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Rockingham County Religious History Project

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Work began this summer towards the initial stages of an exciting new religious history project in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Members of the board of directors for the Margaret Grattan Weaver Foundation and an advisory committee led by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities met separately to discuss the directions which the new project will take. Short-term objectives involve identifying and making an inventory of church records for congregations that existed between the

1730s and 1865. Long-term objectives include producing an on-line resource available to the public for genealogical and research purposes as well as the publication of a book on the role that religion played in the early history of Rockingham County and surrounding areas.



Mrs. Margaret Grattan Weaver, a lifelong native and resident of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, has provided a generous donation in order to sponsor a study of the history of local churches. Mrs. Weaver currently resides at Sunnyside Presbyterian Community near Massanetta Springs. She is very interested in the role of religion in the lives of early Shenandoah Valley residents; many of whom were her ancestors.

Rockingham County provides a unique area for a study of this type due in part to the impact of the early Germans in the Valley who came from Mennonite, Brethren, Lutheran or Reformed traditions. Members of these denominations were able to maintain their own

religious traditions at the same time they began to assimilate elements from the growing English and Scots-Irish traditions found in Anglican, Presbyterian and later Methodist and Baptist churches. A study of this nature will involve examining the role that each of these groups played as well as the types of interactions that inevitably took place between them.

During the initial stages of the project, four areas of focus will be maintained. The first involves a survey which is being sent to all local churches currently in existence. The three-page survey includes a list of ten questions in which local church historians and pastors

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are asked to pinpoint the exact location of their records as well as other pertinent facts such as location of church buildings and early church ministers and leaders. As information on former churches is discovered, an effort will be made to locate members of the community who might have a past connection to them. In addition, churches are requested to donate copies of published or unpublished church histories and pictures to the Weaver Foundation. All of this information will be stored in denominational files as it is collected.

Many church records have been located in logical places, such as in denominational libraries, university special collections, historical societies and in the churches themselves. However, other records are held, in some cases, by former church members and officers. Some even turn up at auctions or in bank vaults.

Some churches placed a high value on keeping detailed records, while others did not. In most cases, records are incomplete during the early years of a congregation's development. However, inclusion of lists of births, deaths, marriages and communicants, however sporadic, can be helpful to the family researcher.

The second focus involves research. During the summer, an examination of church histories, genealogical information, journal articles and denominational histories related to local churches was begun. After consulting with local historians and librarians, it was determined that a denominational approach would be the best direction to take initially. This summer's research has concentrated primarily on early Lutheran, Reformed and Presbyterian congregations.

The third focus involves computer work. Information received from the church surveys and research is entered into *EndNote* (Niles Software, Inc.), a bibliographic database. A separate file is created for each church or congregation. Ultimately, this information will provide the foundation material for the website and book.

The fourth focus, sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for Humanities, involves an attempt to locate a potential author who is interested in writing a comprehensive cultural analysis of early religious development in Rockingham County. The author will incorporate research that is currently being conducted through the Weaver Foundation. Anyone who is interested in having more information on this fellowship should contact **Mr. Robert (Rob) C. Vaughan at the Virginia Foundation for Humanities, 145 Ednam Drive, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22903; 804-924-3296.**

It is anticipated that the project will take one to two years to complete. Anyone who has information to share on early churches or church records of Rockingham County is encouraged to contact the **Margaret Grattan Weaver Foundation through Cathy Dagenhart Baugh at 79 Hope Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801; 540-433-5645.** Church records are popping up in the strangest places!

Correction — Please note that two books reviewed in the last issue had the titles reversed: Wynette Parks Haun, *Surry County, Virginia, Court Records, 1757-1759, Book II* should read "Sussex," and her *Sussex County, Virginia, Court Records, 1749-1751*, should read "Surry." We apologize for the error.

VGS News Items & Announcements

The Society is pleased to announce that **Jo Ann Birmingham** of Jackson, Tennessee, **Joe Brickey** of Charlotte, North Carolina, and **Carol Ann Preece** of Merriemfield, Virginia, have recently become life members. The Society welcomes them and encourages others to join this rapidly growing group of people who have made a commitment to the future of our organization.

Eric G. Grundset announces the publication of a new book, *Land in the County of Albemarle: Albemarle County Surveyor's Plat Books 1 and 2, 1744-1854*. The book includes an everyname index, sample plats throughout the text and is approximately 220 pages. Look for ordering information in the next issue.

The Society wishes to welcome the following new members:

Benfactor:

Robert L. Marsh, Paintsville, KY

Friend:

William T. Owens Smith, Bethesda, MD

New Members:

Anne S. Anderson, Gulfport, Miss.
 Roy L. Bennett, Portland, Ore.
 Jo Ann Birmingham, Jackson, Tenn.
 Durward W. Black, Fullerton, Calif.
 Marjorie M. Bolvin, Pittsburgh, Penn.
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 David & Marion George, Richmond, Va.
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 Bonnie S. Glasgow, Columbia, S.C.
 Donald L. & Dorrene Hale, Harpers Ferry, W. Va.
 Doris J. Hinson, Downey, Calif.
 James D. & Louise F. Hodge, Midlothian, Va.
 Frances R. Jeffcoat, Columbia, S.C.
 Teresa A. Keller, Dale City, Va.
 Michael W. Law, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.
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 Karen Avery Miller, Dallas, Tex.
 Dean Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Richard S. Morris, Columbia, S.C.
 Beverly J. Nelson, Littleton, Col.

VGS Calendar

1999

NGS Conference in the States

Date: May 12-15

Place: Richmond, Virginia

Fall Conference

Date: October

Place: Richmond, Virginia

Theme: *Fleshing Out Your Ancestor's Bones*

2000

Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR)

Date: August 6-10

Place: Roslyn, Richmond, Virginia

James Dickens, Gainesville, Va.
 Charles A. Novak, Jr., Herndon, Va.
 Rebecca Olenchak, Columbia, S.C.
 Max Pinkerton, Brazil, Ind.
 Jack & Julia Proctor, Richmond, Va.
 Diane Ragan, Pittsburgh, Penn.
 Carl V Rogers, Spokane, Wash.
 Diane Stevens, San Antonio, Tex.
 Bert Taurman, Lynchburg, Va.
 Charles & Mary Taylor, Herndon, Va.
 Joyce Reynolds Thompson, Wilmington, Del.
 Lorna Shopland Wertz, Wheaton, Ill.
 Katherine S West, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
 Nancy Wilson, Mendham, N.J.
 Donna Wood, Indian Head, Md.
 Patricia Ann Wood, Palo Alto, Calif.
 Katy Lou Yarbrough, Bartlett, Tenn.

