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### **GPC TURNS 50. Part Two**

In the first part of our company history, we described our evolution from used bookseller, to reprint publisher, to full-fledged reference book publishing house with thousands of books in print under three different imprints: Genealogical Publishing Company, Clearfield Company, and Gateway Press. Today, we resume the story with our entry into the digital age.

The fact of the matter is that we have continued to change, particularly with the advent of the digital age. Today, about one-third of the titles we publish are also available on CD-ROM.

The process began in the 1990s, when GPC collaborated with Banner Blue Software, the company that introduced Family Tree Maker software to the genealogy market. Banner Blue wanted to make genealogy data available to its customers, and we wanted to get as much of our material as possible into an electronic format. As a result of that collaboration, over 800 of our books were imaged, indexed, and made available on CD-ROM at a fraction of the cost of the books themselves. These books exist on approximately 85 Family Archive CDs, which use Family Tree Maker's patented Archive Viewer. Over the last four or five years, we have produced a half-dozen newer CDs that work with the Adobe Acrobat Reader software, which, like the Family Archive Viewer, can be downloaded free of charge. Within the next few years, we expect to digitize the remaining books in our collection and make them available either with an online subscription or by downloads.

The inclusive index to the books found on our CD-ROMs yielded an important enhancement to our website, [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com): the name search feature. You can now search the names on all those CDs (and the books found thereon) before you decide whether or not to purchase a product. Because the index is not comprehensive to all 2,000 books in our collection, failing to find the name you are looking for in our "name search"

should not discourage you from considering books not yet indexed online. We recognize that this arrangement is not perfect, and we are in the process of indexing the remainder of our titles. Meanwhile, the millions of names currently indexed on our site, most of which go back to the colonial period of American history or earlier, are a valuable, free resource for our customers.

As we embark on our next half-century, our website promises to be the key mechanism for bringing you the newest and best in genealogical resources. Look to “Genealogy Pointers” or our website for announcements of the latest genealogical reference materials, like Drew Smith’s [Social Networking for Genealogists](#), or the new 3rd edition of Elizabeth Petty Bentley’s [County Courthouse Book](#). Finally, as we digitize the remainder of our existing products, you will discover that an number of our titles will be in print at all times (thanks to print-on-demand technology), and available in a variety of formats. If you know of an out-of-print book or would like to propose a new one for us to publish, please send your suggestions to [info@genealogical.com](mailto:info@genealogical.com). With your help, we look forward to bringing you the best books and CDs that genealogy can offer in the years to come.

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## **CLEARFIELD COMPANY BARGAIN BOOKS FOR JULY 09**

Did your ancestors ever live in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, or Missouri? Could they have emigrated from Wales? Did they participate in the American Revolution in some capacity? Could they have married between 1785 and 1794? If you can answer in the affirmative to one or more of these questions, the following reference books could be of help to you. Moreover, we have lowered the price on each one of them by 25% or more for the entire month of July.

### [MARRIAGE NOTICES, 1785-1794, for the Whole United States](#)

Arranged in alphabetical order, this work cross-references over 5,000 names of brides and grooms from the *Massachusetts Centinel* and the *Columbian Centinel*. While primarily New England marriages, there are entries from all of the original colonies and Ohio. The data includes age, occupation, notation of a previous marriage, and the name of the minister.

**Was \$17.50 Now \$12.95**

### [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.

**Was \$20.00 Now \$14.95**

[A BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF LANCASTER COUNTY \[Pennsylvania\]: Being a History of Eminent Men of the County](#)

Alexander Harris's biographical history of Lancaster County, with articles arranged alphabetically by surname, contains nearly 2,000 biographies of early settlers and eminent men and refers in total to an additional 10,000 related individuals. Almost all of the biographies contain substantial genealogical data, including critical dates and places of birth, marriage, and death; names of children and family members; places of residence; and more.

**Was \$47.50 Now \$34.95**

[THE FLOWERING OF THE MARYLAND PALATINATE](#)

This work describes the life and times of the 200 adventurers who accompanied Leonard Calvert (Lord Baltimore) in the settlement of the Province of Maryland in 1634. It consists of biographical and genealogical sketches of the 200 adventurers, each developed in meticulous detail from surviving documents by the famous Maryland genealogist, Harry Wright Newman.

