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"U.S. Counties Created or Abolished, 1920-1983," by William Dollarhide
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August CDs on Sale through 08/31/09

We are about halfway through our CD sale offerings for August (not including the Virginia and New England CDs we announced at the beginning of the month). Did your ancestors spend any time in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or Maryland? Could they have served on the Loyalist side of the American Revolution? Whichever the case, you can save \$10 off these inexpensively priced collections of indexed, imaged reference books, provided you place your order by 11:59 p.m. EDT, Monday, August 31, 2009.

[COLONIAL NEW JERSEY Source Records, 1600s to 1800s](#)

This Family Archive CD includes the records of approximately 330,000 persons in a unique collection of church, court, marriage, land, military, and probate records. Made up of nine New Jersey reference works, this CD is the entry point for genealogical research in colonial New Jersey. Additionally, in light of the missing New Jersey census schedules for 1790-1820, this CD is probably the most important finding-aid available in this or any other format.

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[LOYALISTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION](#)

Suppose family legend has it that your missing ancestor was living in America around the time of the Revolution. After searching among Revolutionary War service records, you come up blank. Your next step might be to look for him in Loyalist records, including those deposited in Canadian and British archives. By some estimates Loyalists (persons who took the side of George III) made up as much as one-third of the colonial population, and their cause was strongest in Georgia, the Carolinas, Pennsylvania, and New York. The thirteen volumes of records produced on this Family Archive CD cover a broad spectrum of information pertaining to the identification of individual Loyalists. These volumes variously provide the following information: name, country or place of origin, occupation, names of family members and friends, civilian service rendered during the war, military service, date of migration, place of settlement, claims for compensation, and a host of other details that could lead the researcher to a Loyalist ancestor.

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[PENNSYLVANIA COLONIAL RECORDS](#)

The ten books included on this CD contain newspaper abstracts, naturalization records, land records, court records, and family histories that identify approximately 200,000 people who lived in Pennsylvania during the colonial and Revolutionary War periods. Among other well-known Pennsylvania record sources captured here are the most influential newspapers of the 18th century; land records compiled by William Penn's Commissioners of Property; indexes to the minutes of the Provincial Council and the Supreme Executive Council; lists of Germans who arrived in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1775 and from 1786 to 1808; and genealogies of colonial and Revolutionary families, each starting with the first known Pennsylvania settler and proceeding in a direct line of descent to family members who lived in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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[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.

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[MARYLAND SETTLERS AND SOLDIERS](#)

Consisting of the most authoritative books ever published on Maryland's role in the colonial wars, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812, as well as books containing newspaper abstracts, church records, records of marriages and deaths, tombstone inscriptions, and census records, this Family Archive CD contains a true cross-section of the records of some 325,000 early Maryland settlers and soldiers, all accessed through a single electronic index.

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[THE WINTHROP FLEET OF 1630](#)

This is an authoritative list of the 700 passengers who are believed to have come to New England with John Winthrop in 1630. Based on research undertaken in England and America, it provides as much data as could be verified on each passenger--name, place of departure, places of residence in England and America, occupation, church affiliation, dates of birth, marriage, and death, and relationships to other passengers.

#306. \$20.00

[REVOLUTIONARY WAR BOUNTY LAND GRANTS](#)

After the Revolutionary War, nine state governments awarded land bounties to their Revolutionary War veterans (or their survivors) in return for their military or other service. The nine states that awarded bounty lands in their western reserves or on their western borders (directly affecting the future states of Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Ohio, and Tennessee) are Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia. Unlike the federal bounty land records, however, these state records are not centralized; instead, they are found in the various states in the form of manuscript records and printed books and are all but inaccessible to the researcher. The nine state governments created a patchwork of records, and it was therefore no easy task to create this master index. Typically, however, each entry in this index contains the name of the claimant, who is usually the veteran, the state of service, the rank held, the date of the record, and the acreage. Altogether about 35,000 names appear in the index, including duplicates. While the arrangement of matter is strictly alphabetical, there is also a separate index to heirs, representatives, and other assignees mentioned in the records.

#488. \$50.00

[PIONEER FAMILIES OF EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY](#)

This work is largely a sourcebook of genealogical data rather than a collection of family histories.

Genealogical information on each county is uniform and is arranged in the following manner: first is given the boundary and establishment by law of each county; next, a synopsis of the earliest court records pertaining to the county; then, often a list of pioneer families according to the 1810 federal census and various county tax lists--alphabetically arranged by head of household; and finally, and of greatest importance to the researcher, marriage records of various southeastern Kentucky counties. Additional sections of interest include lists of Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War soldiers.

