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EVIDENCE EXPLAINED Named "Best Reference of 2007"

The April 15, 2008, issue of the national trade magazine, LIBRARY JOURNAL, has selected EVIDENCE EXPLAINED: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace, by Elizabeth Shown Mills, as one of its "Best Reference of 2007" selections. To quote LIBRARY JOURNAL:

"Tracing your family history has become a passion for many people. Mills, an acknowledged expert on archival research, guides you through thousands of different kinds of sources from archives, cemetery records, local and state records, to national government records and web sites. She discusses the fundamentals of analyzing evidence and provides authoritative guidance in citing sources. Every library needs a copy."

Mrs. Mills' 2007 publication, the distillation of years of her own and her colleagues' research experience, has now earned four superlative accolades from the major library media.

Besides its April 15, 2008, mention, LIBRARY JOURNAL initially reviewed Mrs. Mills' work in its November 15, 2007, issue. That lengthy review emphasized that Mrs. Mills' new book, unlike classic citation guides, "focuses instead on nontraditional sources such as militia rolls, frakturs, censuses, and railroad pension files. Recognizing that an increasing amount of those materials is produced and offered online, Mills also addresses e-newsletters, podcasts, databases, and digital images." LIBRARY JOURNAL'S reviewer concluded that EVIDENCE EXPLAINED "is an essential resource for family historians; highly recommended for all libraries."

In December, 2007, BOOKLIST, the official publication of the American Library Association, published its review of EVIDENCE EXPLAINED. The review stated that "the first two chapters are excellent beginning points for the historical researcher, providing in-depth information on the fundamentals of evidence analysis and on the fundamentals of citation." Pointing out that the book contains "more than 1,000 citation

models covering print, microfilm, microfiche, Web sites, digital books and journals, DVDs, CDs, audio files, podcasts, and e-zines," BOOKLIST concluded its review with the recommendation that EVIDENCE EXPLAINED "would be an excellent purchase for academic and larger public libraries."

CHOICE MAGAZINE, the official publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries, posted the most recent full review in its March 2008 issue. Zeroing in on the book's value for college libraries and undergraduate students, CHOICE described EVIDENCE EXPLAINED as "a dense guide to citing and analyzing historical records of all types, especially sources not covered in popular guides such as 'The Chicago Manual of Style'." Stating that "the 14-chapter guide could scarcely be more comprehensive or thorough," CHOICE ends its review with this glowing summary: "Overall, this is a key resource guide for scholars and serious researchers who must rely upon and understand historical evidence. Highly recommended. Upper-level undergraduates and above."

We at "Genealogy Pointers" wish to express our congratulations to Mrs. Mills on having her new book named a "Best Reference" book of 2007. Anyone seeking more information on EVIDENCE EXPLAINED, or its author, can do so at the following:
http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3843&NLC-GenPointers1

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THREE COLONIAL ANCESTOR CDs--Reduced for Quick Sale!
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Both Frederick Virkus' COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY (subtitled "The Genealogical Encyclopedia of the First Families of America") and George N. Mackenzie's COLONIAL FAMILIES of the United States of America were originally published as seven-volume collections of genealogies. Another common feature of these two genealogy compendia is that almost all the lines in these volumes (in Mackenzie's case, every line) extend from the early 20th-century back at least to the 18th century and often to the 17th century.

Over the decades since their original publication, researchers have made extensive use of these collections because of the potential they hold to extend one's own research by hundreds of years. When we placed the contents of these two sets on searchable CD-ROMs, they immediately began to enjoy the same kind of popularity--in part because researchers could now acquire the contents of these remarkable collections for a tiny fraction of the cost of the books. (The Virkus collection is still available in a paperback edition from Clearfield Company; Mackenzie, however, is no longer available in book form.)

