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TERRIFIC NEW SHENANDOAH VALLEY CD from Clearfield Company

Virginia's storied and spectacular Shenandoah Valley has been the subject of intense historical and genealogical interest. Consider the following four pillars of that literature:

J. E. Norris's "History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley Counties of Frederick, Berkeley, Jefferson and Clarke" begins with an examination of the early explorations and settlements in the area and then gives an account of the settlement and organization of the various towns, villages, and cities of the region, their settlers and early residents, notable events in their history, and more. The final third of the book, a full 250 pages, contains genealogies of hundreds of Valley families and biographical sketches of notable and representative figures.

"Virginia Valley Records: Genealogical and Historical Materials of Rockingham County, Virginia and Related Regions," by John W. Wayland, is a sourcebook of genealogical and historical materials compiled from public records of the counties of Augusta, Greenbrier, Montgomery, Rockingham, and Wythe. The book also includes sketches of a number of families in the area. Make no mistake about it--Mr. Wayland was one of the giants of Virginia Valley research!

"Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants: A History of Frederick County, Virginia from Its Formation in 1738 to 1908," by T. K. Cartmell, is an exhaustive regional history of the parent county of nine present-day Virginia or West Virginia counties. It features several hundred detailed genealogical and biographical sketches of early families of old Frederick County.

Lastly, "A History of the Valley of Virginia," by Samuel Kercheval, originally published in 1909, concentrates on this region from 1732 through the Revolutionary War. The work describes life on the frontier; the establishment of towns like Strasburg, Staunton, Romney, Harper's Ferry, and Morgantown; the inception of religious denominations,

topography, and natural landmarks; and quite a bit more. References to Shenandoah pioneers and their families are spread throughout the volume.

As should be apparent, the combined books contain thousands of genealogical and biographical sketches and feature abstracts of vital records, church records, and lists of early settlers, soldiers, and pioneer families for the entire Shenandoah Valley. In the aggregate, these books total about 2,500 pages and command a price of upwards of \$200.00 on the used- or new-book markets. Now Shenandoah Valley researchers can access the contents of these fine books at a fraction of this cost on a new CD-ROM publication from Clearfield Company entitled, SHENANDOAH VALLEY SETTLERS.

Our new CD, containing the images of all four of these great books, is now available for just \$39.99. That's right, for about one-fifth the cost of the books, you can access the pages of hundreds of years of Shenandoah genealogy and history. But that's not all. SHENANDOAH VALLEY SETTLERS, which operates on the widely available Adobe Acrobat Platform, is also fully searchable. With the Adobe Acrobat search engine, you will see at a glance all the names from all the volumes on the CD that match your search criteria. Just type in your search term, wait for the books to load into your computer's memory, and you are on your way to tracing your Shenandoah Valley forebears.

For more information about Clearfield Company's new SHENANDOAH VALLEY SETTLERS CD, please access the following link:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=8525&NLC-GenPointers1

By the way, if your ancestors ventured into the interior from the state immediately north of Virginia, you may wish to acquire Clearfield's earlier CD, HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND. Based on the two-volume regional history of the same name compiled by J. Thomas Scharf, HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND covers the genealogy and history of the counties of Frederick, Montgomery, Carroll, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. The biographies, of which there are hundreds, the narrative histories, and the extensive lists of people, places, and events, to say nothing of the exposition of lesser subjects, make this CD an indispensable reference for the student of Maryland history and genealogy.

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

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ONE-WEEK SALE on Early New York CDs & Books
(Sale prices in effect until 11:59 PM, EDT, Monday, August 4, 2008)

If your ancestors were living in the colony of New York at the time of the American Revolution, your line of descent is likely to take on one of a handful of forms. If your immigrant ancestor arrived before 1664, you are likely to be descended from a Dutch inhabitant of old New Netherland. After that date, however, your antecedents are far

more likely to have been born in Great Britain (England, Wales, or, to a lesser extent, Scotland or Ireland). They also could have been New Englanders who migrated to New York from Massachusetts or Connecticut, once New York came under English rule.

After the turn of the 18th century, a number of emigrants from the German Palatinate began to make their way to New York's Mohawk Valley; however, as late as 1790 only one percent of New York heads of household were of German or French descent. On the eve of the Revolution, New Yorkers were concentrated in New York City, Long Island, and along the Hudson and Mohawk rivers. The colony trailed Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina in total population.

