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### ***Order of First Families of North Carolina. Ancestor Biographies, Vol. 1: "The First Two Hundred,"* by John Anderson Brayton**

Membership in the distinguished Order of the First Families of North Carolina (OFFNC) requires having an ancestor who lived in North Carolina before it became a royal colony on July 12, 1729. Noted North Carolina/Virginia scholar John Anderson Brayton is also the Order's official genealogist. Although Mr. Brayton has produced two earlier books based on the Order's behalf (see below), this latest one, [Order of First Families of North Carolina. Ancestor Biographies, Vol. 1: "The First Two Hundred"](#) marks the launch of a new series.

*Ancestor Biographies, Vol 1* describes and documents family histories of the first 200 persons named to the Order'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.

*Ancestor Biographies, Vol 1* draws upon two bodies of information: (1) Data compiled by members of the Order who undertook to document their ancestry; and (2) Mr. Brayton's unsurpassed knowledge of the pioneering families of the Tarheel State, its repositories, and their sources. 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.

Following is a list of the ancestral surnames treated in the essays of this volume: Albertson, Alderson, Alston, Archbell, Bailey, Baker, Barecock, Barnes, Bass, Bateman, Baum, Bennett, Bigg, Blanchard, Blount, Bond, Bonner, Boon, Boswell, Branch, Bridgers, Bright, Bryan, Bryant, Bunn, Cake, Carter, Chancey, Charles, Charlton, Coleman, Collins, Cotton, Coward, Coxe, Crisp, Cullen, Culpeper, Cunys, Curry, Daniel, Daw, Delamare, Dew, Dickinson, Drake, Drummond, Cudley, Durant, Edwards, Ellis, Everard, Everitt, Fort, Freeman, Futrell, Gibbs, Glaister, Goldbee, Godley, de Graffenreid, Grandy, Green, Gregory, Hardison, Hardy, Herring, Hill, Hilliard, Hobbs, Hobson, Hodges, Hoskins, Hunter, Isler, Jeffreys, Jenkins, Jennings, Jernigan, Kent, King, Kornegay, Laker, Langston, Lanier, Lee, Leigh, Lillington, Lowe, Luten, McDaniel, Mann, Martin, Mason, Mayo, Merritt, Midyett, Moore, Morris, Nelson, Newby,

Nicholson, Norfleet, Pace, Parrott, Pearson, Peele, Perry, Peyton, Pike, Pope, Powell, Powers, Pritchard, Pugh, Reed, Reeves, Ricks, Salter, Sanderson, Sawyer, Sebrell, Sellers, Sessums, Sexton, Sharbo, Sherrod, Shine, Sims, Smith, Smithwick, Snoad, Spann, Speir, Spruill, Strickland, Sutton, Swaine, Symons, Torksey, Travis, Turner, Tyson, Vail, Vinson, Waller, West, Weston, White, Whitehead, Whitfield, Whitmel, Williams, Wilson, Windley, Woodward, and Wynne.

For more information, visit the following URL:

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### **Also relating to the Order of First Families of North Carolina . . .**

#### [Order of First Families of North Carolina. Registry of Ancestors, Vol. 1](#)

Several years ago, the OFFNC commissioned esteemed genealogist John Brayton to prepare a series documenting the genealogy of the organization's qualifying ancestors, and in 2005 Mr. Brayton published the first volume, *Order of the First Families of North Carolina Registry of Ancestors, Vol. 1*. Most of the genealogies in that work, which cover more than a score of qualifying ancestors, trace the subject's family for a full first and second generation, down to the fourth, with drop-charts describing descent to members of the OFFNC.

Ancestors covered in this volume are as follows: 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.

