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Social Networking and You, by Drew Smith

(The following article is excerpted from Chapter One of Drew Smith’s new book, [Social Networking for Genealogists](#))

WHAT IS SOCIAL NETWORKING?

If we weren't talking about computers or the World Wide Web, the term "social networking" might bring to mind the idea of joining clubs, attending parties, engaging in office politics, or volunteering for a community project. Human beings are social animals, and we have a long history of building relationships with others, making new friends, and strengthening existing ties. We enjoy activities that put us in contact with others who share our interests: sporting and recreational events, cultural events, political rallies, religious services, educational lectures, conventions, shopping trips ... the list goes on. We value the existence of special places that make these kinds of social networking possible: stadiums, auditoriums, houses of worship, classrooms, convention centers, shopping malls. Within these places, we can find those who share our interests and who enjoy talking with us about them. If these places did not exist, we would feel more isolated and cut off from the rest of society.

What happens when computer technology advances to a point where there are "virtual" places people "can go" in order to engage

in social networking? We "go" to our electronic mailbox as if it were the physical mailbox in front of our home. We "go" to a website as if it were a store or clubhouse. Although computer networks date back to the late 1960s, and the Web itself to the early 1990s, it has been only in the past decade that we've seen an explosion of social networking sites and services appear online, and even more recently that a large number of these have been designed specifically for genealogists.

[\*Social Networking for Genealogists\*](#) is about the type of social networking made possible by the development of international computer networks; availability of network access to most homes (especially broadband access); creation of websites dedicated to particular kinds of networking (posting photos, viewing and commenting on videos, seeing what books friends have in their libraries, etc.); and ease of participating in these sites without having to be a computer expert.

More to the point, the book is intended to identify those kinds of social networking sites and services that will be of the most interest to genealogists. After all, most social networking sites were never developed with genealogists in mind (although this book will certainly discuss those sites that were). There are so many different sites that it can be confusing and overwhelming to explore them. Beginning with Chapter 4, this book devotes a chapter to each kind of social networking site that might prove useful as part of genealogical research. In each chapter, you'll learn a little bit about the history of that kind of site, and you'll be given details about some of the best sites to explore. At the end of each chapter is a handy to-do list that will allow you to follow up on what you've learned in the chapter.

Chapters 2 and 3 cover the basic social networking concepts of RSS and tags. Because these concepts will appear again and again in later chapters, it is recommended that you start with these chapters so that you will understand those concepts when you encounter them later.

## GENEALOGISTS AND SOCIAL NETWORKING

When you first suggest to a genealogist that he or she should get involved with social networking, you might get the reaction, "I'm doing fine with my research. Why would I need social networking?" The same kind of argument could have been made about the Web, genealogy software, e-mail, and PCs. Clearly, genealogists have successfully engaged in genealogical research for centuries without any of these tools. Nobody here is arguing that you have to become a social networking user in order to become a successful genealogist.

But genealogists are encouraged to seek out new resources and adopt new tools that may prove to be valuable. If a social networking service makes it easier for you to discover a researcher working on the same line as you, share your research with others, see a photo of an ancestral town or building, locate new genealogy sites of interest, ask another genealogist to do a look-up in a rare reference book, find a useful genealogy how-to video, or work together with other genealogists on a small group project, isn't it worth your time to learn about such a service and see if it fits into your interests and methods?

When you became a genealogist, you undoubtedly learned about places you should go (libraries, archives, courthouses, cemeteries, etc.) and tools you should use (library catalogs, microfilm readers, genealogy software, and websites). [Social Networking for Genealogists](#) will build upon that by introducing you to new "places" and new tools.

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#### Clearfield Bargain Books for April

For April we have dropped the prices on outstanding reference books pertaining to Rhode Island, Maryland, Kentucky, and Virginia. If you purchase one or more of the following titles, you stand to save 25% or more on each—as long as you place your order by 11:59 PM, Thursday, April 30, 2009.

#### GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF RHODE ISLAND. Comprising Three Generations of Settlers Who Came Before 1690

This legendary work consists of alphabetically arranged genealogical tables of approximately 500 Rhode Island families, representing thousands of descendants of pre-1690 settlers, all carried to the third generation, and some--about 100 families--carried to the fourth.

