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"VIRGINIA'S LAND," by Carol McGinnis

To understand Virginia genealogy, researchers must know something of its geography. Present-day Virginia is divided into nine geographic regions, and the terms to designate these regions are often used in genealogical and historical literature. Five regions run from east to west: the Eastern Shore, the Tidewater, the Piedmont, The Valley, and Western Virginia. Four regions run from north to south: the Northern Neck, the North Peninsula, The Peninsula, and Southside.

**EASTERN SHORE:** Otherwise known as The Shore, this is the small peninsula south of the Maryland line that includes the counties of Accomack and Northampton.

**TIDEWATER:** The flat, and sometimes swampy, coastal plain west and inland from the Chesapeake Bay to the Fall Line, the Tidewater region comprises about a fourth of the state. The Fall Line is an imaginary line marking the upper limits of the tidal flow; it runs north to south through Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Richmond, and Petersburg.

**PIEDMONT:** A rolling area of rich farmlands from the Tidewater to the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Piedmont extends southwest from Alexandria in the north and comprises about half of the state.

**THE VALLEY:** The area between the Blue Ridge Mountains, which lie at the western edge of the Piedmont, and the Allegheny Mountains, which run along the West Virginia border, is known as The Valley or the Valley of Virginia. From Frederick County in the north to Rockbridge County in the south, it is the "Shenandoah Valley." To the south, various other valleys continue the general terrain. For genealogical purposes, the entire area is termed "The Valley." The Shenandoah Valley includes the nine counties of Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren, Berkeley, and Jefferson, the last two of which are in present-day West Virginia. Prior to 1738, the entire Shenandoah Valley was part of Orange County; in 1738 it was cut off from Orange County and divided into Frederick and Augusta counties.

**WESTERN VIRGINIA:** This is generally anything west of the City of Roanoke and south of the Shenandoah Valley.

**NORTHERN NECK:** This is the area south from the Potomac River to the Rappahannock River and generally east of Prince William and Stafford counties. The term also may be used to identify the Fairfax (Northern Neck) Proprietary, which extended to the western boundary of present-day West Virginia.

**NORTH PENINSULA:** Also known as the Upper Peninsula, this is the region south of the Rappahannock River and north of the York River.

THE PENINSULA: This is the area between the York and James rivers; it was the site of Virginia's earliest settlement.

SOUTHSIDE: This is the area south of the James River. The terms "Upper" and "Lower" are always used in relation to rivers--not to the directions north and south. "Upper" refers to the area closer to the source of the river, and "Lower" refers to the area nearer to where the river empties into a larger body of water.

BOUNDARY DISPUTES: The western boundaries of Virginia and Pennsylvania remained unsettled until 1780. The district of West Augusta was an area of northwestern Virginia (now West Virginia) and southwestern Pennsylvania below the Ohio River. The district of West Augusta, at first considered a jurisdiction within Augusta County, declared independence from it but enjoyed only a short life span. Nevertheless, it signifies a 30-year controversy and nearly serious conflict between Virginia and Pennsylvania. Eventually the area included within the District was divided, the southern part remaining within Virginia (now West Virginia) and the northern part comprising the Pennsylvania counties of Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland, and parts of Allegheny and Beaver. Virginia's southern boundary with North Carolina was disputed until 1727, when the boundary was finally settled at Point Comfort.

Editor's Note:

The foregoing article on "Virginia's Land" is just a sample of what you will find in Carol McGinnis's encyclopedic textbook, VIRGINIA GENEALOGY: Sources & Resources. Ms. McGinnis devotes entire chapters to such subjects as Virginia land, people, and history; immigration and migration; vital records; Bible and church records; census records; land and court records; manuscripts and records abroad; ethnic Virginia; slavery and African Americans; counties and their records; independent cities and their records; genealogical collections; and genealogical societies. Several sections of the book are based on answers to questionnaires that the author sent to Virginia courthouses and historical and genealogical societies. The bibliography alone runs to 125 pages and contains references to 1,421 books and articles on all aspects of Virginia genealogy. This is a real giant of a book--and the standard by which all future textbooks on Virginia genealogy will be measured. It had been out of print for nearly a year, so we are delighted to make it available to our customers at this time.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=3526&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3526&NLC-GenPointers1)

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ONE-WEEK SALE on Virginia CDs  
(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 PM, EDT, Monday, July 21, 2008)

Interest in Virginia genealogy is virtually limitless. Founded in 1607, Virginia was the first English colony. It was also one of the biggest. At one time or another, 172 different counties existed in Virginia, and the Virginia colony controlled all the land that eventually became the state of Kentucky, portions of Ohio, and eventually West Virginia.

