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### Huge 72-Hour Savings on 4-CD Bundle for New York Genealogy!

*(Sale price expires 11:59 p.m. EDT, Thursday, 07/28/11)*

Genealogy CDs are a terrific value. On average, they contain the full text of ten or more excellent reference books, and all the names on the CD are searchable. CD prices typically undersell the books they contain by 75%-90%.

From time to time we have assembled CDs having a common topic or theme into bundles. Possessing all the same attributes of their component CDs, bundles further reduce the aggregate selling price of their contents. Consider the example of our newest such collection, the [New York Genealogy Bundle](#). The four component CDs in this bundle, *Early Settlers of New York State*; *Early New York Families*; *New York in the Colonial Wars, the Revolution, and the War of 1812*; and *Genealogies of Long Island Families*, when purchased individually, cost an aggregate price of \$169.96. (The "book value" of these CDs, by the way, exceeds \$1,000.) On any given day, you could purchase this excellent bundle for \$129.99. If you place your order for this time-saving value before 11:59 p.m. EDT, Thursday, 07/27/11, you can get it for \$99.99, a savings of an additional \$30.

By any measure our *New York Genealogy Bundle* is exceptional. Why? As you can see from the summaries of its four elemental CDs below, the bundle contains many of the best genealogies and source records pertaining to New York City and State. Our *New York Genealogy Bundle*, in particular, includes many of the oldest records found in the state and county archives and courthouses of the Empire State, articles published in the best periodicals for New York, and special collections focused on New York military records and the ancestry of the pioneering families who lived on the Long Island peninsula. If you act before this Thursday at 11:59 p.m. EDT, you can get this amazing collection for just \$99.99. At that price, you would be getting the contents of these excellent publications for no more than ten cents on the dollar. Order your *New York Genealogy Bundle* today! For more information, visit the following URL:

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### Component CDs

#### [Early Settlers of New York State](#)

Published between 1934 and 1942 by genealogist Janet Wethy Foley, the magazine *Early Settlers of New York State* enjoyed a brief period of fame but today is almost unknown, even by veteran genealogists. By the time the periodical had ceased publication, it had amassed an

enormous body of church records, tombstone inscriptions, marriage records, and family records--first from western New York, then from all of New York State. If you're on the track of New York ancestors and haven't discovered *Early Settlers of New York State*, this CD version is one large stone you'll want to overturn.

### [Early New York Families](#)

This two-disc Family Archive CD set contains images of the pages of sixteen volumes of New York family histories. Naming as many as 350,000 individuals in histories and biographies that cover the entire state of New York, this massive family history collection is accessed by means of a single electronic index. There is probably no more efficient way of reaching into the very heart of New York genealogy because, as collective genealogies go, this CD compilation is at the very top of its league.

### [New York in the Colonial Wars, the Revolution, and the War of 1812](#)

Consisting of six authoritative works, this Family Archive CD identifies approximately 225,000 New Yorkers who fought in the colonial wars, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812. Perhaps pre-eminent among the sources are the two-volume *New York Colonial Muster Rolls, 1664-1775* and *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State*.

### [Genealogies of Long Island Families](#)

Composed of articles originally appearing in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, this Family Archive CD contains references to 60,000 individuals from the present-day counties of Suffolk, Kings, and Queens. Information in the articles varies, but the records typically include genealogies, censuses, newspapers, town records (including marriages and deaths), Bible and family records, wills, and deeds. Many of the genealogies establish the English or Dutch origins of a family.

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## **Our July Publications: Best of the Bunch**

We published fifteen new or classic genealogy titles in July. Here are brief descriptions of the nine works bound to appeal to the widest range of "Genealogy Pointers" readers. Do you have German, Irish, or Cherokee or Creek forbears? Did they establish a home in Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Virginia, or North Carolina? Answer "yes" just one time and we promise you will be glad you pondered our July "Best of the Bunch" one more time.

### [Genealogy at a Glance: German Genealogy Research, by Ernest Thode](#)

It is said that more Americans are of German origin than any other nationality, yet Germany wasn't created as a sovereign state until 1871. Germanic origins are therefore quite diffuse, covering most of the German-speaking regions of central Europe. Despite this awesome challenge, Ernest Thode's *German Genealogy Research* guides the researcher through German records with maximum efficiency, then brings him to the American side of the story with an outline of German emigration patterns and a pinpoint guide to the massive body of German-American records most in use today. With information on ships' passenger lists, surnames and given names, places of origin, and vital records, as well as citations to the best books and online

sources, Thode's *German Genealogy Research* provides all the basic instruction you need, focusing on key record sources and materials for further reference and finishing with a listing of major online sources.