The Society wishes to acknowledge with gratitude recent contributions to the **Virginia Records Fund** from the following:

Nancy Chappellear Baird
 Mark Kenton Brinkley, in memory of Helen C. McLean
 Rebecca H. Carmichael, in memory of Susan Estelle Perkins
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 Muriel E. Lewis
 Janet Randall
 Agnes J. Ranseen
 Lamonte L. Teppe

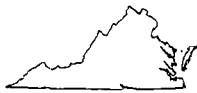
Contributions to the **Special Projects Fund** support educational programs, conferences, and publications, including equipment or facility needs, and lobbying. The Society wishes to acknowledge with gratitude recent contributions from the following:

Carl M. Boyd
 Mark Kenton Brinkley, in memory of Helen C. McLean

The Society regretfully announces the recent passing of the following members:

Ruth T. Preston
 Dr. J. S. Faulconer

News From Around the State



Descendants of Virginia's McClanahan family and related clans may subscribe to the *McClanahan Times*, published periodically by Jeffery Padfield and Joe McClenahan. Contact *McClanahan Times*, 120 Apple Hill Lane, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

After two years of work, the Imaging Services staff at the **Library of Virginia** has now completed the filming of **Virginia's land tax books** for the period 1851 to 1900. The project involved preparation and filming of more than 2,000 oversized volumes stored at the Library in box or book form—each in varying stages of deterioration. Duplicate film copies are available for use in the Library's archives reading room and through interlibrary loan.

The **William Thompson (1813–1909) Genealogical and Historical Society** is dedicated to the preservation of family history for future generations. Membership is open to the public, and one does not need to be a Thompson or a descendant to be a member. Contact **Glenn W. Thompson, Jr., PO Box 1391, Waynesboro, VA 22980-0933**.

Ray Sassar has completed mapping the **Greensville County patents and grants**. His publication is now available. It includes abstracts of the patents and grants, maps showing the exact location of the property, full-name and geographical indexes and an explanation of the land grant system. Researchers are reminded that Greensville County was first a part of Surry and Isle of Wight counties and later a part of Brunswick County. Many individuals mentioned in these pre-1781 county records actually lived in what became Greensville County. Copies can be ordered from the **author at 2134 Skippers Rd, Emporia, Va 23847** for \$35.95 plus \$4.00 shipping. Va. residents add 4.5% sales tax.

The **Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society (HRHS)** library is located with **Shenandoah Valley Folk Art and Heritage Center at Bowman Road and High Street in Dayton, Virginia**. A bookstore with a continually increasing stock of local genealogical and historical research materials is also located here. It's well worth a visit. Hours of operation of the museum and research library are Monday, Wednesday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; museum only, Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. A list

of books for sale can be obtained by sending a \$2.00 donation to **HRHS, P.O. Box 716, Dayton, VA 22821**.

The **Fairfax Genealogical Society** announces their new Internet site at <http://www.fxgs.org> where potential visitors will find information about the society's meetings, upcoming activities and descriptions of available publications. Also included are links to other area Internet sites of genealogical interest.

Mark your calendars for **Alexandria's 250th Anniversary Gala** to be held November 13. Activities will commence at the **Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union Street**, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Dress will be period attire or optional black tie. Contact the **Office of Historic Alexandria at 703-838-4554** to donate items for a silent auction or obtain additional information.

Researchers interested in **German-speaking Rancestors** who arrived in North America in any century will wish to attend the **Palatines to America** organization's 23rd annual conference to be held 2–4 June 1999 in Columbus, Ohio. More information can be obtained from the group by writing to **Palatines to America, Capital University, Box 101, Columbus, OH 43209-2394**; telephone **614-236-8281**.

B*eyond Germanna*, which focuses on the Germanna settlers of Orange and later Culpeper, Fauquier and Madison counties is published bi-monthly and edited by John Blankenbaker. Interested parties can consult the Internet site at <http://www.wp.com/germanna> or subscribe by writing to **John Blankenbaker, PO Box 120, Chadds Ford, PA 19317**.

A Charter Member Responds ...

You asked what a genealogist is to do in Staunton. I was born in Staunton, so some fifty or sixty years ago I stayed with a cousin there and visited the courthouse. I went every day to the basement where I handled each and every marriage bond (they were small single papers) and I took notes, making my family history complete. I furnished this information to an interested cousin in California and she wrote a book on the family.

Elizabeth Whitesell Squire

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Zip. That's how fast summer passed by--and we weren't even sitting still! I would like to take a moment to reflect on two successful activities that happened since the printing of your last newsletter: the Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR), held at Roslyn retreat outside Richmond, August 4-8, and our fall conference, "The Great Wagon Road: Ancestors on the Move!," held at the Museum of American Frontier Culture in Staunton.

This year's VIGR was another successful combination of super people as attendees and wonderful speakers. A highpoint for me was Glenn T. Smith's evening talk about the historic documents rescued from the Accomack County courthouse attic. Feedback we received from folks attending VIGR this year has driven us to reserve Roslyn for the site of the next VIGR to be held August 6-10, 2000. And--we've already begun developing the course curriculum. My special thanks go to all who made the conference a success: the instructors; the staff at Roslyn; Eric Grundset, for building the initial course curriculum; and most of all Barbara Little, VGS Vice-President, who put all the little details together.

We ended September with our fall conference being held in a restored dairy barn at the Museum of American Frontier Culture. What a nice facility. To start things off, we were graciously welcomed by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society who opened their research library to us and invited us to join in the celebration of their 100th anniversary. Speakers John Blankenbaker and Katharine Brown dazzled attendees with their expertise on Irish and German ancestral research, accompanied by marvelous sessions about beginning genealogical research that were conducted by VGS Governors Dorothy A. Boyd-Rush and Marie Martin Murphy. The most ironic comment about the day was that the outstanding lunches provided by "Tea for Two" contained too much food! Maybe we had some who were dieting? My thanks go to the conference committee and their great teamwork, and each of you who made this event successful.

We have two events just ahead. Next on our activity schedule is VGS's hosting of the National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States, "Virginia: Where a Nation Began," to be held May 12-15, 1999, at the Richmond Centre. Our VGS-designated committee chairs are gearing up to handle all the possible details to help make it a spectacular event. Also, mark your calendars for our fall conference, "Putting Flesh on Your Ancestor's Bones," to be held October 9, 1999, at the Library of Virginia.

We're got a lot to be proud of and a lot to look forward to. I hope to see you soon at a VGS event!

Wesley E. Pippenger, President

Book Reviews

Book reviews and notices are published in order to provide the reader with up-to-date information on books of interest to the genealogical researcher. Although books dealing with Virginia families or Virginia research are the primary focus, books of general interest to the genealogical community will also be reviewed. Publishers who would like to have their publications considered for review should send them to the editors in care of the Society. Members who wish to have their publications reviewed must include their membership number. Pre-publication notices will be provided for members only.

Editorial opinions expressed in these reviews are the opinion of the individual reviewer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Society or the editors.