This picture changed dramatically by the early 1800s, when New York's population surpassed that of all other states, thanks to the pull of its extraordinary harbor, industries, hinterland, and internal improvements, as well as the inexorable push of Western European emigrants vying for greater opportunities in a free land.

If you are researching early New York roots, our Empire State CDs and books are among the best values in all of American genealogy. For example, our two New York CDs, in the aggregate, refer to 750,000 New York ancestors, yet cost a mere fraction of the \$1,000.00 worth of books found therein. Each of the 14 books featured here is an invaluable finding-aid that belongs in the collection of every serious researcher. Whether choosing CDs or books, you just can't go wrong!

EARLY SETTLERS OF NEW YORK STATE (CD)

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.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7183&NLC-GenPointers1

GENEALOGIES OF LONG ISLAND FAMILIES (CD)

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.

Was \$29.99 Now \$19.99

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7173
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7173&NLC-GenPointers1)

NEW YORK MARRIAGES PREVIOUS TO 1784 (Low in stock)

This work embraces as complete a collection of early New York marriage licenses as could be put together from official sources. With its various supplements, it comprises records of about one-fourth of all marriages that took place in New York prior to 1784, when the practice of issuing marriage licenses fell into disuse. In brief, it contains approximately 25,000 entries arranged alphabetically under the names of both brides and grooms, each giving the date of the license and a reference to the precise location of the original record.

Was \$49.50 Now \$36.50

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4075
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=4075&NLC-GenPointers1)

HEADS OF FAMILIES at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: NEW YORK

The extant 1790 enumerations cover the present states of Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, and Virginia. (For Virginia, taxpayer lists made in the years 1782-1785 have been reconstructed as replacements for the original returns.) In each of the published census volumes the schedules are arranged by county and in some cases by minor subdivisions of counties, thus enabling the researcher to narrow his/her field of research to a particular judicial district. Each volume is separately indexed, so the researcher has only a single alphabet to consult for each state. Heads of families, arranged alphabetically under each county and district, are listed with the following information after each name: number of free white males of 16 years and upward; number of free white males under 16 years; number of free white females; number of all other free persons; number of slaves.

The volume for NEW YORK, in particular, refers to about 100,000 heads of households.

Was \$42.50 Now \$31.50

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5890
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5890&NLC-GenPointers1)

[NEW YORK] CALENDAR OF WILLS on File and Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, of the County Clerk at Albany, and of the Secretary of State, 1626-1836

This sought-after volume is a collection of the earliest wills on record for New York State. It contains abstracts of 2,162 wills, giving the name of the testator, place of residence, date, names of wife and children, legatees, names of executors and witnesses, and the number of the will. Arranged in rough alphabetical order and thereunder in approximately chronological order, this work identifies some 15,000 persons from the wills, which were filed all around New York State. Berthold Fernow's introduction, consisting of an explanation of New York testamentary law, is another outstanding feature of this work. Contains a complete-name index.

Was \$55.00 Now \$39.95

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WESTERN NEW YORK LAND TRANSACTIONS, 1804-1824. Extracted from the Archives of the Holland Land Company

The Holland Land Company was a stock corporation formed by six Dutch banking houses for the purpose of buying land in New York. By the year 1797, the Company had purchased some 3.3 million acres of land in western New York, west of the Genesee River. Known as the Holland Land Purchase, all of this land was sold off by 1839. This work is an index to the records--the Land Tables--of the Holland Land Company from their inception in 1804 until 1824. Also covered are the land transactions in Morris' Reserve and a tract of land known as the 40,000-Acre Tract, both east of the Purchase.

Touching on some 40,000 individual land transactions, the extracts given here provide the purchaser's name, location of the purchase, date of the transaction, type of transaction (original article, subsequent receipt, or renewed contract), and a citation to the original source and microfilm. The area covered in this work extends from Genesee County west to the counties of Erie, Chautauqua, and Cattaraugus, covering such towns as Buffalo and Batavia.

Was \$38.50 Now \$28.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3422&NLC-GenPointers1

WESTERN NEW YORK LAND TRANSACTIONS, 1825-1835. Extracted from the Archives of the Holland Land Company

In the sequel to the volume above, compiler Karen Livsey has extracted all useful genealogical data from the 70,000 land transactions that took place between 1825 and 1835, supplying the name of the purchaser, date of the transaction, location of the land, type of transaction (original article, subsequent receipt, or renewed contract), and a reference to the original source and the microfilm.

