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Genealogical and Family History of the State of Vermont. In Two Volumes
This is an authoritative two-volume collection of illustrated biographical/ genealogical essays of noted Vermonters and their families. In all cases, the lines are traced forward from the oldest known ancestor of the line to the family member (living or memorialized) featured in the sketch, for whom, in turn, a biography--often with a photograph--is provided. Many of the lineages go back to 16th-century England, while others brim with connections to Massachusetts and the other New England states. The work as a whole contains upwards of 30,000 references to kith and kin.
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Later Scots-Irish Links, 1725-1825. Part Three
Working from primary sources in Scotland--such as university records, registers of apprentices, and the Aberdeen City Archives--as well as published sources such as the periodical Scots Magazine, Mr. Dobson has amassed information on more than 1,300 persons not found in the previous two installments in this series. Mr. Dobson identifies each Scots-Irish link by name, country, and, sometimes, city of birth or residence, situation (profession, student status, source of inheritance, etc.), a date, the record source. Occasionally, such things as physical features, year of birth, etc., are also included.
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Emigrants from Saxony (Grandduchy of Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach) to America, 1854, 1859
Clifford Smith culled this book from two articles by Dr. Herbert Koch, published in 1959 and 1961, that name German emigrants found in official notices compiled in the process of issuing permits to leave Saxony. Mr. Smith gives each immigrant’s place of origin within Saxony and, in many cases, remarks such as name of spouse, number of offspring, and occupation. Most of these emigrants went to the U.S., others to Brazil or Canada.
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Jacobites of 1715 and 1745. North East Scotland. Two Volumes in One
This work identifies 2,000 North East Jacobites of 1715 and 1745, any number of whom either fled to France or were forcibly transported to the New World (to Maryland and Virginia, in particular). While the details vary, the biographical notices, in the aggregate, mention the individual's dates of birth and death, the names or number of his family members, his town of origin, where he participated in the rebellion, and what became of him after the insurrection was put down (capture, imprisonment, execution, transportation, or flight).
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**American Source Records in England** (CD)
Of the dozen or so books included on this Family Archive CD, the majority deal with wills and administrations of people who either died in America leaving property in England or who are mentioned in a will that was proved in an English court—often the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC), which had jurisdiction in most matters affecting the personal estates of English subjects who died overseas. During the colonial period, in particular, thousands of Englishmen who had immigrated to America died while still in possession of assets in England. You will find a number of them described in this CD.
**Was $39.99  Now $19.99**

**Genealogies and Sketches of Some Old Families Who Have Taken a Prominent Part in the Development of Virginia and Kentucky, Especially, and Later of Many Other States of This Union**
This work concentrates on families with a strong connection to Virginia and Kentucky, most of which are traced forward from the 18th, if not the 17th, century. The compiler makes ample use of published sources, some extant original records, and the recollections of the oldest living members of a number of the families covered. Finally, the essays establish a substantial number of linkages between as many as six generations of family members.
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**Families of Southeastern Georgia**
Each of the roughly 1,000 sketches arranged here gives the subject's place and date of birth, educational background and military service, career, civic interests, church affiliation, hobbies, and so on. In almost every case, the author furnishes the names of the subject's parents, spouse, children, and spouse's parents, usually citing the subject's date of marriage and the dates or places of birth and death of at least these three generations of family members.
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**Marriage Notices, 1785-1794, for the Whole United States**
Arranged in alphabetical order, this work cross-references over 5,000 names of brides and grooms from the *Massachusetts Centinel* and the *Columbian Centinel*. While primarily New England marriages, there are entries from all of the original colonies and Ohio. The data includes age, occupation, notation of a previous marriage, and the name of the minister.
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**Colonial New Jersey Source Records, 1600s to 1800s** (CD). **Low in stock.**
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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**Planters of Early New England: A Sketch of Roger Mowry Mann’s Seventeenth-Century Ancestors**
The 113 direct ancestors of Roger Mowry who arrived during New England's Great Migration (1630-1639) settled in fourteen of the original nineteen towns of Massachusetts Bay Colony. Some of these same ancestors went on to found the towns of Providence, Portsmouth, and Warwick, Rhode Island; as well as Wethersfield, Milford, and possibly Guilford, Connecticut. Genealogists will find ample references to the Mowry Mann ancestry here. Also of interest to genealogists, thirty-four Mowry Mann ancestors were direct forebears of the following U.S. presidents: Franklin Pierce, Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, William Howard Taft, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Gerald R. Ford, George Herbert Walker Bush, and George Walker Bush.

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**Inhabitants of New Hampshire, 1776. Low in stock.**

In 1776, at the outset of the American Revolution, the New Hampshire Committee of Safety directed that all males over the age of 21 sign the Association Test—a kind of loyalty oath to the Patriot cause. This resulted in a unique census of the adult male population inasmuch as the names of both signers and non-signers were recorded, and it is the most comprehensive list of New Hampshire residents available before the federal census of 1790. The present publication places all the names—well over 9,000—in one alphabetical sequence to enable the researcher to find a person and his town of residence at a glance.

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**Lesser Known Probate Records. Part Two, by Robert Barnes**

This article discusses less common or indirect sources of inheritance information, what they do, and how they help the researcher. Part One of this article, which appeared in last week’s edition of “Genealogy Pointers,” covered original (as opposed to copied) records, accounts of sales, administration bonds, guardians’ bonds, and annual valuations. As the conclusion to the article bears out, clues of inheritance are often found where they are least expected, as in the case of some of the indentures, petitions, and coroners’ inquests listed below.