Mary B. Kegley, *Early Adventurers Volume IV: Early Adventurers in the Town of Evansham, the County Seat of Wythe County, Virginia, 1790-1839* (1998) vii, 408 pp.; illus.; maps; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$45.30 (includes shipping and Virginia sales tax); \$43.50 (out-of-state residents; includes shipping). Order from Kegley Books, PO Box 134, Wytheville, VA 24382; 540-228-3420. <mbkegley@aol.com>

Evansham began as a small village in the early 1790s and grew to a thriving town of approximately seventy-five buildings when forty-nine years later its name was changed to Wytheville. It sat at the crossroads of the roads from Ingles and Peppers Ferry; and its main street was the main road from Pennsylvania and Baltimore to Kentucky and Tennessee and is currently at the crossroads of interstates 77 and 81. Over one hundred twenty-five families are dealt with in some detail and hundreds of others are mentioned. Illustrations include photographs of people, homes and buildings and one hundred forty-five signatures of individuals. In addition to family papers and chancery suits, criminal and law cases were also consulted. As a result the reader learns not only of the elite, but of the notorious as well. As the author states in her introduction, this is a delightful study in saturation research limited in area and time which consequently allows the presentation of an in-depth and comprehensive story of a town and its people. *bvl*

June Banks Evans, *Lunenburg County, Virginia, Order Book 5, 1757-1759* (1998) 72 pp., full-name index; saddle-stitched, softcover; \$18.00. Order from **Bryn Ffyliaid Publications, 300 Lake Marine Dr, 16, New Orleans, LA 70124-1679**. Price includes postage; Louisiana residents add 4% sales tax.

The present volume is another in an on-going series of abstracts designed to make Lunenburg's early court records more accessible. Within these pages one finds the typical references to estates, land and personal property transfers, appointments of individuals for specific purposes, licenses granted by the court and suits and petitions for assorted causes. All of the above are important but perhaps not nearly as significant as the entries naming witnesses who appeared in court and the entries pertaining to minors—filing suit by their “next friend” and issues involving orphans, indigent and bastard children. Such records illustrate one of the values of utilizing court orders; i.e., when persons are named in a somewhat obscure record, the record establishes their presence in a given county at given time. The author is to be commended for continuing to provide valuable information for Lunenburg County researchers as well as those interested in other Southside counties, such as Charlotte and Mecklenburg which were formed from Lunenburg in 1765. *jln*



Reuben Elmore Stivers and Katherine Cullen King, *The Shropshire Papers: A Compilation of the Newsletters and Journals of the Shropshire Society* (1997), 410 pp.; index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$45.00. Order from **Barrett Rich, 4522 Woodmere Rd., Tampa, FL 33601**.

Although many families have individual organizations and newsletters, few have gone the extra mile to condense, compile and edit useful data from their various publications for book form. Such is the case with the Shropshire Society that notes their principal immigrant, St. John Shropshire, was convicted of a felony in Derbyshire, England, tried, convicted, and sentenced to death. The sentence was reprieved and in March 1690, he was ordered to be transported to America. He came to Virginia. The Society was formed to learn if the Shropshire family was by birth directly related to the St. John family of England. Ensuing research resulted in that Society now claiming no blood relationship between the two families.

The book is interesting reading even for those not connected to the Shropshire family. The research methodology, forms of communication, and associated

records abroad and in the United States presented herein should bring inspiration to all genealogists — especially those with British heritage. *wep*



Herbert Ridgeway Collins, *Cemeteries of Caroline County, Virginia, Volume 3: Private Cemeteries* (1998) vii, 232 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$20.00, postpaid. Order from **Family Line Publications, 65 E. Main St., Westminster, MD 21157**. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

As readers will no doubt have noticed, cemetery transcribers are high on our list of worthwhile contributors. When these compilers can draw upon years of working with the records, the history and the people and are willing to add this information to their work, they turn a compilation into a mini-history. Such is the work Herbert Collins. One is treated to such descriptions as “turn into gate on the west side of Marye Road at a place named Berkwood, built circa 1720, known as the old Goodloe place and located just over the Caroline line” and “Also buried in the Carneal Cemetery are Margaret Carneal, who died in the 1930s and her husband who died prior to 1930, grandparents of John Acors. Also George Carneal...born circa 1844, married 1877 and died after 1900.” Detailed directions to the cemeteries are included. This is the author's third volume and he has included corrections to the first two volumes in this work. The rapid growth of this area places many of these private sites in jeopardy, and it is only through the determined effort of individuals like Mr. Collins that the information found in them will be preserved. *bvl*



The following books may be ordered from **Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897; 800-296-6687**. Please include \$3.50 postage for the first book and \$1.25 for each additional book; Maryland residents add 5% tax; Michigan, 6%.

Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis, *Tidewater Virginia Families: Generations Beyond, The Families of Bell, Binford, Bonner, Butler, Campbell, Cheadle, Chiles, Clements, Cotton, Dejarnette, Dumas, Ellyson, Fishback, Fleming, Hamlin, Hampton, Harnison, Harris, Haynie, Hurt, Hutcheson, Lee, Mosby, Mundy, Nelson, Peatross, Pettyjohn, Ruffin, Short, Spencer, Tarleton, Tatum, Taylor, Terrell, Watkins, Winston,*

Woodson, *Adding the Families of Alsobrook, Bibb, Edwards, Favor, Gray, Hux, Ironmonger, Laker, Southern, Taylor and Woolfolk* (1998) xiv, 221 pp.; illus.; maps; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$45.00. See ordering information above.

This is a supplement to *Tidewater Virginia Families*, first published in 1989. The author provides a few corrections, updates on many of the lines and additional families uncovered since the original volume was published. Each addition to a family genealogy is linked to the previous publication with specific page number citations. Endnotes provide documentation for new information. In this volume, women are indexed under both their maiden and married name and geographical place names are also indexed. While the presentation of the data does not follow the more popular numbering formats the family lines are easy to follow and readers will enjoy the author's narrative style. Many of these families come from burned record counties and the description of the methodologies used may suggest new techniques and sources to researchers in these areas^{svl}

Christina K. Schaefer, *Genealogical Encyclopedia of the Colonial Americas* (1998), xvi, 814 pp.; subject index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$49.95. See ordering information above.

Guides to the whereabouts of genealogical materials are often welcomed by researchers, especially when the information presented is correct and reflects recent relocations or changes in accessibility. The *Encyclopedia* is described as being a complete digest of the records of all the countries of the western hemisphere. Unfortunately, the present work is comprehensive only in the geographic areas and topics covered. It unfortunately contains a number of incorrect or misleading items that serve as a disservice to researchers in Virginia and neighboring states. Examples of these misleading statements include the following:

Virginia. An example of misleading information pertaining to Virginia land records. The *Encyclopedia* indicates Nell Marion Nugent published a 5-volume series, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants* [1623-1749]. Ms. Nugent compiled only three volumes. Mr. Dennis Ray Hudgins, on behalf of the Virginia Genealogical Society, has, since 1994, compiled volumes IV, V and VI, for patents through the year 1762. The series is to be continued with volume VII. Omitted from the *Encyclopedia* are two valuable series of land records abstracts: Peggy Shomo Joyner's *Abstracts of Virginia's Northern Neck Warrants and Surveys* (five volumes),

and Gertrude E. Gray's *Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants* (four volumes).

An example of a significant omission is in the section on church records which does not mention that each of Virginia's extant parish registers has been transcribed — many of which were initially done by Churchill Gibson Chamberlayne — and are widely available in reprinted form.

Virginia is fortunate to have centralized many of its oldest county and municipal records at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. It should be noted that the Library has compiled and has available for sale to researchers guides that list pre-1904 original and microfilm materials in the Library's collection. The *Encyclopedia* makes no mention of this. The compilations of Ruth and Sam Sparacio of McLean who are pioneers in compiling pre-1800 Northern Virginia record abstracts also go unmentioned.

