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SPOTLIGHT on Pennsylvania Genealogy 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 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.

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PENNSYLVANIA COLONIAL RECORDS

The 10 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.

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GENEALOGIES OF PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES

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

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.

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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.

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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 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.

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ONE-WEEK SALE on Church Records--Books & CDs
(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 PM EDT, Monday, May 5, 2008)

Over the years, we have published scores of church records collections. You will find many of them, arranged by denomination, under the general category "religions" at this link on our website: http://www.genealogical.com/category_general.asp?afid&NLC-GenPointers1

We have consolidated still other bodies of church records (births, marriages, deaths, baptisms, etc.) into expanded consolidations of "vital records." Look for them in CD-ROM publications, such as:

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN Church Records, 1729-1870 (CD)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7130&NLC-GenPointers1

or

PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, 1700s-1800s (CD)

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

both of which are described in greater detail in the previous article.

Finally, here is a sampling of church records pertaining to a variety of denominations. You can purchase any/all of these fine books and CDs for at least 25% below the list price until 11:59 PM EDT, Monday, May 5, 2008.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS, 1670-1805

Leah Townsend's superior history of the development of the Baptist Church in South Carolina emphasizes the growth of the Church in the Low Country, the Peedee Section, Charleston, and the Back Country. Of greatest interest to genealogists are the membership lists of the various associations and congregations that are interspersed throughout the narrative. In all, this work identifies about 7,000 individuals.

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ST. LUKE'S RECORDS, 1829-Early 1900s, Danville, Knox County, Ohio

In this volume the researcher will find more than 2,000 baptism records, arranged in chronological order, giving the date, the names of the child and parents (including the wife's maiden name), and the names of the child's sponsors. The baptisms are followed by several hundred marriage records, giving the date of the marriage, the names of the bride and groom, and witnesses to the marriage. Also included are two membership lists from the 1830s; a number of communion and confirmation records, starting in 1853; and a table of surname variants and a list of the pastors of St. Luke's--one of the oldest Catholic churches in the Midwest--at the front of the book. Most of the death records found in the volume commence with 1876 and continue to 1947.

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HUGUENOT SETTLERS in America, 1600s-1900s (CD)

This CD, which consists of page images of 16 separate Huguenot publications, not only chronicles the story of this great Diaspora but also preserves the identities of thousands upon thousands of Huguenot emigrants to the Americas and beyond. Fully searchable via its electronic index, this CD provides the equivalent of a comprehensive library of Huguenot history and, quite possibly, just the link you need to your own Huguenot ancestors.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

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THE TRAIL OF THE HUGUENOTS

This is the story of the great exodus of the Huguenots from France at the end of the 17th century. Over half of the book is devoted to the Huguenots and their direct descendants in Canada and the U.S., dealing with those who settled in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and New England. An Appendix features the names of hundreds of Huguenot immigrants with dates and places of their arrival, as well as short biographical sketches with genealogical data.

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FINDING OUR FATHERS. A Guidebook to Jewish Genealogy

In this work Dan Rottenberg shows how to successfully trace your Jewish family back for generations by probing the memories of living relatives; by examining marriage licenses, gravestones, ship passenger lists, naturalization records, birth and death certificates, and other public documents; and by looking for clues in family traditions and customs.

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EARLY LUTHERAN BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES in Southeastern Pennsylvania

One of the first clergymen to serve the early Pennsylvania-German settlers, John Casper Stoever maintained a ministry in southeastern Pennsylvania for a period of 50 years, during which time he kept a record of the baptisms and marriages he performed in his missionary travels. Stoever's journal is reprinted here, complete with an index so sadly lacking in the original.