Was \$36.00 Now \$27.00

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3423&NLC-GenPointers1

NEW YORK STATE CENSUSES & SUBSTITUTES

Census records and name lists for New York are found mostly at the county level. This work shows which census records or census substitutes exist for each of New York's 62 counties and where they can be found. In addition to the numerous statewide official censuses, the work contains references to census substitutes and name lists for time periods in which the state did not take an official census. It also shows the location of copies of federal census records, and it provides county boundary maps and numerous state census facsimiles and extraction forms.

Was \$32.95 Now \$24.00

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INHABITANTS OF NEW YORK, 1774-1776

This is a compilation of lists of inhabitants of New York on the eve of the Revolution that originally appeared in a variety of out-of-the-way sources, such as newspapers, census lists, petitions, and poll lists. Altogether, more than 13,000 names are recorded here in alphabetical order, with the county of residence, town or address when known, and the source of the information.

Was \$18.95 Now \$13.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=6423&NLC-GenPointers1

LANDHOLDERS OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK, 1739-1802

This work forms a directory of all participants in all land sales and mortgage agreements in northeastern New York between 1739 and 1802, an area encompassing present-day Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Warren, and Washington counties. The book is arranged into two parts. The first part identifies original grantees--persons awarded land in the area between 1739 and 1775. The second part, by far the larger, identifies about 9,000 landholders--grantees, grantors, mortgagees, and mortgagors--whose land records were filed between 1772 and 1802. The entries give the names of all persons engaged in land transactions, date of the transaction, place of residence of each of the principals, and the volume and page of the original sourcebook.

Was \$24.00 Now \$17.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=640&NLC-GenPointers1

NEW YORK ALIEN RESIDENTS 1825-1848

The alien depositions, which form the basis of this work, provide some or all of the following information: the alien's place of residence, regularly by county and often by village, town, or city; country of birth, sometimes with name of county or department, is often given; date of birth, the age when the alien arrived in the U.S., or when he/she deposed, is occasionally recorded; date of arrival may be found; and status of a woman (single, married, or widowed) is usually set forth, as is the name of a husband, with his trade or profession.

Was \$18.00 Now \$12.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5250&NLC-GenPointers1

INDEX TO MARRIAGES AND DEATHS in the New York Herald. In Four Volumes

This four-volume work, compiled by James P. Maher, covers the years 1835-1876. Mr. Maher divides each volume into two sections--one for marriages and one for deaths--furnishing the names of the brides and grooms (or the late deceased) and the exact date of issue of the newspaper. The extensive notices refer not only to New Yorkers but also to people up and down the east coast as well as Midwesterners and persons from as far west as California. Each volume is available separately.

VOLUME I: 1835-1855 (Low in stock)

Contains 14,000 marriage notices and 38,000 death notices.

Was \$45.00 Now \$32.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3670&NLC-GenPointers1

VOLUME II: 1856-1863

Contains 27,000 marriage notices and 97,000 death notices.

Was \$55.00 Now \$41.00

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9220&NLC-GenPointers1

VOLUME III: 1864-1870

Contains 15,500 marriage notices and 68,500 death notices.

Was \$75.00 Now \$56.00

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9387&NLC-GenPointers1

VOLUME IV: 1871-1876

This final volume contains 10,350 marriage notices and 28,825 death notices. It also contains a number of new or interesting features. Appended to the back of the data from the "Herald" are about 1,000 death notices from the Fenian Irish newspaper, the "Phoenix," for the period June 4, 1859, to August 10, 1861. In many cases, the death notices indicate, besides the decedent's name and date of death, his/her age and state of death, city and county of birth, and, sometimes, the names of his/her survivors. Among

the "Herald's" death notices from states other than New York, 6,300 notices reference New Jersey, where many New Yorkers relocated during this period.

Was \$65.00 Now \$48.50

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9898&NLC-GenPointers1

INDEX TO MARRIAGES AND DEATHS in the New York World, 1860-1865

This compilation, also by James P. Maher, indexes 3,500 marriages and about 8,500 obituaries. The marriages are arranged in two alphabetical sequences: one for grooms and the other for brides. Each marriage entry gives the full names of the bride and groom and the date of the marriage. The death notices are arranged alphabetically, giving each decedent's name and date of death. Persons seeking additional information from a particular marriage or death notice (age at death, place of birth, name of minister, groom's residence, etc.) may contact Mr. Maher, who has transcribed all the genealogically significant data from the notices and stored them in a separate database.