Many reference materials cited in the *Encyclopedia* have been updated or replaced over the last few years, yet the *Encyclopedia* maintains the outdated references. Marriage or will abstracts are cited for one county, but omitted for others. Names of authors are misspelled. The *Encyclopedia* makes numerous references to "VSL," but fails to acknowledge that the institution formerly known as the Virginia State Library has been named the Library of Virginia since 1994. The *Encyclopedia* also notes that John Frederick Dorman published abstracts of Westmoreland County records, 1658-1661, but fails to mention his exhaustive works for the years 1662-1721 and beyond.

Maryland. The *Encyclopedia* cites Jane Baldwin as author of a fourteen-volume series called *The Maryland Calendar of Wills, 1635-1774*, published by the Genealogical Publishing Company, beginning in 1968. Researchers familiar with Maryland records may know that Jane Baldwin [Cotton] completed only eight volumes of abstracts through 1744. In 1991, Mr. F. Edward Wright, proprietor of Family Line Publications, continued the series through 1777, making a total of 16 volumes by 1995. Numerous entries cite Henry C. Eden as author of several useful transcripts and compilations of Maryland records. The author's correct surname is Peden. Bibliographic entries are in random rather than alphabetical order.

North Carolina. The *Encyclopedia* lists under "Suggested Reading" the 1980 guide to North Carolina research compiled by Helen Leary and Maurice Stirewalt. Omitted is the fact that under Ms. Leary's editorship the guide was completely rewritten in 1996.

One must assume that the types of errors, omissions and outdated information pertaining to Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina are repeated for other

geographic areas as well. To be of use to researchers, a guide such as is presented here must bring to the reader's attention source materials and locations that are current. Without this, users may be unable to find references cited and more importantly may remain unaware of other, potentially more valuable resource materials. Readers must constantly question the compiler's familiarity with the materials described and the depth of research performed in all the areas presented. Users of this work should be advised that it is not as comprehensive as it purports. References can be misleading and only a sample of available materials is presented herein. *wep*

Roderick W. Stuart, *Royalty for Commoners: The Complete Known Lineage of John of Gaunt, Son of Edward III, King of England, and Queen Philippa*, Third Edition (1998), 332 pp.; indexes; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$35.00. See ordering information above.

Edward III (1312-1377) is the latest king from whom a large number of Americans and Europeans can claim descent. His American posterity numbers in the millions. Stuart's work documents the complete known lineage of his son Prince John of Gaunt (1340-1399), Duke of Lancaster and Earl of Richmond, who was married three times. This revised edition is a nearly complete reworking of previous editions and includes the following changes: (1) two dozen lines have been lengthened; (2) source citations now include dates of publication; (3) there are two indexes rather than one, an every-name index and an index of royal titles; (4) research now ventures into the years before Christ; and (5) the bibliography has been significantly refined and expanded. The coding structure and layout may be confusing for some, but is ultimately very useful documentation for the ambitious researcher. *wep*



Carol Thompson Phillips, *Death Notices, Obituaries and Memoriams from the Prince William County, Virginia, Manassas Gazette and Manassas Journal 1885-1910* (1998) 205 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$22.00. Order from **Willow Bend Books, 2818 Fort Evans Rd., NE #101, Leesburg, VA 20176-4429; 703-443-8852**. Shipping is based on total order cost: \$0 to \$10 - \$2; \$10 to \$22.49 - \$3; \$22.50 to \$50 - \$4; over \$50 - \$5; Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax. <www.mediasoft.net/ScottC>

In addition to the local population, newspapers frequently carry obituaries of individuals who had previously lived in the area, those who were living in

the area but who died elsewhere and those who had relatives in the area. Thus residents of Culpeper, Fauquier, Harrisonburg, and even Dallas, Texas, appear in these transcriptions. Detailed descriptions of migrations, poetry, commentary on the religious and occupational interests of the deceased, causes of death, relationships and military service are among the topics treated in the announcements. The compiler, who worked from microfilm copies of the newspapers, chose to provide complete transcriptions — a boon to researchers who find it difficult to obtain access to copies of the newspapers with smaller circulation. *bvl*



The following books may be ordered from **Ancestry Inc., PO Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-0476; 801-531-1790**.

Loretto Dennis Szucs, *They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins* (1998) viii, 294 pp.; illus.; maps; index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$19.95. See ordering information above.

Few indeed are those researchers who can claim only ancestors who arrived during the colonial period and even then most will find a non-British ancestor or two. Finding naturalization records is a quest central to almost all researchers. Although a number of sources provide information specific to a country or ethnic group and a few deal with naturalization records in general, few researchers will find a better general source than Szucs's new book. Tastefully laid out, replete with illustrations, this volume not only directs the researcher to the source of the naturalization information, it directs them to the records that provide the leads they will need to follow in order to find the time and place of origin. In addition to the how-to, it covers the historical background of the process, naturalization courts and processes, published records and indexes, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and naturalization records at the National Archives and on the Internet. Whether one is looking for a traditional source or, having failed there, the obscure source that will provide that long-sought answer, this book is where one begins. *bvl*

Kory Meyerink, editor; *Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Genealogical Records* (1998) 839 pp; illus.; maps; index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$49.95. See ordering information above.

This volume includes twenty chapters written by different individuals. Each chapter begins with an

overview of the source which is followed by an extensive bibliographic listing. A check of the bibliographic listings in the various chapters produced a number of omissions. In his chapter on military sources, David T. Thackery failed to mention William Hopkins, *Virginia Revolutionary War Land Grants* and Dorman's compiled index to his Revolutionary War pension application abstracts. These are minor omissions. A major omission occurred in Elliott and Clifford's chapter on land records where both Gertrude Gray's abstracts (four volumes) of the Northern Neck grants and Peggy Shomo Joyner's abstracts (five volumes) of the Northern Neck surveys are omitted. Antient Press which has published over 400 volumes of abstracts of Virginia county records and Netti Schreiner-Yantis's *Genealogical Books in Print* are both omitted from the list of genealogical publishers and booksellers. While we are grateful that the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* is listed among the major genealogical periodicals, the cost (\$20.00) and the circulation (2000) which are supposedly 1997 figures are both inaccurate. While it is apparent from the above survey that the listings are not definitive, the book as a whole is an important addition to the list of major survey resources. More important than its bibliographic entries are its discussions of the various resource groups—general reference, instructional materials, geographic tools, ethnic sources, bibliographies and catalogs, published indexes, vital and cemetery records, church sources, censuses and tax lists, published probate records, printed land records, court and legal records, military sources, immigration sources, documentary sources, and compilations of family histories and genealogies, county and local histories, biographies, genealogical periodicals and medieval genealogy. Discussions of the types of errors that the user may encounter in the various published record sources, especially the discussion on census indexes is of great value to the researcher. Like Ancestry's *The Source*, this volume should be on every researcher's shelf. *bvl*



The following books may be ordered from T.L.C. Genealogy, PO Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369; 800-858-8558. Price includes shipping; Florida residents add 6.5% sales tax.