#### [Order of First Families of North Carolina. Registry of Ancestors, Vol. 2](#)

In this volume John Brayton concerns himself with the many different colonial WILLIAMS families of the Tidewater area who subsequently settled in northeastern North Carolina. The Williamses of Virginia's Isle of Wight and Surry counties figure prominently, not only in the ancestry of many colonial North Carolina families but also in the settling of southeastern Virginia and that part of North Carolina just east and southeast of the Piedmont: Albemarle, Bertie, Chowan, Duplin, Edgecombe, Granville, Halifax, Hertford, Jones, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Sampson, Warren, and Wayne counties. In addition to the main Williams branches, Volume 2 contains numerous references to hundreds of other families, including the following allied ones: Alexander, Browne/Browne, Castellaw, Cobb/Cobbs, Council, Daughtrey/Doughtry, Davis, Drake, Edwards, Hardy, Herring/Hearing/Hearin/Herron, Hicks/Hix, Jones, Joyner/Joiner, Kerby/Kirby, Pierce/Peirce, Pitts, Redditt, Smith/Smyth, Whitfield, and Whitley/Wheatley. With a full-name index, place index, slave index, membership charts for Williams ancestors, and a comprehensive bibliography, this volume refers to more than 12,000 ancestors and their descendants.

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## New Releases and Featured Titles in July

John Brayton's new book heads a pack of original works for July (see the previous article). Two of the others are by the indefatigable Jeff Bowen, who this month brings us his first volume of transcriptions of early 20th-century Creek records. He has also produced a re-working of *Early History of the Cherokees. Aboriginal Customs, Religion, Laws, Folk Lore, and Civilization*, by Emmet Starr. Anyone familiar with the better known collections of genealogies found in Starr's *History of the Cherokee Indians* should consider this earlier treatise on Cherokee life and culture. Our final original work is the third book in Dr. David Dobson's series of scarce 17th-century Irish genealogical notes: *The People of Ireland, 1600-1699*.

The standout among our July featured titles is one of the most valuable tools for Virginia biography and genealogy: Earl Gregg Swem's multi-volume *Virginia Historical Index*. The other titles, taken as a whole, have something to offer practically anyone working in American genealogy. From a geographical standpoint, our July reprints range over Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Indiana, Virginia, and South Carolina. Topically, we are talking about heraldry, passenger lists, military and professional lists, German immigrants to Virginia, church records, and the American Revolution.

Following is a complete list of our featured titles for July. Immediately below is a link to the page on our website where you'll find short descriptions of each:

[http://www.genealogical.com/content/products\\_new\\_genealogy.html](http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_new_genealogy.html)

- [Order of First Families of North Carolina. Ancestor Biographies, Vol. 1: "The First Two Hundred,"](#) by John Anderson Brayton
- [Early History of the Cherokees. Aboriginal Customs, Religion, Laws, Folk Lore, and Civilization,](#) by Emmet Starr, transcribed by Jeff Bowen
- [Applications for Enrollment of Creek Newborn—Act of 1905. Volume I,](#) by Jeff Bowen
- [The People of Ireland, 1600-1699. Part Three,](#) by David Dobson
- [Armorial General,](#) by Johannes Baptiste Rietstap
- [Passenger Arrivals, 1819-1820. . . Transcript of the List of Passengers Who Arrived in the US from the 1st of October, 1819, to the 30th of September, 1820. With an Added Index](#)
- [Peirce's Colonial Lists. Civil, Military and Professional Lists of Plymouth and Rhode Island Colonies . . . 1621-1700,](#) by Ebenezer Weaver Peirce
- [Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687-1745,](#) by H. L. Peter Rounds
- [Inhabitants of New York, 1774–1776,](#) by Thomas B. Wilson

- [Maryland Records--Colonial, Revolutionary, County and Church. In Two Volumes.](#) by Gaius M. Brumbaugh
- [Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Indiana \[Bound with\] Supplement](#), by Margaret R. Waters
- [The German Element in Virginia](#), by Herrmann Schuricht
- [Virginia Historical Index](#), by Earl Gregg Swem
- [Copy of the Original Index Book Showing the Revolutionary Claims Filed in South Carolina Between August 20, 1783 and August 31, 1786](#), by Janie Revill

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## 72-Hour Sale on Selected Passenger List CDs

Every genealogist hopes someday to find the identity of his or her immigrant ancestor. For sheer excitement in genealogy, there's nothing quite like discovering who brought your family to the U.S. and learning what compelled or inspired the family to make a new life for themselves in North America. The genealogist's fascination with the immigration process--and with the challenge of solving problems related to it--explains why ships' passenger lists are among the most popular group of records in American genealogy.