Was \$18.95 Now \$13.95

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9981&NLC-GenPointers1

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE SCOTS-IRISH (Scotch-Irish)

The intrepid Ulster Scots, or Scotch-Irish, penetrated the colonial frontier deeper and at greater risk to personal safety than any other group to settle in America before the Revolution. This remarkable movement began in the mid-17th century, when the English government relocated many Lowland Scots to establish hegemony in the Ulster Province of Northern Ireland. After living in Ireland for two or three generations, many Ulster Scots opted to immigrate to America. Their initial place of arrival was Pennsylvania, owing to the colony's practice of religious tolerance. Over the course of the 18th century, however, the land-hungry Scotch-Irish would vacate the confines of eastern Pennsylvania and move down the foothills of the Appalachians for the unspoiled lands of Pennsylvania and Maryland, through the Great Valley of Virginia, and as far as the Carolinas and Georgia. Smaller groups of Scotch-Irish moved even farther west, while some settled in New England, notably in New Hampshire.

If you have Scotch-Irish ancestry, you'll be pleased to learn that our collection of Scotch-Irish books currently in stock is second to none. Below is a sample of what you'll find if you browse the Scotch-Irish page on our website. To browse our entire list of Scotch-Irish books and CDs, please access this link:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=7&NLC-GenPointers1

THE SCOTCH-IRISH, or the Scot in North Britain, North Ireland and North America. In Two Volumes

Charles A. Hanna's work is the basic sourcebook on the Scotch-Irish in America, a massive compilation of source records pertaining to the Scots who settled in the north of Ireland and their descendants in America.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2520&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTCH-IRISH MIGRATION to South Carolina, 1772

This book began as Jean Stephenson's effort to validate the family tradition that her great-great-grandparents emigrated from Belfast to South Carolina under the leadership of Covenantan Presbyterian minister William Martin in 1772. The author was able not only to authenticate the crux of the story but also to place nearly 500 Scotch-Irish families in South Carolina on the eve of the Revolutionary War. The families are grouped under the vessel in which they traveled, and they are identified by the name of the household head, names of spouse and children, number of acres surveyed, county, location of the nearest body of water, names of abutting neighbors, and the source of the information.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9428&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725. In Two Parts [Parts One & Two]

The purpose of this diminutive two-part book compiled by David Dobson is to help persons of Scots-Irish descent make the link first to Ulster and then back to Scotland. The work identifies some 1,200 Scotsmen who resided in Ulster between the early 1600s and the early 1700s. Many of the persons so identified were young men from Ireland attending universities in Scotland. In a number of cases, Mr. Dobson provides information on the person's spouse, children, local origins, landholding, and, of course, the source of the information. While there is no certainty that each of the persons identified here or their descendants ultimately emigrated to America, undoubtedly many did or possessed kinsmen who did.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9207&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725, Part Three

In this much longer sequel, David Dobson sheds more light on a segment of the 100,000 Scotsmen who were re-settled by the British government to the Irish Plantation of Ulster during the 17th century. Drawing on sources not consulted for the earlier volume, Mr. Dobson has come up with an additional 2,500 mostly Lowland Scots who re-settled in

Ulster--in most instances prior to 1700. As with Parts One & Two, university students predominate among the transplanted.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9412&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725, Part Four

This is the third volume (and fourth part) in a series compiled by David Dobson to identify the Lowland Scots who migrated to the Plantation of Ulster between 1575 and 1725--many of whose progeny may have emigrated to America. Typically, Mr. Dobson provides the name, occupation, place of residence, a date, and the source for an additional 1,250 mostly Lowland Scots who re-settled in Ulster.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9855&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725, Part Five

The fourth volume (fifth part) in this series identifies an additional 1,700 Lowland Scots who migrated to Ulster between 1575 and 1725--many of whose progeny may have emigrated to America. A special feature of this volume is the inclusion of a number of shipmasters from Ulster who traded with west-of-Scotland ports. (It is highly likely that they were residents of the port to which the ship belonged and that the skipper owned part of the vessel.)

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9895&NLC-GenPointers1

SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1575-1725, Part Six

The final volume in this series provides the migrant's name, occupation, place of residence, a date, and the source. In all, David Dobson enumerates an additional 1,500 Lowland Scots who re-settled in Ulster. Perhaps a majority of the individuals identified in Part Six were ordered into military service, including "Patrick McClelland, mustered with a sword and snaphance, in the barony of Raphoe, Donegal, 1630."