T.L.C. Genealogy, *Halifax County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1759-1762, Plea Book 3* (1998) ii, 269 pp., spiral-bound; softcover; full-name, geographic and

soundex indices; \$20.00. See ordering information above.

The abstracts found in this publication are primarily concerned with cases in court where the conflicting parties and jurors and trial witnesses, if any, are named. Most cases are for debt collection; a few deal with counterfeiting, stealing, forgery and bodily harm. Readers will also find many entries pertaining to county business—clearing roads, tithables, building bridges, rates for liquors, food, lodgings, etc., and county citizens—deeds and bills of sale, wills and estate matters, orphans and guardians, binding out children, business licenses, public office appointments, etc. Of equal interest are the personal tidbits often found among the court orders. This volume contains a classic example, dated March Court 1760, which states, "Martha, the wife of Robert Hutchinson, came into Court and made oath that her daughter, named Nancy, age 3 years last July 19, was begotten on her body by John Phillips, who is since deceased." As in other books by T.L.C. Genealogy the welcomed introduction contains a pertinent list of definitions, explains the abbreviations used and discusses how to use the indices. The inclusion of a county map is also appreciated. Don't be misled or confused by the title of this book. Court proceedings for most of Virginia's counties are recorded in sequentially numbered order books, but some counties, such as Halifax, used the designation Plea Book for their early court orders. *jln*

T.L.C. Genealogy, *Halifax County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1791* (1998) v, 397 pp.; full-name index; spiral-bound; softcover; \$25.00. See ordering information above.

Virginia personal property tax lists begin in 1782. They name the head of household (the person responsible for the tax) and typically provide the number of white tithables, taxable slaves and horses. The first lists (typically through 1785, but only through 1784 in Halifax) give the names of the slaves (male and female). When more than one person in the county had the same name, identifiers—usually geographic locations, but sometimes the name of the parent—were used. Of particular interest in Halifax is the fact that the listing of the names of all white males above twenty-one continues from 1787 through 1790. No one researching in this area during this time period should overlook this rich resource. *bvl*



Janet Baugher Downs and Earl J. Downs with Pat Turner Ritchie, *Mills of Rockingham County* (1997) vi, 464 pp.; illus.; maps; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$35.00. Order from **Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, PO Box 716, Dayton, VA 22821**. Please include \$5.00 shipping per book; Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax.

On occasion a book arrives on the genealogical scene that appears to have little connection to finding one's ancestors. Such is this volume which on the surface is simply a history of the mills of Rockingham County. The authors, however, understood that buildings and equipment were only a part of the story and they compiled a history that tells the story not only of the mills but of the people who owned, worked in and used the mills. Over eighty mills are documented with sketches, photographs, news stories, personal recollections, memorabilia, copies of documents and their links to the community and people. Mills, like churches, quickly followed the influx of people to a region; they were an economic necessity. Their account books could tell us many a story about our families, their history helps us define the way our people lived. Documented, well-laid out and interesting, readers will find themselves starting at the index, but then reading the whole book whether their family is one of those found in its pages or not. bvl



Angela M. Ruley, *Revolutionary Pension Applications, Rockbridge, County, Virginia* (iv, 188 pp.) full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$18.50. Order from **Angela M. Ruley, 87 Tally Ho Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578**. Please include \$3.50 shipping; Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax.

Most researchers are familiar with the microfilmed Revolutionary War pension applications which are available from the National Archives. However, many of the original applications of these pensioners are also to be found recorded in county court order books. Rockbridge County retains copies of the applications among its loose papers. The transcriber has faithfully transcribed these fragile documents (including struck-through information) in order to protect them from wear and tear caused through use and to provide greater access to the information for they contain not only information on the individuals who are testifying to their service, but to their comrades in arms as well. A complete index including place names and occupations provides the greatest possible access to the information. Twelve pensions were filed under the Act of 1818,

sixteen under the Act of 1820, five under the Act of 1823 and twenty-seven under the Act of 1832. Many of these individuals came to Rockbridge after 1800 and their pensions refer to individuals as far away as New Jersey and include numerous migration details as well as year and place of birth. bvl

The following books may be ordered from **Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807**. Please include \$3.00 postage; \$4.00 for *North Carolina Troops*.

H. Tyler Blethen and Curtis W. Wood, Jr., *From Ulster to Carolina: The Migration of the Scotch-Irish to Southwestern North Carolina* (1998) xi, 71 pp.; illus.; maps; bibliography; perfect-bound; softcover; \$9.00. See ordering information above.

While this is not a definitive history of the Scotch-Irish, it does provide an overview of their migration from Ireland to the mountains of southwestern North Carolina. This trek frequently took them through both Pennsylvania and Virginia. The authors examine the living conditions and social customs of the Ulster Scots who came to America as well as their religion. The patterns they describe furnish clues for researchers who are attempting to define the origins of their ancestors. The bibliography provides a list for further reading for those who want to expand their understanding of the people and the social patterns within which they lived. bvl

North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865, A Roster: Vol. XIV, Infantry, 57th-58th, 60th-61st (1998) xv, 813 pp.; illus.; maps; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$40.00. See ordering information above.

In 1961 the North Carolina Confederate Centennial Commission began the project to publish the unit histories and military service records of the over 125,000 North Carolinians—African Americans, Native Americans, and whites who fought for the Confederacy and the Union during the Civil War. In 1965 the project was transferred to the Department of Archives and History which has carried it through to the current volume, the fourteenth in the series. This volume covers the histories of the 57th, 58th, 60th and 61st regiments. An extensive regimental history is followed by abstracts of the individual service records of each soldier in the regiment. The number of pages in this volume attests to the amount of detail included. Not only can the researcher learn more about the history of the unit in which his ancestor fought, but he can identify the neighbors, cousins and other kin who enlisted and

fought beside him. It cannot be too highly recommended. *bvl*

Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., *Brunswick County, Virginia, Deed Books, Volume 4, 1765-1770* (1998) 128 pp.; full-name index; stapled, softcover; \$25.00 postpaid. See ordering information above.

Dr. Bradley continues his abstracts of Brunswick County records with Deed Books 8 and 9. Each document is given a separate number to which the index is keyed thus removing the necessity of searching an entire page in case there is more than one entry for the person. In addition to the full-name index, a place name, slave name, women's Christian name and miscellaneous indexes are included. Brunswick is an important source of information on many migrating families because it both bordered North Carolina and lay in the path of westward migration. Dr. Bradley's abstracts allow the researcher to find references to adjacent land owners and to many individuals whose only mention is their service as a witness. *bvl*

The Bulletin of the Historical Society of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1957-1976, 2nd ed. (1997) xx, 332 pp.; illus.; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$24.95. See ordering information above.