Literally thousands of books have been published on one or another aspect of Virginia genealogy, and we ourselves are the publishers of several hundred. Little wonder, then, why it is important for the researcher to understand Virginia geography.

One way to make a dent in this vast literature is to purchase much of the best of it on CD-ROM. Our seven Family Archive CDs covering Virginia (an eighth CD is presently out of stock) contain many of the best reference works on the pioneering families of the Cavalier State. The first three CDs described below hold special promise for researchers because they contain hundreds of genealogies of Virginia families compiled by leading authorities. These CDs span the 1600s through the 1900s and name more than 600,000 persons. The genealogies were extracted from upwards of 1,000 issues of the leading magazines of Virginia genealogy--thereby saving you the time and trouble--and each is easily searchable with the click of a mouse. Each CD is a great bargain in itself because each represents an equivalent value in books of between \$250.00 and \$750.00. Even better, for the next seven days, you can save \$10.00 off the retail price on each of these terrific Virginia resources. Don't let this offer pass you by! Sale prices expire at 11:59 PM, EDT, Monday, July 21, 2008.

#### GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES FROM VMHB

This CD contains all five volumes of "Genealogies of Virginia Families from 'The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography'," published originally by GPC in 1981. The five volumes together contain all the family history articles that appeared in VMHB from its inception in 1893 to 1977.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

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#### GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES FROM W&MCQ

This CD contains all five volumes of "Genealogies of Virginia Families from 'The William and Mary College Quarterly'" and the single volume of "Virginia Gleanings," which had originally been published serially in "The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography."

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#### GENEALOGIES OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES FROM TQ

This Family Archive CD contains all four volumes of "Genealogies of Virginia Families from Tyler's Quarterly" and the multi-volume "Virginia Colonial Abstracts" by Beverley Fleet.

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## VIRGINIA GENEALOGIES AND BIOGRAPHIES

This two-disc Family Archive CD set identifies some 310,000 individuals in meticulously crafted studies that span as many as three centuries. Until now, this body of material has been totally beyond the reach of the ordinary researcher, available only at a handful of public and university libraries. Drawing liberally on private letters, diaries, and manuscripts, as well as church records, vital records, court records, wills and administrations, books, newspapers, and personal reminiscences, this is one of the best-documented collections of Virginia genealogies and biographies ever assembled.

Was: \$39.99 Now \$29.99

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## COLONIAL VIRGINIA SOURCE RECORDS

This Family Archive CD identifies 350,000 individuals in a unique collection of colonial Virginia source records--wills and administrations, marriage records, family histories, tax records, newspaper abstracts, and military records. In all, this CD contains images of the pages of 10 books originally published by GPC. Among the 10 are some of the most important Virginia reference books ever published, many of them classics!

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## VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS, 1600s-1800s

This Family Archive CD contains images of the pages of the following six books, originally published by GPC: (1) "Virginia Vital Records," (2) "Virginia Marriage Records," (3) "Virginia Will Records," (4) "Virginia Land Records," (5) "Virginia Military Records," and (6) "Virginia Tax Records." Altogether, the articles in these books refer to 130,000 individuals.

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## VIRGINIA COLONIAL RECORDS

Naming nearly a quarter-million Virginians living in the colony between 1607 and 1776, this is the largest and most complete collection of Virginia colonial records ever assembled on CD. From records of immigration, headright records, land and tax records, and early census records, to records of the colonial militia, vital records of birth, marriage, and death, and court records of wills, deeds, and administrations, this CD has it all--English origins, dates and places of immigration, places of residence in the new colony, names of spouses, children, and other family members, occupations, ages, military service records--it even has the names of the earliest landholders in Virginia, lists of Virginia's original immigrants and settlers, and the names of those who were listed in the colony's first census of 1623/24. This rich CD is derived from 13 prominent Virginia genealogical reference works.