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9816&NLC-GenPointers1

LATER SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1725-1825. Part One

In the tradition of his earlier series, David Dobson picks up the trail of Scots living in Ulster as well as Irish living in Scotland during the next one hundred years. Unlike the previous century-and-a-half, the destination of most Scots emigrants during the 18th century was across the Atlantic and not to Ulster. The same period also witnessed the

beginnings of a large-scale exodus from Ireland to the Americas. Nevertheless, there was some movement of peoples between Ireland and Scotland from 1725 to 1825--mostly students heading for universities in Glasgow or Edinburgh.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9795&NLC-GenPointers1

LATER SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1725-1825. Part Two

Working from primary sources in Scotland, such as university records, court records, gravestone inscriptions, family and estate records, as well as various published sources, David Dobson has amassed information on an additional 1,200 persons, roughly doubling the total number of later Scots-Irish to date.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9867&NLC-GenPointers1

LATER SCOTS-IRISH LINKS, 1725-1825. Part Three

Working from primary sources in Scotland, such as university records, registers of apprentices, the Aberdeen City Archives, as well as published sources such as the periodical, "Scots Magazine," David Dobson has amassed information on more than an additional 1,300 persons. He identifies each person by name, country, and, sometimes, city of birth or residence, situation (profession, student status, source of inheritance, etc.), a date, the record source, and occasionally such things as physical features, year of birth, etc.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9809&NLC-GenPointers1

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"THE SMALL WORLD of the 17th Century," by Carolyn L. Barkley

[This article originally appeared on our blog, www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com, in January of this year.]

I was born in Massachusetts but have lived in Virginia for almost 40 years. My early history education had stressed the Pilgrims, Plymouth, and 1620--almost to the exclusion of Jamestown and 1607. As I became active in planning events to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the First Landing at Jamestown, I realized my lack of knowledge of this seminal event, and so I began to read in order to gain a richer understanding of Virginia's history as well as that of our nation. That enjoyable experience then led me to realize that my knowledge of the Pilgrims and their voyage and experiences in the new world was also less than what it could be.

When I read Nathaniel Philbrick's "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War" (Viking, 2006), I was struck by the connections between the Jamestown settlers and

those voyagers who arrived in Plymouth aboard the "Mayflower." The Virginia Company provided funding for both settlement ventures. The intended landing site in 1620 was the mouth of the Hudson River, described as "northern Virginia." John Smith had been approached by the Separatists in London, but his knowledge had made the potential colonists fearful of a loss of control over their voyage. They may have been aware of his map of New England carefully drawn during his 1614 voyage, but it is not clear that they made use of it.

The most interesting connection, however, can be found in "Mayflower" passenger Stephen Hopkins. Hopkins was making his second voyage to the new world, having made his first, to Virginia, in 1609 aboard the "Sea Venture." This latter voyage ended in shipwreck in Bermuda and provided the basis for William Shakespeare's play, "The Tempest." Hopkins would eventually reach Jamestown and remain there for two years before returning to England. These three events, normally viewed as independent of one another, illustrate the small world of the 17th century. As this year of commemoration of the 400th anniversary of English settlement in Virginia draws to a close, Genealogical Publishing Company offers many titles that will assist historians and genealogists in their research in both Virginia and Massachusetts.

An important book, released in 2007, is VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS AND ADVENTURERS, 1607-1635: A Biographical Dictionary, by Martha W. McCartney. It brings together a variety of primary sources regarding Virginia's earliest European inhabitants and the sparsely populated and fragile communities in which they lived, resulting in the most comprehensive collection of annotated biographical sketches yet published. Ms. McCartney conveys the basics about many of these original colonists: their origins, the names of the ships they sailed on, the names of their spouses and children, their occupations and positions in the colony, their relationships with fellow colonists and Indian neighbors, their living conditions as far as can be ascertained from documentary sources, their ownership of land, the dates and circumstances of their death, and other details about their personal lives. Maps identify the sites of Virginia's earliest plantations. An introductory chapter includes an overview of local and regional settlement and provides succinct histories of the various plantations established in Tidewater Virginia by 1635. An every-name index provides access to names within the individual entries.