Was \$65.00 Now \$48.50

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=200&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=200&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### MARYLAND RECORDS--Colonial, Revolutionary, County and Church from Original Sources. In Two Volumes

This is the most comprehensive collection of genealogical source materials ever compiled on the state of Maryland. Along with the 1776 census--which lists every inhabitant in every household in eight of the then-existing Maryland counties--are marriages, loyalty oaths, tombstone inscriptions, pensions, naturalizations, surveys, rent rolls, and other types of lists. The marriage records--to cite only one example--cover the counties of Anne Arundel, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, St. Mary's, Washington, and Worcester; while church records include birth and death records of All Saints Parish, Frederick, 1727-1781, and parish registers of Prince George's Parish, Prince George's County, and St. Martin's Parish in Worcester County. More than 50,000 individuals are named.

Was \$105.95 Now \$66.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=750&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=750&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### KENTUCKY MARRIAGE RECORDS from "The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society"

Except for a series of newspaper abstracts by G. Glenn Clift ("Kentucky Marriages, 1797-1865"), this volume contains every list of marriages known to have been published in "The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society" since 1903. The following 19 of Kentucky's oldest counties are represented, some of which, either in whole or in part, spawned a great many later counties: Barren, Bourbon, Christian, Floyd, Franklin, Grant, Greenup, Hardin, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Montgomery, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Pike, Shelby, Union, and Woodford. Based on courthouse records--primarily marriage bonds, licenses, ministers' returns, and marriage registers--the combined lists, which are fully indexed, contain references to approximately 50,000 persons!

Was \$75.00 Now \$55.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=3157&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3157&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

This work records tombstone inscriptions in 150 cemeteries, 33 church cemeteries, and some half-dozen proprietary cemeteries, resulting in the enumeration of perhaps as many as 3,000 Orange County inhabitants, giving dates of birth and death and frequently specifying family relationships. To keep the data within practical limits, the author recorded the inscriptions of persons who either died before 1900 or were born before 1850.

Was 17.50 Now \$12.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=3235&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3235&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### VIRGINIA COUNTY RECORDS. Volumes VI, VII, IX, X, and Volume I (New Series)

In 1905 William Armstrong Crozier launched an ambitious series entitled "Virginia County Records." The series, which was originally published in magazine format, ended eight years later after ten volumes in the first series and one in a new series had been published. Since a number of the Crozier books have been out of print for some time, Clearfield Company is pleased to make five of the volumes available to genealogists in paperback editions. With the exception of Volume I (New Series), which focuses on Westmoreland County, the articles in these reprints range over numerous Virginia counties and records categories.

There is no duplication of information in any of the four "Miscellaneous" volumes; however, since the contents of volumes VI, VII, IX and X were originally prepared for a periodical, researchers will find that the same record subject (e.g., Accomack County Land Grants) is often treated in more than one volume. In such cases, researchers may wish to acquire all the "Miscellaneous" volumes related to their county(ies) of interest. For a complete list of the contents of each volume, see below:

#### VOLUME VI: Miscellaneous County Records

Accomack Co. Land Grants; Caroline Co. Marriage Bonds; Cumberland Co. Land Grants; Dinwiddie Co. Land Grants; Elizabeth City Co. Wills and Land Grants; Fauquier Co. Land Grants and Militia Lists; Fincastle Co. Land Grants; Goochland Co. Land Grants and Marriage Bonds; Halifax Co. Land Grants; Hanover Co. Wills; Henrico Co. Land Grants; Isle of Wight Co. Land Grants; King and Queen Co. Land Grants; Lancaster Co. Land Grants; Loudoun Co. Land Grants; New Kent Co. Land Grants; Norfolk Co. Marriage Bonds; Northampton Co. Wills, Land Grants and Marriage Bonds; Northumberland Co. Land Grants; Orange Co. Marriage Bonds; Prince George Co. Land Grants; Rappahannock Co. Wills; Rappahannock Co. Wills and Land Grants; Richmond Co. Wills; Surry Co. Records; Sussex Co. Land Grants; Westmoreland Co. Land Grants; York Co. Wills and Land Grants; Lists of Early Settlers, Militia, and Revolutionary Soldiers; and Family Histories of Anderson, Fitzhugh, Strother, Taylor, and Walton.  
Was \$29.50 Now \$19.50  
[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=1246&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1246&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### VOLUME VII: Miscellaneous County Records

Accomack Co. Land Grants and Other Records; Albemarle Co. Records; Brunswick Co. Land Grants; Caroline Co. Marriage Bonds and Land Grants; Charlotte Co. Land Grants; Fauquier Co. Records; Gloucester Co. Land Grants; Henrico Co. Land Grants and Other Records; Isle of Wight Co. Land Grants; King and Queen Co. Land Grants; King George Co. Records; Middlesex Co. Land Grants; Norfolk Co. Marriage Bonds; Northampton Co. Marriage Bonds; Orange Co. Marriage Bonds; Patrick Co. Land Grants; Prince William Co. Records; Rappahannock Co. Wills; Richmond Co. Wills; Sussex Co. Land Grants; Warwick Co. Land Grants; York Co. Land Grants; Lists of Early Settlers, Militia,

and Revolutionary Soldiers and Pensioners; and Family Histories of Anderson, Faure, Fitzhugh, Lanier, Morton, and Tazewell.

