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Lucky 7 Sale: Huge Price Reductions on Seven Books

Save At Least 50% on Each through Tomorrow!

We continue to clear out our existing inventory by offering incredible price reductions on many terrific publications. We have reduced each of the following seven reference works by upwards of 66% off their original prices—until 11:59 p.m. EDT, tomorrow, August 31. Scroll down today or tomorrow to learn if one of these seven sources contains the lucky clue to your missing ancestor!

[Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland: Volume X: 1704-1707](#)

Until very recently, the records of the Prerogative Court were inaccessible to researchers because they lacked an index and were bound in volumes (libers), the dates of whose contents sometimes overlapped. Fortunately, genealogist Vernon Skinner has made it his mission to abstract the contents of these crucial 17th- and 18th-century records. Mr. Skinner combed through administration bond, will, inventory, administration account, and final balance entries to produce this collection, now numbering 32 volumes. The abstracts are arranged chronologically by court session, and in every instance they give the names of the principals (testators, heirs, witnesses, administrators, and so forth). In many cases we also learn the details of bequests, names of slaves, appraisers, and more. *Volume X*, reduced for this sale, covers the years 1704-1707.

Was \$29.50 Now \$12.95

[The Huguenot Settlement of Ireland](#)

In the process of describing, in successive chapters, the Huguenot presence in the city of Cork, Cork County, Waterford and Wexford, Carlow, Portarlinton, western Ireland, and Dublin, the author furnishes specific biographical and genealogical details concerning the more successful Huguenot families who settled in those localities in the wake of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. The book is also sprinkled with lists of Huguenot ministers, churches (with their dates of founding), apprentices, students, and so on.

Was \$29.50 Now \$13.50

[Gateway to the West. In Two Volumes](#)

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

deaths, cemetery records, and wills, *Gateway* offered a range of genealogical source materials unmatched by any other Ohio periodical. For this set, the principal articles, arranged under their respective counties, have been consolidated into two large volumes--each with its own index. Altogether, in some 350 articles naming more than 95,000 persons, in records ranging from Adams County to Wood County, from court records to church records, from township records to cemetery records, the researcher now has permanent access to a priceless body of material.

Was \$165.00 Now \$59.95

[Fairbairn's Book of Crests of the Families of Great Britain and Ireland. In Two Volumes](#)

This register of all crests (the ornaments and devices attached to a helmet or coronet and pictured above the shield in a coat of arms) known to have been in use in Great Britain and Ireland is the definitive book in its field. Volume I, Part I, of this encyclopedic work is an alphabetical list of about 50,000 names associated with various crests, with a full description of each crest and a reference to the plate in which it is illustrated. Part II contains a list of 5,000 mottoes and the names of the families using them. A key to the plates cross-indexes the names of the families assigned to each crest, and a dictionary of terms serves as a glossary. The illustrated portion—the chief feature of Volume II--consists of 314 full-page plates with beautiful engravings of about 5,000 crests.

Was \$99.95 Now \$39.95

[\[New York\] 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 \$59.95 Now \$24.95

[Records of Plymouth Colony](#)

This work consists of births, marriages, deaths, and burials from the several towns of the Colony of New Plymouth, commencing in 1647.

Was \$35.00 Now \$14.95

[Supplement 1972-1976 to Genealogies in the Library of Congress: A Bibliography](#)

This [first] Supplement to Marian Kaminkow's two-volume *Genealogies in the Library of Congress: A Bibliography* lists all genealogies in the Library of Congress that were catalogued between 1972 and 1976, showing acquisitions made by the Library in the five years subsequent to the publication of the original. "The supplement alone includes 2,798 new entries. The alphabetical arrangement is by family surname for both the bibliographical entries and the cross references. Title, place, publisher, author, and LC card and call numbers are included. This work is a major starting point for identifying and approaching American, English, Canadian, Latin American, European, and Asian genealogical sources."--*American Reference Books Annual*, 1978.

