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- *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*
- *Spotlight & Sale on ME, NH & VT Books*

We just learned that on January 26, 2018, the **Utah Genealogical Association** presented author Val Greenwood with its “**Silver Plate**” award in recognition of his many years of significant accomplishment in the field of genealogy. The timing of this award coincided with the publication of two more strong reviews of Mr. Greenwood’s *The Researcher’s Guide to American Genealogy. 4th Edition*, including a review that appeared in the prestigious Midwest Book Review, a key source for public library collection development. We have reprinted those reviews, in whole or in part, below.

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From *Midwest Book Review*, January 2018

“ . . . This fourth edition of *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* provides a clear, comprehensive, and up-to-date account of American genealogy that incorporates all the newest developments, principles, and resources relevant to family history research. It should be noted that there are now two chapters about technology as it relates to family history research -- one dealing with significant concepts and definitions and the other with specific resources and applications, including major family history websites and Internet resources. In addition, virtually every chapter provides information on Internet websites pertinent to the subject discussed in that chapter.

“Critique: Thoroughly 'family genealogist friendly' in organization and presentation, *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* is unreservedly endorsed as an essential, core addition to personal, professional, genealogical, community, and academic library Genealogy Instructional Reference collections and supplemental studies reading lists. *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* is detailed, accessible, and a "must-have" for anyone with a personal or professional interest in American genealogy. Highly recommended.” --Micah Andrew, Reviewer

From the website *Goodreads*, January 6, 2018

“Even the most experienced genealogists sometimes need help. “Since 1973, some of the most valuable help available has been found in Val D. Greenwood’s *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*. And now there’s a fourth edition of the book with even more contemporary assistance. This update is the first since 2000 and much has changed in the world of research since then.

“The price of the paperback edition (no other version currently available) may be off-putting for some. But, trust me, whether you’re just starting out or are a veteran, this is the best guide available and probably has the answer to any questions you might have about researching family history. This latest version includes chapters on computer technology and Internet

research, including information on the major family history websites and the subject of DNA testing.

“These innovations are, of course, interesting and valuable. But the best value, particularly to the newcomer, is Greenwood's splendid advice on how to get started, find resources, organize research and utilize your findings in the most helpful manner. Aside from a personal mentor at your side on a regular basis, you can't get much better help.

“As librarian of my county historical society I encounter neophytes on a regular basis who need the type of help Greenwood provides in easy to read chapters on every aspect of research, solid advice enhanced by his years of personal experience. And there are lots of illustrations and charts to help focus on the information you need to find what you're looking for.

**“This book is a resource the reader will come back to time and time again.”--
J.R. Lindermuth’**

[*View The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*](#)

72-Hour Spotlight & Sale on Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont Books

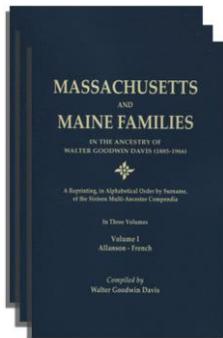
Sale prices expire 11:59 PM EST, February 15th, 2018

The northern New England states (Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont) were inhabited later than their southern neighbors and, one way or another, derived or wrested their existence from them. Maine, for example, once the property of Sir Ferdinando Gorges, was acquired by Massachusetts in 1677 and became known as the Province of Maine of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Although Maine was an important battleground during the Revolution and War of 1812, it did not achieve statehood until 1820. New Hampshire, once a part of Maine, came under Massachusetts' control in 1641. Although New Hampshire became a royal province in 1679, it would again be governed by Massachusetts between 1699 and 1741.

Land disputes played an important part in the colonial history of the three northern New England colonies, especially in the case of Vermont, where grantees from New Hampshire and New York held rival claims. Even after the English crown ruled in favor of New York, a number of Vermonters refused to bow to that colony's demand that they obtain new grants. Instead, they formed the famous Green Mountain Boys, a resistance group that, coincidentally, helped defeat the British at Ft. Ticonderoga and Crown Point during the Revolution. A Vermont assembly ultimately declared independence from New York, and the former colony was granted statehood in 1791.

The people of northern New England were a fairly homogeneous lot prior to 1800. Most colonial inhabitants could trace their roots directly to southern New England or England itself. Eighteenth-century Maine and New Hampshire attracted infusions of Scotch-Irish; New Hampshire attracted some Huguenots as well. During the following century the influx of Canadians--notably from Quebec and Nova Scotia--Scandinavians, and Germans brought greater diversity to the region.

Did your ancestors come from northern New England before the Civil War? If so, you stand a good chance of tracking them down with the following reference books, which **we have placed on sale through 11:59 PM EST, Thursday, February 15.**

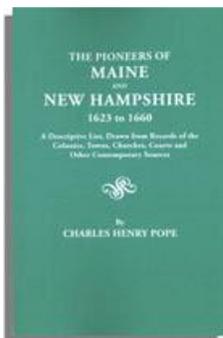


Massachusetts and Maine Families, 1650s-1930s (CD)

Walter Goodwin Davis' "Massachusetts and Maine Families," is a three-volume work that treats all 180 families deriving from each of the author's 16 great-great-grandparents. Almost anyone with considerable New England ancestry--and as many as 100 million living Americans have some colonial New England forebears--will descend from one or more, often a dozen or more, of the 180 families covered here. This work is largely a compendium of "North of Boston" families.