#3270. \$30.00

[MICHIGAN GENEALOGY: Sources & Resources, Second Edition](#)

First published in 1987, this, more recent, second edition not only incorporates the latest descriptions of the holdings of state and county repositories but also adds chapters on Internet sources of Michigan genealogy and other topics not found in the original edition. Among the focal points of this extraordinary book, the researcher will find coverage of Michigan's settlements and settlers, census records and their substitutes, court and land records, Internet sources, genealogical profiles of Michigan's 83 counties, and much more. Whether you plan to do research in Michigan or on the Web, you will find MICHIGAN GENEALOGY to be the one resource you cannot live without.

#3525. \$40.00

[THE TRAIL OF THE HUGUENOTS](#)

For those of you who prefer to read about your Huguenot ancestors in book form, Mr. Reaman's treatise is still the best in its field. This is the story of the great exodus of the Huguenots from France at the end of the 17th century. Over half of the book is devoted to the Huguenots and their direct descendants in Canada and the U.S., dealing with those who settled in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and New England. An Appendix features the names of hundreds of Huguenot immigrants with dates and places of their arrival, as well as short biographical sketches with genealogical data.

#4810. \$32.50

[MAYFLOWER MARRIAGES](#)

Susan Roser's canvassing of the George Ernest Bowman papers at the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants has yielded three collections of indexed source records devoted exclusively to the progeny of the Mayflower passengers. The first of these is MAYFLOWER MARRIAGES, a compilation of 10,000 Mayflower marriages spanning five centuries, with names, dates, and sources, extracted from the files of one of the most respected names in the field of Mayflower research. Marriages are listed under the names of the respective Mayflower passengers.

#3996. \$48.00

[THIRD SUPPLEMENT to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700](#)

During the 1980s, genealogist Melinde Lutz Sanborn began her ongoing hunt for additional evidence of early New England marriages that had surfaced since Clarence Torrey's death in 1962. 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 first supplement in 1991 and a second supplement in 1995. This is now Ms. Sanborn's THIRD SUPPLEMENT to Torrey's "New England Marriages Prior to 1700." Compiled primarily from the major genealogical periodicals published since 1995, this new 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 Torrey for which it is named.

#5148 \$37.50

[17TH CENTURY ISLE OF WIGHT, VIRGINIA](#)

This is a comprehensive study of the early history and inhabitants of Isle of Wight County. Nearly 200 pages of this voluminous work are devoted to abstracts of deeds, land records, and quit rents.

#525. \$60.00

[SHIPS FROM SCOTLAND TO AMERICA, 1628-1828 \[Volume I\]](#)

Designed specifically to identify immigrant vessels, this work lists hundreds of ships that sailed from Scotland to North America between 1628 and 1828. As there are few official records of emigration for this period, the work is based primarily, though not exclusively, on contemporary newspapers published on both sides of the Atlantic. This work contains the names of vessels and the ports and dates of departure and arrival of hundreds of ships that carried emigrants from Scotland to America prior to 1828.

#1492. \$20.00

[NORTH CAROLINA TAXPAYERS, 1679-1790 \[Volume 2\]](#)

Covering thirty-nine counties, this work includes all the North Carolina tax lists not included in its companion volume (item # 4760 on our website). Taxpayers' names are listed alphabetically by county of residence and dates.

#4762. \$30.00

Virginia and New England CD & Book Bonanza Part 3

We launched our Virginia and New England genealogy bonanza two weeks ago in "Genealogy Pointers." (You can check out the first two installments at the "Genealogy Pointers" Archives link on our website, by the way.) Today we are announcing a number of state and local Virginia and New England books that qualify for the discount.

You can purchase any or all of these titles for 20% off the retail price, simply by entering the special code **NEVA09** (all caps, no spaces) in the Discount Code Box on the Shipping & Handling page of the check-out process.

You can use your special **NEVA09** discount code as many times as you like, so long as you place your final order by 11:59 PM EDT, Monday, August 31, 2009. Whether you have Yankee or Cavalier roots (or both), August is a great time to add to your reference collection of these crucial resources. Read on and see if you don't agree!

New England Books. State Specific

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Connecticut

[Genealogical Notes or Contributions to the Family History of Some of the FIRST SETTLERS OF CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS](#)

A cornerstone of genealogy for these two states, this work gives partial genealogies of the settlers, including residence, name and parentage of wife, death dates, and lines of descent almost always to the third generation.

[FAMILIES OF ANCIENT WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT, Consisting of Volume II of "The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Comprising the Present Towns of Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, and Newington; and of Glastonbury . . . and Genealogical Notes on Their Families"](#)

Wethersfield is one of Connecticut's original three river towns. Many of the hundreds of genealogies found in this volume carry the pioneering families of Wethersfield forward over many generations from the time of the town's founding in the 17th century. The family histories refer to more than 12,000 persons.

