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FEATURED CDs for May--Back in Stock and on Sale!

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Did your English, Irish, or Scottish forebear emigrate to North America (either voluntarily or under duress) during the 17th, 18th, or early 19th century? Did he/she settle in Pennsylvania, Virginia, or Kentucky? If you can answer "yes" to any of the above, you will discover tens, even hundreds, of thousands of individuals who fit these descriptions in our featured group of May CD-ROM titles. Each title is crammed with the pages of leading publications containing compiled genealogies and/or source records bearing on these subjects. Each CD costs one tenth or less of the combined value of the books imaged and indexed on it. Best of all, we've discounted the price by \$10.00 on every one of these CDs until 11:59 PM EDT, Saturday, May 31, 2008.

IMMIGRANTS TO THE NEW WORLD, 1600s-1800s

This CD contains images of the pages from five books, each of which contains a complete collection of articles on ships' passenger lists that originally appeared in America's most prestigious genealogy periodicals. All articles identified by Harold Lancour in his celebrated "Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists, 1538-1825" can be found on this CD. These books refer to approximately 58,000 individuals who arrived in New England or the mid-Atlantic colonies/states between 1572 and 1878.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

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GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES from "Tyler's Quarterly"

This Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of all four volumes of "Genealogies of Virginia Families from "Tyler's Quarterly"" and the multi-volume "Virginia Colonial Abstracts" by Beverley Fleet. The multi-volume set contains all 350 family history articles published in "Tyler's Quarterly" from its inception in 1919 until its demise in 1952. Fleet's abstracts contain some of the earliest Virginia records known to exist, such as records of birth, marriage, and death, tax lists, court orders, militia lists, wills, and deeds.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

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SCOTTISH IMMIGRANTS TO NORTH AMERICA, 1600s to 1800s. The Collected Works of David Dobson

David Dobson has been trolling for the names of Scottish immigrants to North America for more than 20 years. From original records and printed sources in Great Britain, Canada, and the U.S. he has amassed information on all known Scottish immigrants to North America, the majority of whom arrived in America from the earliest colonial times up to the Revolutionary War. This Family Archive CD captures the page images of a score of Mr. Dobson's publications at a fraction of the cost of the books. Thanks to David Dobson's arduous labors in record offices and archives throughout Great Britain and America, we have information pertaining to the identity of approximately 75,000 of these early Scots immigrants.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

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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.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

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KENTUCKY LAND RECORDS, 1774-1924

This Family Archive CD is composed of four essential Kentucky reference books published by GPC. Naming approximately 150,000 individuals, the information includes the number of acres owned, entry date of record, nearest watercourse, and the landholder's official place of residence. For those persons who were granted land based on their service in the French and Indian War or the Revolutionary War, information pertaining to military service is also provided.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

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BRITISH EMIGRANTS IN BONDAGE, 1614-1788

To put matters into context, few colonizing powers relied so heavily and consistently on the wholesale deportation of their prison population as did England through two-and-a-half centuries of imperial expansion. By the time America made her Declaration of Independence in 1776, the prisons of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland had shipped some 48,000 of their inmates--most of them petty criminals--to the colonies, where most of them survived and, with their descendants, populated the land of their exile.

Since 1974, Peter Wilson Coldham has worked to identify the names of all persons who were part of this diaspora. This CD contains all of Mr. Coldham's research on the subject of the convict trade. Besides the records themselves, the CD features a definitive essay on the British transportation system, an exhaustive breakdown of the records used in compiling the CD, and a complete list of convict ships that sailed to America between 1671 and 1788. Any student of the colonial passenger trade from Great Britain to North America will want to own a copy of this remarkable CD.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7012&NLC-GenPointers1

FEATURED BOOKS FOR MAY

In addition to the six CDs described above, we are featuring a dozen print publications on www.genealogical.com this month. Among them are three books by Fred Q. Bowman that substitute for the dire shortage of official vital records for Upstate New York during the first half of the 19th century. Readers of "Genealogy Pointers" will remember that we published Terrence Punch's groundbreaking book, "Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853," in January of this year. This comprehensive list of Irish arrivals to the Canadian Maritime Provinces, many of whom eventually found their way to New England and New York, sold out almost overnight. If you were unable to obtain your

copy earlier, you will be happy to learn that it is back in stock, as is Brian Mitchell's indispensable guide, "A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland."