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TORREY'S "New England Marriages" and SANBORN'S "Third Supplement" to Torrey

Scholar Clarence A. Torrey compiled his great manuscript collection, "New England Marriages Prior to 1700," over a 30-year period at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Gleaned from about 2,000 books and manuscripts, the Torrey opus represents a comprehensive list of the 37,000 married couples that lived in New England between 1620 and 1700. Listed are the names of virtually every married couple living in New England before 1700, their marriage date or the birth year of a first child, the maiden names of 70% of the wives, birth and death years of both spouses, mention of earlier or later marriages, residences of every couple, and an index of names. Incidentally, because he indicated maiden names, Mr. Torrey made it possible for future New England genealogists to identify the husbands of sisters, daughters, and many granddaughters of immigrants and of immigrant sisters or kinswomen.

Published in an indexed, hardcover edition in 1985 by GPC, NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1700 is one of the two or three most consulted works in all of New England genealogy, and it belongs on the bookshelf of every serious New England researcher.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=5825&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5825&NLC-GenPointers1)

During the 1980s, genealogist Melinde Lutz Sanborn began her ongoing hunt for additional evidence of early New England marriages that had surfaced since Torrey's death nearly 25 years earlier. Working from periodical literature, unpublished sources, the New England Historic Genealogical Society's Great Migration Project, and other contemporary collections, Ms. Sanborn amassed enough new or corrective information

bearing on the Torrey material to publish a supplement in 1991 and a second supplement in 1995.

In 2003, Ms. Sanborn produced the THIRD SUPPLEMENT to Torrey's "New England Marriages Prior to 1700." Compiled primarily from the major genealogical periodicals published since 1995, this book refers to 20,000 individuals in 6,000 marriage entries. The THIRD SUPPLEMENT will appeal to users of the original Torrey canon and/or the earlier supplements because it contains 80% new information and incorporates all of the information found in the first two supplements. Almost half the size of the original Torrey volume, the THIRD SUPPLEMENT is an essential source for colonial New England research, forever linked to the remarkable work of Clarence A. Torrey for which it is named.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=5148&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5148&NLC-GenPointers1)

Persons interested in our other New England regional titles can browse the list at:

[http://www.genealogical.com/search\\_locality.asp?string=United%20States/New%20England&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/search_locality.asp?string=United%20States/New%20England&NLC-GenPointers1)

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#### MORE JULY BOOKS from Clearfield Company

Did your forebears live in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, or Georgia? Did they emigrate from the Bahamas? Did one or more of them serve in the War of 1812? Could you be descended from a member of the British peerage? If your answer is "yes" or "possibly," consider the following Clearfield publications. They are back in print in July, but you won't find them highlighted on our new books and CDs page--we ran out of space. Each is a solid reference work bearing on one or more of the subjects referred to above.

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

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

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=2230&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2230&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### GATEWAY TO THE WEST. In Two Volumes

"Gateway to the West" had a short but spectacular life as a periodical. In slightly more than 10 years, from 1967 to 1978, it managed to cover some of the least accessible yet most important genealogical records of 76 of Ohio's 88 counties. From common pleas

court records, guardianships, naturalizations, and deed abstracts to the more conventional births, marriages, deaths, cemetery records, and wills, "Gateway" offered a range of genealogical source materials unmatched by any other Ohio periodical. At its peak, it had a circulation of nearly 2,000, and when it ceased publication with Volume 11 in 1978, its fame had surpassed even that of the "Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly."

For this set, the principal articles, arranged under their respective counties, have been consolidated into two large volumes--each with its own index. Altogether, in some 350 articles naming more than 95,000 persons, in records ranging from Adams County to Wood County, from court records to church records, from township records to cemetery records, the researcher now has permanent access to a priceless body of material. Introductory Price of \$140.00 until August 31, 2008 / Regular Price thereafter is \$165.00 [http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=620&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=620&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### MARRIAGES OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, Virginia, 1628-1800

The marriages in this work are based on the records of the ancient shire of Isle of Wight. The records include marriages from the area of present-day Southampton County, erected from Isle of Wight in 1749. They derive chiefly from inferential sources, in particular will books, deed books, and order books, though marriage bonds, ministers' returns, and Quaker records also figure significantly in the list of sources. The work identifies some 6,300 persons, every one of whom is cited in the index. [http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=950&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=950&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### A HISTORY OF HALIFAX COUNTY [Virginia]