Maine, Massachusetts & New Hampshire

[MASSACHUSETTS AND MAINE FAMILIES in the Ancestry of Walter Goodwin Davis \(1885–1966\): A Reprinting, in Alphabetical Order by Surname, of the Sixteen Multi-Ancestor Compendia](#)

This work covers 180 families, all of Davis's colonial forebears plus 19 English families in the immediate

ancestry of American immigrants. Of these families, 114 lived mostly in Massachusetts; 29 are associated largely with Maine; and 18 lived largely in New Hampshire, primarily Hampton, Portsmouth, or Exeter. Most of the 114 Massachusetts families resided in Essex County, a few in Middlesex or Plymouth counties, or in Boston. Thus, this work is largely a compendium of “north of Boston” families.

[SUFFOLK COUNTY WILLS. Abstracts of the Earliest Wills Upon Record in the County of Suffolk, Massachusetts](#)

Based on a long series of will abstracts that appeared over a period of 45 years in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, this work encompasses what amounts to the first 30 years or so of the Suffolk County, Massachusetts, estate records (1640–1670). Altogether, the series refers to the family relationships of some 12,000 persons.

[MAINE WILLS, 1640-1760](#)

This volume of Maine wills is regarded as one of the greatest sources for colonial genealogy ever published. It is a faithful transcript of 471 wills, and it contains data on several thousand related individuals for the years 1640-1760. Information contained in the wills includes full name of the testator, names of heirs and their relation to the testator, bequests of real and personal property, names of executors, witnesses and appraisers, and dates of recording and probate. Four separate indexes conveniently guide the reader to his objective.

Rhode Island and Vermont

[LITTLE COMPTON FAMILIES \[Rhode Island\]. In Two Volumes](#)

The town of Little Compton, Rhode Island, was founded by a band of explorers from Plymouth Colony. From its inception, Little Compton has been a bastion of Mayflower ancestry, including that of the Wilbor [Wilbour] family of compiler Benjamin Franklin Wilbour. Mr. Wilbour devoted much of his life to assembling genealogies of his own and other families of Little Compton. Based on extensive research in primary sources and featuring numerous illustrations, LITTLE COMPTON FAMILIES is Mr. Wilbour's legacy to the descendants of some 200 families, many of whom are traced back to the mid-17th century.

[GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF RHODE ISLAND. Comprising Three Generations of Settlers Who Came Before 1690. With Additions & Corrections by G. Andrews Moriarty, 1943-1963, and a new Foreword](#)

This legendary work consists of alphabetically arranged genealogical tables of approximately 500 Rhode Island families, representing thousands of descendants of pre-1690 settlers, all carried to the third generation, and some--about 100 families--carried to the fourth. The majority of the entries contain records of births and, in all but the last generation, marriages, deaths, and places of residence, with excerpts from wills and deeds and other court records. Our reprint contains the following added material: (1) additions and corrections consisting of 104 pages by G. Andrews Moriarty; (2) manuscript notations and marginalia in various hands, including cross-references to material in *The American Genealogist*; and (3) a Foreword by Albert T. Klyberg, director of the Rhode Island Historical Society.

[RHODE ISLAND LAND EVIDENCES. Volume I, 1648-1696, Abstracts \(all published\)](#)

The documents transcribed here include wills, powers of attorney, indentures, agreements, settlements, ship protests, and assignments. Typically, the land evidences furnish the names of the grantor, grantee, and witness; a description of the property (often with the names of owners of adjacent properties); date of the sale; and, frequently, name of the spouse, widow, or children of the parties to the transaction.

[SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR Buried in Vermont and Anecdotes and Incidents Relating to Some of Them](#)

This work contains lists of nearly 6,000 Revolutionary soldiers buried in Vermont, many of the soldiers having emigrated from other states into Vermont during the years immediately following the Revolution. The names were gathered from a variety of sources, but the largest number by far was extracted from a rare list of Vermont Revolutionary pensioners, a list embracing invalid pensioners, pensioners under the Act of March 18, 1818, and pensioners under the Act of June 7, 1832. The soldiers are listed alphabetically by

county or town of interment.

Virginia Books on Sale. Regional Titles

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[VIRGINIA COURT RECORDS in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Records of the District of West August and Ohio and Yohogania Counties, Virginia 1775-1780](#)

The minute books herein transcribed cover the period when Virginia claimed and exercised jurisdiction over what are now the Pennsylvania counties of Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, and Allegheny. In addition to land titles, the minute books contain transcripts of legal instruments of immense genealogical value, such as deeds, mortgages, conveyances, probate records, administrations, contracts, suits, judgments, and oaths of allegiance.