Was \$16.50 Now \$11.95

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THE MORAVIANS in Georgia, 1735-1740

This book documents the brief history of the Moravian community in Georgia, commencing with an overview of the sect and continuing through the establishment of the Brethren community in Savannah, missionary work among the Creeks, and the departure of the Moravians for England, Pennsylvania, and other locations. Genealogists will find numerous references to transfers of land involving the Moravians, settlement maps, passenger lists of Moravian arrivals, a brief list of Moravian deaths in Georgia, and a name index to the persons mentioned in the text.

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ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY (CD)

This CD comprises all six volumes of William Wade Hinshaw's renowned "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy," originally published between 1936 and 1950.

Containing approximately 500,000 entries from the various colonial Quaker monthly meeting records, Hinshaw's "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy" is the magnum opus of Quaker genealogy. In its production, thousands of records were located and abstracted into a uniform and intelligible system of notation. The data is arranged by meeting, then alphabetically by family name, and chronologically thereunder.

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VISIT US at the NGS CONFERENCE in Kansas City, Missouri, May 14-17, 2008

If you are planning to attend the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, May 14-17, 2008, please stop by the Genealogical Publishing Company-Clearfield Company combined exhibit (Booths 417-421). We'll be displaying a large selection of our newest and most popular titles on U.S. and world genealogy. (We hope you will also stop by Booth 423, where Ann Hughes, president of our sister company, Gateway Press, will be delighted to talk with you about publishing your family history.) To learn more about the conference itself, visit the NGS website at: www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Here are just a few of the highlights of our 2008 NGS exhibit:

1. Without a doubt, the book that has created the most excitement since last year's NGS annual meeting in Richmond, Virginia, is Elizabeth Shown Mills' EVIDENCE EXPLAINED: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace. Ms. Mills' book, truly the culmination of a lifetime of research in primary and secondary sources, has won the plaudits of the genealogical community since it came off press in July of 2007. In addition, the prestigious magazine, "Library Journal" has selected it as one of its "Best Reference Books of 2007." If you are not one of the 5,000 persons who have purchased a copy in the last ten months, you can look over a copy at our booth. If you decide to purchase, Elizabeth Mills will be available to autograph your copy at various times during the conference.

2. Just as 2007 marked the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, 2008 represents the 400th year since Samuel de Champlain founded the French settlement of Quebec. We will have copies on hand of our new book, COMPANIONS OF

CHAMPLAIN: Founding Families of Quebec, 1608-1635, by Denise Larson, which commemorates this historic occasion and lays out the genealogies of Quebec's pioneering families for three generations. (By the way, if your Canadian line is Nova Scotian, be sure to have a look at Terrence Punch's very popular book, ERIN'S SONS: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada, 1761-1853.)

3. As many of you know, we launched a BLOG a few months ago. Carolyn Barkley, who edits and manages www.GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com, will be on hand to demonstrate the blog daily. If you are already a faithful reader, please stop by and let Carolyn know. Your feedback is important for suggestions for future articles.

4. Here are some other highlights of our 2008 exhibit:

- We've just published a Revised Fourth Edition of Angus Baxter's IN SEARCH OF YOUR GERMAN ROOTS.

- We are now the publisher of Sharon DeBartolo Carmack's YOU CAN WRITE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY (formerly a Betterway publication).

- We also have a number of valuable reference book series in progress: We recently published Volume XV of Vernon L. Skinner's ABSTRACTS OF THE TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, and we continue to publish three separate collections of Cherokee Nation source records compiled by Jeff Bowen.

5. A PENNY FOR SHIPPING: Naturally, we hope you'll want to purchase books at our display; however, if you don't see what you are looking for in Kansas City, you can order any book or CD in our catalogue for just 1 cent (i.e. a penny) above the cost of the books themselves. To qualify for this special offer, just say the magic words, "Genealogy Pointers" to one of our staff members (Joe, Karen, or Carolyn), and they will see to it that you are charged the cost of the books plus a penny for shipping--no matter how many books or CDs you order.