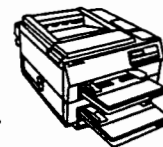
Through the years many societies produce serial publications with a wealth of useful historical material. Some of these are unindexed and many more difficult to find. Rarely does a society undertake the time and expense of reprinting. Rather than allow their publications to suffer this fate, the Loudoun County Historical Society chose to reprint selected articles from their quarterly in a single, fully-indexed volume. It proved so popular a second printing was required (with minor alterations in prefatory material and appendices). A brief glimpse of some the contents furnishes an explanation. "The First Churches of Loudoun County," "A History of the Society of Friends in Loudoun," "Early Loudoun Water Mills," "Establishing the Towns in Loudoun" and "The Post Offices of Loudoun" cover the colonial and post-Revolutionary period. Various articles on the Civil War including a muster roll of the Loudoun Guards appear in the final section. Except for re-typesetting some of the articles (including footnotes/endnotes), the only change has been the addition of a full-name and a subject index. Loudoun researchers will find this volume a welcome addition to their library. *bvl*



Brent Howard Holcomb, *A Guide to South Carolina Genealogical Research and Records* (1998) 64 pp.; illus.; maps; perfect-bound; softcover; \$15.00. Order from **the author, PO Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221**. Please include \$3.00 postage. South Carolina residents add 5% sales tax.

This newest edition to the *Guide* was necessitated by the new location of the South Carolina Archives and changes in how the records are made available. In addition to the basic discussion of probate, land, equity, tax, military, church, census, immigration and naturalization and vital records the *Guide* includes maps showing the county formations, a map showing how to get to the new location of the Archives and a detailed discussion of the various COM indexes. First-time South Carolina researchers will find that this is an especially helpful guide. *bvl*

Recent Reprints



Charles Fleming McIntosh, *Brief Abstract of Lower Norfolk County and Norfolk County Wills, 1637-1710 and Brief Abstracts of Norfolk County Wills, 1710-1753* (1914, 1922; reprint 1998), 223 and 343 pp.; two volumes in one with separate indexes; perfect-bound; softcover; \$40.00. Order from **Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202**. Please include \$3.50 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

McIntosh's probate records abstracts are released in facsimile form by yet another publisher owing to the continued demand by researchers in this Tidewater Virginia county that was originally a part of Elizabeth City County. Abstracts are arranged in chronological order and thereunder give the name of the testator, date of the will, original source of the will, names of all heirs, witnesses and other persons mentioned, brief inventory of estates, and in many instances, places of residence or location of property. Users must beware that two volumes have been printed as one, with each retaining its original and separate index. The copy provided for review contained a number of printing and assembly errors. *wep*



Loudoun County Civil War Centennial Commission and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, *Loudoun County and the Civil War: A History and Guide* (1961,

reprint 1998), 80 pp.; index; paper; \$14.00. Order from **Willow Bend Books, 2818 Fort Evans Rd., NE #101, Leesburg, VA 20176-4429; (703) 443-8852.** Shipping is based on total order cost: \$0 to \$10, \$2; \$10 to \$22.49, \$3; \$22.50 to \$50, \$4; and over \$50, \$5. Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax.

Loudoun County did not escape the rage and chaos brought by the "war of the late unpleasantness" as some Virginians might call it. This excellent summary work features text by John Divine, Wilbur C. Hall, Marshall Andrews and Penelope M. Osburn, as edited by Fitzhugh Turner, with introductory comments by George A. Horkan, Jr. The balance between historical comments, biographical sketches, vignettes, maps and other illustrations, makes this work a gem for those studying the impact of the war on the area and the people involved. wep

Book Notes

Robert Bradley Clark, *Jeremiah and Alexander Clark of North Carolina* (1997) 384 pp.; illus.; Smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$44.00 (standard edition); \$60.00 (deluxe edition). Order from **the author, 2804 Elm Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265.**

Jeremiah and Alexander Clark were in Old Orange County, North Carolina, during the 1760s and left the area by 1771. This volume traces their lineage and includes some information on the Aldridge, Beach, Berry, Boone, Braswell, Byrd, Clontz, Cochran, Coffey, Franklin, Gragg, Guinn, Gwyn, Hartley, Honeycutt, Lusk, McCall, McClird, McClurd, McKinney, Meade, Miller, Moody, Prestwood, Presswood, Stokes, Taylor, Vance and Watson connections; many of whom had Virginia origins. The first part of the book provides a narrative background on the family complete with photographs. Over two hundred fifty pages are devoted to extensive family group sheets. A three-page list of research sources is included. bvl

Computer Corner

The following CDs can be ordered from **Heritage Quest, PO Box 329, Bountiful, UT 84011-0329; 800-760-2455.** < www.heritagequest.com >



Heritage Quest, *Federal Pensioners' Roll of 1883* (1998). Digitized images; full-name index. CD-Rom; \$39.95. System requirements: Windows, 386 or higher CPU, 2.4 mb free hard drive space, CD-Rom drive. See ordering information above.

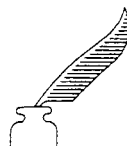
The original 1883 pensioners' roll was published in five volumes by the U.S. Pension Bureau in accordance with a resolution of the U.S. Senate passed on 8 December 1882. It required that a list of all pensioners and their widows who were on the federal pension roll as of 1 January 1883 be made. The pensioners included soldiers and their widows who were entitled to pensions for their service in all previous wars including the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Cherokee Removal, Mexican War and the Civil War. The information recorded includes the name of the pensioner and state and county of residence. The CD contains digitized images of the pages of the original publication electronically linked to an index of the 277,702 individuals listed. Users can search for individuals using a variety of search techniques and then view the actual page showing the information on the individual. bvl

Heritage Quest, *Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina 1870 Census Index* (1998). Digitized images; full-name index. CD-Rom; \$39.95. System requirements: Windows, 386 or higher CPU, 2.4 mb free hard drive space, CD-Rom drive. See ordering information above.

Over 840,00 individuals are listed in this index to the 1870 censuses for North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Each head of household, all individuals in the household with a different surname and all males over 50 and females over 70 are included. A variety of searches can be made including boolean searches combining names and counties or states. The index provides names, age, sex, race, birthplace, locality and county. This is an excellent resource and shows us the types of linked access that this media can provide. bvl

Archives News:

Any researcher who has been interested in the records of Augusta County has eventually become familiar with the work of Katherine G. Bushman. Mrs. Bushman was a professional genealogist, author, and local historian, as well as a charter member of the Augusta County Historical Society, a former president of the Society, and an editor



of its publication. She was also a regent of the Thomas Hughart Chapter of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. After moving to Staunton from Missouri in 1962, she was an active researcher in Augusta County records until the time of her death in 1997. Through the generous efforts of another professional genealogist who is a friend of the Library of Virginia and the cooperation of Mrs. Bushman's estate, over forty-three cubic feet of Mrs. Bushman's research files are now part of our archival collection.

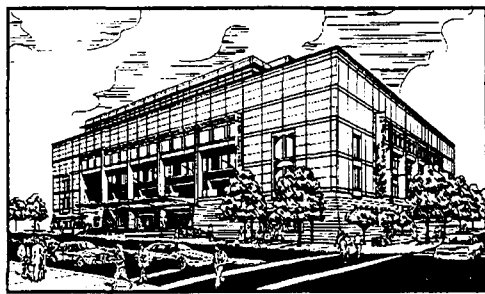
The genealogical research files include family research files, subject files, compilations and genealogical charts and maps. The research files include correspondence with clients, genealogical notes abstracted from court records, patriotic organization applications, family group sheets, Bible records, census records and extracts from published sources. Families researched are from Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Rockbridge, Rockingham and Shenandoah counties, as well as the cities of Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton and Waynesboro. There is also considerable local history material relating to old homes, towns and villages of Augusta County and tombstone inscriptions. An inventory of the collection is available in the Archives Research Room. We are especially pleased to have acquired the collection as a result of the efforts of "one of our own" researchers who recognized the value of the material and recognized the Library as an appropriate home for the collection.