In a similar vein, the records of lineage organizations offer researchers an extraordinary opportunity to extend their lineages back to the colonial period, the American Revolution, and even the court of the Emperor Charlemagne. Using these records, genealogists can

connect their own findings with the records of lineage society members that (1) have met stringent eligibility requirements and (2) document the members' pedigrees to a colonial or earlier forebear. Our CD, LINEAGES OF HEREDITARY SOCIETY MEMBERS, is an incredible collection of 440,000 individuals who possess a connection to one or more of 13 distinguished lineage organizations. You'd have to hunt a long time to find another research tool that promises to extend your genealogy so far back with so little effort.

For the next seven days, you can save \$10.00 off the list price of all three of these valuable products. If you do not as yet own all three of these CDs, scroll down and see if you don't agree that the time is right to add them in your collection. (These sale prices will expire at 11:59 PM, EDT, Monday April 14, 2008.)

THE COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY CD

The COMPENDIUM contains the lineage records of the first families of America, some 300,000 individuals in all. The CD version of Frederick Virkus' massive work contains images from the pages of all seven volumes of the COMPENDIUM and embraces records extending in both male and female lines from the earliest known immigrant ancestor (giving place and date of origin) to the then-living (1925-1942) subject of the record.

According to the first federal census, about 650,000 families were living in the U.S. in 1790, and practically every one of them was of colonial or Revolutionary ancestry and thus entitled to be numbered among America's "First Families." Are you descended from one of America's first families? Order the Virkus COMPENDIUM on CD, at only one-tenth the cost of the hardcover original, and find out.

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COLONIAL FAMILIES of the United States of America CD

George Mackenzie's celebrated seven-volume collection of early American genealogies and family histories, COLONIAL FAMILIES of the United States of America, is now available on a single, fully searchable CD. While the book version of the Mackenzie opus cost about \$300.00 when it was still in print, for the next week you can purchase our CD equivalent for about one-twelfth of that price! The CD covers about 1,000 families with roots to the colonial era, and it names 140,000 family members. Each family history gives the British or European pedigree of the colonial ancestor, followed by a listing of his/her descendants, giving names, birth dates, dates of marriage and death, places of residence, occupations, coats of arms, and much more.

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LINEAGES OF HEREDITARY SOCIETY MEMBERS, 1600s-1900s CD

For obvious reasons, membership in a lineage organization like the DAR, SAR, or Colonial Dames is often associated with prestige, love of country, and other emotional rewards. For sheer genealogical purposes, however, the records of lineage organizations offer researchers extraordinary opportunities to quickly extend their lineages back in time to the American Revolution, colonial period, and even the court of the Emperor Charlemagne. They can do so by connecting their own findings with the records of lineage society members that (1) have met stringent eligibility requirements and (2) document the members' pedigrees to colonial, or earlier, forebears. This CD is an extraordinary collection of 440,000 individuals who possess a connection to one or more of 13 distinguished lineage organizations. You'd have to hunt for a long time to find another research tool that promises to extend your genealogy so far back with so little effort.

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PRE-EMINENT WORKS on Virginia's Founders--Available at Genealogical.com

Starting in 2004, Genealogical Publishing Company undertook several projects leading to the publication of definitive titles pertaining to the genealogy of Virginia's founding families. We completed these projects last year--just in time for the May 11-13, 2007, celebration of the settlement at Jamestown, America's first permanent English-speaking colony.

The titles to which we refer are the three-volume ADVENTURERS OF PURSE AND PERSON, VIRGINIA 1607-1624/25, Fourth Edition by John Frederick Dorman; VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS AND ADVENTURERS, 1607-1635: A Biographical Dictionary, by Martha W. McCartney; and JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS, 1607-1699, by Virginia Davis.

Each of these publications is unique in its own way, although researchers will find some small overlap. JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS names individuals who served in the Virginia legislature (House of Burgesses or Governor's Council) or owned land on Jamestown Island during the 17th century, along with a place of origin and associated date(s).

