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Genealogist John Anderson Brayton is one of our leading experts on North Carolina, Virginia, and royal genealogy. Mr. Brayton is the author of 14 books and numerous articles in highly respected periodicals, including the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register" and the "North Carolina Genealogical Journal." The author has cultivated a broad knowledge of 17th- and 18th-century sources, and his publications are known for their extraordinary attention to detail. Mr. Brayton's findings are always accompanied by faithful transcriptions of the original sources upon which they are based. Not one to accept older scholarship at face value, his findings have resulted in the debunking of myths and mistakes in any number of older genealogy publications.

With this issue of "Genealogy Pointers" we are delighted to introduce our readers to a handful of Mr. Brayton's books. These works include the first volume of a projected three-volume series that documents the genealogies of qualifying ancestors of the Order of the First Families of North Carolina; transcriptions of the oldest deeds on record for Currituck County, North Carolina; and one of John Brayton's earliest publications, "The Complete Ancestry of Tennessee Williams," and its addendum, "The Ancestry of General James Robertson 'Father of Tennessee.'" If your research touches on any of these subjects, Mr. Brayton's scholarship is worthy of your most serious attention.

ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF NORTH CAROLINA. Registry of Ancestors. Volume 1

Membership in the distinguished Order of the First Families of North Carolina requires having an ancestor who lived in North Carolina before it became a royal colony on July 12, 1729. The work at hand--the first in a series--proposes to describe the genealogies of the organization's qualifying ancestors. Undertaken with the blessing of the Order of the First Families, most of Mr. Brayton's genealogies follow each ancestor's family for a full first and second generation, down to the fourth, with drop-charts describing descent to members.

The ancestors in Volume 1 are: John Alston, Sr., of Chowan Co.; William Bennett of Northampton Co.; John and James Drake of Bertie Co., and John Collins; Gov. William Drummond; Nathaniel Everett of Tyrell Co.; William Bridgers, John Cotton Osborne,

and Simon Jeffreys; Capt. John Speir; William Whitehead; Benjamin Laker of Perquimans Co.; John Mann II; Thomas Mann II; Dr. Godfrey Spruill; Ann Walker; Henry Norman I and II; and Thomas Vinson of Surry Co., VA, and Northampton Co., NC.

Spanning over 600 pages, Volume 1 demonstrates John Brayton's usual fastidious approach to family history. The author documents all of his sources, chapter by chapter, and includes abstracts and transcriptions of the original documents supporting his findings. The introduction is a learned essay that explains the particular problems posed by the sources for documenting each qualifying ancestry. With a full name index, place index, slave index, registry of ancestors, and a current bibliography, this inaugural volume refers to more than 17,000 ancestors and their descendants. Destined to stand alongside John Dorman's impeccable "Adventurers of Purse and Person," its Virginia counterpart, the ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF NORTH CAROLINA is must reading for anyone interested in the genealogical origins of the Tarheel State.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9921

"BY A LINE OF MARKED TREES": Abstracts of Currituck County, North Carolina, Deed Books [1], 1-3 [1696-1773]

Currituck County (originally Currituck Precinct) was created from Albemarle County in 1681. Currituck County was a parent county, in part, of Dare and Tyrrell counties. For this book, Mr. Brayton has abstracted the earliest extant deeds for Currituck, complete with metes and bounds. The data found in these abstracts is of great genealogical importance because the deeds are replete with information concerning former owners, relationships between grantee and grantor, and other family connections. Worthy of special mention are Brayton's abstracts from unnumbered Deed Book 1, which has not been indexed, to the grantor-grantee index at the Currituck Courthouse and the author's success in reconciling conflicting versions of Deed Book 2. Spanning the period 1696 to 1773, this book won the year 2000 award for Excellence in Publishing from the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9917

THE COMPLETE ANCESTRY OF TENNESSEE WILLIAMS

This genealogy links the world-famous playwright to all of his notable cousins, including royalty, presidents of the U.S., and several state governors. Mr. Brayton traces Williams' ancestry back a full 14 generations, citing all primary and secondary sources and sometimes discussing the genealogical problems associated with each ancestor. The volume includes separate chapters on the following Williams ancestors: the two Thomas Bakers of Boston, MA; Bellar of Frederick Co., VA, and Stokes Co., NC; Bowker of King & Queen, Spotsylvania, and Cumberland Cos., VA; Carnes of Boston, MA; Evans of Prince George Co., VA; Lanier of Rowan Co., NC; Miller of Northampton Co., PA;