If you're on the trail of a passenger list, consider the following: The ships' passenger lists compiled on our CDs are among the earliest in existence. In fact, most of these lists date from before 1820, when the federal government began compiling official passenger arrival records. If you are on the trail of ancestors who arrived before 1800, our collection of passenger records painstakingly culled from archives and repositories by an army of transcribers over many years is where you should start your search. Even better, if you purchase one or more of these extraordinary values, you can get it for 40% off the retail price! But remember, sale prices expire at 11:59 p.m. EDT, Thursday, July 7, 2011.

### [The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1776](#)

With approximately 140,000 names, this CD contains the most comprehensive list ever published of the men, women, and children who voluntarily emigrated from England to America between 1607 and 1776. Containing Peter Wilson Coldham's four-volume *Complete Book of Emigrants*, this CD contains virtually every reference to English emigrants that can be found in contemporary English records, such as port books, shipping registers, apprenticeship lists, plantation records, Treasury and Chancery records, and records of forced transportation and exile.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$22.99**

### [Scottish Immigrants to North America, 1600s-1800s. The Collected Works of David Dobson](#)

David Dobson has been trolling for the names of Scottish immigrants to North America for more than twenty-five years. From original records and printed sources in Great Britain, Canada, and the U.S. he has amassed information on 75,000 Scottish immigrants to North America, the

majority of whom arrived in America from the earliest colonial times up to the Revolutionary War. This Family Archive CD captures the page images of ten of his publications at a fraction of their original cost in book form.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$22.99**

[Irish Immigrants to North America \(very low in stock\)](#)

This Family Archive CD is composed of ten volumes of Irish passenger lists naming approximately 60,000 immigrants, the earliest list dating from 1735, the latest from 1871. The majority of these lists derive from homegrown Irish sources. In fact, the Irish generally did not maintain emigration records, so prior to the 1890s such information is woefully spare. It is highly unlikely that the researcher would have access to all of the information found on this CD, which is here presented at a fraction of the cost of the books upon which it is based.

**Was \$39.99 Now \$22.99**

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**"Delayed & Corrected Birth Records," by William Dollarhide**

Sources for learning the names of a person's parents that may be overlooked, such as corrected or delayed birth records, are extraordinary vital records. Consider the following story.

Growing up, the story of my father's birth was repeated in my family often. Albert Dollarhide was born in April 1905 while his parents, John and Addie Dollarhide, and their eight children were en route from Northern California to Southeast Washington. The family was engaged in a 500-mile trip to a new homestead, traveling via two horse-drawn wagons at a rate of about 25 miles per day. The birth took place in the town of Oakland, Oregon, less than a third of the way to their destination. There was no hospital in town, but they did find the local doctor's home in time for the delivery. Apparently, the birth delayed the family's journey for only a couple of days, and they continued on their way.

Dad was raised in Columbia County, Washington, on a homestead farm a few miles south of Dayton. He never went back to Oregon until he was an adult, but since he was born in Oregon, that is where his birth was officially recorded. A birth certificate was prepared and filed by the local doctor at the Douglas County Courthouse, and a record copy of the certificate was sent by Douglas County to the Oregon State Vital Statistics office in Portland.

One of my early genealogical tasks was to request and receive a photostatic copy of my father's original birth certificate from the state of Oregon. It was a real disappointment. Except for the place and date of birth, the birth certificate was incomplete and nearly useless as genealogical evidence. There was no name for the child or mother, just a name for the father as (blank) Dollarhide. The date of birth was correct, but most of the spaces were filled in with the words "don't know" by the attending physician. The doctor who filled in the certificate did manage to write a few words of explanation at the bottom, which said, "These people left the county soon after the birth of this child."