Martha McCartney's VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS AND ADVENTURERS, a biographical dictionary of the earliest Virginians, is a work of much broader scope, if narrower in its chronological focus. She has assembled in a single volume every significant detail concerning the 5,500 persons--whether or not they are known to have had progeny--who set foot along the banks of the James and York rivers and the communities ("hundreds") established there as of 1635.

Lastly, the three-volume ADVENTURERS OF PURSE AND PERSON, VIRGINIA is the most expansive title of all and the most genealogical in nature. Based on the "Muster" of 1624/5--essentially a census taken by the Royal Commission that succeeded the Virginia Company--this three-volume set traces the descent for six generations of about 150 families known to have had progeny. Its editor, John Frederick Dorman, is the foremost authority on colonial Virginia genealogy.

For more information concerning these titles--which, in the aggregate, comprise the cornerstone of Jamestown and early Virginia genealogy--please see the descriptions that follow:

JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS 1607-1699

This work honors the island's early settlers and their contributions to Virginia and the future nation. The volume is an alphabetical list of all inhabitants of Jamestown Island--both year-round residents and members of the House of Burgesses or other government officials--who dwelled at Jamestown between 1607 and 1699. The author identifies each individual by name, occupation (burgess, landowner, artisan, etc.), year(s) present in Jamestown, and, in the case of officials, a place of permanent residence. Author Virginia Davis includes only those colonists whose presence at Jamestown has been fully documented. Her list can be used as a starting point for achieving membership in a number of hereditary societies that accept descent from Jamestown as a qualification. http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1381&NLC-GenPointers1

VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS AND ADVENTURERS, 1607-1635: A Biographical Dictionary

In this book, Martha W. McCartney brings together a variety of primary sources that inform the reader about Virginia's earliest European inhabitants and the sparsely populated and fragile communities in which they lived, resulting in the most comprehensive collection of annotated biographical sketches yet published. Ms. McCartney conveys the basics about many of these original colonists: their origins, the names of the ships they sailed on, the names of the "hundreds" and "plantations" they inhabited, the names of their spouses and children, their occupations and their position in the colony, their relationships with fellow colonists and Indian neighbors, their living conditions as far as can be ascertained from documentary sources, their ownership of land, the dates and circumstances of their death, and a host of fascinating details about their personal lives--all gathered together in the handy format of a biographical dictionary.

Maps provided in the book identify the sites at which Virginia's earliest plantations were located and enable genealogists and students of colonial history to link most of the more than 5,500 people included in this volume to the cultural landscape. An introductory

chapter, moreover, includes an overview of local and regional settlement and provides succinct histories of the various plantations established in Tidewater Virginia by 1635. http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3505&NLC-GenPointers1

ADVENTURERS OF PURSE AND PERSON, VIRGINIA, 1607-1624/5. Fourth Edition. In Three Volumes (Each volume is sold separately.)

The purpose of this multi-volume series is to establish descents--through the sixth generation--of the approximately 150 individuals who can be identified as (1) Adventurers of Purse (i.e. stockholders in the Virginia Company of London) who either came to Virginia in the period 1607-1625 and had descendants or who did not come to Virginia within that period but whose grandchildren were residents there; or (2) Adventurers of Person, 1607-1625 (i.e. immigrants to Virginia who left descendants).

This outstanding work builds on the investigations of dozens of scholars, correcting, revising, and supplementing the best genealogical scholarship of the past half century. New discoveries, newly available information, and a further reevaluation of evidence concerning previously accepted relationships have led, in some instances, to wholesale changes in the accepted genealogies. In consequence, this fourth edition brings together the results of all the most recent scholarship of these families, expanding the limits of what is presently known and opening up possibilities for reach beyond the sixth generation.