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FEATURED CDs on Military & English Source Records

CONNECTICUT MILITARY RECORDS: Soldiers and Officers is just one of three terrific CDs featured on www.genealogical.com this month. The other two are VIRGINIA MILITARY RECORDS: Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and AMERICAN SOURCE RECORDS in England, a collection of 12 mostly English will and estate record books that refer to persons living in the American colonies or early states. Each of these CDs is a terrific value, selling for a fraction of the cost of the books they contain. Read on for more details.

CONNECTICUT MILITARY RECORDS: Soldiers and Officers

This CD contains images of the pages of various books published by GPC that provide a complete record of 167,000 Connecticut persons who served in the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War, with the emphasis on the Revolutionary War:

*Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War, 1755-1762

*The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783

*Supplement to The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783

*Connecticut Revolutionary Pensioners

*Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution, War of 1812, and Mexican War

Fortunately, researchers no longer have to purchase these expensive books, nor flip back and forth between their various indexes. This CD not only includes images of the pages of each of these books at a fraction of their combined cost, it also allows you to hunt for your Connecticut Patriot ancestors by means of the CD's built-in index search engine.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7120&NLC-GenPointers1

VIRGINIA MILITARY RECORDS: Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812
(Low in Stock)

Naming 275,000 members of the militia and the established army, the books included on this Family Archive CD are the undisputed favorites in their respective fields. From Lloyd Bockstruck's "Virginia Colonial Soldiers," to John Gwathmey's "Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution," to the monumental "Muster Rolls and Payrolls of Virginia Militia in the War of 1812," this CD covers the entire spectrum of Virginia's early military history.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7121&NLC-GenPointers1

AMERICAN SOURCE RECORDS in England

Of the dozen or so books included on this Family Archive CD, the majority deal with wills and administrations of people who either died in America leaving property in England or who are mentioned in a will that was proved in an English court--often the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC), which had jurisdiction in most matters affecting the personal estates of English subjects who died overseas. During the colonial period, in particular, thousands of Englishmen who had immigrated to America died while still in possession of assets in England. You will find a number of them described in this CD.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7364&NLC-GenPointers1

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"MORE ON ID NUMBERS for Collaterals," by William Dollarhide

[This is the third article in a series of three articles concerning ID numbers for ancestors and collateral ancestors. The first article, "An Awful Ahnentafel," which appeared in the December 4, 2007, issue of "Genealogy Pointers," explained the German ID numbering system for a pedigree. The second installment, "Ahnentafels and Collaterals by the Numbers," which ran on January 15, 2008, suggested a method for assigning ID numbers for family group sheets, individual ancestors, and their brothers and sisters. (Both of the previous articles in this series can be read in their entirety at the ARCHIVES section of http://www.genealogical.com/content/pointers_archive.html&zenid=d44123f4f28c4e05e0dcdde2261c1f1e&NLC-GenPointers1.)]

In this concluding article, we will continue with suggestions for assigning ID numbers to the collaterals: the brothers and sisters of your ancestors and their descendants. The goal is to integrate any related person with an ID number that is logical and useful for sorting, finding, or understanding a connection to the primary pedigree group of people.

ID Numbers for Collateral Descendants

Once we have established ID numbers for our ancestors and collateral siblings of ancestors, the next step is to control the children of collateral siblings. Using an earlier example of 12.0 who married 13.0, their child was 6.0. The rule to find the ID number for a father of any person in a pedigree is to double that person's number. In this case, go in the other direction to find the "pedigree child" of any father by dividing the father's number in half.

For example, suppose that ancestor 6.0 died young. We know the ID numbers for his parents (12.0 and 13.0), but we do not know everything we need to know about them. In that case, it may be necessary to identify the descendants of 6.0's brothers and sisters, with the goal of finding a person alive today who may be able to share information. To do this, we need to assign ID numbers to all spouses, children, and all known descendants of the siblings of ancestor 6.0. It may be necessary to identify these descendants for several generations, and, if so, there should be a numbering scheme that can handle it without causing confusion.

