--books for your favorite genealogist, books for your genealogical society or public library, or books for your own reference shelf.

You can pick your favorite titles from the list at the following URL, where you will find a link to each book's full description. Good shopping!

http://www.genealogical.com/content/homepage_feature.html&NLC-GenPointers1

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OUR CDs Based on Genealogy Periodicals

Before the day of the USGenWeb project, devoted transcribers toiled to make court records available to researchers who lived a distance from the courthouse, and they frequently turned to genealogical periodicals as a means of disseminating the records. Some genealogy journals were published by venerable societies; others by conscientious individuals who prided themselves on their extraction abilities and their service to the genealogy community. The genealogy periodical literature is vast, and it is unique in that its contents--linked genealogies and compiled source records--are not only invaluable but also may be found in no other place!

During the 1980s, GPC consolidated the best of the periodical literature into book form, bringing it within reach of researchers who, for the most part, lacked access to complete sets of the journals and, in any case, had no indexes with which to search them. In recent years, we have imaged the contents of those multi-volume collections onto CD-ROM discs. These CDs are much less expensive than the bound volumes (some of which are now out of print) and are fully searchable by means of electronic indexes.

The following 17 CDs are based entirely on genealogy periodicals. They represent the equivalent of 60 published volumes, each about 1,000 pages long, taken from thousands of issues of the original journals. Each CD costs between one-fourth and one-tenth the cost of the books on which it is based. The CDs are an even greater savings over the cost of the original, unindexed journals--assuming you could get your hands on them. The savings in time required to reconstruct the information found on these CDs, of course, is incalculable.

We invite you to study the descriptions of these 17 CDs to see if you, too, couldn't profit from having genealogy periodicals in your library.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: In order to read any of the CDs below, you must use version 4.0 or higher of the Family Archive Viewer, which is available as a free download at www.genealogy.com/dlfav6.html. You can also use Family Tree Maker for Windows. See our website for details: www.genealogical.com/content/cd_help.html. (Family Tree Make software can be ordered from www.familytreemaker.com/.)

IMMIGRANTS TO THE NEW WORLD, 1600s-1800s

This CD contains images of the pages from five books, each of which contains a complete collection of articles on ships' passenger lists that originally appeared in America's most prestigious genealogy periodicals. All articles identified by Harold Lancour in his celebrated "Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists, 1538-1825" can be found on this CD. These books refer to approximately 58,000 individuals who arrived in New England or the mid-Atlantic colonies/states between 1572 and 1878.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7170&NLC-GenPointers1

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.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7181&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF MAYFLOWER FAMILIES, 1500s-1800s

This CD contains four volumes published by GPC: "Genealogies of Mayflower Families, Volumes I-III" and "Mayflower Source Records." Combined, these works refer to 111,000 Mayflower passengers and their descendants.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7171&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF CONNECTICUT FAMILIES [with "Families of Ancient New Haven"]

This CD contains a collection of articles originally published in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" and reprinted by GPC under the title "Genealogies of Connecticut Families," as well as "Families of Ancient New Haven," compiled by America's foremost genealogist, Donald Lines Jacobus, and comprising the first eight volumes of what became one of America's premier periodicals, "The American Genealogist."

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7179&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES (Low in stock)

This CD contains "Genealogies of Rhode Island Families," a two-volume work, published by GPC, of articles culled from the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register." It features many of the best genealogical articles of the past 140 years, and it includes important contributions by leading 19th- and 20th-century genealogists, such as the formidable G. Andrews Moriarity. Contains references to 46,000 individuals!

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7180&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF KENTUCKY FAMILIES

The principal genealogy periodicals for the Bluegrass State were "The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society" and "The Filson Club History Quarterly." In 1981, GPC published the genealogies--some 200 in all--from both of these distinguished Kentucky periodicals in a three-volume, 2,500-page set referencing 50,000 Kentucky ancestors. At one-fifth the cost of the original volumes, this CD is an extraordinary value you won't want to pass up.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7185&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF NEW JERSEY FAMILIES

This Family Archive CD contains the two-volume set, "Genealogies of New Jersey Families." Referencing more than 40,000 individuals who lived between the 1600s and 1800s, this collection is essential to anyone interested in New Jersey ancestry.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7182&NLC-GenPointers1