Other classic reprints for this month include two titles on Scottish emigration to North America; one of the few published works on 17th-century settlers of Bermuda; a book on early Mississippi court records; and three titles on Virginia, including collections of wills and other source records for Elizabeth City County, Southampton County, and Warwick County.

Following is a complete list of our featured titles for May. 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&NLC-GenPointers1

BOOKS:

- 10,000 Vital Records of Central New York, 1813-1850
- 10,000 Vital Records of Eastern New York, 1777-1834
- 10,000 Vital Records of Western New York, 1809-1850
- Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853
- A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland. Second Edition
- Ships from Scotland to North America, 1830-1860. Volume II
- Jacobites of 1715 and 1745: North East Scotland
- Bermuda Settlers of the 17th Century
- Mississippi County Court Records
- Wills and Administrations of Elizabeth City County, Virginia, 1688-1800
- Wills and Administrations of Southampton County, Virginia, 1749-1800
- Warwick County, Virginia: Colonial Court Records in Transcription

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"THE QUAKERS AND QUAKER GENEALOGY," by Ellen and David Berry

The following article is excerpted from the Introduction to Ellen and David Berry's book, OUR QUAKER ANCESTORS. For more information about that publication, please visit the following link:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=483&NLC-GenPointers1

The Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, has a rich storehouse of records kept from its beginning in the mid-1600s to the present. There are vast differences among Quaker records, and the genealogist must know which ones to use. The study of Quaker records is mechanically different from that of other religious organizations. More emphasis must be placed on historical context, because organizational history and record-keeping are closely related. Unless you are careful--and knowledgeable--you can become hopelessly lost and find yourself giving up on one of the richest sources of genealogical records you could ever hope to find.

Across the U.S. are small towns with names that have a certain rhythm or quality of sound. As you move south and west from the eastern seaboard to the Mississippi River and beyond, through Virginia and the swamplands of the Carolinas to Georgia, you will see names like Radnor, Concord, Salem, New Garden, Goshen, Cedar Creek, and others which combine Biblical and geographical origins. These names are a part of one of the most interesting facets of early American history. They indicate that, at least at one time, the area was populated by The Religious Society of Friends. The Quakers were once an influential part of their communities. They moved from their early settlements in the original eastern colonies and called their new homes by familiar names, much as they had done when they arrived from England and Wales. In some of these towns, you might find a rectangular building, usually stretching east to west and facing south, which might still be used as a meetinghouse. In all probability, it will have the same name as the village or town.

If you were to visit any of these meetinghouses today, you might find a record of almost every event which took place at that location from the time of its establishment. These records include information on births, marriages, and deaths, but they also note the names of residents moving to and from the area and their places of origin, as well as committee actions on a wide variety of topics, including requests to individuals to leave the meeting and the reasons for the request. In addition, there would be records of announced intentions of marriage, followed by the actual wedding record naming not only the bride and groom but all of those present, among whom may be found the parents, brothers, sisters, and perhaps other relations of the newlyweds. If the old records are not at the meetinghouse itself, it is possible to determine where they have been sent and where the original records or microfilm copies can be used by the general public. In other words, you will find a genealogist's dream. There is an amazing number of these records in existence. You only need to know where they are and how to use them. This is the focus of [our] book.

The Religious Society of Friends began in the same religious turmoil of 17th-century England that produced the Puritans. The Quakers also immigrated to America to escape severe religious persecution. Although Quakers first saw American shores during the 1650s, it was not until 1682 that large numbers started to emigrate from the British Isles and smaller numbers from continental Europe. It was in this year that William Penn landed just south of what is now Philadelphia to exercise his proprietorship of the present states of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Because of their stubbornness or strong-mindedness (depending upon how you view it), the Quakers' influence far exceeded their numbers. They were a study in contradictions. Although they espoused religious freedom, they required their own members to worship in a specified manner. No organization had more rules regarding removal from approved status than the Quakers. By today's standards, these rules seem trivial and even arrogant. It now seems ironic that it was precisely this dictatorial image that the Society wanted to avoid at all costs. They were truly "plain people," but at the same time they were shrewd merchants. Their honesty in personal and business dealings was renowned. Their treatment of the Indians is a classic study in how other white Americans should have conducted themselves. However, even in this area they were not completely faultless. They abhorred slavery, but some families

owned slaves. They were against war of any kind, but still some fought in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

The Quakers were a more mobile society than most religious groups that came to early America. Whether their travels through the South to the Midwest were prompted by religious fervor, the clash of political and religious beliefs (e.g. slavery), or simply the desire for land and opportunities is now a moot point. The fact is they did move in large numbers, and in doing so they left a trail of records unsurpassed by any other religious organization.