Nickerson of Norfolk, VA; Moses White of Rowan Co., NC; and Woodhouse of Boston, MA.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9919

THE ANCESTRY OF GENERAL JAMES ROBERTSON "Father of Tennessee":
Addendum to "The Complete Ancestry of Tennessee Williams

Shortly after the publication of his genealogy of playwright Tennessee Williams, as described above, John Brayton came into the possession of information correcting one of the lines in the Williams book (that of Mrs. Keziah Robertson Sevier) and additional information bearing on John Robertson, father of the Tennessee hero, General James Robertson. These findings were the impetus for this work, GENERAL JAMES ROBERTSON "Father of Tennessee," which was published as an addendum to Brayton's work on Tennessee Williams. In a word, this book traces the ancestry of General Robertson (1742-1814) back to Prince George and Henrico counties, Virginia, and corrects a number of errors in previous Robertson genealogies.

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NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGY COLLECTION: 2007 Update--Part 1: The Five Civilized Tribes

For persons descended from one of Native America's "Five Civilized Tribes," the pivotal event in U.S. history was the Trail of Tears--the forced removal of Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Seminole tribesmen from their reservations in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee in 1838-39 to the Oklahoma Territory. While some Americans of mixed- or full-blood Cherokee heritage, in particular, can trace their roots directly from the progeny of the Eastern Cherokee who were able to avert forced removal, the majority of Five Civilized Tribes descendants will discover their links among the unwilling participants of the Trail of Tears.

Perhaps the key collection of source records for persons descended from one of the Five Civilized Tribes is THE FINAL ROLLS OF CITIZENS AND FREEDMEN of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory [and] INDEX to the Final Rolls.

THE FINAL ROLLS and its INDEX, which we've just re-published, names 101,000 Native Americans, of whom approximately one-fourth were full blood. Most rolls give name, age, sex, degree of Indian blood, and the number of the census card--generally known as the "enrollment card"--on which each citizen was enrolled. The INDEX volume, divided by tribe and broken down under the various categories noted above, provides each Indian's name and the roll number. The roll number is the key to the FINAL ROLLS volume, which lists enrollees by tribe and category and thereunder by name, age, sex, degree of blood, and the number of the census card.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5903

Along with THE FINAL ROLLS, the Guion Miller rolls are among the most important in all of Native American genealogy. By an act of Congress on July 1, 1902, the U.S. Court of Claims received jurisdiction over any claims arising under treaty violations that Cherokees might have against the U.S. In short order, three suits were brought: The Cherokee Nation v. The United States; The Eastern and Emigrant Cherokees v. The United States; and The Eastern Cherokees v. The United States. The plaintiffs brought their claims alleging violations of treaties made between the U.S. government and the Cherokee Nation in 1835-36 and 1845.

On May 18, 1905, the court decided in favor of the Eastern Cherokees and instructed the Secretary of the Interior to identify the individuals who were eligible to share in the \$1 million appropriated by Congress for compensation. To qualify for compensation, the applicants would have to demonstrate that they were members or descendants of the Eastern Cherokees or the (Western) Cherokee Nation.

The Court of Claims appointed Mr. Guion Miller, originally a special agent of the Interior Department, to be its special commissioner with the responsibility of compiling a roll of eligible persons. Miller evaluated 45,847 applications, representing about 90,000 individuals. Among other things, he relied on various census lists and rolls made of the Cherokees between 1835 and 1884. The commissioner ultimately certified 30,820 persons (3,436 residing east and 27,384 residing west of the Mississippi) who were entitled to share in the proceeds. The records associated with the application and certification process, which are available on microfilm, constitute a crucial source for Cherokee genealogy.