### [Order of First Families of North Carolina. Ancestor Biographies, Vol. 1: "The First Two Hundred"](#)

The work at hand—the first in a new series—describes and documents family histories of the first 200 persons named to the Order of the First Families of North Carolina's Ancestor Roster. Undertaken with the blessings of the Order of the First Families, renowned genealogist John Brayton here establishes the origins (if known) of each ancestor, the facts of all their children's families (not just the ones through whom descent is proven), and any other accessible data to round out the family history. Many of these ancestors are contained in the collections of First Families of Virginia, and in a dozen or so cases, new chains of descent for the FFV families appear in this monograph. The volume also demonstrates the migrations of North Carolina colonists from all points in the colonies: Pennsylvania, Long Island, Rhode Island, Maryland, Virginia, and Massachusetts.

### [Early History of the Cherokees. Aboriginal Customs, Religion, Laws, Folk Lore, and Civilization](#)

Unlike Emmet Starr's better known and much longer *History of the Cherokee Indians* (originally published in 1921), this 1917 work focuses on Cherokee life, culture, politics, and self-governance, not genealogy and biography. Transcribed by Cherokee expert Jeff Bowen from a very scarce copy of the 1917 edition, *Early History of the Cherokees* commences with coverage of the origin of the Cherokee name, religion and creation myths, alphabet, poetry, and related topics. The author devotes about a third of the work to verbatim descriptions of laws enacted by the Western Cherokee Council prior to the Eastern Cherokee exodus from Georgia.

### [Applications for Enrollment of Creek Newborn—Act of 1905. Volume I](#)

This projected twelve-volume series transcribes the *Applications for Enrollment of Creek Newborn*, National Archive film M-1301 (Act of 1905), as described in the National Archives publication *American Indians*. The term "newborn" referred to each Creek individual living within a qualified Creek (or other tribal) household who was four years of age or less and not an orphan—up to the time that the President awarded the land allotments. Under this definition each Creek newborn was to receive forty acres of Indian Territory. These original Creek applications contain more information and establish family relationships not found on the census cards in National Archive film M-1186, the basis for the seminal title *Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory [and] Index to the Final Rolls*. Mr. Bowen's transcriptions include all correspondence associated with the 1,171 successful Creek claimants. Besides the names of all parents and "newborns," the applications include the names of doctors, lawyers, midwives, and other Creek relatives whose identities were divulged as part of the application process, and who attended to the Creek Nation before and during this time in history.

### [The People of Ireland, 1600-1699. Part Three](#)

The aim of this series is to provide information on ordinary people throughout 17th-century Ireland—with the exception of people of Scottish origin who have been dealt with in Dr.

Dobson's *Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725* series. Thus, the people listed here are predominantly of native Irish and immigrant English origin, as well as a handful of Huguenot and Dutch immigrants. For Part Three, Dr. David Dobson provides sketches of about 1,600 additional inhabitants of Ireland, bringing the grand total so far uncovered in the series to just under 5,000. *The People of Ireland, 1600-1699* draws on primary sources, such as published government records like the Calendar of State Papers relating to Ireland.

[Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687-1745](#)

This book contains abstracts of the earliest surviving probate records for Bristol County, Massachusetts, part of the original Plymouth Colony and a magnet for colonists with *Mayflower* connections. The abstracts are a faithful rendering of the wills, inventories, administrators' accounts, receipts, divisions of estates, petitions, guardianships, and other Bristol County probate records, both bound and unbound, which exist for the period 1687-1745.

[Inhabitants of New York, 1774-1776](#)

Covering New York City and the Long Island counties of Suffolk and Queens, this work lists militiamen, minutemen, guards, Loyalists, members of the Committees of Safety, signers (and non-signers) of the Association Oath, firemen, paupers, storekeepers, tavernkeepers, voters, freeholders, debtors, army officers, etc. Altogether over 13,000 names are recorded in alphabetical order with the county of residence, town or address when known, and the source of the information.

[Maryland Records--Colonial, Revolutionary, County and Church. In Two Volumes](#)

This is the most comprehensive collection of genealogical source materials ever compiled on the state of Maryland. Along with the 1776 census--which lists every inhabitant in every household in eight of the then existing Maryland counties--are marriages, loyalty oaths, tombstone inscriptions, pensions, naturalizations, surveys, rent rolls, and other types of lists. Over 50,000 individuals are named in this distinguished two-volume set.

**Was \$115.00/set    Now \$99.95 until 7/29/11**

[Virginia Historical Index. In Two Volumes](#)

This landmark work, first published by the Virginia Historical Society in two volumes in 1934 and 1936, is an index to all information relating to Virginia and Virginians in the seven most important serial publications devoted to Virginia genealogy and local history: *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*, *Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, *Virginia Historical Register and Literary Advertiser*, *Lower Norfolk County Virginia Antiquary*, *Hening's Statutes at Large*, and *Calendar of Virginia State Papers*.

**Was \$235.00/set    Now \$199.00 until 7/29/11**

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**89 Places for Finding a Woman's Maiden Name: A Checklist of Sources, by William Dollarhide**

Discovering the maiden name of a female is often the biggest problem we have in genealogy.

