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GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (CONT.)

The previous issue of this Newsletter discussed briefly the capital city's two chief repositories, the Virginia State Library and Archives and the Virginia Historical Society. The Richmond metropolitan area has, in addition, other research sources about which it can be helpful to know, and a list and brief discussion of them has been added below. While none of these facilities is so widely useful to the genealogist as the State Library and Archives and the Historical Society, each in its own way holds out the possibility of helping researchers who have exhausted other avenues or whose problems require the resources found in specialized material.

Boatwright Memorial Library, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 23173. Among its special collections are the holdings of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Although not principally a genealogical collection, there is information in the holdings of this Society which can throw light on activities of early Virginia settlers of the Baptist persuasion.

Virginia Commonwealth University. This large urban institution has two separate campuses, academic and medical. The library of the former, the James Branch Cabell Library, 901 Park Ave., Richmond, VA 23284, is a typical university collection with the usual research facilities, in this case of no particular genealogical significance. On the other hand, the library of the medical campus, the Tomkins-McCaw Library, 509 N. 12th St., Richmond, VA 23294, has a large collection of medical biographies as well as histories of various medical institutions containing much data on individuals who had careers in the health services.

William J. Clarke Library, Virginia Union University, 1500 N. Lombardy, Richmond, VA 23220. Founded in 1865, this university has always been a predominately black in-

stitution, and as might be expected the nature and content of its special collection reflect its ethnic history. It has on file a portion of the important Schomburg Collection of black history and biography. Also of considerable genealogical potential is its collection of 19th century newspapers operated by and published for black citizenry.

Union Theological Seminary in Virginia Library, located at 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227, founded in 1805, serves as Virginia's educational center for the Presbyterian clergy. Not a collection operated for the benefit of the general public, this facility nevertheless will usually make the capable researcher welcome. Those interested in the history of Virginia Presbyterians, their churches or ministers, will find a wealth of material here. Its holdings also include the extant records of the Synod of Virginia.

Jenkins Memorial Library and Archives, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23230, houses the records of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board. Their holdings can sometimes be examined, but only by appointments arranged in advance. The usefulness of this collection would be limited to those seeking biographical data on Baptists who have served in foreign countries as missionaries.

Richmond has two libraries which offer the possibility of helping with details on Confederate soldiers who served from Virginia. The first is a small collection, of a general nature, maintained by the Museum of the Confederacy Library, located at 1201 E. Clay St., Richmond, VA 23219. The second, the Caroline Meriwether Goodlett Library, 328 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220 is custodian of the records of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This facility is not open to the public. However, the librarian may be called for an appointment for advice on locating records for a Confed-