**Was \$32.50 Now \$22.95**

[KENTUCKIANS IN MISSOURI](#)

This work derives its information from a study of some sixty Missouri county histories, atlases, and "mug-books." It provides information on more than 4,000 persons born in Kentucky who migrated to Missouri, some by way of Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois. The entries include the name of the Kentucky migrant, birth date, names of parents and their dates and places of birth (if known), name of the Missouri county in which the migrant settled, and the earliest known date of residence in Missouri.

**Was \$22.50 Now \$16.50**

[VIRGINIA NORTHERN NECK LAND GRANTS. In Four Volumes \(see below links\)](#)

The Northern Neck of Virginia consists of all of the territory between the Potomac and the Rappahannock Rivers. The "headright" system, widely used for acquiring land in Virginia, was never recognized in the Northern Neck. People wanting to acquire land there had to purchase a warrant and obtain a survey before they were issued a grant. The original Grant Books, now on microfilm, were used in making this four-volume collection of abstracts, and they generally provide the following information: name of the grantee, dates of warrant and survey, date and location of grant, amount of acreage, names of former owners/occupiers, names of adjacent property owners, and often the names of heirs and other family members. Altogether, nearly 40,000 early Northern Neck residents are cited, all of them easily located in the indexes at the back of each volume.

**Vol. I (1694-1742): Was 22.50 Now \$16.95**

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=2315&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2315&NLC-GenPointers1)

**Vol. II (1742-1775): Was \$29.50 Now \$21.95**

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=2316  
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2316&NLC-GenPointers1)

**Vol. III (1775-1800): Was \$29.50 Now \$21.95**

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&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2317&NLC-GenPointers1)

**Vol. IV (1800-1862): Temporarily out of print.**

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=2318  
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2318&NLC-GenPointers1)

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### **VISIT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS Genealogy Website**

The Library of Congress (LC) is the greatest repository of published works in the U.S., including genealogy and local history books and periodicals. Whether or not you are planning to visit the Library itself in the near future, it will pay you to visit its website.

To get on the LC website, go to the following link: <http://www.loc.gov>. At the LC home page, take some time to browse the site as a whole. For example, at the American Memory collection ([www.memory.loc.gov](http://www.memory.loc.gov)) you will find a gateway to rich primary source materials related to the history and culture of the U.S. The site offers more than 7 million digital items from more than 100 historical collections--from ancient Greece to Athens, Ohio. Other popular sites that can be accessed from the LC home page include online exhibitions (are you interested in Bob Hope's vaudeville career?), world cultures, congressional legislation, and a discovery center.

After you tear yourself from the aforementioned diversions (thank goodness for the "back" button!), return to the LC home page. Now click on "Resources for Researchers" (upper left of page), which will take you to the following page: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/>. Next, click on "General Collections" at the bottom right, and then click on "Local History and Genealogy," which should bring you to the home page for the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy>.

While much of the Local History and Genealogy site is designed to prepare researchers to work in the Library, you can also do some of your investigating right on the site. For instance, you can search the Library catalogue for a book among its collection of 50,000 published genealogies and 100,000 local histories (<http://catalog.loc.gov/>). You will also find a page of links to genealogical collections at other libraries as well as to a selected list of popular genealogy sites. Staff members of the Local History and Genealogy Division have prepared two dozen bibliographies or guides to a range of genealogy topics that you can access or print out for free:

([http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib\\_guid/bibguide.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/bibguide.html)). If you are about to finish writing a genealogy or local history, you can learn what the procedures are for depositing

a copy at the LC and for filing for copyright under "Acquiring Published Genealogies" (<http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy>).

On the other hand, if you ARE contemplating a trip to Washington, here are some reasons to visit <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/> in advance. For example, you will learn which of the major genealogy databases are available to you at the computer work stations in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room. The staff of the Local History and Genealogy Division conducts tours of the reading room and research seminars to orient new users to LC resources. You'll want to book one or both of these opportunities in advance. Similarly, the site's home page should give you a pretty good idea of what to bring, the Library's circulation policy, and generally how to make the best use of your time at the LC. Finally, if you are accustomed to using a commercial genealogy database (e.g., [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)), you can find out in advance which ones are available at the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room.