EARLY SETTLERS OF NEW YORK STATE (Temporarily out of 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 is today 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.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7183&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF LONG ISLAND FAMILIES

Composed of articles originally appearing in "The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record," this Family Archive CD contains references to some 60,000 individuals from the present-day counties of Suffolk, Kings, and Queens. Information in the articles varies, but typically the records include genealogies, censuses, newspapers, town records (including marriages and deaths), Bible and family records, wills, and deeds. Many of the genealogies establish the English or Dutch origins of a family.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7173&NLC-GenPointers1

OHIO VITAL RECORDS #1, 1800-1850

This CD consists of a fully indexed and searchable version of the Ohio genealogy magazine, "Gateway to the West," which was published by Anita Short and Ruth Bowers from 1967 to 1978. From common pleas court records, guardianships, naturalizations, and deed abstracts to the more conventional births, marriages, deaths, cemetery records, and wills, "Gateway" offered a range of genealogical source material spanning 76 of Ohio's 88 counties. This terrific CD covers 93,000 Ohio settlers from the first half of the 19th century--every one of whom is searchable by means of the CD's electronic index. Compared to the original \$125.00 selling price of the bound book version, OHIO VITAL RECORDS #1 is a genealogist's bargain.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7175&NLC-GenPointers1

PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, 1700s-1800s

Originally published in three volumes by GPC, this is a collection of every article about births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths that ever appeared in "The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography" and the "Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine." Referring to more than 87,000 individuals, PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS is one of the largest bodies of Pennsylvania source materials ever published. The records date from 1701 to 1882 and cover all regions of Pennsylvania.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7172&NLC-GenPointers1

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, which refer to approximately 91,000 individuals, include births, baptisms, marriages, and burials, and 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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GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES from "The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography"

This CD contains all five volumes of "Genealogies of Virginia Families from "The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography," originally published by GPC in 1981. The five volumes together contain all the family history articles that appeared in VMHB from its inception in 1893 to 1977.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7162&NLC-GenPointers1

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," which originally had been published serially in "The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography."

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7186&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES from "Tyler's Quarterly"

This Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of all four volumes of "Genealogies of Virginia Families from 'Tyler's Quarterly'" and the multi-volume "Virginia Colonial Abstracts" by Beverley Fleet. The multi-volume set contains all 350 family history articles published in "Tyler's Quarterly" from its inception in 1919 until its demise in 1952. Fleet's abstracts contain some of the earliest Virginia records known to exist, such as vital records of birth, marriage, and death, tax lists, court orders, militia lists, wills, and deeds.

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

VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS, 1600s-1800s

This Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the following six books, which were originally published by GPC: (1) "Virginia Vital Records," (2) "Virginia Marriage Records," (3) "Virginia Will Records," (4) "Virginia Land Records," (5) "Virginia Military Records," and (6) "Virginia Tax Records." Altogether, the articles refer to 130,000 individuals.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7174&NLC-GenPointers1

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PREVIEW OF NEW BOOKS FOR 2009

Here is a glimpse of some of the new books you can expect to read about in "Genealogy Pointers" during the first few months of 2009, including the all-new, Fifth Edition of the INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK!

INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK. All-new Fifth Edition

The long-awaited Fifth Edition of one of the most important reference books in genealogy, the INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK, by Thomas J. Kemp, will be available shortly after the New Year.

At one time or another all of us need copies of birth, marriage, or death certificates for driver's licenses, passports, jobs, Social Security, family history research, or for simple proof of identity. But the requirements and fees needed to obtain copies of vital records vary from state to state and from country to country, often requiring a time-wasting exchange of correspondence before the appropriate forms can be obtained. The INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK puts an end to all that, as it offers complete, up-to-date information on how and where to request vital records. It also includes copies of the application forms, where available, thus simplifying and speeding up the process by which vital records are obtained.

The Fifth Edition is the first update to this classic work in nine years. A complete revamping of the Fourth Edition, the 2009 version contains completely updated vital records information, the latest application forms, notes on vital records collections and online databases, and details on records created prior to statewide registration. No personal or library collection is complete without it.