Although entitled a "History," this work consists almost entirely of genealogical records and includes more than 150 pages of genealogical sketches. The records include: abstracts of court records, deeds, and wills, as well as other legal documents, arranged alphabetically by family name; marriages, 1753-1850, arranged alphabetically by name of groom; and an appendix listing colonial soldiers, burgesses, 1753-1775, delegates, 1778-1830, Revolutionary War Officers, and Virginia military Pensioners, 1835. [http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=890&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=890&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### GEORGIA INTESTATE RECORDS

This work contains abstracts of the intestate records of the 57 Georgia counties formed before the 1832 Land Lottery, plus those for Dawson (1857), Fulton (1853), Webster (1853), and White (1857) counties. Besides the name of the deceased and the dates of the various court papers, information in the abstracts includes the names of the

administrators, sureties, and guardians (often relatives of the deceased), names of the surviving spouse and children, names of orphan children and heirs, and, where a will is recorded, names of legatees.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=194&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=194&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### THE EARLY SETTLERS of the Bahamas and Colonists of North America

Persons searching for Bahamian ancestors will want to study the various lists of names that appear in this book, including the census of inhabitants for New Providence in 1671, a mid-17th-century list of the first settlers of Eleuthra, a list of some 800 Loyalists who fled to the Bahamas from East Florida in 1784, a 1791 census of lot owners on Harbour Island, and various lists of Bahamian officials. The book also includes biographical sketches of descent for more than 200 contemporary Bahamians of distinction.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9115&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9115&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY of the Dormant, Abeyant, Forfeited, and Extinct Peerages of the British Empire

This work sets forth, alphabetically, the lineage of each of the nearly 2,000 British noble houses that had succumbed to extinction up to 1883. In preparing the volume, author John Bernard Burke examined public and private records, heralds' visitations, Post Mortem Inquisitions, Patent Rolls, Lords' Entries, funeral certificates, and printed books, among them the works of Dugdale, Douglas, Lodge, and Nicholas. Each article begins with the exact date of the patent's creation and proceeds to the lineage, which commences with the first known representative of the line and carries through successive generations up to the time of the extinction of the title. The text refers to 40,000 persons in all.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=805&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=805&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### KNOWN MILITARY DEAD during the War of 1812

This is the authoritative list of some 3,500 soldiers whose deaths were recorded in the 18 states that took part in the War of 1812. The entries are arranged alphabetically and give the name of the deceased, rank, name of his company or branch of service, date of death, and an indication as to whether he died in battle or as a prisoner of war.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9285&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9285&NLC-GenPointers1)

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NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE BOOKS by John Anderson Brayton

Several issues back, we highlighted John Anderson Brayton's works on Virginia ancestry, each of them a work of impeccable scholarship. Nothing short of the same can be said about his books on North Carolina and Tennessee genealogy. Read on for the details.

#### ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES of North Carolina. Registry of Ancestors. Volume 1

Membership in the distinguished Order of the First Families of North Carolina requires having an ancestor who lived in North Carolina before it became a royal colony on July 12, 1729. The work at hand--the first in a series--proposes to describe the genealogies of the organization's qualifying ancestors. Undertaken with the blessing of the Order of the First Families, most of Mr. Brayton's genealogies follow each ancestor's family for a full first and second generation, down to the fourth, with drop-charts describing descent to members.

The ancestors in Volume 1 are: John Alston, Sr., of Chowan Co.; William Bennett of Northampton Co.; John and James Drake of Bertie Co., and John Collins; Gov. William Drummond; Nathaniel Everett of Tyrell Co.; William Bridgers, John Cotton Osborne, and Simon Jeffreys; Capt. John Speir; William Whitehead; Benjamin Laker of Perquimans Co.; John Mann II; Thomas Mann II; Dr. Godfrey Spruill; Ann Walker; Henry Norman I and II; and Thomas Vinson of Surry Co., VA, and Northampton Co., NC.