VOLUME ONE, Families A-F

The first volume covers founding families alphabetically from A-F and includes the following: Andrews, Bagwell, Baley-Cocke, Barkham-Jenings, Barne, Bates, Bayly, Beheathland, Bennett (Edward), Bennett (Samuel), Bennett-Chapman, Bernard, Bibby, Bickley, Bland, Boyce, Boyle-Mountney, Branch, Buck, Burwell, Bush, Calthorpe, Calvert, Carsley, Carter, Chaplaine, Chew, Chisman, Claiborne, Clay, Clements, Cobb, Codrington, Cole, Cope, Cox, Crew, Croshaw, Crump, Curtis, Davis, Dawson, Delk, Digges, Edloe, Epes, Evelyn, Farrar, Fisher, Fleet, Flood, and Freeman. http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1496&NLC-GenPointers1

VOLUME TWO, Families G-P

Volume Two covers the families: Gaither, Gaskins, Gilbert, Gookin, Gosnold, Granger, Graves, Gray Grendon, Gundry, Hallom, Hampton, Hansford, Harris (John), Harris (Thomas), Harwood, Holt, Hooe, Hopkins, Johnson-Travis, Jordan (Samuel), Jordan (Thomas), Kent, Kingsmill, Knott, Laydon, Lloyd, Lovelace-Gorsuch, Lukin, Lupo, Macock, Martiau, Mason, Mathews, Menefie, Montague, Moone, Moore, Offley, O'Neil-Robins, Osborne, Pace, Parramore, Pead, Peirce, Peirse, Perry, Pierce-Bennett, Price,

Price-Llewellyn, and Purifoy.

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&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1497&NLC-GenPointers1)

VOLUME THREE, Families R-Z

The third and final volume covers the families: Reynolds, Robins, Rolfe, Rookings, Royall, St. Leger, Salter-Weld, Savage, Scarborough, Sharp, Sharp-Baugh, Sheppey, Slaughter, Smith (Arthur), Smith (Richard), Smith (Roger), Southey-Harmar-Littleton, Spencer, Stephens, Strachey, Swann, Tatum, Taylor-Cary, Thorowgood, Tooke, Townshend, Trussell, Utie, Utie-Bennett, Vassall, Waters, West, West (Anthony), Whiting, Wilkins, Williams, Willoughby, Wood, Woodhouse, Woodliffe, Woodson, Woodward, Wroughton, Wyatt, Yeardeley, and Zouche.

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MORE NEW TITLES for April from Clearfield Company

This month's six offerings from Clearfield Company are stellar. Are you on the hunt for a hard-to-find African-American ancestor? Was your Civilized Tribe forebear (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, or Seminole) forced to relocate to the Oklahoma (Indian) Territory? Did your New England Colony ancestor live during the governorship of John Winthrop? Could some of the oldest Kentucky land records reveal the whereabouts of one of your predecessors? Were your ancestors Scots or Huguenots? Did they settle in the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania? Each of our Clearfield reprints for April is full of excellent clues and/or advice on these topics. Scroll down and see why.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC CHECKLIST of African American Newspapers

This book, by Barbara K. Henritze, contains a complete checklist of African-American newspapers identified in all major bibliographic sources--newspaper directories, union lists, finding aids, African-American bibliographies, yearbooks, and specifically African-American newspaper sources. In short, it is a comprehensive checklist of every newspaper that has served African Americans since 1827--when the first black newspaper was published.

The work lists a total of 5,539 newspapers. These papers have been owned, published, edited, and read by African Americans and have been identified in 44 states and the District of Columbia. This work represents the first serious attempt at a comprehensive checklist of African-American newspapers and is a much-needed research tool for African-American history and genealogy. No other work, not even Winifred Gregory's monumental "American Newspapers, 1821-1936," comes even close to it.