Typically, we find enough information from our research to put a family together. The information may come from census records, family Bible records, family memories, or a myriad of other sources. We can then create a family group sheet using the known information and assign ID numbers for each member of the family, such as the example below:

12.0 Henry Johnson
13.0 Martha (-----)

- 6.1 Elizabeth Johnson
- 6.2 William Johnson
- 6.3 Mary Johnson
- 6.0 John Johnson

John Johnson (6.0) is our ancestor, as is Henry Johnson (12.0) and Martha (-----) (13.0). We need to know the maiden name for John's mother, plus more information about the parents.

But if John Johnson died as a young man, leaving little information to trace, we need to conduct research and add more information about John's siblings. For example, we may discover more information about John's brother, William, and we will need to prepare a family group sheet and show the brother's wife and children along with their ID numbers:

- 6.2 William Johnson (brother of 6.0)
- 6.2* Wilma (-----) (spouse of 6.2)
- 6.21 Sarah Johnson
- 6.22 James Johnson
- 6.23 Samuel Johnson

To assign an ID number to William Johnson's wife, we add an asterisk (*), meaning "spouse of 6.2." (Had William Johnson married more than once, we could identify his spouses with 6.2*1 and 6.2*2 to indicate "spouse 1" and "spouse 2.")

The children of William Johnson include his number plus an added digit to show their birth order. The next generation need not have another decimal, just an added number such as 6.21, 6.22, 6.23, and so on.

Using this method, we can continue to assign collateral ID numbers to any number of generations, for example, to the children of 6.21 (Sarah Johnson), a child of 6.2. But let's say that Sarah was married twice and had children with both husbands. Her first family would look like this:

- 6.21*1 Robert Jones, Sr. (spouse of 6.21)
- 6.21 Sarah Johnson (daughter of 6.2, niece of 6.0)
- 6.211 Robert Jones, Jr.
- 6.212 Elizabeth Jones

And her second family would look like this:

- 6.21*2 Henry Wadsworth
- 6.21 Sarah (Johnson) Jones
- 6.213 William Wadsworth
- 6.214 John Wadsworth
- 6.215 Mary Wadsworth

On separate family sheets, both of the above families can be identified. Sarah Johnson is the collateral descendant, so her number (6.21) is used to continue the descendency. Though she married twice and had children with both husbands, the numbers for her children can still be in consecutive order--6.211, 6.212, 6.213, 6.214, and 6.215--because she was the mother of five children.

The collateral ID numbers work for both males and females. Adding the asterisk (*) is simply an indication of a person who married a collateral descendant. Her first spouse was Robert Jones, Sr. (6.21*1) and her second spouse was Henry Wadsworth (6.21*2), both of whom have numbers based on her number.

What ties all of these collateral people to the person who is number one in a pedigree? They are all connected to number 6.0, an ancestor.

Who are the common ancestors shared by these collaterals and the person who is number one? The parents of number 6.0. The father of 6.0 can be determined to be number 12.0 by doubling number 6.0; the mother by adding one, or number 13.0.

What About More Than Nine Children?

Note that the numbers to the right of the decimal are for a descendency, and each single digit represents a generational step. So, a two-digit number for one generation is not allowed--if there were more than nine children in a family, a 10th child would cause these numbers to go awry. Therefore, to show a family with ten or more children, use this method:

6.23 Samuel Johnson
6.23* Sarah Flint
6.231 William Johnson
6.232 John Johnson
6.233 Mary Johnson
6.234 Henry Johnson
6.235 Frank Johnson
6.236 Elizabeth Johnson
6.237 Wilma Johnson
6.238 Martha Johnson
6.239 Jemima Johnson
6.23A Polly Johnson (10th child of 6.23)
6.23B Margaret Johnson (11th child 6.23)
6.23C Walter Johnson (12th child of 6.23)

The numbers for the 10th, 11th, 12th or more children should be represented with a single character--a letter "A" equals 10, a letter "B" equals 11, and so on. Now you can identify larger family groups and maintain a single digit for each person/generation. After child number 9, all 26 letters of the alphabet are available, for a combined total of 35 sibling positions. (This may look like the Hexadecimal numbering system, but it is not. The

hexadecimal is base 16 rather than base 10, but the numbers A, B, C, etc., do not have the same positions as in the example shown above.)