Whether you are researching your families in person, through the mail, or by searching the Internet for sources, the basic search is still the same. As in all research tasks, we need to identify the possible places where such a record exists, and in particular, to find the place where an actual document may exist that mentions the birth name of a woman. Here is a basic checklist of some places to look:

### **Birth Records**

- Birth certificates
- Delayed birth records
- Corrected birth records
- Affidavits for correcting birth records
- Newspaper birth announcements
- Oral histories
- Published biographies
- Personal diaries & journals

### **Marriage Records**

- Marriage applications & licenses
- Marriage certificates
- Newspaper announcements
- Family Bible

### **Divorce Records**

- Newspaper announcements
- Court proceedings
- State or county-wide vital records indexes

### **Death Records**

- Burial permits
- Death certificates
- Newspaper announcements
- Obituaries
- Funeral records
- VA burial database online

### **Cemeteries**

- Sexton's office
- Tombstone inscriptions
- Cemetery maps and indexes

### **Census Records**

- Name of father-in-law included in a family grouping
- Brother-in-law included in a family grouping
- 1890 Veteran's census including widows of veterans
- 1925 Iowa State Census (only U.S. census with the question, "Maiden Name of Mother?" for every person listed).
- Names of neighbors, as clues to sibling's names
- Clues from parents birthplace, leading to further census work

### **Major Databases & Indexes**

- Google searching
- [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) searching

- [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), et al
- [RootsWeb](http://RootsWeb) family name searching
- Name indexes on the Internet

### **Vital Records Indexes & Compilations**

- Kentucky birth/death index (as an example of several states available on the Internet)
- The Barbour Collection (for Connecticut, as an example of published compilations)
- New England vital records (as an example of published town reports)
- County-wide indexes, such as the many RootsWeb county pages of the Internet

#### Bible records

- State-wide collections, such as those at Virginia and Louisiana state archives
- Home and relatives' sources
- Church collections (Bibles donated to churches for Sunday School)

### **Probate Records**

- Wills
- Administration records
- Appointments of administrators/executors
- Dispositions and judgments (naming heirs)
- Estate settlements

### **Church Records**

- Confirmations
- Marriages
- Christenings
- Baptisms
- Burials
- Death Notices
- Church membership lists
- Vestry records

### **Medical Records (may be accessible to close relatives only)**

- Doctor's office
- Hospital
- Nursing Home

### **Miscellaneous**

- Civil War soldiers & sailors online index
- Correspondence
- Miscellaneous home sources
- Oral interviews
- Patriotic society membership applications
- Funeral home records
- Hospital records
- Soldier home records
- Land ownership & deed records
- Civil court records
- Criminal court records
- Newspaper articles
- Social Security applications
- Social Security job history records

- Draft registration record
- Driver's license
- Frakturs and needlepoints (family names)
- Fraternal club record
- Homestead record
- Immigration record
- Insurance papers
- Military personnel records
- Military medical records
- Military burial records
- Naturalization records
- Personal journals and diaries
- Professional license applications
- Passports applications
- Pensions
- Queries at mags/websites
- Voter registrations
- Who's Who/compiled biographies

### **Reference Works for Finding Maiden Names**

#### [The Hidden Half of the Family](#)

In this book, Christina Schaefer spells out the various legal categories of information relevant to women's genealogy at both the federal and state level, and furnishes a time line of important events in each state's history regarding women and the law. The bulk of the volume consists of a review of United States laws bearing on women's ancestry and a state-by-state breakdown of those statutes having the greatest import for finding women ancestors. In addition to the chronology, each state chapter contains notes on the periods of coverage and location of pertinent records, and a bibliography. If you are stymied by the missing women in your past, the best place to turn for solid advice is *The Hidden Half of the Family*.

#### [Female Index to James Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England"](#)

Because Savage's *Dictionary* was originally published one volume at a time, in alphabetical order, the author never produced an index to the work as a whole. This limitation has always made it difficult to find female ancestors. Now, however, thanks to the heroic efforts of the late Patty Barthell Myers, the difficulty of finding females in Savage's *Dictionary* is a thing of the past. In her book Mrs. Myers identifies every woman/girl to be found in the *Dictionary*. Each female appears in the Myers *Index* under a maiden name and, separately, under the name of her husband.

**Note to Our Readers:** Have you found evidence of an ancestor's maiden name in sources other than those listed in Mr. Dollarhide's checklist above? If so, please let us know by sending your finding to [info@genealogical.com](mailto:info@genealogical.com). We will gather up all the responses over the next few weeks and publish them in a future edition of "Genealogy Pointers." There are 89 items listed in the article; perhaps your source could become the 90th.

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### **Blog: Kentucky Genealogy Sources in Periodicals**

Guest writer Don Rightmyer, editor of *Kentucky Ancestors*, the genealogy magazine of the Kentucky Historical Society, describes the wealth of genealogical information awaiting researchers in Kentucky periodical literature. Read it today on our blog, [www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com](http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com).

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