Was \$50.00 Now \$17.95

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Virginia Periodicals CD Bundle (Contains Four CDs)
(Incredible value! CD Bundle reduced by \$15.00 through 08/31/11)

For many years three Virginia historical magazines devoted a substantial amount of space to genealogy. These magazines, with their dates of genealogical coverage, are the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* (1893-1977), the *William and Mary College Quarterly* (1892-1943), and the now-defunct *Tyler's Quarterly* (1919-1952). These periodicals published thousands upon thousands of birth, marriage, and death records, wills, land records, military records, and census records and similar enumeration lists. The three great Virginia periodicals also featured linked family histories (most of them spanning several centuries) of thousands of allied families. The majority of these family history articles were written and edited by leading authorities on Virginia genealogy. When Genealogical Publishing Company reprinted the genealogical content of the leading Virginia periodicals in the 1980s, it filled twenty large volumes (fourteen volumes of indexed genealogies and six volumes of indexed source records) that retailed for more than \$1,000.

Today, this veritable library of Virginia genealogy is available at a fraction of the cost--and shelf space--of either the original magazines or the twenty-volume set of books. The entire collection has been reduced to four fully indexed CDs. There is a CD corresponding to each of the three periodicals and a fourth CD, *Virginia Vital Records*, devoted to six volumes of source records.

As a bonus, the CD *Genealogies of Virginia Families from the "William and Mary College Quarterly"* also includes Lothrop Withington's book, *Virginia Gleanings in England*; and the *Tyler's Quarterly* CD contains Beverley Fleet's incomparable collection of Tidewater genealogy sources, *Virginia Colonial Abstracts*.

In short, the four CDs in the *Virginia Periodicals CD Bundle* comprise the single greatest collection of published Virginia family histories and source records in existence--a collection you can hold in the palm of your hand. Bought individually, each of these terrific products sells for \$39.99, or just under \$160.00 for all four. Ordinarily, you can purchase the complete collection of CDs for \$89.99--a savings of \$70.00. But if you act before 11:59 p.m. EDT, tomorrow night, August 31, 2011, you can acquire this phenomenal collection for \$74.95--a savings of an additional \$15.00. If you have Virginia ancestors, especially forebears whose origins go back to the 17th or 18th century, don't miss out on *Virginia Periodicals CD Bundle*--a terrific money- and time-saving value--before the stroke of midnight tomorrow. For more information or to order, visit the following URL:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7138

For more information about the component CDs in our bundle, please read the following:

[Genealogies of Virginia Families from the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*](#)
This CD contains all five volumes of *Genealogies of Virginia Families from the "Virginia*

Magazine of History and Biography," originally published by Genealogical Publishing Company in 1981. The five volumes together contain all the family history articles that appeared in VMHB from its inception in 1893 up to 1977.

[Genealogies of Virginia Families from the William and Mary College Quarterly](#)

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

[Genealogies of Virginia Families from Tyler's Quarterly](#)

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

[Virginia Vital Records, 1600s-1800s](#)

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

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Best of Our August Publications

August was a torrid month for new publications and classic reprints at [Genealogical.com](#). New releases include the eighth installment in our "Genealogy at a Glance" series, Craig Scott's *Revolutionary War Genealogy Research*. Serial authors Terrence Punch, David Dobson, Jeff Bowen, and Vernon Skinner have come up with new books on Scots in the Canadian Maritimes, Scottish émigrés to Jamaica, Western Cherokees, and another volume of colonial Maryland testamentary records, respectively.

On the reprint side of the house, we are offering the excellent collection of Scottish genealogies, *The Great Historic Families of Scotland*, Second Edition, by James Taylor, and the indispensable *Townland Index* for Irish research. Stateside, the multi-volume *New Jersey Index of Wills, Inventories, Etc. . . Prior to 1901* is back in print, as is a seminal source for progeny of 18th-century Anglo-Texans. Scroll down to learn if one of these gems can help you in your August research.

[Genealogy at a Glance: Revolutionary War Genealogy Research](#)

In this installment of *Genealogy at a Glance*, Revolutionary War expert Craig Scott provides step-by-step guidance to the standard Revolutionary War sources such as pension records, compiled service records, and records of lineage societies, explaining how they can be used and where they can be found. And he brings you quickly up to speed on the important records of the militia, state troops, and Continental troops, including muster rolls, pay rolls, bounty land records, and settled accounts. Mr. Scott provides citations to the standard works on Revolutionary War genealogy, and references to all major online resources. In the end, this is a

work that can be read at a glance and used with total confidence.