Native American genealogist Jeff Bowen has begun a transcription of the records of the Guion Miller commission in a series of books entitled, EASTERN CHEROKEE BY BLOOD, 1906-1910. When it is completed, this series will contain every shred of genealogical value from the applications for compensation filed between 1906 and 1910. For more information on the first two volumes in this series, please see the links below:

Volume I: Applications 1-3000 (Temporarily out of print)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9869

Volume II: Applications 3001-6775

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9892

Despite the government's legislated intention to relocate all Indian tribes west of the Mississippi River, not all Eastern Cherokees took part in The Trail of Tears. Under the terms of treaties negotiated in 1817 and 1819, some families opted to live apart from their clans, relocating onto individual plots known as "life reservations," or on land granted in fee simple. Still other Cherokees fled to mountainous or other remote areas along the southeastern coast. While the Eastern Cherokees would constitute a minority of the Cherokee Nation, from a genealogical point of view their determination to live in or near

their homeland--while maintaining a relationship with the federal government--helped to bequeath a body of records for their descendants.

All of which brings us to another series of books compiled by Jeff Bowen entitled EASTERN CHEROKEE CENSUS, Cherokee, North Carolina, 1915-1922. This four-volume series is a transcription of a census of the Eastern Band of Cherokees taken by Indian agent James E. Henderson during the aforementioned years. EASTERN CHEROKEE CENSUS, Cherokee, North Carolina, 1915-1922 concerns the North Carolina Cherokee living on the reservation known as the Qualla Boundary. The census gives each person's name, date of birth, family relationships, and sex, and, in some instances, birth and death dates or the names of children living apart. For more information on the volumes in this series, see:

EASTERN CHEROKEE CENSUS, Cherokee, North Carolina, 1915-1922, Taken by Agent James E. Henderson:

Volume I (1915-1916)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9841

Volume II (1917-1918)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9842

Volume III (1919-1920)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9843

Volume IV (1921-1922)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9844

As it turns out, Agent James Henderson also compiled a census of the Eastern Cherokee for the period 1923-1929. Jeff Bowen has begun to transcribe these records. In fact, the first volume in this NEW series has recently been published:

EASTERN CHEROKEE CENSUS, Cherokee, North Carolina, 1923-1929, Taken by Agent James E. Henderson.
Volume I (1923-1924)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9992

Finally, in addition to the aforementioned collections of source records, our Native American genealogy list includes three textbooks that researchers can use to gain a better grasp on the genealogical and historical issues surrounding the Five Civilized Tribes.

TRACING ANCESTORS Among the Five Civilized Tribes. Southeastern Indians Prior to Removal

Rachal Lennon's groundbreaking 2002 book is designed to eliminate speculation and to help you determine the truth about your possible links to the Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, or Seminoles. It focuses on the toughest period to research--the century or so prior to the removal of the Southeastern nations to Indian Territory (the

point at which records were regularly maintained). It provides the cultural, genealogical, and historical background needed to turn family stories into proved lineages. And it outlines a method of research that will take you as far back as the colonial and early federal periods and forward to the mid-to-late 19th century.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3350

HISTORY OF THE CHEROKEE INDIANS and Their Legends and Folklore

Emmet Starr's work, recently reprinted by GPC, is the classic account of the early Cherokees, their constitution, treaties with the federal government, land transactions, school system, migration and resettlement, committees, councils and officials, religion, language and culture, and a host of other topics. More than half of the book is devoted to genealogies and biographies, of which there are several hundred. The biographies in particular--each averaging a paragraph or more--are noteworthy for their focus on the genealogical events of birth, marriage, and death over a period of several generations.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5551

CHEROKEE CONNECTIONS

Unlike Emmet Starr's history above, Myra Gormley's delightful CHEROKEE CONNECTIONS provides a brief overview of extant genealogical sources pertaining to the Cherokee nation. It is designed specifically for researchers who are trying to prove their heritage for tribal membership as well as for those who are simply interested in investigating family legends about Cherokee ancestry. All important sources of genealogical value are explained with respect to the reasons why the various records were generated and where they can be accessed today.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2271

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FEATURED BOOKS & CDs for March

In addition to the concluding volume of ADVENTURERS OF PURSE & PERSON (see the February 27 issue of "Genealogy Pointers," and the works of John Brayton, readers will discover an interesting mix of new and classic reference works on our featured books and CDs page. If your ancestors lived in Newburyport, Massachusetts, don't miss Margaret Motes' reconstruction of the NORTH END PAPERS, a fascinating study of two hundred years of land ownership and transfer in that ancient town. One of Donald Lines Jacobus' greatest achievements was his HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD. If your New England ancestors hailed from Connecticut, you will be glad to learn that this classic is back in print following a hiatus of many years. Other New England titles for March include MAYFLOWER SOURCE RECORDS, a collection of all genealogical records pertaining to Mayflower families published originally in the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," and

Volume I of NOVA SCOTIA IMMIGRANTS TO 1867, another source of importance to New Englanders owing to the migration that took place from that island to New England's shores.