**Indentures**

Indentures were contracts, and their name derived from the time when two copies of a contract were made and then cut apart in a "zig-zag" or indentured pattern. A portion would be given to each of the contracting parties. If ever a dispute should arise, both parties would bring their portions and fit them together to make sure that both parties had the correct document.

In more recent times, Probate Court Indentures were agreements whereby young people would be bound out as apprentices. The following examples illustrate that parents (or guardians) might cross county or state lines to place the young person where he or she might learn a trade.

Edward Corbin of Baltimore Co., on 1 August 1795 placed his son Edward, aged 13 years, 6 mos., with Nicholas Lemmon of Westminster, hat maker, for seven years; on 2 June 1795 he placed his son John, aged 12 years, 11 mos., also with Nicholas Lemmon (Frederick Co.)
Indentures GM&RB#2:33, 48).

Thomas Glisan of Baltimore Co., schoolmaster, on 21 April 1794 placed his son James, aged 15 last 8 January, to Charles Glisan, of Frederick Co., house joiner, to age 21 (Frederick Co. Indentures GM&RB#2:3).

Hezekiah Griffin of Brooke co., Virginia, on 3 December 1798 bound his son Belford Griffin to Frederick Birely of Frederick Town, tanner to age 21 (Frederick Co. Indentures GM&RB#2:200).

Benjamin Webb of York Co., Pennsylvania, on 17 July 1798 bound his son Benjamin to Jacob Winter of Frederick Co., hatter for 14 years and two months (Frederick Co. Indentures GM&RB#2:190-1).

Petitions

Petitions may cover a variety of topics, ranging from complaints that an administrator or executor may not be doing his job properly, to permission to sell some of the decedent’s property, to complaints that a master is not giving his apprentice appropriate training. They may be found in county court records, registers of wills’ offices, and various state agencies. Baltimore City Court even has Petitions of Inebriates.

Thomas Cole died by 1795, having made a will by which he left one-eighth of his property to Mordecai Cole. Thomas Cole, the executor, stated he had actually paid Mordecai Cole £151.6.6 current money, but Mordecai Cole would not give him a receipt (Thomas Cole, Baltimore Co. Petitions, 1795).

Daniel Davis, died by 1798 when Mary and Ezekiel Davis, administrators, petitioned the court for permission to sell some of the property in order to pay Davis’ debts (Ezekiel Davis, Baltimore Co. Petitions, 1798).

Frederick Etienne died by April 1797, leaving Julian Rousseau as administrator and Lewis Pascault and Joseph Latil, sureties for Rousseau. They petitioned the court that Rousseau was about to leave the State of Maryland for the Republic of France (Lewis Pascault and Joseph Latil, Baltimore Co. Petitions, 1797).

Dr. Jesse Jaquet, of Fells Point, died by 20 June 1798, when Patrick Bennett and Nicholas Slubey petitioned the Orphans Court that his property should be preserved for the doctor's orphan children; the subscribers were sureties for administration by John Paul Jaquet, brother of the deceased, who they discovered has a propensity for gaming for money. They asked to be released as sureties (Patrick Bennett and Nicholas Slubey, Baltimore Co. Petitions, 1798).

Coroners’ Inquests

When someone died an unusual or violent death, a jury of twelve men was called to assemble at or near the place of death and determine, if possible, the cause of death.
The following two examples are taken from Anne Arundel County Court (Coroners Inquests), 1684-1790, MSA (MSA C58).

William Eaton was found by a coroner's jury that met on 7 September 1790, to have met his death on the 5 September 1790, while sailing in a ‘Passage boat’ on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and was suddenly overset and was drowned.

Negro Phil was found by a coroner's jury that met on 3 August 1790 to have met his death on 1 August 1790 when he was bathing in the waters of the Severn and accidentally suffocated and was drowned.

Coroners Inquests are found in Anne Arundel, Frederick, Prince George's, and Queen Anne's counties for the eighteenth century.

By investigating these and other less well-known records, the researcher may uncover details of the lives of those who have gone before.

More Praise for Recent Titles

The Field Guide for Genealogists, by Judy Jacobson
"It was amazing and had SO much in it. I tabbed, underlined and starred so many things that I cannot put it in the book case because my tabs go around the 2 sides. She did a fantastic job and . . . it was by far one of the most comprehensive books I have read . . . This will be one book I will recommend to all of my former and current students as a must."--Nan Jones, Retired school teacher, South Carolina

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland, St. Mary’s County, Volumes I, II & III [1753-1774, with gaps], by V.L. Skinner, Jr.
"Libraries and research facilities focusing on history and genealogy should have this series, and should budget for more as other counties are added . . . This is destined to be another Skinner classic." Betty deKeyser, Maryland Genealogical Society Journal, Vol. 54, No. 2, 8/2013.

Genealogy at a Glance: Finding Female Ancestors, by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack
"Finding the maiden name of the wife of an ancestor is one of the persistent problems in family history research . . . This four page publication lists many . . . sources one might check, including any sources created by the women of the family, such as diaries or letters. Carmack ends with a glossary and a list of online sources. This is an excellent addition to one's library of 'how to'manuals.'"—Robert Barnes, Maryland Genealogical Society Journal, Vol. 54, No. 2, 8/2013.

Scots on the Chesapeake, 1621-1776. Revised Edition, by David Dobson
"Usually a reviewer points out how a book may help researchers in general, but this volume has been of great help to me personally in my on-going studies of British origins in Maryland, and

**The Sleuth Book for Genealogists**, by Emily Anne Croom
"This book is an excellent overall guide for genealogical research. For the beginner and intermediate searcher, it’s an all-round compendium of where to find resources, evaluate those resources, cite the sources, and generally help you get your work done, successfully."—Bobbi King, *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter*, 07/30/13.

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