Did you know that since early June the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been holding meetings at its regional service facilities as part of an extensive analysis of its present and future needs for storage space in those facilities? NARA lacks sufficient space for record storage, has concerns about environmental conditions in some facilities, and is under pressure to insure responsible financial management of its regional operations. Meetings have already been held in Boston, Fort Worth, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and several other locations. The Society of American Archivists (SAA) issued a position statement on the NARA space study in July.

The study is of concern to those interested in Virginia research because the regional center that holds Virginia-related records is in Philadelphia. SAA addressed this issue in their position statement. The National Archives "may wish to consider situating facilities according to population, remove spatial anomalies (such as sending Virginia records to Philadelphia and not to a DC-area facility), and implement document delivery programs and loan NARA microfilm similar to services provided by many other information agencies."

I had the opportunity to discuss the NARA meetings with the Archivist of the United States John W. Carlin. He encourages comment on the current system and asked specifically for comments on the location of federal archival material for Virginia. If you interested in obtaining more information on these meetings, please check the NARA Website at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/spceplan.html> or send your comments directly to Carlin at the **National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. 20408.** *Conley L. Edwards, State Archivist*

Recent Archives Accessions



The following are available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, at the Archival and Information Services Division, Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA, or at the old Library of Virginia building at 11th Street at Capitol Square from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by appointment. Researchers should call Archival and Information Services, 804-692-3700, to determine which building houses the records. Mail inquiries should be directed to **Archival and Information Services Division, Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219-1905.** Out-of-state research requests should be accompanied by a \$10.00 research fee.

Bible Records

Miscellaneous Bible Records Collection No. 39 (MBRC 39). 1 volume (194 leaves), photocopies. Primarily Accomack and Northampton counties, Virginia, 1657-1993. Volume compiled in 1994 by Jean B. Merritt Mihalyka. Includes photocopies of Bible records, typed transcripts, genealogical notes and charts, obituaries, clippings, ledgers, a list of volunteer slaves who fought during the Civil War, a list of deaths in Northampton County (1898-1929), a history of the Cherrystone Inlet Light Station with an account of the property owned, and an index on pages 181-194. Other surnames mentioned: Barnes, Boggs, Churn, Cropper, Custis, Dennis, Elliott, Fitchett, Gray, Kelley, Lewis, Marshall, Matthews, Merritt, Nottingham, Poulson, Pruitt, Spaight, Williams, Wilson and Wise. Each record in the collection is described separately. No. 35023.

Montgomery Family. 7 leaves, photocopies. Rockbridge County, Virginia, 1823-1989. Family Bible of Andy Montgomery. Other surnames mentioned: Dempsey, Dungan, Painter, Potter, Logan, Scott and Showalter. No. 35322.

Morris Family. 9 leaves, photocopies. Buckingham, Chesterfield and Spotsylvania counties, 1827-1942. Bible printed in 1860. Family Bible of Benjamin Morris. Other surnames mentioned: Conley, Duval, Gibson, Tinder and Tompkins. No. 35325.

Murray Family. 12 leaves, photocopies. Halifax County, Virginia, 1823-1889. Family Bible of Robert J. Murray. No. 35315.

Nichols Family. 6 leaves, photocopies. Bedford County, Virginia, 1833-1938. Family Bible of Jesse C. Nichols. Other surnames mentioned: Ashwell, Johnson, Leftwich, Mitchell, Overstreet and Turner. No. 35334.

Price Family. 17 leaves, photocopies. Richmond, Virginia, 1818-1968. Family Bible of Richard Thomas Price. Other surnames mentioned: Abbott, Coleman, Davis, Donald, Flippen, Grey, Newell, Ransome, Renick, Sparks, Stoneman, Tiller, Toler, Tomlin, Tucker, Tyler and Watkins. No. 35309.

Quest



Notice to subscribers. Queries concerning ancestors submitted to "Quest" may take either of two forms. First, readers may request explicit information on specific individuals who should be clearly identified by place (county or town, state) and by date (year only, please!).

Second, those interested in exchanging information on groups of people of a similar surname may simply entitle their entry "Exchange," followed by the family name(s) of interest. In either case, please follow the format in previous newsletters and observe the following guidelines. Published queries will be posted on the VGS web site for a period of one (1) year. If you do not wish to have your query posted, please so indicate at the time of submission.

Queries of fifty (50) words or less, excluding name and address, will be published in the order in which they are received. You may submit two (2) queries at a time. All queries accepted for publication must be accompanied by the submitter's membership number, which can be found on the first line of the mailing label affixed to your *VGS Newsletter* and *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* or a \$3.00 non-member fee for each query. Submit all queries to **Query Editor, 5001 West Broad Street, Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023.**

HARRIS, EPPES: Would like to corresp with persons interested in the following desc's of Benjamin Harris and his wife Ann Eppes: Allen Howard Harris; Kennon Harris. Approx yrs 1775-1860. **Agnes J. Ranssen, 1020 Grove St., #102, Evanston, IL 60201.**

CAGE: Seek info acceptable for SAR documentation. From William Cage b 1745 VA, d 1811; to his son, William Cage Jr who m Fannie Street; to Susan Ann Cage who m Thomas Gloster Anderson. **John D. Weiss, 7 Clerbrook Ln., St. Louis, MO 63124. JDUFFUSW@aol.com**

MALONE/MELONE, MOORE, JARROTT: Seek info on these families: Thomas Malone/Melone Sr b Co Waterford, Ireland; m there to Sarah Oiler/Oyler, immigrated 1775 to PA then to Botetourt Co, VA. The Malones intermarried with the Moore and Jarrott families who migrated to Kanawha and Mason cos, VA/WV. **H. Juhling McClung, 6470 Havens Rd., Blacklick, OH 43004-9671. mcclung.1@osu.edu**

WALKER, STUART, PATTERSON: Thomas Walker (1764-1853), b Orange?/Augusta? Co, m Eleanor Stuart (1765-1855), d/o Maj. Alexander Stuart and Mary Patterson b Brownville, Augusta (now Albemarle) Co. They moved to Monroe Co, WV. Seek help locating Thomas Walker's line. **H. Juhling McClung, 6470 Havens Rd., Blacklick, OH 43004-9671. mcclung.1@osu.edu**

ROFFE/ROLFE: Seek info on Jessie Roffe/Rolfe in Mecklenburg Co, b ca 1790, m Mary Cleaton 1815. Pars were William and Mary Roffe/Rolfe that migrated to Lunenburg Co ca 1762 (that part that became Mecklenburg Co). **William A. Rolfe, 2209 Persimmon Trek, Richmond, VA 23233-2724.**