Continuing a collateral family, with Walter Johnson (6.21C) as the father, would appear as shown below:

6.23C Walter Johnson
6.23C*1 Elizabeth Brown
 6.23C1 William Johnson
 6.23C2 Penny Johnson
 6.23C3 Helen Johnson
 6.23C4 Allen Johnson

The numbers to the right of the decimal represent a descendency. You could think of the pedigree starting with number one as going "up." In this case, we went up to 6.0, then sideways to a sibling, 6.2, then "down" (in a descendency) to 6.23, 6.23C, and then 6.23C1, and so on. For the ID number 6.23C1, the numbers can be read as "the 1st child, of the 10th child, of the 3rd child, of the 2nd child of ancestor number 12.0."

Parents or Siblings of a Spouse

It may be necessary to identify parents or siblings of a spouse, who join the collateral descendency. In any pedigree, the parents of the first person (ID 1.0) are ID 2.0 and ID 3.0. To assign a number to the parents of Elizabeth Brown (6.21C*1) above, a signal needs to be used to show that a descendency is ending and a pedigree is beginning:

Parents of Elizabeth Brown, ID 6.21C*1

6.21C*1:2 Mortimer Brown (father)
6.21C*1:3 Mariana Black (mother)

In the above examples, the signal that a descendency is ending and an ahnentafel is starting is the colon (:). This is a way of giving an ID number to the parents of Elizabeth Brown (shown as either 6.21C*1 or 6.21C*1.0). If Elizabeth were ID number 1.0 in an ahnentafel, her parents would be ID 2.0 and ID 3.0.

And, if the siblings of Elizabeth Brown need to be identified:

6.21C*1.1 sibling
6.21C*1.2 sibling
6.21C*1.0 Elizabeth Brown
6.21C*1.4 sibling

Brothers and sisters of Elizabeth Brown can also be assigned ID numbers if a family sheet needs to be prepared--or if you just want a number for these extra people for sorting

purposes. In such cases, just add "point-zero" to a spouse's ID number, then the siblings can be assigned numbers as shown above.

Previous or Later Marriages for an Ancestor

Another situation that needs to be considered is the assignment of ID numbers for children from a previous or later marriage for an ancestor. For example, if your ancestor number 12.0 was previously married, the first spouse needs to have a number based on his number.

Ancestor 12.0 with first wife:

12.0 Henry Johnson
12.0*1 Margaret Perry
6.1 Elizabeth Johnson
6.2 William Johnson

The pedigree family, ancestor 12.0, with ancestor 13.0, his second wife:

12.0 Henry Johnson
13.0 Martha (-----)
6.3 Mary Johnson
6.0 John Johnson (pedigree child)

Ancestor 12.0 with third wife:

12.0 Henry Johnson
12.0*3 Henrietta Wilson
6.5 Frank Johnson
6.6 Fred Johnson

In the above examples, it is important to separate these families, creating separate family group sheets--then the birth order and ID number for each member of the family can be assigned and will be easier to follow.

The same technique can be used if ancestor 13.0 had a previous marriage with children. Here is an example:

13.0*1 Joshua Williams
13.0 Martha (-----)
6.7 Henry Williams
6.8 Elizabeth Williams

If Martha (-----) were the mother of children by a previous marriage, the children should have a number indicating a close relationship with ancestor 6.0 because these children would be half-brothers or half-sisters of an ancestor. Therefore, the combined pool of

collateral children for either the father or the mother should be used in assigning these ID numbers. Martha (-----) 13.0 did not have eight children, but both she and Henry Jones (12.0) combined had eight children. All of these children should have ID numbers based on and related to ancestor 6.0--a brother or half-brother to all the other children of either parent.