IRISH NAMES AND SURNAMES, by the Rev. Patrick Woulfe, is probably the best book on Irish naming practices ever published. This month it is available again at www.genealogical.com. Other March releases relate to Huguenot settlers of New Jersey; pioneers of Greene County, PA; purchasers of federal land in Southeastern Ohio; the history of Mecklenburg County, NC; and such Virginia genealogy subjects as military records, Shenandoah Valley pioneers, and birth records for Bristol Parish, VA.

If you like your genealogy delivered on CD-ROM, this month we are featuring collections of genealogies and/or source records pertaining to colonial Marylanders, early Georgians, Ohio pioneers, Ontario and Nova Scotia settlers, and thousands upon thousands of Massachusetts inhabitants.

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

http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_new_genealogy.html

CDs:

Ontario and Nova Scotia Settlers, 1796-1860
Ohio Land and Tax Records
Massachusetts Genealogical Records
Early Georgia Settlers
Maryland Settlers and Soldiers

BOOKS:

Adventurers of Purse & Person, Virginia, 1607-1624/5: Volume Three (Families R-Z)
Irish Names and Surnames
History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield [CT]. In 3 Volumes
Mayflower Source Records
Nova Scotia Immigrants to 1867. Volume I
A Biographical History of Greene County, Pennsylvania
North End Papers, 1618-1880, Newburyport, Mass.
The Huguenot or the Early French in New Jersey
Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, VA, 1755-1800
Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southeastern Ohio, 1800-1840
Virginia Military Records
The History of Mecklenburg County [NC] from 1740 to 1900
Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants
Births from the Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George, and Dinwiddie Counties, VA, 1720-1798

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WHAT'S NEW at the Genealogy Warehouse for March

From 1677 until 1820, the year it achieved statehood, Maine was part of Massachusetts. Are you looking for ancestors who lived in Maine before it attained its own political identity?

Did your 17th-century ancestors live in Quaker proprietor John Fenwick's colony in South New Jersey?

Would you be interested in a convenient source on Michigan's participants in the American Revolution--years before Michigan statehood?

If any of these questions strikes a chord, be sure to consider the three books we have added to the Genealogy Warehouse this month, our discount department for genealogy books.

With St. Patrick's Day on the horizon, we are also highlighting a number of Irish titles available in the Genealogy Warehouse. For example, you can choose from our core collection of Irish passenger records from the Irish Famine era, as well as other ship records for Northern Ireland; the classic two-volume bibliography on Irish and Scotch-Irish genealogy, and a fabulous collection of Irish pedigrees compiled by John O'Hart.

If Irish genealogy is not the focus of your research, try browsing the complete collection of books in the Genealogy Warehouse, where every title is reduced by 40%, 50%, or more off the retail price. Just access: http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_warehouse.html and browse for some hot bargains!

****New in March****

MAINE WILLS, 1640-1760

This volume is a faithful transcription of 471 wills, and it contains data on several thousand related individuals for the years 1640 to 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.

Was \$75.00 Now \$42.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5150

****New in March****

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF FENWICK'S COLONY [N.J.]

Founded in 1675, Fenwick's Colony was the first permanent English-speaking settlement in the Delaware Valley. This book is a composite history and genealogy of the colony, the bulk of it containing scores of family histories.

Was \$52.50 Now \$29.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5350

****New in March****

MICHIGAN MILITARY RECORDS

The major portion of this valuable source is devoted to a listing of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Michigan, giving for each soldier: his full name, date of birth, and date and place of death and burial; parents' names; names of wife and her parents and the wife's date and place of birth and death; names of children and their dates of birth; a record of Revolutionary War service; and a variety of other biographical information.