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&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2687&NLC-GenPointers1)

A GAZETTEER OF INDIAN TERRITORY (U.S. Geological Survey No. 248, Series F, Geography, 44)

Indian Territory refers to those remaining southwest lands that had become home, primarily, to the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole) following their removal from the southeastern states in 1833. Indian Territory is bounded on the north by Kansas, on the east by Arkansas, on the south by Texas, and on the west by Oklahoma. The bulk of this book consists of an alphabetical list of 2,100 place names, scattered through Indian Territory. The place names range from villages, to railway stations, bodies of water, and other natural formations. Each place name is identified in relation to the Indian nation on whose reservation it could be found and with reference to Indian Nation atlas sheets published separately by the U.S. Geological Survey.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9861
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9861&NLC-GenPointers1)

THE HISTORY OF NEW ENGLAND from 1630 to 1649 by John Winthrop, Esq., First Governor of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay from His Original Manuscripts with Notes. Revised Edition. In Two Volumes

"James Savage's Edition of Winthrop's Journal," as this work is usually referred to, was inspired by the discovery in 1816 of a third part (manuscript) of Winthrop's "History of New England." James Savage completed his transcription and collation of the manuscript in time for an 1825 publication, adding his own learned annotations about the men, women, and events Winthrop referred to, yielding a work perhaps twice as long as the original journal. THE HISTORY OF NEW ENGLAND is arranged, journal-entry-by-journal-entry, from the patriarch's arrival in Massachusetts Bay in 1630 until 1648, the year before his death. Savage's notes on any given entry appear on the same page in smaller type. For example, when Winthrop refers to a fire in the house of John Page, Savage's notes tell us that Page was one of the first freemen admitted to the Massachusetts General Court.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9445
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9445&NLC-GenPointers1)

OLD KENTUCKY ENTRIES AND DEEDS

This work contains the earliest land records of Kentucky. The information is arranged alphabetically by the names of the grantees and includes the number of acres, dates, locations, and references to the page references in the original records, which are now housed at the Land Office in Frankfort. The work contains more than 45,000 entries,

most of which are devoted to Fayette, Lincoln, and Jefferson county records prior to 1792.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3015&NLC-GenPointers1

HUGUENOT AND SCOTS LINKS, 1575-1775

After Louis XIV rescinded the Edict of Nantes in 1685, Huguenots, fearing reprisals, fled to whichever of Europe's Protestant countries would receive them. Some of them or their descendants made their way to Scotland, which officially had become a Protestant country in 1560. Most of these emigrants (craftsmen, artisans, and merchants) settled in the Canongate, then a separate burgh but now a part of Edinburgh. The second largest occupational group of French Protestants joined Scottish regiments and fought against the armies of France or its Jacobite allies in Scotland and Ireland. Working from baptismal registers, burgess rolls, tax lists, marriage registers, and other primary sources, David Dobson has unearthed information concerning more than 1,000 Scottish Huguenots or their descendants. For each individual, Mr. Dobson provides the name, a locale, a date, usually an occupation, and something about the person (e.g., "admitted as a burgess," or "apprenticed to James Smart a merchant in Edinburgh," or "married Beatrix Cowan in Canongate").

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REGISTER OF MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS Performed by Rev. John Cuthbertson, Covenanter Minister, 1751-1791

This work is a transcription of the diary of Scottish Covenanter minister James Cuthbertson, which he compiled during his missionary travels throughout the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania. The work contains a complete list of marriages, giving the names of the bride and groom and date of marriage; a complete list of baptisms, giving the name of the child, name of the parent, and date of baptism; and a selection of quotations pertaining to the weddings and baptisms he performed during his long ministry.

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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

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

THE SURNAMENES OF WALES for Family Historians and Others

This book provides the reader with a 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

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

A DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH AND WELSH SURNAMES with Special American Instances (Very low in stock)

This is the classic reference work on English and Welsh surnames by Charles W. Bardsley, with dated and documented examples given in the text and American instances cited in many cases where the name appeared in the directories of such cities as Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. It contains more than 30,000 entries in dictionary form, giving the origin and history of each surname, lists of persons bearing the name in various centuries, and the frequency of the name and its variants in certain 19th-century English and American directories. Among other things, the reader will find many references to baptisms and marriages published by the various English record societies.

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