After my father died in 1977, I learned about a packet of papers wrapped in a brown paper bag

that my mother had preserved. The packet of papers was stored for safe-keeping in the freezer compartment of mother's refrigerator (Mom said she got the idea from Reader's Digest). For some reason, Dad had saved several items that were to be very useful to me, such as old driver's licenses, insurance papers, and various membership cards. Also included with the papers was a copy of his original birth certificate, but to my surprise, another document was attached to the birth certificate, entitled, "Affidavit for Correction of a Record." This document corrected every missing item on the original birth certificate! Items corrected included the child's full name, date and place of birth, full maiden name of mother and her birthplace, and full name of father and his birthplace. Until the discovery of this corrected birth record, all references to the maiden name of my father's mother had come from personal interviews. This was the first written evidence of that name!

I still don't know all the details of how and why this document was created, but apparently my father was encouraged to file an official correction to his birth certificate. He may have intended to file the correction in Oregon, but somehow managed to file it in California instead. The affidavit was a form printed at the top with "State of Oregon, County of Multnomah" but those words were crossed out and added below were the typed words, "California, Humboldt County." The form was notarized and dated 25 August 1944. The correction affidavit form was witnessed by his sister, Mrs. Dewie Fernleaf, who lived in Eureka, California, which may be the reason it was filed in California instead of Oregon. But I didn't know it was possible to file a corrected birth record in a county (or state) different than the place where the birth had occurred.

I have become curious about this process, but I have made only a cursory review of what the rules are for corrected or delayed birth certificates. The rules seem to differ for each state. Obviously, there are some states where a corrected or delayed birth certificate can be filed at a county courthouse without regard for the place of birth of the person in question. But, there are other states where the correction or delayed birth registration must be done in the same state of birth. Florida, as an example, is one state where the corrected or delayed birth registration must be done in the same county of birth.

### **Delayed Birth Records**

It was during the late 1930s and early 1940s that the federal government encouraged people to register delayed birth records. The advent of Social Security, which began in 1935, was an important inducement for people to have a written proof of their birth, and a delayed birth record was a way of doing that. Regular birth records are usually recorded first at a town, city, or county office, and a record copy of the original record is then sent to a state's vital statistics office. However, genealogists may discover that delayed birth certificates are only available at the county level and copies of them never made it to the state office.

My grandfather, Elmer Ross Wiles, turned 65 years old in 1941. His eligibility for a Social Security pension required that he have some proof of his birth, but Elmer never had a birth certificate on file. So, he obtained a delayed birth certificate from the place he was born. The delayed birth certificate he requested was issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Union County, Iowa, after he provided several photostatic copies of items attesting to his birth date and place, including a notarized copy of a page from a family Bible, and signatures of relatives who

acted as witnesses. That delayed birth registration is still recorded in Union County, Iowa, today, but to my knowledge there is no copy of that delayed birth record at the Iowa State Vital Statistics unit in Des Moines. I would never have found a copy of Elmer Wiles' delayed birth registration without checking the sources available at the Union County Courthouse in Creston, Iowa. And, that delayed birth record gave the exact maiden name of Elmer Wiles' mother, evidence that I may not have found from other sources.

Hopefully, these illustrations will get you to check all the available, and sometimes forgotten, sources. If you have bombed out on locating the birth certificate for a person, don't give up – there may be a corrected or delayed birth certificate on file somewhere. Start at the county of birth, rather than the state of birth. Most counties in the U.S. have their earliest birth records on microfilm, and these images are being systematically digitized for free use on the Internet (by the Family History Library of Salt Lake City, Utah). My investigations in many counties reveal that when there is a set of "Delayed Birth Certificates" in any county, they are always included with the regular birth records on microfilm. So, the first place to look for delayed birth records is a place search in the Family History Library Catalog at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Corrected records, however, are filed in various ways at county courthouses, depending on the state. Find these records by doing a general search of records by title at any county of the U.S.