Was \$27.50 Now \$19.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=1247&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1247&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### VOLUME IX: Miscellaneous County Records

Amelia Co. Marriage Bonds; Caroline Co. Marriage Bonds; Dinwiddie Co. Land Grants; Gloucester Co. Land Grants; Halifax Co. Land Grants; Henrico Co. Records; King George Co. Land Grants; Loudoun Co. Militia Lists; Northampton Co. Wills and Marriage Bonds; Orange Co. Marriage Bonds; Pittsylvania Co. Marriage Bonds; Rappahannock Co. Land Grants; Richmond Co. Land Grants; York Co. Wills; Lists of Early Settlers, Militia, and Revolutionary Soldiers and Pensioners; Heraldic Records from the College of Arms of Canada; and Family Histories of Hill, Lyon, and the Baronets of Nova Scotia.

Was \$19.50 Now \$14.50

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=1249&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1249&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### VOLUME X: Miscellaneous County Records

Accomack Co. Land Grants; Chesterfield Co. Wills; Henrico Co. Land Grants and Other Records; Northampton Co. Wills; Orange Co. Marriage Bonds; Richmond Co. Land Grants; Lists of Early Settlers, Militia, and Revolutionary Soldiers; Seigneuries and Seigneurs in the College of Arms; and Family Histories of Cowherd, Freeman, and Twyman.

Was \$16.50 Now \$11.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=1250&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1250&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### VOLUME I (New Series) Westmoreland County

The final volume is devoted exclusively to Westmoreland County, Virginia, and contains will abstracts, 1654-1794, and land grants, 1653-1793. The will abstracts, typically, furnish the name of the testator, dates of death and probate, and the names and relationship to the deceased of all persons identified in the will. The index to land grants gives the name of the grantee, date and size of the grant, and source of the original record in Westmoreland County. The index refers to about 2,000 persons.

Was \$16.50 Now \$11.95

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=1251&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1251&NLC-GenPointers1).

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## Extraordinary Genealogy Resources on Pennsylvania CDs

It's no exaggeration to say that the settlement of Pennsylvania foreshadowed America's future as a melting pot. Founded by Quaker proprietor William Penn, Pennsylvania was home not only to the most liberal of Protestant sects but also, through its practice of religious toleration, to other denominations, including Mennonites, Anabaptists, Pietists, Presbyterians, and Anglicans. As a consequence, German, Swiss, Scotch-Irish, Welsh, Dutch, Scandinavian, and English immigrants established ethnically diverse communities--both urban and rural--within colonial Pennsylvania.

By the time of the American Revolution, the more intrepid of the immigrants would use the Quaker State to launch settlements throughout the western frontier. Our rich collection of fully searchable Pennsylvania CDs will put you in touch with millions of colonial Pennsylvania immigrants and their descendants. Be sure to browse each CD description, for more than one may unlock the whereabouts of your Pennsylvania ancestors.

### PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, 1700s-1800s

Originally published in three volumes by GPC, this CD 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, this CD 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. This CD contains a single electronic name index that allows you to search all three volumes simultaneously.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=7172&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7172&NLC-GenPointers1)

### PENNSYLVANIA COLONIAL RECORDS

The ten books included on this CD contain newspaper abstracts, naturalization records, land records, court records, and family histories that identify approximately 200,000 people who lived in Pennsylvania during the colonial and Revolutionary War periods. Among other well-known Pennsylvania record sources captured here are the most influential newspapers of the 18th century; land records compiled by William Penn's Commissioners of Property; indexes to the minutes of the Provincial Council and the Supreme Executive Council; lists of Germans who arrived in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1775 and from 1786 to 1808; and genealogies of colonial and Revolutionary families, each starting with the first known Pennsylvania settler and proceeding in a direct line of descent to family members who lived in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=7512  
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7512&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### GENEALOGIES OF PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES (Low in stock)