[Some Early Scots in Maritime Canada. Volume II](#)

Like the first volume in the series, this collection of records is based on materials found in the Nova Scotia Archives and the Public Archives of New Brunswick, among others, and it draws together a unique collection of miscellaneous records pertaining to Scottish immigrants to the Maritime Provinces, naming several thousand people in the context of major life events such as birth, marriage, and death. In records ranging from newspaper announcements of marriages and deaths to cemetery records and censuses, and from ships' passenger lists to land records, it provides a tableau of source material which is as unique as it is indispensable. Thousands are named who would otherwise be undetectable in traditional record sources.

[Scots in Jamaica, 1655-1855](#)

This volume identifies many of the early Scottish settlers to that island. Based on sources--both manuscript and published--in Scotland, England, and Jamaica, the author identifies upwards of 3,500 Scottish inhabitants. For each he cites the individual's name and occupation, at least one date, and the source. Where available he also provides such particulars as reason for emigration, name of sailing vessel, next of kin, educational institution attended, and so on.

[Cherokee Descendants West. An Index to the Guion Miller Applications, Volume II \(A-M\)](#) [Cherokee Descendants West. An Index to the Guion Miller Applications, Volume III \(N-Z\)](#)

These volumes are verbatim transcriptions of the concluding and largest portion of the index found in National Archives Record Group 123. ([Volume I in this series](#) refers to the Cherokee applicants living east of the Mississippi River in 1909, about 3,200 applicants or 10% of the total named in the index.) The lion's share of the Guion Miller application index refers to Native Americans who were living west of the Mississippi in 1909. For each head of household named in the application, we are given the following additional information: Guion Miller roll number, city and state of residence, and the names of other householders with their ages and relationship to the head.

[Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. Volume XXXI: 1761-1762. Libers 38 \(pp. 107-end\), 39 \(pp. 1-160\)](#)

The Prerogative Court was the focal point for probate in colonial Maryland. All matters of probate went directly to the Prerogative Court, which was located in Maryland's colonial capital, Annapolis. Volume XXXI of *Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland*, compiled by Vernon Skinner, is derived from this important source for Maryland genealogists. Volume XXXI consists of testamentary abstracts for the balance of 1761 and all of 1762. In all, the latest book in this distinguished series refers to an additional 7,000 colonial inhabitants of the Province of Maryland.

[General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland, Based on the Census of Ireland for the Year 1851](#)

This work, prepared under the auspices of the British government, shows the county, barony, parish, and poor law union in which the 70,000 townlands were situated in 1851, as well as the location of the townlands on the Great Ordnance Survey maps, with appendixes containing separate indexes to parishes and baronies.

[The Great Historic Families of Scotland. Second Edition](#)

The fifty or so main families selected for inclusion in this compendium of Scottish families are thoroughly representative in character and are the progenitors of untold numbers of people living today. The narrative traces the families from their earliest recorded origins to the end of the 19th century.

[New Jersey Index of Wills, Inventories, Etc. in the Office of the Secretary of State Prior to 1901. In Three Volumes](#)

This monumental work indexes the New Jersey wills and probate records from 1663 through 1900. It contains more than 185,000 entries, arranged alphabetically under the name of the testator and intestate for each of the twenty-one present-day counties of New Jersey, with the number of the will, year of probate, and references to papers and records connected therewith. Also included at the back of the third volume are indexes to unrecorded wills and New Jersey prerogative wills. This work supersedes the two volumes printed in Trenton in 1901 under the general title of Index of Wills, Office of Secretary of State, State of New Jersey. All of the wills indexed in our reprint volumes are now in the Bureau of Archives and History in the New Jersey State Library in Trenton, and hence these indexes serve as a valuable guide to further information.

Was \$150.00/set Now \$125.00/set until 8/31/11

[Stephen F. Austin’s Register of Families](#)

Under the terms of a new colonization law of March 24, 1824, Texas Empresarios had to record data on every settler, and this included the name, marital and family status, place of birth or last residence, and occupation. Until 1828 Stephen Austin himself provided the local government for his colonies. Apparently he and his secretary maintained their record book even after a full Mexican local government was established. The entries continued through February 1836, less than a week before the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence. These records provide information on about 3,000 Anglo-American settlers of Mexican Texas.

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Blog: Exploring SAR Application Records

Sons of the American Revolution application records can help leapfrog your way back to an 18th-century ancestor. Ancestry.com now offers a lot of these applications in one of its databases. Carolyn Barkley fills you in on all the details in her latest article for our blog, www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com.

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