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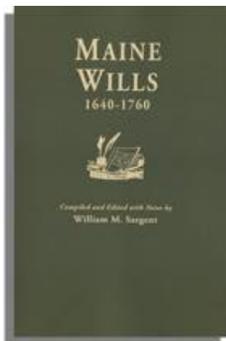


The Pioneers of Maine and New Hampshire, 1623-1660

These genealogical notices on 1,000 early settlers of Maine and New Hampshire constitute a crucial revision and supplement to the Maine/New Hampshire entries in Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England." The notices were compiled from public and private archives as well as ships' passenger lists.

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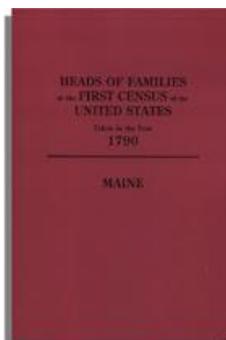


Maine Wills, 1640-1760

This volume of Maine wills is regarded as one of the greatest sources for colonial genealogy ever published. It is a faithful transcript of 471 wills, and it contains data on several thousand related individuals for the years 1640-1760. Information contained in the wills includes full name of the testator, names of heirs and their relation to the testator, bequests of real and personal property, names of executors, witnesses and appraisers, and dates of recording and probate. Four separate indexes conveniently guide the reader to his objective.

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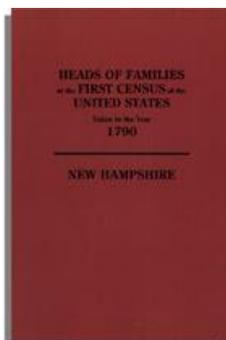


Heads of Families at the First Census of the U.S. Taken in the Year 1790: MAINE

The Maine federal census for 1790 lists approximately 15,500 heads of household.

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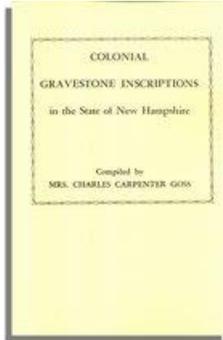


Heads of Families at the First Census of the U.S. Taken in the Year 1790: NEW HAMPSHIRE

The New Hampshire federal census for 1790 lists about 22,000 heads of household.

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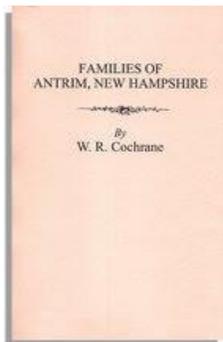


Colonial Gravestone Inscriptions in the State of New Hampshire

Mrs. Charles Carpenter Goss has assembled a list of about 12,500 names found on New Hampshire headstones prior to 1770. Her transcriptions are as complete a record of colonial New Hampshire gravestone inscriptions as we are ever likely to have.

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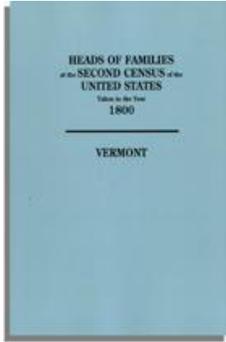


Families of Antrim, New Hampshire

Families of Antrim, New Hampshire comprises the second half of W. R. Cochrane's centennial history of the town, in which the compiler endeavored to record the genealogy, however fragmentary, of every family born or associated with Antrim from 1777 to the time of the book's publication in 1880. Many of the genealogies, it should be noted, span the town's 100-year history to 1877 and/or are replete with biographical information on their subjects. Arranged alphabetically by surname, the sketches number nearly 1,000.

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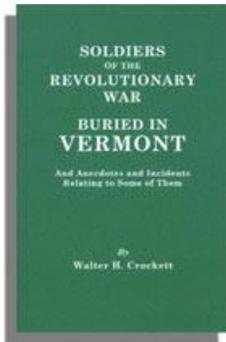


Vermont Heads of Families at the Second Census of the U.S. Taken in the Year 1800

The federal census of Vermont for 1800 was never published by the government. It survived in the form of the original enumerators' sheets until 1938, when the Vermont Historical Society published it for the first time. Names of the heads of households are given in full, and for each household the number of free white males and females, by five age groups, and the number of other associated persons except untaxed Indians are also given. Altogether, over 25,000 families are listed.

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Soldiers of the Revolutionary War Buried in Vermont

This unusual work lists the names of nearly 6,000 Revolutionary soldiers buried in Vermont, many of the soldiers having emigrated there from other states during the years immediately following the Revolution. The names were gathered from a variety of sources, but the largest number by far was extracted from a rare list of Vermont Revolutionary War pensioners. The soldiers are listed alphabetically by county or town of interment.

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