What About Step-Children?

There is also a way of assigning ID numbers to spouses and children from a previous marriage of Joshua Williams, above:

13.0*1 Joshua Williams
13.0*1/*1 Helen White
 13.0*1/1 James Williams
 13.0*1/2 Mary Williams

In Helen White's ID number above, the slash (/) acts as a separator, and it indicates a previous or later spouse. Since Joshua Williams received his number as the first spouse of 13.0 (an ancestor), he is given an ID 13.0*1, so any number for an earlier or later spouse needs another asterisk. The children of this union have ID numbers assigned in similar fashion as other collaterals--by using a slash (/) and a number indicating birth order for each.

What About Adopted Children?

If you wish to include an adopted child in a sibling list, assign an ID number as if the adopted child were one of the siblings--but it is very important to note that a person was adopted. If the adopted child's birth parents are known, then another family group sheet may be needed to show the relationships. In such cases, the adopted child may appear on two family group sheets and a cross-referencing note on each family sheet should clarify the facts regarding the adoption.

Descendants of Number One

Assigning ahnentafel numbers works well for the ancestors and collaterals of number one. But what if you decide to make yourself number one in the pedigree? How do you give a number to your spouse? Your children? Your grandchildren? Here are suggestions for assigning ID numbers to a spouse and children of number one:

Family of Samuel Johnson, the genealogist:

1.0 Samuel Johnson, Sr.
1.0* Mary Smith
 1.01 Samuel Johnson, Jr.
 1.02 John Johnson
 1.03 Mary Johnson

1.04 William Johnson

Family of William Johnson, a son of Samuel Johnson, Sr.:

1.04 William Johnson

1.04* Millie Gray

1.041 Elizabeth Johnson

1.042 Wilma Johnson

1.043 Frank Johnson

A genealogist doing the work may find this next example works just as well. If you wish to make your child number 1.0--or, if you have more than one child, assign IDs as 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and so on--then you and your spouse would be 2.0 and 3.0. The pedigree would be identical for each of your children as a different person in the number one position. For example:

2.0 John Doe

3.0 Mary Roe

1.1 William Doe

1.2 Martha Doe

1.3 Martin Doe

Note that none of the children are 1.0, but any could be in the number one position on a pedigree chart. Now, any of the children could be shown as a parent on a family group sheet, as in the example below:

1.2*1 Frank Smith

1.2 Martha Doe

1.21 Helen Smith (twin)

1.22 Ellen Smith (twin)

1.23 Farley Smith

ID Numbers in a Computer Database

Finally, if you have followed along so far, there has to be a good reason for this numbering madness--the idea of assigning ID numbers for anyone. Entering the ahnentafel/collateral numbers into a computer database is one way to demonstrate the effectiveness of having ID numbers for any person important to the genealogical project.

With a computer, a genealogist can prepare a list of every person collected, whether they are ancestors, siblings of ancestors, or collateral descendants. Computers have a pre-defined order in which alpha characters, numbers, and symbols are sorted, following something called the ASCII code (which is just a table of characters with a numerical value assigned to each character). To ensure that a proper sort in numerical order will work, center all numbers (in a column) on the decimal point. The same list of names could be sorted in alphabetical order, or by other info, such as dates, places, etc.

Genealogists have the means of using ID numbers for ancestors, collaterals, and their descendants. For a pedigree, ahnentafel numbers identify each direct ancestor with a unique ID number, which can then be used for organizing and filing genealogical documentation related to that person. ID numbers connected to these ahnentafel numbers allow for sorting, finding, and retrieving information quickly. [End of article]

EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information about numbering collateral ancestors, see Mr. Dollarhide's excellent book, **MANAGING A GENEALOGICAL PROJECT**, described below:

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