Good luck in your search – Bill Dollarhide

### **Of related interest for vital records searches . . .**

#### [International Vital Records Handbook. New 5th Edition](#)

This new 5th edition of the *International Vital Records Handbook* contains the latest forms and information for each of the fifty states and also furnishes details about records that were created prior to statewide vital records registration. In addition, it identifies vital records collections, online databases, and institutions of interest to genealogy researchers. Then, in alphabetical sequence, it covers the other countries of the world, giving, where available, the current application forms and instructions, as well as the key addresses of repositories or embassies that might help you obtain copies of vital records.

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### **What's New at the Genealogy Warehouse for July**

This month we are adding the following books to the Genealogy Warehouse: (1) A venerable account of the Dutch Quaker settlement of Pennsylvania, and (2) A fastidiously produced name index to the 1820 census of Kentucky.

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 two new arrivals this month, you will also find below a list of Warehouse books pertaining to 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](http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_warehouse.html).

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

[William Penn and the Dutch Quaker Migration to Pennsylvania](#)

In this classic study, Dr. William Hull explores the historic background to the Dutch Quaker migration and William Penn's mission to Holland and Germany in 1677, which has been credited with touching off the large Dutch and German emigration to Pennsylvania. Hull's scholarly study of the Dutch Quaker immigration to Pennsylvania (and incidentally the German Quaker immigration) contains a number of appendices that give the names of all the settlers in Germantown during the years 1683 to 1709, with brief genealogical notices, including place of origin. Other appendices include names from a 1693 tax list and names of Germantown residents naturalized in 1691 and 1709.

**Was \$42.50 Now \$22.95**

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

[Index to the 1820 Census of Kentucky](#)

The 1820 federal census for Kentucky lists 70,000 heads of households at a moment when westward migration was very much a factor in our history. This publication is a reliable index to the 1820 census of Kentucky, providing the researcher with a single alphabetical list of heads of households, further indicating the name of the county in which each head of household was resident and the page number of the original census schedule wherein full data on the household and its occupants may be found.

**Was \$32.50 Now \$17.95**

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

[30,638 Burials in Georgia](#)

Jeannette Holland Austin copied headstones and markers in 600 cemeteries located in nearly 100 Georgia counties to create this list of burials. Arranged alphabetically by surname, entries include some or all of the following information: birth and death dates, names of parents and/or spouse, county, name of cemetery, and miscellaneous remarks such as armed forces affiliation. The author also provides the locations of the cemeteries at the time she made the transcriptions. While the work does not cover all Georgia cemeteries--major city cemeteries were largely ignored because of their easy accessibility--this work is an essential contribution to Georgia genealogy.

**Was \$50.00 Now \$29.95**

[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**

[Index to the United States Census of Georgia for 1820 \(low in stock\)](#)

This census index identifies about 30,000 heads of families, alphabetically arranged, along with their counties of residence.

**Was \$26.50 Now \$14.95**

[Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Abstracts of Early Wills, 1763-1790 \(1749-1790\)](#)

While the length and contents of these abstracts vary, most of them provide the name of the testator, date of the will, names and relationships of all heirs to the estate (sometimes with ages given or inferred), contents of the estate, names of executors, and, usually, the date of probate.

**Was \$17.50 Now \$10.50**

[People and Professions of Charleston, South Carolina, 1782-1802](#)

This work contains all the names and other pertinent genealogical information that can be found in the Charleston city directories of 1782, 1785, 1790, 1794, 1796, 1801, and 1802 and in the federal censuses for Charleston for 1790 and 1800. In the case of the city directories, the names of inhabitants are followed by their occupations and addresses; for the censuses of 1790 and 1800, only the names of the heads of household appear. While this work cannot claim to include every resident of Charleston for the period under investigation, it nonetheless identifies more than 13,000 persons who lived and/or worked there between 1782 and 1802.

**Was \$19.50 Now \$10.95**

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**Blog: Applications for Veterans' Headstones**

When surviving family members desire to have their loved one buried with an official U.S. Armed Forces veterans' headstone, they must go through an application process. Fortunately for genealogists, the application process, which involves the submission of official records, provides important evidence concerning the veteran's family. If you want to learn more about what you might find in headstone applications, be sure to read the latest article on our blog, [www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com](http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com). It's free!

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