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=3505&NLC-GenPointers1

Other Genealogical Publishing Company and Clearfield titles of interest to Virginia researchers in this time period include:

ADVENTURERS OF PURSE AND PERSON VIRGINIA, 1607-1624/5. Fourth Edition. Edited by John Frederick Dorman and published in 3 volumes:

Volume One, Families A-F:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1496&NLC-GenPointers1

Volume Two, Families G-P:

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

Volume Three, Families R-Z:

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1498
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1498&NLC-GenPointers1)

JOHN SMITH'S MAP OF VIRGINIA with a Brief Account of Its History, by Ben C. McCary

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9236
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9236&NLC-GenPointers1)

THREE CHARTERS OF THE VIRGINIA COMPANY OF LONDON with Seven Related Printed Documents: 1606-1621

[http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9068
&NLC-GenPointers1](http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=9068&NLC-GenPointers1)

Researchers with an interest in the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colonies may want to check the following:

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Jamestown Adventure: Accounts of the Virginia Colony 1605-1614" (John F. Blair, 2004) to name only a few.

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"JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS," by Virginia Davis

One of our most popular contributions to a fuller understanding of the "small world of the 17th-century" is the directory, JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS 1607-1699, by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis, a list of approximately 1,200 persons who are known to have landed or resided there between 1607 and 1699.

Mrs. Davis was particularly well qualified to compile a reliable list of 17th-century Jamestown inhabitants. She was the author of the book, "Tidewater Virginia Families," a compilation of the genealogy and social history of some 40 early Virginia families, and its sequel, "Tidewater Virginia Families: Generations Beyond." In an effort to preserve early Virginia records, Mrs. Davis edited and published the periodical, "Tidewater Virginia Families: A Magazine of History and Genealogy," for 12 years. More recently she transcribed "The Albemarle Parish Vestry Book of Surry and Sussex Counties, 1742-1786," the final Virginia parish vestry book to be made accessible to researchers. Mrs. Davis was a member of the Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters, Order of First Families of Virginia, The Jamestowne Society, and The James Cittie Company.

JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS recounts the establishment of England's first successful colony in North America, as Mrs. Davis describes it in her Preface:

"The emergence of James Towne and Virginia began with the goals of men and their various dreams--goals as diverse as their backgrounds. These men were lesser scions of the gentry, craftsmen, and laborers--all seeking a life they perceived as 'better' than their present state. They may have envisioned the acquisition of land, a higher station in life, greater freedom and even gold. King James I certainly was lured by the prospect of increasing his reign with more land and wealth, and he found ready participants in his dream.

"After several unsuccessful earlier English colonizing efforts, King James I in 1606 issued a charter authorizing a group of investors to form the Virginia Company of London and settle colonists in North America. It was thus that his dream was fulfilled and James Towne was born. A council appointed by the king was to direct the enterprise from England, with management of day-to-day affairs in the colony entrusted to a second council of state. The charter provided that these English settlers would enjoy the same legal rights and privileges as those who remained at home.

"On Saturday, the twentieth of December, 1606, a fleet of three ships left England. After an arduous ocean voyage, one hundred and four English colonists aboard the 'Susan Constant,' 'Godspeed' and 'Discovery' reached the Virginia coast at Cape Henry. Sailing west up the river they named for their king, these men and boys stepped ashore on May 14, 1607, at the marshy peninsula now known as Jamestown Island. In time, 'James Towne' survived and prospered, but at first the triangular wooden palisade fort held only a tenuous foothold to the vast continent.

"Jamestown Island is situated in the James River, sixty-eight and three-fourths miles below the head of the tidewater, at the foot of the Richmond rapids, and fifty-eight miles above the Virginia capes. The island was two and three-fourths miles long, with a width varying from approximately three hundred yards at its head to about one and one-fourth miles near its lower extremity. Originally, it held a slender connection to the mainland by a narrow neck; later this was lost to the passage of time and the erosion of the river. It is now known that the site of the fort, believed to have been lost to the ravages of the river and the elements, has survived basically intact. This provides an entirely new focus to the placement of the settlement."

JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS honors the island's early settlers and their contributions to Virginia and the future nation. The volume lists all inhabitants of Jamestown Island--both year-round residents and members of the House of Burgesses or other government officials--who dwelled at Jamestown between 1607 and 1699. Mrs. Davis identifies each individual by name, occupation (burgess, landowner, artisan, etc.), year(s) present in Jamestown, and, in the case of officials, a place of permanent residence. Mrs. Davis includes only those colonists whose presence at Jamestown has been fully documented. Her list can be used as a starting point for achieving membership in a number of hereditary societies that accept descent from Jamestown as a qualification. (A list of 16 such organizations is included in the book.)

Replete with facsimiles of early maps and diagrams and drawing upon recent archaeological research, JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS 1607-1699 is a comprehensive list of our oldest ancestors. For more information about this book or its author, please access the following link:

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BLOG: Fun with Genealogy: Ancestor Hunting for Kids

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