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

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=7163  
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7163&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### PENNSYLVANIA Biographies and Genealogies, 1600s-1800s

A unique blend of family history and biography, this CD names 315,000 individuals who lived primarily in southeastern and southwestern Pennsylvania during the colonial and early federal periods. Brought to life in an exhaustive series of historical sketches, essays, biographies, and genealogies, these early Pennsylvanians are the ancestors of hundreds of thousands of individuals living today. The CD contains 17 volumes' worth of biographies, county histories, and genealogies--all conveniently accessed by means of a single electronic index.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=7530  
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7530&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### IMMIGRANTS TO PENNSYLVANIA

Based on books deriving for the most part from ships' passenger lists, oaths of allegiance, records of indenture, and Quaker meeting records, this CD contains data on places of origin, dates of arrival, places of residence, ages, occupations, names of spouses and children (with details of births, marriages, and deaths), and a host of other details obtained from nine respected Pennsylvania reference books. This CD contains a single electronic name index of 200,000 entries that allows you to search all the volumes quickly and effortlessly.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=7501  
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7501&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN Church Records, 1729-1870

This CD contains images of the pages of all three volumes of "Pennsylvania German Church Records," originally published by GPC. The volumes include all the church records ever published in the "Proceedings and Addresses" of the Pennsylvania German

Society. The records refer to approximately 91,000 individuals and include births, baptisms, marriages, and burials. They identify people and their relationships to one another--not only parents and children, husbands and wives, but witnesses and sponsors as well.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=7130&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7130&NLC-GenPointers1)

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Maryland Prerogative Court series and Cherokee by Blood Expand in 2009

New volumes in two popular series are now available:

- (1) EASTERN CHEROKEE BY BLOOD, 1906-1910, by Jeff Bowen
- (2) PROCEEDINGS of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, by Vernon Skinner

We are happy to report that volumes X and XI of Mr. Bowen's EASTERN CHEROKEE BY BLOOD, 1906-1910 are now available, as is volume XVIII of ABSTRACTS OF THE TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, by Mr. Skinner. Please read on for details.

EASTERN CHEROKEE BY BLOOD from the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1910, by Jeff Bowen

Between May 1905 and April 1907, the U.S. Supreme Court authorized the Secretary of the Interior to identify the descendants of Eastern Cherokees entitled to participate in the distribution of more than \$1 million authorized by Congress. The purpose of the authorization was to settle outstanding claims made under treaties between the U.S. government and the Cherokees in 1835-36 and 1845.

On May 28, 1909, Mr. Guion Miller, representing the Interior Department, submitted his findings with respect to 45,847 separate applications for compensation (totaling about 90,000 individual claimants). Miller qualified over 30,000 persons inhabiting 19 states to share in the fund. Ninety percent of these individuals were living west of the Mississippi River, but all of them were considered to be Eastern Cherokee by blood, that is, descendants of the Cherokee Nation that had been evicted from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee in 1835.

Jeff Bowen has added two more volumes in his series of transcriptions from the Guion Miller files, bringing the total transcribed to eleven volumes. Volume X represents an additional 4,200 applications, while Volume XI includes just over 4,000. Mr. Bowen culled every shred of genealogical value from the applications, which in every case provide 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 a number of cases, these applications refer to the origins of Native Americans other than Cherokee (Choctaw,

Seminole, Creek, Slave, etc.). Mr. Bowen notes these connections in the index to each volume, in parentheses next to the individual's name. The researcher will find references to more than 11,000 Cherokee descendants in the two new volumes, bringing the total number of descendants in the eleven volumes to over 65,000.

Volume X: Applications

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9941&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9941&NLC-GenPointers1)

Volume XI: Applications 38,216-42,265

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9943&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9943&NLC-GenPointers1)

**ABSTRACTS OF THE TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS** of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, by Vernon (V. L.) Skinner

During the colonial period, the Province of Maryland amassed thousands of probate records. Before the various Maryland county courts assumed responsibility for the administration of probate, the provincial Prerogative Court in Annapolis performed that function.

Until very recently, the records of the Prerogative Court were inaccessible to researchers because they lacked an index and were bound in volumes (libers), the dates of whose contents sometimes overlapped. Fortunately, genealogist Vernon Skinner has made it his mission to abstract the contents of these crucial 17th- and 18th-century records. He has combed through administration bond, will, inventory, administration account, and final balance entries to produce the series **ABSTRACTS OF THE TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS** of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. The abstracts are arranged chronologically by court session, and in every instance they give the names of the principals (testators, heirs, witnesses, administrators, and so forth). In many cases we also learn the details of bequests, names of slaves, appraisers, and more.