So, whether you're planning to travel or want to find something online among the LC's 29 million books and other printed materials, 2.7 million recordings, 12 million photographs, 4.8 million maps, and 57 million manuscripts, a visit to <http://www.loc.gov> promises to be rewarding.

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**TODAY ONLY!**  
**SAVE \$\$ on Your Own "Library of Congress" Genealogy Collection**

In the past two centuries, genealogists have published tens of thousands of family histories. In fact, since the middle of the 19th century, the Library of Congress (LC), as we noted above, has served as the repository for some 50,000 of them. As any genealogist should know, the place to start your research--after examining and evaluating the records in your own family's possession--is by learning if someone else has done research on your family. Having access to a list of published family histories, therefore, can prove to be invaluable.

Recognizing the importance of such a list inspired author Marion Kaminkow to set herself the task of combing through the card catalogue of the LC for family histories. In 1972 Mrs. Kaminkow published *GENEALOGIES IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: A Bibliography*. This two-volume work provides bibliographical details of all the family histories deposited at the Library from its establishment through 1972. In 1977 and again in 1986, Mrs. Kaminkow produced two *SUPPLEMENTS* to the base work, extending the coverage by another 14 years. Recognizing that not every genealogist had sent his/her family history to the LC, she canvassed the collections of 24 additional libraries around the U.S. (e.g. the famed Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana). Her *COMPLEMENT TO GENEALOGIES IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS* identifies a staggering 20,000 genealogies not in the collection of our national library. In all, Mrs. Kaminkow produced a bibliography, in five volumes, of well over 50,000 genealogies

prepared through 1986.

Since the publication of [Genealogies in the Library of Congress](#), a number of U.S. libraries have acquired copies of this remarkable compilation. However, the price (\$430.00 for all five volumes when purchased separately; \$395.00 for the five-volume set) has put them out of the reach of the average researcher. **For TODAY ONLY**, readers of "Genealogy Pointers" can purchase the set containing all of the components of [Genealogies in the Library of Congress](#) at a huge savings.

Imagine having at your fingertips the titles and full bibliographical details of the vast majority of genealogies ever published through 1986! In many cases, the book citations refer to collateral family names, spelling variations, and, sometimes, cross-references to other works--including foreign titles. Here is one example:

GRIM. History of the Grim family of Pennsylvania and its associated families including the following: Merkle, Greenawalt, Fertig, Zechman, Schaeffer, Smith, Felver Schreiner, Creher, Kircher and Moyer families. Published by Mabel Estella Grim Smith, Jennie Lucretia Grim Long, Harry Heber, Compiled and edited by William Gabriel Long (Huntington, W. Va., Printed by Huntington publishing company) 1934. v. 166 pp. illus (incl. ports., maps, facsim., coat of arms) 23 cm. 35-14616. CS71. G86 1934.

As you can see, [Genealogies in the Library of Congress](#) is more than a booklist; rather, it contains clues that may disclose the next phase of your research. Moreover, since you know where copies of these genealogies are housed, you may even be able to acquire a facsimile copy (e.g., the LC will print copies of its public domain genealogies on demand for a stated fee).

We are pleased to extend this unprecedented offer to own these marvelous books at dramatic savings. Remember, however, these special prices will end at **11:59 PM, EDT, Tonight, July 14, 2009**.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to bring this massive bibliography of family histories from the LC into your own home!

[GENEALOGIES IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: A Bibliography. In Five Volumes](#)

This is the complete five-volume set, consisting of the two-volume base set of GENEALOGIES, the two SUPPLEMENTS, and the COMPLEMENT.

**Was \$395.00/set Sale Price: \$149.95/set**

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**WHAT'S NEW at the Genealogy Warehouse for July**

This month we are adding to the [Genealogy Warehouse](#) (1) a large collection of 17th-century indentured servant records, (2) land and prerogative court records for colonial

Maryland, and (3) 18th-century baptism and burial records from Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The Genealogy Warehouse is our bargain basement for genealogy books. Each of the roughly 200 titles in the Warehouse has been discounted by 40%, 50%, or more below its original price. You will discover books on all aspects of genealogy there, so make it a habit to visit the Genealogy Warehouse every month to learn if our newest bargains have a bearing on your research.