[TWELVE VIRGINIA COUNTIES Where the Western Migration Began](#)

This scholarly and informative account describes the origin and settlement of the counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, Goochland, Hanover, King William, King and Queen, Louisa, New Kent, and Orange and also recounts people and events associated with their history. Author John Gwathmey devotes a chapter to each of the twelve counties, gives a history of its formation, and provides sketches of pioneer families and early settlers.

[JAMESTOWNE ANCESTORS, 1607-1699. Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Landing at James Towne 1607-2007](#)

This book by noted Virginia genealogist Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis is a list of approximately 1,000 persons who are known to have owned land or resided on Jamestown Island between 1607 and 1699. They are listed here alphabetically along with their known dates of residence in Jamestown, their official position in the colony (landowner, burgess, etc.), and their place of origin or county of residence. In addition, the book contains details concerning the settlement of the island, a brief history of Jamestown plantations and hundreds and their evolution into the early counties of Virginia, and pen and ink drawings, together with maps of the fort and city of Jamestown.

[MARRIED WELL AND OFTEN: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1649-1800. Marriages and Marriage References for the Counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Old Rappahannock, Richmond, and Westmoreland](#)

This work contains a list of 7,000 marriages and boasts an additional 16,000 index entries. It contains all marriage references--including licenses, bonds, mentions in wills, deeds, order books, and Bible records--that the author could locate in both published and unpublished sources, and because it is so well sourced it offers far more than a simple list of marriages.

[KEGLEY'S VIRGINIA FRONTIER. The Beginning of the Southwest. The Roanoke of Colonial Days 1740-1783](#)

Virginia at one time had the most extensive frontier of any of the original thirteen states and colonies. Moreover, Virginia served as a gateway for the various migrations to the west, northwest, and southwest by early colonists, including the intrepid Scotch-Irish. By far the most authoritative and comprehensive account of the advance of the Virginia frontier in colonial times is this mammoth work detailing the social, religious, and family life in Southwest Virginia from 1730 to 1790. To help the reader understand the migration into this new area, Kegley focuses particularly on the settlers themselves. He identifies each newcomer with his place of settlement, and then examines the pioneer's experiences and subsequent movements, using nearly three dozen maps to show more definitively the location of settlements and important homesteads.

[VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS AND ADVENTURERS, 1607-1635: A Biographical Dictionary](#)

This book brings together a variety of primary sources that inform the reader about the colony'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. From the earliest records relating to Virginia, we learn the basics about many of these original colonists: their origins, the

names of the ships they sailed on, the names of the "hundreds" and "plantations" they inhabited, the names of their spouses and children, their occupations and their position 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 a host of fascinating, sometimes incidental details about their personal lives.

[Abstracts of Wills, Administrations, and Marriages of FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1759–1800](#)

Included with this volume of probate records are a list of marriage bonds for the period 1764 to 1800, the Rent Roll of 1770 (and the Rent Roll of the parent county, Prince William, for the year 1738), cemetery inscriptions, and a variety of miscellaneous data. Notwithstanding the terminal date of 1800 in the title of this work, the probate records actually run up to the year 1804.

[Pioneer Settlers of GRAYSON COUNTY, VA](#)

Information in this work spans the 18th century through the early 20th century and encompasses as many as a half-dozen generations in each line. These genealogies typically provide the names of the progenitors of the Grayson County line, dates and places of migration and settlement, and the names of all offspring in the direct and sometimes collateral lines of descent.

[Genealogical Abstracts of PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY, VA. Court Records from Deed Books 6 & 7 and Minute Books 6 & 7, 1740–1762](#)

These abstracts contain all the pertinent genealogical information contained within 2,600 pages of court records. The deed abstracts identify the principals to the deeds, dates, location of the property, and, sometimes, the names of heirs and other relatives. The Minute Book abstracts refer primarily to deeds and wills; the latter provide the names of the testator, date of the will, and the names and relationships of heirs.

[A PLACE APART: A Brief History of the Early Williamson Road and North Roanoke Valley Residents and Places](#)

This work begins with sketches of Roanoke Valley pioneers who settled before 1744. The second part of the book continues with sketches of families that arrived during the late 18th or early 19th century, including Barren, Bushong, Campbell, Cannaday, Fellers, Garst, Harshbarger, Huntingdon, Nelms, Nininger, Oliver, Petty, Read, Rudd, Stokes, Watts, and Williamson.

Blog: The Real Value of Source Citation: A Conversation with Elizabeth Mills

Most of us think we are supposed to cite our sources for the benefit of other researchers, but esteemed genealogist and author Elizabeth Shown Mills explains in an interview on our blog, www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com, that the real purpose of citation is to "keep ourselves straight," something that can make a huge difference in whether we succeed or fail." Read all about it today!

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