VOLUME II of ERIN'S SONS: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853

Despite the flow of Irish through Atlantic Canada, the early records of these immigrants are fewer and less informative than those of New England and New York for the same period. The series ERIN'S SONS goes a long way toward rectifying this problem. Volume II of ERIN'S SONS covers the same time period as the first volume and the same geographic area--the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia--and it lists an additional 7,000 Irish arrivals in Atlantic Canada before 1853. What is remarkable about this second volume is the rich variety of information derived from hard-to-find sources such as church records of marriages and burials, cemetery records, headstone inscriptions, military description books, newspapers, poor house records, and passenger lists.

"He Loves a Good Deal of Rum": MILITARY DESERTIONS DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 1775-1783. Volume I, 1775-June 30, 1777

One expert estimates that as many as 25% of the men who enlisted in the cause of American Independence ultimately deserted the ranks. This latest offering from Joseph Lee Boyle--the first volume in a projected two-volume series--explains the factors that coalesced to foster this problem. Mr. Boyle then goes on to transcribe the newspaper notices between 1775 and June 30, 1777 that identify the missing soldiers. Each notice in "He Loves a Good Deal of Rum" describes the individual by physical features, his place of birth or last residence, occupation, company served in, date missing, and other characteristics. The index lists every full name given in the notices, or roughly 4,000 names in all.

TENNESSEE ADOPTIONS, 1805-1900

Compiler Alan N. Miller is best known for his transcriptions of Tennessee apprenticeship records. His new book, TENNESSEE ADOPTIONS, 1805-1900, abstracts adoptions buried in state legislative records and the even more widely scattered adoption proceedings in local court records for the entire 19th century. The entries in this work have been condensed in order to present all the genealogically significant data in a compact but readable form. Accounts of why a child was available for adoption are always included. These include stories of waifs found on a train, on the porch, in a haystack, or wandering the streets, as well as more mundane tales of abandonment and parental death, disability, or penury.

EASTERN CHEROKEE BY BLOOD, 1906-1910. Cherokee-Related Records of Special Commissioner Guion Miller. Volume X: Applications 34,186 to 38,215 from the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1910

Jeff Bowen has now added the tenth volume in his series of transcriptions from the Guion Miller files. Volume X includes 4,030 new transcriptions. 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. In some instances, Mr. Bowen has supplemented the core elements found in the abstracts with references to other family members by name, relationship(s), and dates of birth and/or death. The researcher will find references to more than 4,500 Cherokee descendants in Volume X, bringing the total number of descendants in the ten volumes to over 63,000.

NOBLE FAMILIES OF PORTUGAL. [Volume One:] ABREU
Translated and Edited by Luis Pontes

Manoel Jose da Costa Felgueiras Gaio (1750-1831) born in Barcelos, in the northern Portuguese Province of Minho, is one the most important genealogists of all time in Portugal, and certainly the best-known. The book at hand represents the first volume of a new English-language edition of his life's work, the Nobiliario, or NOBLE FAMILIES OF PORTUGAL. The aim of this translation is twofold: to keep the content as close as possible to the original text and at the same time to adopt a fluent, modern style easily accessible to today's reader. Additionally, this edited translation provides cultural and historical background information, changes the numbering of sections and subsections (frequently incorrect in the original text), and comments on contradictions and ambiguities in the original, often correcting information and eliminating repetitiveness. Editor Luis Pontes has also modified the arrangement of the compendium, dividing it into smaller parts; for instance, this first volume concentrates solely on the Abreu families of Regalados and Grade.

Clearfield Company, publisher of the first volume in this series, is proud to be able to make this heretofore inaccessible collection of Portuguese genealogies available to Americans of Portuguese and Spanish descent. A couple noteworthy features are that each Abreu family branch is traced for as many as five or six generations, and internal cross-references link different branches and different families. All in all, we believe that this unique work goes a long way toward serving the genealogical needs and interests of the "Portuguese diaspora" across the world.

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BLOG: Understanding Death Records

Carolyn Barkley turns her attention to death records in this week's new article on our blog, www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com. Have you tapped into all the sources of death records pertaining to your ancestors? Are you using them effectively? Visit the blog today and find out!

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