This month Mr. Skinner has added Volumes XVIII (on the heels of Volumes XVI and XVII, published in October) of his **TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS**. To date, this remarkable series spans the period 1658 to 1730 and references more than 120,000 colonial Marylanders! Several additional volumes in this distinguished series are slated for publication in the next few months.

Vol. XVIII: 1727-1730. Libers 28 (pp. 102-491), 29 (1-64)

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9953&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9953&NLC-GenPointers1)

Volume XVII: 1724-1727. Libers 27 (pp. 141-402) & 28 (pp. 1-101)

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9952&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9952&NLC-GenPointers1)

Volume XVI: 1721-1724. Libers 25 (pp. 88-135), 26, 27 (pp. 1-140)

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9951&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9951&NLC-GenPointers1)

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### Spotlight on Welsh Genealogy

For years, researchers have lamented the difficulty of tracing their roots in Wales, particularly in view of the commonality of Welsh surnames like Jones, Evans, Roberts, or Hughes, and the uncommonality of the Welsh language itself.

Much of the mythology and some of the genuine obstacles to Welsh research have been eliminated in recent years, thanks to the work of John and Sheila Rowlands and their colleagues at the University of Wales in Aberystwyth. In their three pioneering books, "Welsh Family History," "Second Stages in Researching Welsh Ancestry," and "The Surnames of Wales," Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands have laid the framework for the modern approach to Welsh genealogy and the study of Welsh naming patterns and practices. They have also stressed the importance of acquiring knowledge of specialized Welsh genealogical methods and sources and some understanding of the social, cultural, religious, and economic backgrounds of the communities in which Welsh ancestors lived.

Whether you are just beginning research in Welsh genealogy or have hit a brick wall, you can do yourself a service by following the Rowlands' suggestions. You'll also find many valuable clues in the other titles in our collection on Welsh genealogy. Scroll down and see for yourself!

### WELSH FAMILY HISTORY: A Guide to Research. Second Edition

This handbook on Welsh genealogy deals primarily with those aspects of family history research that are unique to Wales. Originally published by the Association of Family History Societies of Wales, it is considered to be the best book ever written on Welsh genealogy. It is certainly a very comprehensive handbook, with more than 20 chapters treating the essential elements of Welsh genealogy.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=5030&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5030&NLC-GenPointers1)

### SECOND STAGES in Researching Welsh Ancestry

Anyone who has had any success in researching their Welsh ancestry will know that a grasp of specialized Welsh genealogical methods and sources is only one of several factors that contributed to that success. They will know, for example, how important it is in Welsh research to have some understanding of the social, cultural, religious, and economic backgrounds of the communities in which those ancestors lived. This book

attempts to broaden that understanding, especially for the period prior to 1800, when most researchers begin to experience difficulties. In addition, it aims to make readers more aware of some little-known sources and the special uses that may be applied to the information found in these sources.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=5028&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5028&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### THE SURNAMES OF WALES for Family Historians and Others

This book provides the reader with detailed insight into the origins and occurrence of common Welsh surnames, together with some consideration of those surnames that are associated with particular locales, thus helping to suggest a likely place of origin within Wales.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=5032&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5032&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### ANNALS AND ANTIQUITIES of the Counties and County Families of Wales. In Two Volumes

First published in 1872, with a second edition in 1875, Nicholas's ANNALS AND ANTIQUITIES is still the standard work on Welsh family history and the chief source of genealogical data on the counties and families of the principality. Unlike other books on the subject, it combines histories of the ancient counties of Wales with family lineages, integrating the two to show the social and genealogical evolution of the country.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=4103&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4103&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### THE CYMRY OF 76; or Welshmen and Their Descendants of the American Revolution. Second Edition

This is one of the few printed sources on the role played by the Welsh population during the Revolutionary War. A good deal of space is devoted to notices of prominent persons of Welsh ancestry, and there is, in addition, a section on Welsh surnames.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=3065](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3065)

#### WELSH FOUNDERS OF PENNSYLVANIA. Two Volumes in One

Based on years of extensive research conducted in Wales, this work consists of genealogical notices of Welsh emigrants to Pennsylvania, mainly between 1682 and 1700. Alphabetically arranged, it relates to nearly 300 families and 2,000 individuals, with pedigrees and charts of the first arrivals.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=2230  
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