Spanning more than 600 pages, Volume 1 demonstrates John Brayton's usual fastidious approach to family history. The author documents all of his sources, chapter by chapter, and includes abstracts and transcriptions of the original documents supporting his findings. The introduction is a learned essay that explains the particular problems posed by the sources for documenting each qualifying ancestry. With a full-name index, place index, slave index, registry of ancestors, and a current bibliography, this volume refers to more than 17,000 ancestors and their descendants. Destined to stand alongside John Dorman's impeccable "Adventurers of Purse and Person," its Virginia counterpart, the ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES of North Carolina is must reading for anyone interested in the genealogical origins of the Tarheel State.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9921&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9921&NLC-GenPointers1)

#### TRANSCRIPTION OF PROVINCIAL North Carolina Wills, 1663-1729/30.

In Two Volumes

These volumes contain meticulous transcriptions of 900 of the earliest wills in North Carolina. With the exception of a handful of wills that were previously published in J. Bryan Grimes' "North Carolina Wills and Inventories" (1912, reprinted by Clearfield Company in 2005), none of these transcriptions has ever appeared in print before--neither transcribed nor referenced in the North Carolina will titles associated with Grimes, Frederick Olds, Thornton Mitchell, or Stephen Bradley.

The wills in question are part of the North Carolina Secretary of State papers, and they cover the entire period BEFORE North Carolina became a royal colony. (A number of the wills in this collection, we should note, come from Nansmond and Warwick counties, Virginia.)

The wills themselves are arranged alphabetically according to the surname of the testator. Since Mr. Brayton has transcribed each will--and not merely abstracted it--researchers are privy to every detail. The transcriptions give not only the names and relationships of all persons but also disposition of property, locations, proximity to water courses and landmarks, and so on. Each volume contains a complete name index, an index to locations, and a separate slave index. Volume Two also contains a number of corrections to the first volume and a few wills subsequently discovered by the compiler whose testators fall within the alphabetical sequence of Volume One. In all, this excellent work refers to more than 8,000 residents of 17th- and early 18th-century North Carolina and Virginia.

TRANSCRIPTION OF PROVINCIAL NORTH CAROLINA WILLS, 1663-1729/30  
Two-Volume Set:

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Volume One, Testators A-K:

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9467&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9467&NLC-GenPointers1)

Volume Two, Testators L-Z

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"BY A LINE OF MARKED TREES": Abstracts of Currituck County, North Carolina.  
VOLUME ONE, Deed Books [1], 1-3 [1696-1773]

Currituck County, North Carolina, was one of the original precincts established in Albemarle County in 1670. The original Currituck County includes present-day Currituck and Dare counties and parts of Hyde and Tyrell counties. Currituck's deed records are one of the few sources from the county's colonial period that have not been lost to the ravages of time, and, thanks to the efforts of John Brayton, they are now fully accessible to genealogists.

The deeds in Volume One give information concerning former owners, relationships between grantee and grantor, and other family connections. Worthy of special mention are John Brayton's abstracts from unnumbered Deed Book 1, which has not been indexed to the grantor-grantee index at the Currituck courthouse, and the author's success in reconciling conflicting versions of Deed Book 2.

This book won the year 2000 Award for Excellence in Publishing from the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&item\\_number=9917&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9917&NLC-GenPointers1)

**\*\*NEW!\*\***

"BY A LINE OF MARKED TREES": Abstracts of Currituck County, North Carolina. VOLUME TWO, Deed Books 3-4

As with the first volume, the deeds in Volume Two give information concerning former owners, relationships between grantee and grantor, and various family connections. Chronologically, the sequel is something of a miscellany. The remaining portion of Deed Book 3 covers the period 1801 to 1804. Deed Book 4, uncharacteristically, takes up the earlier period from December 1781 to November 1784. It also contains numerous records from the 1730s and 1740s and many land patents from the late 1600s and early 1700s.

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#### THE COMPLETE ANCESTRY of Tennessee Williams

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#### THE ANCESTRY OF GENERAL JAMES ROBERTSON "Father of Tennessee": Addendum to "The Complete Ancestry of Tennessee Williams"

Shortly after the publication of his genealogy of playwright Tennessee Williams, described above, John Brayton came into the possession of information correcting one of the lines in the Williams book (that of Mrs. Keziah Robertson Sevier) and additional information bearing on John Robertson, father of the Tennessee hero, General James Robertson. These findings were the impetus for this work, GENERAL JAMES ROBERTSON "Father of Tennessee," which was published as an addendum to Brayton's

work on Tennessee Williams. In a word, this book traces the ancestry of General Robertson (1742-1814) back to Prince George and Henrico counties, Virginia, and corrects a number of errors in previous Robertson genealogies.

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