There is another side to this story. The same doctrine that required record-keeping also forbade religious rituals and any form of self-aggrandizement. In the early years even grave markers were prohibited, as were personal histories (although some histories do exist, particularly of people prominent in the movement). Therefore, it is often difficult for a genealogist to place an ancestor in the proper historical perspective. However, the voluminous records more than make up for these deficiencies. It is always safe to say that anyone interested in tracing ancestors is indeed fortunate if a connection can be made with Quakers, for it means there is a good chance that comprehensive primary records can be found.

In our travels throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North and South Carolina, and in conversations with Quaker librarians, it became apparent that research in Quaker genealogy would be greatly facilitated by a definitive handbook describing the differences that exist between Friends' records and denominational church records; in particular, we hoped to delineate the methods necessary to locate and interpret data critical to genealogists.

Before there can be any clear understanding of Quaker records, one must know something of the history of The Religious Society of Friends. There was no question of whether or not to keep records; it was a dictate from the Society's founder, George Fox, that records be kept. This idea is so foreign to modern denominational church practices that some introduction to Quakerism is necessary, and the next chapter is intended to fulfill this need. [END of Introduction]

NB. Quaker researchers would be well advised to begin their research in Quaker source records with the CD-ROM version of William Wade Hinshaw's multi-volume work, **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY**:
http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7192&NLC-GenPointers1

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SCHARF'S "HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND" Now Available on CD-ROM

Nineteenth-century historian J. Thomas Scharf was famous for his large, often multi-volume, histories of the mid-Atlantic states and their regions. His two-volume HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND is notable among them.

Published in two volumes in 1882, HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND applies to the area now comprising the counties of Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington. The first volume surveys the periods of the French and Indian War, the Revolution, and the War of 1812, giving lists of early soldiers, settlers, voters, and public officials, with supporting lists of marriages, patents and surveys, churches, and institutions. The latter half of Volume I and all of Volume II are devoted to historical and biographical sketches, which include considerable genealogical data, and are arranged by county and thereunder by district and neighborhood for purposes of convenience and optimum comprehensiveness. Without fear of exaggeration, we can say that this work includes hundreds of biographies, narrative histories, and extensive lists of people, places, and events, not to mention an enormous number of lesser subjects.

The principal weakness of the Scharf history has been the absence of a true name index (The existing index at the back of Volume II is merely a glorified table of contents.) That shortcoming has now been overcome with the publication of the two-volume work in CD-ROM format. The CD, HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND (the first CD produced by Clearfield Company), runs on the widely available Adobe Acrobat Reader and is fully searchable. Thanks to the miracles of electronic technology, the thousands of names, places, and events buried in the recesses of Scharf's fabulous regional history are now within the reach of researchers who obtain a copy of this CD--at a fraction of the cost of the unindexed two volumes on the used-book market!

Learn more about the CD, HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND, including technical requirements, at the following link:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=8519&NLC-GenPointers1

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WHAT'S NEW at the Genealogy Warehouse for May

Everything is coming up Scottish at the Genealogy Warehouse this month. We've added two of David Dobson's titles to the five Scottish titles already there.

The GENEALOGY WAREHOUSE, of course, is our bargain basement for genealogy books. Every one of the roughly 150 titles in the WAREHOUSE has been permanently discounted by 40%, 50%, or more below its original cost. Since we are always adding new titles to the GENEALOGY WAREHOUSE, you may want to get in the habit of checking it out on a regular basis--especially since some of these markdowns are in short supply.

We invite you to peruse the following list for descriptions of the new and older Scottish titles in the GENEALOGY WAREHOUSE featured this month. If your interests fall outside of Scotland, why not browse the complete collection of GENEALOGY WAREHOUSE titles at:

http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_warehouse.html&NLC-GenPointers1

****New****

SCOTS IN THE USA AND CANADA, 1825-1875. Part One

Between 1825 and 1838 more than 60,000 emigrants left Scotland bound for North America; from 1840 to 1853, nearly 30,000 emigrated from there; and in 1881 alone, 38,000 left for the U.S. and 3,000 left for Canada, mostly via Greenock. This book contains about 1,500 brief sketches of Scottish men and women and their families who were a part of this great exodus.