Was \$29.50 Now \$17.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5370

****Irish Titles in the Genealogy Warehouse****

THE FAMINE IMMIGRANTS. Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-1851

The blight that struck the Irish potato crop in the winter of 1845-46 brought ruin to countless tenant farmers and laborers, reducing almost all of Ireland to poverty. As a result, between 1846 and 1851 more than a million men, women, and children immigrated to the U.S. and Canada, mostly through the port of New York. The seven-volume FAMINE IMMIGRANTS series was conceived for the purpose of enumerating all Irish passengers who entered the port of New York between 1846 and 1851.

The passenger lists found in THE FAMINE IMMIGRANTS are arranged by ship and date of arrival in New York. Each person is identified with respect to age, sex, occupation, and family relationships, where such was indicated in the original manifests. Additionally, every volume boasts a complete name index.

Here is the availability status of the seven volumes in this series: Volume I is available at full price in a paperback edition. Volumes II, VI, and VII are temporarily out of print. The remaining in-print volumes, which are available in the original cloth edition, are described below:

VOLUME III: July 1848-March 1849

Volume III shows that 70,000 Irish men, women, and children immigrated to New York in just these nine months.

Was \$45.00 Now \$22.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2213

VOLUME IV: April 1849-September 1849

Reflecting an intensification of the effects of this horrible famine, Volume IV accounts for more than 80,000 Irish immigrants, twice as many as in the previous six months.

Was \$45.00 Now \$22.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2214

VOLUME V: October 1849-May 1850

In the period covered in Volume V, about 60,000 Irish men, women, and children immigrated to New York.

Was \$45.00 Now \$22.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2215

RETURN OF OWNERS OF LAND in Ireland 1876

In 1873, clerks of Ireland's various Poor Law Unions drew up lists of the owners of land of one acre or more from the property valuation and rate books in their custody. These lists, forming the basis of this book, include the names of small landowners as well as large--owners of modest acres as well as great estates--and they stand as a census of a significant proportion of the population of Ireland in 1876.

Was \$40.00 Now \$28.00

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2963

EMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND, 1847-1852

Between 1847 and 1852, a number of Irish small-holders, assisted by the government, emigrated from the Crown estates of Ballykileline in Co. Roscommon; Irvilloughter and Boughill in Co. Galway; Kilconcouse, Offaly; Kingwilliamstown in Cork; and Castlemaine in Co. Kerry. This work contains a history of the emigration scheme and a list of the emigrants from each estate, giving the following details: name, age, occupation, family relationships, date and place of departure, date and place of arrival in the U.S., and name of ship. Most of the emigrants arrived at the port of New York, while a handful disembarked at Quebec.

Was \$7.50 Now \$4.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1630

IRISH AND SCOTCH-IRISH Ancestral Research. In Two Volumes

The first volume of this guide to Irish genealogy describes genealogical collections and indexes in all the major Irish repositories and the published indexes, catalogues, and printed sources available in Ireland and the U.S. The second volume is a bibliography of family histories, pedigrees, and source materials published in books and periodicals. It covers such printed works as parish, town, and county histories, church records, and family histories.

Was \$70.00/set Now \$42.00/set

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1755

ULSTER SAILS WEST

A general account of 18th-century Ulster-to-America emigration, this book starts with 1718 and covers the causes of the emigration and types of emigrants. Many Ulstermen are identified, particularly those conspicuous in the Revolutionary War as well as those who were Presbyterian ministers and others who held political positions or were in the field of education.

Was \$7.50 Now \$4.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3720

IRISH PASSENGER LISTS, 1803-1806

Except for the brief period from March 1803 to March 1806, no official registers of passengers leaving Irish ports were ever kept. The exception refers to lists contained in the so-called Hardwicke Papers, now located in the British Library, London. Altogether, some 4,500 passengers are identified in the 109 sailings recorded in the Hardwicke Papers--most cited with their all-important place of residence.

Was \$25.00 Now \$15.00

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3857

IRISH PEDIGREES: The Origin and Stem of the Irish Nation. In Two Volumes

John O'Hart's IRISH PEDIGREES is the "magnum opus" of Irish genealogy, a vast and prodigious compendium of family history and source material. The first volume explores the origin and stem of the Irish nation. The old Irish genealogies assembled here are brought down to the lineal descendant of each family living at the time of the British dispossession, although many of the descents are brought down to the 19th century. Also included is a lengthy appendix with an extraordinarily detailed table showing families that owned land in the 12th century. Includes an index of several thousand surnames.

Was \$150.00/set Now \$90.00/set

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4290

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