In addition to the three new arrivals this month, you will also find below a list of Warehouse books covering the Southern states of the U.S. Still don't see something you want among the July books? Browse the complete collection of Genealogy Warehouse titles at: [http://www.genealogical.com/content/products\\_warehouse.html&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_warehouse.html&NLC-GenPointers1)

**\*\*New\*\***

[BRISTOL AND AMERICA. A Record of the First Settlers in the Colonies of North America, 1654-1685](#)

This volume presents a list of more than 10,000 indentured servants who embarked from the British port of Bristol for Virginia, Maryland, New England, and other parts between 1654 and 1685, giving information on the passengers' origin and destination. Records the name of practically every person who left England for Virginia, Maryland, and the West Indies for the period covered.

**Was \$22.50 Now \$16.50**

**\*\*New\*\***

[LAND OFFICE AND PREROGATIVE COURT RECORDS of Colonial Maryland](#)

About two-thirds of this work is devoted to a history of the land administered by colonial Maryland, with a detailed inventory of Patents, Warrants, Proprietary Leases, Rent Rolls, Debt Books, etc. The remainder consists of a study of the colonial Prerogative Court, which had control over probate matters.

**Was \$17.50 Now \$12.95**

**\*\*New\*\***

[BAPTISMS AND BURIALS from the Records of Christ Church, Philadelphia, 1709-1760](#)

Christ Church was established in 1695 and was the first Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. For a number of years it served the entire Anglican community. By 1760, when St. Peter's was split off from it, more than 10,000 baptisms and burials were recorded in its registers.

**Was \$30.00 Now \$22.50**

**\*\*Warehouse Books on Southern Roots\*\***

[THE RECONSTRUCTED 1790 CENSUS of Georgia](#)

The compilers of this work extracted data found in wills, deeds, tax digests, court minutes, voters' lists, newspapers, and other contemporary records--records roughly contemporaneous with the 1790 federal census--and they have identified about 15,000 Georgians who were living at the time of that census. Counties covered include all of those formed before 1790, i.e. Burke, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Franklin, Glynn, Greene, Liberty, Richmond, Washington, and Wilkes, as well as Columbia and Elbert counties, which were formed just after the census was taken.

**Was \$28.50 Now \$16.95**

[SKETCHES OF PROMINENT TENNESSEANS Containing Biographies and Records of Many of the Families Who Have Attained Prominence in Tennessee](#)

As many as 259 prominent 19th-century Tennesseans are profiled in this extraordinary book. The biographical sketches include numerous details about the lives of the subjects and their families.

**Was \$45.00 Now \$25.95**

[NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS in South Carolina](#)

Prior to the resolution of the border dispute between North and South Carolina in 1772, North Carolina had issued more than 1,000 grants for land in an area that is now South Carolina but which was then thought to be in the North Carolina counties of Anson, Bladen, Mecklenburg, and Tryon. The records of these grants--plats and warrants for the most part--form the basis of this work. The data provided includes the name of the grantee, the file entry or grant number, the relevant book and page of the original record books, the location of the grant, the names of owners of adjoining property, and the dates of the various instruments.

**Was \$20.00 Now \$12.00**

[THE MORAVIANS IN GEORGIA, 1735-1740.](#) *Low in stock.*

This book documents the brief history of the Moravian community in Georgia, commencing with an overview of the sect and continuing through the negotiations between Brethren leader August Spangenburg and Georgia founder General James Oglethorpe, 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.

**Was \$26.50 Now \$15.00**

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## **BLOG: GENERAL LAND OFFICE RECORDS**

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), within the Department of Interior, hosts the General Land Office (GLO) Records Automation website. Here genealogists can gain live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States, *and* image access to more than three million Federal land title records for Eastern Public Land States issued between 1820 and 1908. Right now, BLM is adding images of Military Land Warrants, which were issued to individuals as a reward for their military service. To learn about the holdings of the General Land Office, be sure to read Carolyn Barkley's latest posting on our blog, [www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com](http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com) today!

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