David Dobson's findings come mostly from Scottish newspapers as well as from a handful of documents in the National Archives of Scotland. Data invariably gives, besides the individual's full name, the place of residence (country, state/province, or city), an identifying date, and the source of the information. In addition, many of the entries indicate the individual's date of birth, father's name and occupation or place of residence, spouse, or the name of the vessel upon which he/she arrived.

Was \$14.50 Now \$8.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9247&NLC-GenPointers1

****New****

SCOTTISH SOLDIERS in Colonial America, Part Three

This book marks the second volume in a series on Scottish colonial soldiers compiled by emigration authority David Dobson. (The first volume was published as two parts in one.) Working from manuscripts in the Acts of the Privy Council and the Calendar of British State Papers and published sources such as the Aberdeen Journal, the Edinburgh Advertiser, and the Georgia Gazette, the author has uncovered information on an additional 750 Scottish colonial soldiers not found in the earlier book. One such soldier is "John Wright, born in High Calton, Edinburgh, during 1728, an army sergeant who fought in the French and Indian War and in the American War of Independence, witnessed the death of Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham, died in Joppa, Edinburgh, in 1838, father of a Roman Catholic priest in Montreal."

Was \$12.50 Now \$7.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9812&NLC-GenPointers1

****Other Scottish Titles in the Genealogy Warehouse****

SCOTTISH FAMILY HISTORY

Author David Moody examines the Scottish family in relation to the great movements of local history, while providing instruction on the sources and techniques needed for successful family history research. Trades, professions, religions, clans and surnames, migration and emigration, labor and industry, kin and community--all are dealt with in the intimate context of family history. So, too, are the conventional sources of genealogical data such as church records, memoirs, and government records.

Was \$19.95 Now \$10.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3860&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS IN THE MID-ATLANTIC COLONIES, 1635-1783

This work identifies some 3,000 Scots who settled in the mid-Atlantic colonies prior to the Revolutionary War. Scottish settlement in the middle colonies of America dates from the early 17th century, and David Dobson demonstrates that, even before the establishment of English colonies in that region in the 1660s, a number of Scots pioneers were living with the Dutch settlers of New Netherland and probably also in the Swedish settlements along the Delaware River.

Was \$25.00 Now \$14.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1466&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTTISH-AMERICAN Court Records, 1733-1783

Evidence of the settlement of Scots in America exists in a wide range of documentary sources in Scotland, including the records of the Scottish court. This work is a digest of such evidence as it is based on the minute books of the Court of Session (the highest civil court) and those of the High Court of the Admiralty (which had jurisdiction in all seafaring and maritime cases) for the period 1733 to 1783. In essence, it identifies those people resident in North America who were engaged in litigation in Scotland and whose cases came before the aforementioned courts.

Was \$18.00 Now \$11.00

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1477&NLC-GenPointers1

THE ORIGINAL SCOTS COLONISTS of Early America. Caribbean Supplement, 1611-1707

It is believed that as many as 5,000 Scots settled temporarily or permanently in the Caribbean before the Act of Union in 1707. Many of the colonists used the islands as a stopping-off point before continuing on to the mainland of America, where they then settled. Alexander Hamilton and Theodore Roosevelt are numbered among those who descend from Scots who initially settled in the Caribbean. This supplement contains data

that expands on some of the information found in David Dobson's earlier book, "The Original Scots Colonists of Early America, 1612-1783." It also contains completely new information gleaned from recent research.

Was \$20.00 Now \$12.00

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1472&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS IN LATIN AMERICA

Emigration from Scotland to Latin America began in earnest following the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815. In this volume on Scottish emigration, David Dobson enumerates the members of this exodus. Mr. Dobson's findings are based on primary sources in Scotland, especially documents in archives, newspapers, and cemetery transcriptions. While there is considerable variance from description to description, each entry identifies the passenger by country (and sometimes city) of origin, a date when the immigrant was known to have resided in Latin America, and the source of the information. Mr. Dobson's Scotsmen turn up in a number of Latin American countries, including Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Was \$14.95 Now \$7.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9785&NLC-GenPointers1

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NEW BLOG ARTICLE on Virginia Church Records and the Disestablishment of the Anglican Church

If you are a student of Virginia genealogy or history, you know that the Anglican Church was the established (official) church of the Virginia colony, until the Church's disestablishment (ergo that spelling bee challenge of our childhood: "antidisestablishmentarianism"). The end of Anglican exclusivity was a by-product of the American Revolution. To learn more about the implications of this critical change in the religious life of Virginia AND to get a grasp on the genealogical riches to be found in Virginia church records, be sure to check out our blog, www.GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com, today.

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