Exchange: **ATHERTON/ETHERTON/ATHERSTONE/ATHERSTON/ADDERTON/EATHERTON/AETHERTON/EATHERINGTON/AETHERINGTON:** Key surname is Atherton/Etherton. Lived ca 1720-1780 Gloucester or Fauquier Co. I will answer all letters, no SASE needed to me. **Stephen Atherton Hadley, 1021 N. Connecticut Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067-1402.**

ATHERTON/ETHERTON: Seek any info on this family. Aaron Atherton Sr b 1740-45 in VA. Seek his bp/residence/occupation/pars. He m Nancy Runyon ca 1768 in VA; had five ch before moving to Nelson Co VA/KY in 1779-80. **Stephen Atherton Hadley, 1021 N. Connecticut Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067-1402.**

CARPENTER: Seek info beyond that found in the Germanna Record book on the 1721 German immigrants William and John Carpenter and John's desc's, Andrew, Cornelius, Jonas and Willis Horace Carpenter who were in Spotsylvania/Orange/Madison cos 1721-1857. Postage, copying and miscellaneous costs will be reimbursed. **Winton B. Cain, 1200 Briarcliff Rd., Warner Robins, GA 31088.**

HAGIN/HAGAN: Seek info on Francis Hagin/Hagan who fought with the VA 4th Light Dragoons during the Rev War. Seek any info, particularly a pension number

and location of enlistment. **Fred L. Hagan, Jr., 6990 Gatorbone Rd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656.**

HAGIN/HAGAN: Seek info on Francis Hagin/Hagan who was a Corporal in the VA 3rd Continental Line during the Rev War. Seek any info, particularly a pension number and location of enlistment. **Fred L. Hagan, Jr., 6990 Gatorbone Rd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656.**

Boone Co Historical Society (MO) seeks names of men from Boone Co who served and d in Civil War. Must have served in regular, uniformed military force of North or South from April 1861 to April 1865; had residence in Boon Co, MO, at time of entry into service; d in service under honorable circumstances or d after release/discharge due to service-related wounds/illness. **Helen Wulff, 500 Stalcup, Columbia, MO 65203. 573-445-2912.**

GRAY, STOKES: Seek info on James Gray b VA ca 1758, d 1832 Williamson Co, TN. Rev War soldier, lived in Halifax Co with wife, Elizabeth (Stokes) Gray and several ch until 1810. Had bros John, Henry, Alexander, George and Robert. Seek names of ch. Will exchange info on this family. **Jane Gray Buchanan, 114 Berwick Dr., Oak Ridge, TN 37830.**

CUNNINGHAM: Seek bd/bp/dd/dp of George Cunningham, Berkeley Co, who m/1 Lydia 1758, m/2 Ruth 1776. Known ch: Robert, George G., Lydia, Rhoda and Levi. **Eugene Cunningham, 13602 McLane Pl., Fredericksburg, VA 22407-2344. PECPE@msn.com**

AULT, LEWIS: Seek any info on Michael and Charlotte Stover Ault in Harpers Ferry/Bolivar ca 1856; and Joseph Benjamin and Margaret Anne Wolf Lewis (VA 1832-1891) in Sandy Hook, MD, 1860 census. **Carroll H. Hendrickson, Jr., 6242 White Oak Dr., Frederick, MD 21701.**

ANDERSON: I am searching for any info on William Anderson, noted adventurer, from Winchester. He was last mentioned in 1821, in connection with a book that was to be published. His subsequent fate is unknown. **Richard MacKinnon, 6001 St. John Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310.**

BAKER, CLARK, HAMLETT, MAIRIS, COLQUITT: Seek pars/sibs/descs of Martin Baker and wife Hannah Ann Clark of Halifax Co 1770s-80s, d KY. Dau, Henrietta Maria, m/1 William Hamlett; m/2 Samuel Mairis. Seek wife of son James and ch of Susannah who m Ransom(e) Colquitt. Was Susannah d/o Martin? **Elizabeth Kaspar, 808 Jamie Ln., Macomb, IL 61455. Kaspar@wiu.edu Baker Page: <http://www.wiu.edu/users/mfeak>**

CARTER: Seek pars/ancs of Martha America Carter (maiden name) b 1832, m 1848 to Henry W. Carter Amelia Co. Martha's moth first name was Sarah. In 1891 Martha was still alive but a widow. I have worked on this line for a long time and am lost. **Maure Bond, 6828 Elkhardt Rd., Richmond, VA 23225. MBOND94365@aol.com**

COOK: Seek anc of Abraham Cook who d 1748 in Lunenburg Co, and wife Sarah (poss McAllister). ch: Benjamin; Barbara m Robert Hester II; Frances; Charles; Sarah. **Bernice F. White, 506 Glendale Ave., Houma, LA 70360-7320.**

DARDEN, CARR, LAWRENCE: Stephen Darden m Elizabeth Carr, d/o Robert Carr and Mary Lawrence. Robert's will was recorded 1735 in Isle of Wight Co. Seek names of Robert's pars. **Bernice F. White, 506 Glendale Ave., Houma, LA 70360-7320.**

CAINE: Seek evidence that William Caine, who in 1686 purchased a 100 acre tract on Gunpowder River in Baltimore Co, MD called "Richardson's Plain" for 2,00 lbs. VA? tobacco, came over from VA. No earlier record of him in MD. **Winton Cain, 1200 Briarcliff Rd., Warner Robins, GA 31088.**

NELSON, ROBINSON, DuVAL, REDMAN, ALLEN, BURTON: Seek info on Ambrose² and Martha Robinson Nelson, Annapolis, MD (1670-1730); son Ambrose³ and Sarah DuVall Nelson, Richard Nelson (Fairfax Co 1750-1780); Ambrose⁴ and Sarah Redman Nelson, Pittsylvania Co 1780-1820. William Welcome and Mary Burton Allen, Pittsylvania 1780-1820. Will exchange info. **D.C. Nelson, PO Box 12080 Dallas, TX 75225.**

DuVAL, JONES, REDMAN, COX: Seek info on William and Elizabeth Jones DuVall, Annapolis, MD 1753; John and Ann Cox Redman, St. Mary's Co, MD 1731. Will exchange info. **D.C. Nelson, PO Box 12080, Dallas, TX 75225.**

MAUCK: Mary Ann (Ann Marie?) Mauck b 1783, d 1850 Rockingham Co, m Benjamin Wenger. Seek her pars. **Charles R. Almstedt, 5222 Poinciana Dr., Houston, TX 77092-5625.**

GRABILL: Samuel Grabill was b 1824 Rockingham Co, d 1894 Livingston Co, IL, m Susanna Wenger. Seek Samuel's pars. **Charles R. Almstedt, 5222 Poinciana Dr., Houston, TX 77092-5625.**

LONG, BARRETT: Seek anc/descs of Richard Long and Margaret Barret, m ca 1808. Margaret was d/o John Barrett. They were in Clermont Co, OH in 1810. I believe this family was in Henrico Co and I am seeking a m record. **Mrs. Kay Brentner Sward, 1010 Ridgewood Rd., Rockford, IL 61107-3018.**



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